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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

What happens is not as important as how you react to what happens

- Thaddeus Golas



## AFRICAN SAYINGS

"The betrothed of good is evil, the betrothed of life is death, the betrothed of love is divorce"

(African Proverbs)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

## WEATHER

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ABUJA	KADUNA	KANO	MAIDUGURI	Jos	SOKOTO	IBADAN	ENUGU	P/HARCOURT	LAGOS
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(Temperature in centigrade)

## PRAYERS TIMES

RAJAB 2, 1444 AH

PRAYERS	ABUJA	ENUGU	KADUNA	KANO	KATSINA	LAGOS	MAIDUGURI	P/HARCOURT	SOKOTO
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ASR	4:01	4:05	4:02	3:57	4:04	4:17	3:41	4:04	4:14
MAGHRIB	6:31	6:31	6:31	6:26	6:26	6:50	6:08	6:35	6:41
ISHA	7:36	7:37	7:36	7:31	7:34	7:55	7:13	7:40	7:46

SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna



## PHOTO OF THE DAY

■ A young girl takes advantage of traffic-jam to beg for alms in Mararaba yesterday

Photo: Ikechukwu Ibe

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GAINERS	JOHNHOLT	NSLTECH	CHAMS	GEREGU	ABCTRANS	LOSERS	CORNERST	CWG	JAPAUFGOLD	UNITYBNK	COURTVILLE
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CLOSE	0.09	0.02	0.02	9.60	0.02	CLOSE	-0.06	-0.10	-0.02	-0.03	-0.02
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## IN-DEPTH

# Excitement as Buhari commissions \$1.5 billion Lekki Deep Seaport

From Eugene Agha Lagos

It was excitement galore on Monday when President Muhammadu Buhari, commissioned the much talked about \$1.5 billion Lekki Deep Seaport, in Lagos.

The Lekki Deep Sea Port which encompasses an investment in excess of \$1.5 billion is a joint venture between the Federal Government through the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Lagos State Government, the Tolarams Group (the owner of the Lagos Free Zone), and China Harbour Engineering Company.

The development of Lekki Deep Sea Port was conceptualized to meet significant gap in projected demand and capacity. Market studies indicate that the demand for containers is expected to grow at a CAGR of 12.9 per cent up to 2025. However, given the expansion constraints on the existing infrastructure, the capacity in Lagos is incapable to meet the growing demand. The capacity shortfall for container terminal facilities in Lagos is projected to be 0.8 million TEUs in 2016 going up to 5.5 million TEUs in 2025. The strategic location, flexible and optimized layout and modern facilities provide Lekki Port a distinct competitive edge over any other port facility in the West African region.

According to the owners of the port, Lekki Port LFTZ Enterprose Ltd, in addition to bridging the capacity deficit, Lekki Deep Sea Port will have significant positive impact estimated at USD 361 billion over the term of concession. It is expected to contribute more than USD 200 billion to the government exchequer and create close to 170,000 new jobs. Furthermore, Lekki Port will spur the economic development around the Lekki sub-region and the wider Lagos State through rapid industrialization.

The Project enjoys a development structure that is first of its kind in Nigeria. This is the single largest private investment in infrastructure in Nigeria being developed on non-recourse project finance basis with majority of financing being raised internationally.

Other economic impact expected from the port include Direct and induced business revenue impact of US\$ 158 billion, qualitative impact on manufacturing, trade and commercial Sservices Sector

The port has three terminals,



■ From left: President Muhammadu Buhari; Governor of Lagos State, Mr Babajide Sanwo-Olu; the Managing Director/CEO Lekki Port LFTZ Enterprise Limited, Du Ruogang and the Chinese Ambassador to Nigeria Cui Jianchun during the official commissioning of the Lekki Deep Sea Port in Lagos on Monday. Photo: Eugene Agha

which are the container terminal, the liquid terminal and the dry bulk terminal.

According to the promoters, the container terminal has an initial draft of 14 metres, with the potential for further dredging to 16.5 metres. The terminal is able to handle 2.5 million twenty-foot standard containers per year.

The deep-sea port of Lekki is the first port in Nigeria with ship-to-shore cranes. It has three of these container gantry cranes; they belong to the "Super-post-Panamax" group – this means that they can reach and unload the rearmost row of containers even if the container ship is wider than the Panama Canal (49 m or 160 ft maximum boat beam).

The STS cranes have a fixed rail at the quayside. They can lift 65 tons in twin-lift mode, 50 tons in single-lift mode or 85 tons under a hook.

The port's computerised system will allow container identification and clearance from the office, and human interaction will be minimal in the physical operations

When the phase 2 is completed, the deep sea port will have three liquid berths. The liquid cargo terminal will handle vessels up to 45,000 DWT (dead weight tonnage) and can expand to reach a capacity of 160,000 DWT.

Liquids (like petrol or diesel) will be handled at a tank farm

near the port. The docking area is equipped with loading arms. It is also connected by pipelines along the breakwater.

The bulk terminal with available quay length of 300m can accommodate a Panamax class vessel (75,000 DWT).

The President, who arrived the port in company of the state Governor, Mt. Babajide Sanwo-Olu, around 4.40pm inspected the quay side, the ship to shore (STS) cranes and the breakwaters before he eventually commissioned the port.

Daily Trust reports that the port would be ready for commercial operations before the end of the second quarter of 2023. The first vessels which brought the STS cranes berthed at the port in July 2022.

The CMA CMG vessel that arrived the port on Sunday with empty containers was to test run the port facility would be the second vessel to berth at the port.

Before the commissioning, the President was received by Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu, his deputy, Dr. Obafemi Hamzat and members of the State Executive Council.

Governors Biodun Oyebanji (Ekiti) and Dapo Abiodun (Ogun) and former Governor of Ekiti State, Dr. Kayode Fayemi, Service chiefs, All Progressives Congress (APC), among others also received the President.

Speaking at the commissioning Lagos State governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu, described the project as the biggest infrastructure in the whole of West Africa, adding that it would generate thousands of jobs in the country.

He said the multi-billion naira project was a collaboration between the Federal Government and Lagos State government as well as the private stakeholders.

He expressed joy that the execution of the project which took off under Buhari's administration was completed during his tenure.

"We are indeed excited that the project execution started during your regime and it is now completed during your tenure," he said.

He, therefore, thanked the President for his commitment to development of the country and appreciated all those contributed immensely to bringing the project to reality.

In his goodwill, the Managing Director, Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Mohammed Bello-Koko, said port is indeed a dream come true, not only for Lagos State but for the entire country because of its capacity to grow the economy of the nation and to grow its propensity to create over 170,000 jobs

"Some African countries have approached us to say that they would want to be bringing in

their cargos through Lekki Deep Seaport. We are still discussing with them," he said

The NPA boss also disclosed that the port had been on the drawing board in the past ten years and that actual construction work started about three years ago

"I tell you that Lekki Deep Seaport is just the beginning of many good things to happen to Nigeria. I want to thank President Muhammadu Buhari for actualizing this dream" he said.

Also speaking, the Director General of the Nigerian Maritimer Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), Dr. Bashir Jamoh, thanked God for making it possible for him to witness the emergence of one of the best ports in Africa.

According to him, the maritime industry is one of the key area to pursue in quest for the development of Nigerian economy.

The Executive Secretary, Nigeria Shippers Council (NSC), Emmanuel Jime promised to strictly monitor the efficiency of the kind of services that will be delivered at the port.

Commissioner for Commerce and Industry, Mrs Lola Akande, said the port would complement the infrastructure development in Lagos State, and further strengthen the description of Lagos as industrial hub of Africa.

# Nigerians fear massive losses as deadline draws near

From Clement A. Oloyede,  
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Ado A. Musa (Jos),  
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Abiodun Alade (Lagos)

Residents and traders across Kano, Jigawa, Lagos, Anambra and Yobe states have continued to lament the impact of the unavailability of new naira notes as well as the challenges they are facing in getting their old naira notes into the banking system.

This is even as many businesses have closed up and markets are operating at a reduced capacity as the deadline for the collection of old naira notes draws nearer. Many of the business owners said they have not even sighted the new naira notes since its release with a reliable source informing *Daily Trust* that only about N200billion of new Naira notes were produced to cater for a system with about N3.1trillion in circulation, thereby making the new notes inaccessible to residents.

Residents in Gashua, Nguru, Gaidam and other local governments in Yobe State said they have been finding it difficult to get their old naira notes into the banking system as the few commercial banks in the area sometimes refused to open for collection of the old new notes from marketers in some of the LGAs.

*Daily Trust* gathered that many people were stranded at the banks premises with millions of old Naira and that some of them were chased out by the police officers guarding the banks.

Furthermore, in other places like Nguru LGA, shop owners have issued a deadline that they will stop collecting the old naira notes on 29th and 30th of this month, an incident that plunged people into a mad rush for food stuff.

In several local governments in Yobe State, many people were sighted patronising day-to-day useful items from provision stores in huge quantities with many of the shops now closing up due to the fear of whether they may not be able to deposit the old Naira notes in the bank within the required time.

A resident of Gashua, Nura Dalhatu said the incident has led to rise in the prices of commodities while some major markets and shops have closed.

He added that some local government areas have no banks and have to come through Gashua and deposit millions of naira but they are now left with fear of whether they will be accepted or not.

"This morning (Sunday) we woke up to a tragic incident in this town as the major markets that operate within and outside these LGAs are all closed. This is as a result of fear of collecting the old Naira notes. You are not certain whether they can be deposited in



■ Customers queue up in the bank

Photo: File photo

banks. Like our market and the Gaidam market are one of the biggest cattle markets and people make huge sales running into hundreds of millions every week. But this time around we have to close.

"Even some shops inside the town are closing, which led us to buy a mudu of local rice at N2000, something that was normally sold at N1300. The consequences have already started," he said.

He lamented that if the situation continues, many people, especially business owners will lose a lot, as people from villages have cash in their hands that are yet to be deposited.

"I know of people that come to these markets from Niger Republic, Kano, Jigawa, and other states. But today, (Sunday) they have not come. Imagine the millions we are going to lose today alone," he said.

Umar Madu Bukar, a shop owner in Nguru LGA of the state said the fear of losing one's capital forced many of them to issue the deadline, adding that he will stop collecting on Monday 30th January, 2023.

"Even this one I'm just taking risk, how can I deposit it within one day. The banks are congested and before you get your money deposited you have to spend the whole day there. So it is necessary and we have no option than to do that," Bukar said.

*Daily Trust* equally gathered that residents are expressing fear as the situation has led to the price hike in almost all food stuffs.

In Kano, traders in several markets in the state including those at the popular Wapa Bureau de Change market have expressed fears over the impact of the fast approaching deadline set by the CBN on old Naira notes.

## Business owners issue Jan 25 deadlines for collection of old notes

The traders, especially those at Wapa forex market said since last Monday, their clients have been

refusing to accept the old Naira notes in exchange for foreign currency brought into the market.

Ali Adamu Jauro, a grains dealer in the popular Dawanau International Market, also said it has been announced throughout the market that traders should stop collecting the old naira notes from January 25. He said the alternative given to them is to switch to cashless banking (transfers) since the new notes are also not readily available.

*Daily Trust* reports that the situation is also similar in some villages in Plateau State where marketers have also issued a January 25 deadline for collection of the old notes and trading activities have suffered in the last few days. Yusuf Mairiga Shekarau, a POS operator in Yelwa community of Shendam LGA area of the state said he had stopped collecting the old naira notes as banks in Shendam have warned them not to collect them.

Shekarau said "We don't have banks in our community. We always have to take the money to Shendam town where there are banks. The last time we went, they told us they would stop collecting the old naira notes from January 25th. They also said whoever comes with the money, they would have to take it to Jos where they have the main branches and deposit the money or take it to the central bank."

In Jigawa State, marketers have also threatened to stop collecting the old naira notes from January 25 so as to be able to beat the January 31 deadline set by the Central Bank of Nigeria.

In Jigawa, Kaila Muhammad (Ka chanchanta), a rice dealer in Hadejia Market said what many of them, especially those from rural areas, were doing was receiving as many old notes as they can finish spending on other goods in the market. This, he said, is even as many traders have vowed to stop receiving the old notes from January 25.

## Southern traders, farmers seek extension of deadline

Traders and farmers in Southern Nigeria have expressed displeasure over the non-availability of the redesigned naira notes.

A cross section of traders who spoke with our correspondent in Lagos sought for an extension of the January 31 deadline, noting that the redesigned notes are not in circulation despite assurance by the Central Bank of Nigeria, CBN.

"This is affecting us because most of us don't keep money in the bank. What is the worth of what I am selling that I will be going to the bank? I buy what I need from the money I make from the sales of the previous day so why do I need to keep money in the bank?" noted Mrs Kadijat Abimbola, a pepper seller at Oke-Odo market in Lagos.

The Deputy Chairman of All Farmers Association of Nigeria (AFAN), Lagos State, Mr Shakin Agbayewa, said it is regrettable that the government has not recognised that micro, small and medium enterprises are the backbone of the economy. He said the policy to redesign the Naira notes didn't take into cognisance the implications on farmers and traders who don't operate bank accounts.

## Only 4 out of 17 LGAs have banks in Yobe - Gov Buni

Yobe State governor, Hon. Mai Mala Buni CON, has appealed to the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to give a special concession and alternatives to the people of the state against the 31st January dateline for change of Naira notes.

Governor Buni, in a statement by Mamman Mohammed, his DG, Press and Media Affairs, said the appeal became necessary due to lack of banking services in most parts of the state.

He explained that only four out of the 17 local government areas in the state have banks, making it difficult for people in the remaining 13 local government

areas to access banking services.

"Some of the banks with branches in the local government areas closed the branches at the peak of the Boko Haram security challenge but are yet to reopen in spite of the improved security in the state.

## CBN commence cash swap programme across LGAs

As part of efforts to facilitate the circulation of its new naira notes, the CBN has launched a cash swap programme across local government areas in Nigeria.

The apex bank made this known in a circular addressed to all DMBs, mobile money operators (MMOs), super agents and agents.

The apex bank said the cash swap programme is in partnership with super agents and deposit money banks (DMBs) at different parts of the country. Super agents refer to companies licensed by the CBN to recruit for the purpose of agency banking.

Meanwhile, the apex bank said, "The agent shall exchange a maximum of N10,000 per person. Amounts above N10,000 may be treated as a cash-in deposit into wallets or bank accounts in line with the cashless policy. BVN, NIN, or Voter's card details of the customers should be captured as much as possible.

"To promote financial inclusion, this service is also available to anybody without a bank account. Agents may, on request, instantly open a wallet or account, leveraging the CBN Tiered KYC Framework. This will ensure that this category of the populace are able to exchange or deposit their cash seamlessly without taking unnecessary risk or incurring undue cost," the bank said. Effort to get the CBN's Director of Corporate Communication, Osita Nwanisobi to react to the allegation of some banks rejecting the old was not successful as his lines could not be reached as at press time.

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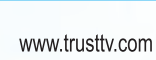
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# Airlines count losses, passengers stranded as workers ground airports

From **Abdulateef Aliyu, Lagos**

After over 10 hours of flight disruption by striking workers of the Nigerian Aviation Handling Company (NAHCO) Plc, the unions have suspended the action even as local and international airlines continue to count losses.

Thousands of passengers were stranded nationwide following the strike embarked upon by two aviation unions - National Union of Air Transport Employees (NUATE) and the Air Transport Services Senior Staff Association of Nigeria (ATSSSAN).

The unions are at loggerheads with the management of NAHCO over poor remuneration for their members in their employment.

Both unions have been engaging the management until last week, when a five-day notice of strike was issued to the employers to accede to their demand for better welfare package.

It was learnt that the NAHCO management had secured a court order to stop the planned strike but the unions went ahead and downed tools.

NAHCO workers in the early hours of the day, withdrew their services

for airlines handled by the company at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport (MMIA), Lagos and the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport (NAIA), Abuja.

NAHCO handles many foreign and local airlines, including Virgin Nigeria, Ethiopian Airlines, Qatar Airways, Royal Air Maroc, among others and at the local level, it handles Air Peace, Azman, United Nigeria, Dana Airlines, among others, all of which are now counting the cost of the disruptions.

Air Peace has already said it lost N500 million to the strike action.

Earlier in the morning, a Qatar Airways flight from Doha that arrived at the Lagos airport had to return because there was no handling firm to provide ground services.

The *Daily Trust* gathered that the other handling firm, Skyway Aviation Handling Company (SAHCO) Plc, could not provide help to NAHCO airlines following threats from the unions.

Many passengers were seen wandering around the airport vicinity, uncertain about the status of their flight.

A passenger who was to travel to Doha on Monday morning said he was still stranded at the airport and unsure of what would

- Foreign Airlines divert flights
- Action called off after 10 hours
- Unions, NAHCO reach truce



■ Aviation Minister, Senator Hadi Sirika

happen to his flight.

Women, children, and the elderly took a nap at a corner of the MMIA waiting for the resolution of the strike.

One of the striking workers who spoke with our correspondent said they stopped work because of poor remuneration by the company.

“For instance, I am being paid N60,000 and the landlord is asking me to pay N200,000 as house rent and if you have three children, how do you want us to survive? Some of us cannot send our children to school because of the poor remuneration by our employers,” he said.

## Air Peace loses over N500m

Air Peace yesterday said it lost N500 million as a result of the strike embarked upon by the unions, adding that the action paralysed its operations across its large network.

The management of the airline stated that the ground handling company did not pre-inform them about the strike nor was a public notice issued.

“Neither NAHCO nor the striking unions informed us of an impending strike. Our staff reported to work and noticed an ongoing

industrial action. If we had been informed beforehand, we would have conveyed the same to our passengers early enough.

“Now, all morning flights and other subsequent flights have been disrupted, cancelled, delayed and rescheduled. This has cost us over N500 million as we operate over 100 flights daily. Passengers are also attacking our ground staff as they cannot fly.

“We have notified the flying public of the strike, but it is important to stress again that the action is by the staff of NAHCO, not Air Peace. It is an action against the management of NAHCO, and Air Peace has nothing to do with it.”

## Unions, NAHCO reach truce

After hours of deliberations, the unions and the management finally reached a truce, leading to the suspension of the strike.

In a document signed by NUATE General Secretary, Ocheme Aba, and ATSSSAN Deputy General Secretary, Frances Akinjole, as well as the Group Managing Director of NAHCO, Sola Obabori, the parties resolved to call off the strike while negotiations would continue on Wednesday

on the demand for staff welfare.

The negotiation was observed by the Department of State Services (DSS), Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), Port Health and the Nigeria Air Force.

At the end, the management decided to withdraw the suit and vacate the court order earlier obtained.

Also, a counter offer to the union's demands will be issued by the management before the close of business today, January 23, 2023, it was learnt.

All negotiations would be concluded within the week, and it was decided that all staff should resume work immediately.

Also, it was agreed that no staff would be victimised as a result of the strike action.

Kingsley Nwokoma of the Association of Foreign Airlines Representatives in Nigeria (AFRAN) described the strike as “unfortunate.”

“It's quite unfortunate, workers have rights and strikes are seen all over the world. The strike has been called off, and hopefully, both parties will resolve pending issues and workers will go back to work,” he said.

## We were not contacted on IGP's tenure extension – PSC

The Police Service Commission (PSC) has said it was not contacted on the extension of the tenure for the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Mr Usman Baba.

The Head of Press and

Public Relations of the PSC, Ikechukwu Ani, in a statement on Monday in Abuja, said the decision was a prerogative of President Muhammadu Buhari and not the commission.

Ani said the clarification

followed a report in an online publication quoting a commissioner in the PSC, Mr Lawal Bawa, as saying that the commission endorsed the extension of the tenure of the IGP.

He said although Bawa

had since denied making the statement, it was important for the PSC to make the clarification, so as to put the matter in proper perspective.

“The commission, therefore, wishes to state

that it has not endorsed any tenure elongation for the current I-G. The commission was never contacted on this subject at any time.

“The commission will always commit itself to

the letters and spirit of the laws of the land and will not at any time support or encourage any attempt to subvert these laws,” he said.

He called on the media to avoid unnecessary sensationalism in their

## National Assembly constitutes panel for inauguration of 10th session

By **Abdulateef Salau**

The acting Clerk to the National Assembly, Sani Magaji Tambuwal, has constituted a committee for the inauguration and induction of the 10th National Assembly as well as clearance of severance allowances to the 9th National Assembly's legislators and their aides.

The lifespan of the current 9th Assembly would end in June after which the 10th session would be inaugurated immediately.

Tambuwal, who constituted the

committee yesterday at the National Assembly, said the induction programme served as a veritable platform to initiate new National Assembly members into their workplace and as a refresher programme on legislative practice and procedure for returning lawmakers.

The committee, he said, would be chaired by the acting Deputy Clerk to the National Assembly, Kamaru Ogunlana.

He added that members of the panel were drawn from the National Assembly management, National

Assembly Service Commission, National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies (NILDS), and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).

Tambuwal urged the

committee members to work in accordance with their track records of high performance, expressing optimism that they would justify the confidence reposed in them by the management.

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# IPOB beheads Imo LG boss after collecting N6m ransom

From Jude Aguguo Owuamanam, Owerri

Less than 48 hours after he was abducted, the Sole Administrator of Ideato North Local Government Area of Imo State, Chris Ohizu, has been beheaded by members of the outlawed Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB).

Our correspondent learnt that the council boss was beheaded on Sunday.

It was gathered that the abductors committed the heinous act after allegedly receiving a N6 million ransom.

Ohizu was kidnapped

alongside two others on Friday from his country home at Imoko community in Arondizuogu area. His country home was also completely razed.

It was gathered that the council sole administrator was shot before he was whisked away.

Our correspondent saw videos of the abducted chairman, kneeling down and his abductors warning Governor Hope Uzodimma that a similar fate awaited him.

It was gathered that after beheading him on Sunday, they posted the video with his phone on his WhatsApp status.

The Imo State Police command yesterday confirmed that the sole administrator was abducted and beheaded by gunmen suspected to be members of the IPOB and their armed affiliate Eastern Security Network (ESN).

The Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Henry Okoye, in a statement, described the beheading of Ohizu and the viral video as "iniquitous and obscene".

"The command wish to inform the good people of the State that, we are already on top of the situation following a high-powered investigation

team, inaugurated by the Commissioner of Police, CP Mohammed Ahmed Barde, and have since commenced technical investigation on the date of the abduction and have been on the trail of the hoodlums where tremendous progress was being made before the surfacing of the obscene video.

"However, the command's Tactical Teams are not relenting in their efforts to arrest and unravel the identity of the perpetrators of this dastardly act with the sole aim of bring them to face the full wrath of the law.

"Meanwhile, the command is using this medium to call on

the good people of Ideato North community and the general public to remain calm and go about their lawful businesses as the police and other security agencies are working assiduously as adequate security measures has been put in place to forestall future occurrence. Also, advised all and sundry to assist the police with credible information and to report any clandestine activities or suspicious person(s) seen in their community to the nearest police station or call the command's emergency numbers 08034773600 or 08098880197," the statement further read.



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## Ohanaeze places N37m bounty on IPOB leader, Ekpa

From Nabob Ogbonna, Abakaliki

### ● Cancels sit-at-home

The leadership of Ohanaeze Ndigbo Worldwide yesterday called on residents in South East states to ignore the two-day sit-at-home order declared by the faction of the outlawed Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) led by Simon Njoku Ekpa.

The sit-at-home order was in protest of the continued detention of the leader of IPOB, Mazi Nnamdi Kanu, who is facing trial.

Ekpa had declared sit-at-home on Monday and Tuesday across the Southeast.

But the South East social cultural apex group condemned the activities of the faction led by Finland based Ekpa and placed a bounty of \$50,000 (N37,000,000) on him.

The Secretary-General of Ohanaeze, Okechukwu Isiguzoro, in a statement, said the sit-at-home should be nullified and described the initiator as the number one enemy of the Igbo nation.

Isiguzoro alleged that the Ekpa IPOB group was being sponsored by one of the presidential candidates to scuttle the bulk votes from South East in February 25th elections.

Ohanaeze urged South East governors to declare Monday and Tuesday public holidays to allow people of the South East to get their permanent voters cards, PVCs.

He urged the South East governors to emulate the wisdom of the Abia State government to declare public holidays on the same days for the people to go out and get their PVCs before the deadline on 29th of January 2023.

"Ndigbo has placed a bounty reward of \$50, 000 for anyone who has useful information on how Simon Ekpa will be apprehended for his extradition and prosecution in Nigeria, to answer the law of land over his criminalities, incitement of violent killings and burning of public properties

in the name of self-determination."

Ohanaeze urged Igbo residents in Finland to report Ekpa to INTERPOL to aid his arrest.

Meanwhile, gunmen on Sunday night burnt a bus belonging to Ebubeagu security outfit at Onuebonyi in Izzi Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

Daily Trust learnt that no life was lost in the incident.

A resident told our correspondent that the gunmen carried out the attack to create fear among members of Ebubeagu operatives and residents in the area to observe the sit-at-home order.

However, banks, schools and the international markets opened yesterday except filling stations.

Our reporter observed that there was partial movement in Abakaliki, the state capital in the morning.

Although, it is expected as usual that other business activities will increase later in the day.

## Lagos Rice Mill to produce 2.5 million bags of rice per annum

From Abdulateef Aliyu, Lagos

President Muhammadu Buhari yesterday unveiled the two million metric tonnes per hour Lagos Rice Mill in Imota, Lagos State, commending the Babajide Sanwo-Olu-led government for keying into his agricultural transformation agenda to boost food security.

The Rice Mill, dubbed as the third largest in the world, is expected to produce 2.5m bags of 50kg rice annually and generate 250,000 direct and indirect jobs.

Buhari, who arrived at the Rice Mill around 5:30 p.m with his chopper, immediately took a facility tour.

The President, who said the measure would aid efforts at reducing the price of rice in Nigeria, added that only a visionary leader would invest massively in such an impactful project.

"I am really happy with what I see and this shows clearly the love Mr. Governor has for his people," the president said.

The governor said the integrated rice milling operation in the state started on the success of the Rice for Job programme, which started in 2008.

"The programme covered all aspects of the rice value chain. Paddy processing was

done in cottage mills. The programme graduated about 1,000 rice farmers across the value chain with different brands of packaged Ofada Rice in 500g and 1kg.

"The programme birthed the first integrated mill in South West Nigeria, a 2.5MTPH mill in Imota, which was in operation

till 2016. The mill had an annual output of 120,000 bags of 50kg rice. The Lagos Rice Mill, Imota as presently called, is a 2x16MTPH standing on an area of 8.5Ha land with an annual paddy requirement of over 240,000MT to produce 2.5 million bags of 50kg rice per annum."

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## Passengers stranded at Rigasa train station in Kaduna

From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka, Kaduna

About eight weeks after the resumption of the Abuja/Kaduna train services, passengers were yesterday stranded at the Rigasa station in Kaduna when the 12.30pm train from Idu station in Abuja did not arrive as scheduled.

The Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) had on 5th December, 2022 resumed operations of the train service, which was suspended on 28th March, 2022 when terrorists planted explosives that derailed train while on its last lap from Abuja to Kaduna killing nine and abducting over 60 passengers.

Daily Trust reports that initially, passengers did not have information on the reason why the train was late. However, around 2.30 pm, an announcement was made by NRC officials that the train encountered some

problem and was unable to leave the Idu station.

The officials at the Rigasa station went round to inform the passengers of the development and assured them that the train would arrive at the station at about 4pm for onward conveyance to Abuja.

Our correspondent who visited the station observed apprehension and fear among the passengers. Some of them did not grant our correspondent an interview for fear that the information of the delay might reach the bandits and cause a possible attack.

A passenger, who did not want to be mentioned, said, "I am very worried because I never thought I would ply this route this late after the incident that happened on the train in March. I just pray that we arrive at our destinations safe and sound."

He added, "I could have aborted the trip but for the fact that my ticket money

will not be refunded."

Another passenger, who gave her name as Amina Mohammed, entertained fear over the late arrival of the train. He said, "By now, we ought to have almost arrived at our destination, but Allah knows best."

She urged the federal government to provide more security for the passengers to forestall the reoccurrence of the past event.

Another passenger, Abdulazeez Kabir appealed to our correspondent not to write the report, saying that "You will be giving these bandits a clue that we will be on the train at that particular time, so, I want to appeal to you not to do this story."

Our correspondent observed the presence of policemen, soldiers and SSS personnel possibly providing cover for the passengers.

NRC officials seen at the station declined to speak with our correspondent.

## Lalong appoints 10 new permanent secretaries

From Dickson S. Adama, Jos

Plateau State governor, Simon Lalong yesterday approved the appointment of 10 new permanent secretaries in the service

of the state government to fill the vacancies created following the retirement or resignation of some previous ones. The new permanent secretaries were Keziah Dung, Yusuf Ayuba Gimba, Gongden Micah Sunday,

Lamu Michael Dennis and Peter Wuyep.

Others included Bapman Naankin Emmanuel, Boniface Gwotbit Bankshuet, Gotan Benjamin James, Salamatu Ritmwa Parloug and Wuyep Zitta.

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# Crowd overwhelms security, forces Tinubu's rally to abrupt end

From Hassan Ibrahim, Bauchi

The All Progressives Congress (APC) presidential campaign rally in Bauchi State ended abruptly yesterday following a breach of security by the crowd that vandalised the barricade and swarmed Abubakar Tafawa Balewa Stadium, the venue of the event.

Daily Trust gathered that an electric cable connected to the public address system was also damaged, a situation that cut off power supply to the podium as the microphone went off.

The incident forced dignitaries, including President Muhammadu Buhari, to abruptly leave the podium and rush into their vehicles.

The problem started when the Director General of the Tinubu/Shettima Campaign Council and Plateau State Governor, Simon Lalong, was speaking and the microphone went off.

The glitch was later fixed, and the campaign was going smoothly as the president presented the party's flag to the Bauchi State gubernatorial candidate, retired Air Marshall Sadique Baba Abubakar.

Buhari also raised Abubakar's hand and that of the presidential candidate of the party, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

At the point Tinubu was dancing on the podium cheered by the crowd, the public address system went off the second time.

Neither the president nor Tinubu was able to speak at the campaign following a breach of security. All the



■ Tinubu

dignitaries were rushed out of the podium as the crowd surged closer to it.

## APC to probe system failure

The Bauchi State chapter of the APC has apologised to its teeming supporters for the sound system failure, promising to investigate the incident to guard against its recurrence elsewhere.

The publicity secretary of APC in Bauchi, Adamu Jallah, explained that the handlers of the sound system came from Abuja, engaged by the national secretariat of the party in conjunction with the Presidential Campaign

Council (PCC).

He said, "We have achieved our aim; our supporters came out in large numbers. Mr President saw them and knows that Bauchi remains one of his strongholds in the country. We will give the presidential candidate the needed number of votes in millions."

## 'I will address out-of-school children'

Air Marshall Sadique Baba Abubakar promised to address the issue of out-of-school children if elected governor of the state.

He equally promised to empower small and medium enterprises to tackle the rising poverty in the state.

He said, "The rising social vices need a more robust and genuine empowerment programme that will liberate our teeming unemployed youths and women to end poverty and insecurity in Bauchi."

The APC Deputy National Publicity Secretary, Yakubu Murtala-Ajaka, said the party has put all democratic means in place to unseat Governor Bala Muhammed, urging him to start preparing his handover notes.

Meanwhile, President Muhammadu Buhari has commended Governor Bala Muhammed, who is the PDP governorship candidate, for executing many development projects in his first tenure in the state.

The president spoke yesterday when he paid homage to the Emir of Bauchi, Alhaji (Dr) Rilwanu Adamu, at his palace when he arrived in Bauchi for the APC rally.

The president said, "I think the governor has invested so much in terms of infrastructural development. Although I said earlier that I lost my diary, I think the governor has done well."

## Obi woos Katsina voters, vows to address poverty, insecurity

From Tijjani Ibrahim, Katsina

The presidential candidate of Labour Party (LP), Mr Peter Obi, has promised to eradicate poverty and insecurity if elected.

Speaking at the party's presidential campaign rally in Katsina yesterday, Obi said, "We have come with the promise of ending bloodshed and poverty and restoring peace in all parts of this country."

He further said he would create job

opportunities for a teeming number of unemployed youths to enable them to contribute positively to the development of society.

He said he has designed policies and programmes in all sectors to improve the living conditions of the citizens and move the country forward.

He, therefore, urged the electorate to vote massively for Labour Party candidates in the elections.

Earlier, at a town hall meeting with

women supporters and students, mostly drawn from various universities in the state, Obi reiterated his commitment to building a new Nigeria where suffering will stop, poverty will be eliminated, and nobody will be in IDP camp.

"We want to build a Nigeria where there will be security of lives and property, nobody will be in IDP camp; your children will be secured, and they will be in school. I will seek your support for that."

## Mobile app launched to combat fake news

By Seun Adeuyi

A fake news verification mobile app has been launched ahead of the February 25 and March 11 general elections in the country.

The mobile app, "Run Am," was developed and launched by RiseNetworks, a data science and artificial intelligence company, in partnership with the MacArthur

Foundation, the Centre for Geo-Information, Technology and Development and the Centre for Democracy and Development at the weekend in Abuja.

Speaking at the event, the Director, Voter Education and Publicity, Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Mr Victor Aluko, expressed worry over the spate of fake news

in the country, stressing that it threatened the electoral process.

The founder and chief executive officer of RiseNetworks, Tayasi Akerele Ogunsiji, explained that if downloaded, the mobile app would help in verifying fake news and pictures and reduce the incidences of electoral violence before, during and after the elections.

## Atiku promises inclusive gov't, jobs to revive economy

From Bassey Willie, Yenagoa

The presidential candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Atiku Abubakar, has promised to carry every part of the country along if elected president in next month's election.

Speaking at the PDP presidential campaign rally in Yenagoa, the Bayelsa State capital, on Monday, Atiku who promised to implement five key programmes, added that the country has never been this divided.

He, however, said his administration would unify the citizenry to work for the development of the country. The former vice president

also told the supporters that he would restructure the country to end the clamour for restructuring.

He said the Niger Delta needs restructuring of the country more than any other zone, as it would solve many of the challenges in the region.

Atiku called on Bayelsa voters not to leave PDP, saying the future of Nigeria and Bayelsa is tied to PDP.

"Don't make the mistake of leaving PDP. You have provided governors, a president and you are going to provide many more," he told the supporters.

He also said, "The reason why I want to unify the country is that we have never been this divided

along a number of fault lines, either North/South or Muslim and Christian.

"I am going to give every part of this country a sense of belonging in the next PDP government. I promise to tackle insecurity."



■ Atiku

## 'Jagaban Army' rebranded after backlash

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The National Youth Leader of the APC, Hon. Dayo Israel, has dismissed as 'deranged' and 'hallucinatory' claims by the PDP that its unit of vote canvassers, dubbed the 'Jagaban Army' was a parallel army instituted to foment violence and rival

the country's recognised armed forces.

In a statement yesterday, Israel said the unit has been rebranded as 'Jagaban Movement'.

He said the rebranding was out of respect to "national sensibilities" and to lay to rest the "sensational and misleading claims of the opposition party, including its latest irresponsible call to

the president to convene the National Security Council over a non-issue."

Daily Trust reports that there has been controversy since the unveiling of the 'Jagaban Army' penultimate week by the APC National Youth Leader with the opposition describing it as a militia organisation to attack the opposition in the forthcoming elections.

# 2023 presidency: PDP wants Tinubu disqualified

By **Baba Martins & Saawua Terzungwe**

**T**he Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Presidential Campaign Council (PCC) yesterday said it will file a suit to seek the disqualification of the presidential candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Bola Ahmed Tinubu, from the 2023 contest over his alleged conviction by a US court.

Addressing a press conference at the PDP Presidential Campaign office in Abuja, the spokesman for the campaign council, Kola Ologbondiyan, said by virtue of the “criminal conviction and sentencing by a court of competent



jurisdiction in the United States,” Tinubu is no longer qualified to contest any election in Nigeria.

He asked the court to compel the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to immediately delist Tinubu as the presidential candidate of the APC or any other political party

and expunge his name from all materials and documents related to the 2023 presidential election.

He also said the listing of the name of Bola Tinubu, who stands convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction, on the ballot for the 2023 presidential election is, by virtue of Section 137 (1)(d) of the

1999 Constitution (as amended), fundamentally illegal, invalid, and must be expunged immediately.

Reacting, the Director of Public Affairs and spokesman for the APC Presidential Campaign Council, and Minister of State for Labour and Employment, Festus Keyamo (SAN), said, “it is just an attempt to create a counter suit to our own.”

Keyamo said, “Why did they wait all these months until we filed before they are now rushing to court? I challenged them more than two months ago, yet they did nothing.”

“It shows a team that is lacking in originality, lacking in ideas and lacking in vision. It is just an attempt to create a counter suit to our own.”

## We are not in alliance with Sowore’s AAC – PRP

By **Terkula Igidi**

The Peoples Redemption Party (PRP) has distanced itself from a purported alliance with the African Action Congress (AAC).

At an event in Kano last week, AAC and a faction of the PRP signed a memorandum of understanding to form an alliance and announced Omoyele Sowore as their adopted presidential candidate.

But a statement by Comrade Muhammed Ishaq, Acting Assistant

National Publicity Secretary of the PRP, yesterday, dismissed the purported alliance.

Ishaq reiterated that the PRP has not entered into an alliance with any candidate or any other political party, including the AAC.

“Thus, we describe the purported mass mobilisation congress that the AAC claimed to have held in collaboration with our party as a tragic and irresponsible comedy that deserves no attention from right-thinking citizens,” the statement said.

## NNPP inaugurates campaign council, to pay exam fees for students

From **Haruna Gimba Yaya, Gombe**

The New Nigeria Peoples Party (NNPP) has inaugurated its campaign council in Gombe State.

Speaking at the inauguration, the gubernatorial candidate of the NNPP, Khamisu Ahmed Mailantarki, pledged to pay external examination fees for students in the state if elected.

He listed fees to be paid by his administration to include examinations conducted by the West African Examination

Council (WAEC), Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and the National Examination Council (NECO).

Mailantarki said the burden of educating Gombe children would be borne by the state government.

He assured that if elected, parents would not pay registration fees for all entry examinations into tertiary institutions.

Mailantarki pledged not only to resuscitate the education sector, but to also invest massively in infrastructure in all sectors.

## Benue gov’ship: Court orders rerun of APC primary in 11 LGAs

From **Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi**

A Court of Appeal sitting in Makurdi on Monday ordered a rerun of the All Progressives Congress (APC) governorship primary election in 11 local government areas of Benue State.

The party had, on June 9, 2022, conducted a direct governorship primary in some local government areas of the state which was won by Reverend Father Hyacinth Alia.

But the court, in a judgement by Justice Mohammed Danjuma, ordered that the primary be held in the remaining 11 LGAs in the interest of justice within 14 days from the date of judgement.

The order followed an appeal brought by one of the governorship aspirants, Prof. Terhemba Sijja, challenging the lower court’s decision on his case against the APC governorship candidate, Reverend Alia.

Justice Danjuma, in his ruling, agreed with Shija’s

assertion that there was no valid primary election held on May 27, 2022, by APC for the nomination of its gubernatorial candidate, Fr. Alia who was later declared the winner.

He also agreed with APC on the rerun of June 9, 2022, which took place in 12 LGAs of the state, stating that the election was very valid and still stands.

“Yes, I have seen that APC did not conduct a valid primary election on the 27th of May 2022, reasons why the appeal panel

ordered a fresh election that was conducted on the 9th of June 2022 in some local government areas.

“In the interest of justice, I cannot allow those voters in the remaining 11 local governments to be disenfranchised, therefore, APC should go back and conduct elections in 11 local governments within 14 days, and INEC should recognise the winner after adding both election results as the gubernatorial candidate of the party,” the court held.

## Ogun: Court reinstates Otegbeye as ADC gov’ship candidate

From **Peter Moses, Abeokuta**

The Court of Appeal has reinstated Biyi Otegbeye as the governorship candidate of the African Democratic Congress (ADC) in Ogun State.

The Ibadan division of the appellate court, on Monday, upheld the candidature of Otegbeye

and all 26 House of Assembly candidates of the party.

This followed an appeal filed by Otegbeye and others against a judgement of an Abeokuta Federal High Court that ordered the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), to delist Otegbeye and 23 others from the list of candidates contesting

the 2023 elections in the state.

Labour Party and the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) had separately challenged the candidature of Otegbeye and 23 others, over alleged violation of the Electoral Act.

Reacting to the judgement, Otegbeye in a statement in Abeokuta,

on Monday, described the development as victory for the people of Ogun State.

He said, “While the appeal subsisted, we were undaunted by the schemes of our traducers and had no doubt of victory because we have fully complied with all extant provisions of the Electoral Act throughout the conduct of our primaries.”

## INEC partners ICPC, EFCC to check vote-buying

From **Victor Edozie, Port Harcourt**

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has said it is partnering with the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Matters Commission (ICPC) and the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) to check vote-buying in Rivers State.

INEC said it has sensitised youths in various villages in the country to monitor and report anyone involved in electoral malpractices during the elections.

The Resident Electoral Commissioner (REC) in Rivers State, Johnson Alalibo Sinikiem, spoke on Monday in Port Harcourt during the opening ceremony of the 2023 Correspondents’ Week organised by the

Correspondents’ Chapel of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ).

Sinikiem, who was represented by the Head, Voter Education and Publicity, Mark Usulo, said with the new Electoral Act, anyone found with a permanent voter’s card (PVC) that did not belong to him or her risked jail term.

He said security agencies, especially the police and Nigerian



Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) have been briefed to watch for people in possession of PVCs that are not theirs.

## Political parties submit 1.5m agents for 176,846 polling units

By **Abbas Jimoh**

The 18 registered political parties have submitted a total of 1,575,689 polling agents (PAs) to represent them at the 176,846 polling units across the country.

A senior official of the commission, who pleaded not to be named, told the *Daily Trust* in Abuja that all 18 political parties had uploaded their lists of PU agents before the expiration

of the deadline.

The official said, “18 parties uploaded a total of 1,575,689 polling agents, for PUs only.”

The commission had said that it would have the full complement of the Bimodal Voter Accreditation System (BVAS) for the 2023 elections; both in the 176,846 polling units and in the 8,809 registration areas.

## Centre wants balanced reportage on disability issues

By **Abbas Jimoh**

The Centre for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) has urged the media to ensure balanced reportage of disability-related issues before, during and after the 2023 general elections.

The Executive Director, CCD, Mr David Anyaele, made the call at the weekend in Abuja at a three-day forum to commemorate the 4th anniversary of the passage of the National Disability

Law.

He noted the need for the media to mainstream disability issues to ensure proper planning for the inclusion of PWDs in the electoral process by electoral umpires.

“We believe the media should be responsible for mainstreaming disability issues and creating awareness of the laws and their contents. And play vital roles in ensuring that Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) have a voice in society.”

## CONVERSATION WITH THE CANDIDATE



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# OPINION

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## Military must clean its ranks and acts

By **Madu Onuorah**

The permissiveness in the larger society is rooting in the Armed Forces of Nigeria with debilitating, devastating consequences. It's already hitting its image and integrity as a professional and disciplined fighting force.

There have been sobering and sad reports of some personnel's involvement in acts of criminality and indiscipline, including colluding with the enemy, gunrunning and the usual driving against traffic or fighting in public.

Now, they are engaging in kidnapping, armed robbery and car snatching, perpetuating some of these acts in military barracks and environments.

As expected, the military hierarchy is expressing worry, vowing to take drastic actions to deter 'unprofessional' conducts smearing the image of the Armed Forces.

On Wednesday January 18, 2023, a soldier, Lance Corporal Idi Mohammed, was arrested for armed robbery after he was gunned down by troops of the Army Headquarters Garrison (AHQ Gar) deployed for guard duty at the Nigerian Army Officers Wives Association (NAOWA) College, Kurudu, Abuja. His accomplice, allegedly a serving soldier, however escaped.

Sunday January 15, 2023, Corporal Alidu James Olathe was arrested by AHQ Gar soldiers on guard duty at the Nigerian Army Post Housing Development Limited (PHDL) Phase 5 Estate, Kurudu, Abuja for allegedly assisting two civilians to kidnap one Mr Emmanuel Sunday, a resident of the estate.

And last Thursday, a rating, Oyewole Femi, was paraded in Lagos by the police as head of a car snatching syndicate that operates in Lagos and its environs. Oyewole, serving at headquarters of Western Naval Command, Naval Base, Apapa Lagos, confessed to selling most of the stolen cars to senior naval officers.

Such acts and more had crept into the system, slowly destroying the very fabrics of the Nigerian military. And the seeds have long been there.

The first major incident of protest in the Army was in July 2008 when soldiers of 312 Artillery Regiment Akure, the 15th Battalion of the Nigerian Army that served in United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL), demonstrated on the streets of Akure, Ondo State over unpaid international peacekeeping allowances.

In May 2014, there was a shooting protest by soldiers of 101 Battalion at the Maimalari Cantonment, Maiduguri, Borno State.

In August 2014, wives and children of soldiers blocked the entrance of Giwa Barracks, Maiduguri, base of 21 Armoured Brigade, to stop the deployment of their spouses and children to fight against the Boko Haram terrorists. They claimed that soldiers were ill-equipped to take on the Islamist militants.

These acts point to the level of discipline and regimentation and the failure of regimentation among the soldiers, which stems primarily from failure to maintain standards by superior officers. After all, soldiers are known for strict obedience to lawful orders, not openly questioning orders, "behaving anyhow" or indulging in criminal activities.

Today, some soldiers are running from battle for fear of engaging in battle against terrorists and bandits, an act unheard of even in the most difficult period of Nigerian troops' engagement in Liberia and Sierra Leone under the ECOWAS Monitoring

Group (ECOMOG). Clearly, there is a creeping decrepitude within the ranks of the military.

These are not helped by reports of resignations by officers and men due to loss of interest in military service. It was such that Chief of Army Staff, Lieutenant General Farouk Yahaya, in a letter dated December 23, 2022 and signed by Brigadier General Oladapo Oyelade, said service personnel leaving at will did not augur well for the army.

Many blame the indiscipline in the system to the way officers and soldiers were recruited, which is sometimes questionable. The reality is that Nigeria's elite are interfering with the normal recruitment process, forgetting that military service is voluntary, with its own rules and regulations, in addition to the laws governing the larger society.

With this interference, the military is infested with children, wards and "unemployed relatives or constituents" of the political, economic, military and social elite who see it as a status symbol, continuation of a family tradition or "job for the boys."

These young officers and soldiers behave as if they don't know they're in uniform to fight and if necessary die for the country. Without needed conviction, they destroy the standards.

Relying on the strength of recommendations and connections, their godfathers influence their postings, working the telephones or visiting Service Headquarters to canvass for "better and safer postings/appointments" for their own. They distort the system as there is no passion for the job and don't take the pressures and risks involved.

But what happens in the military should concern every Nigerian as it is the last major cohesive institution standing for Nigeria. Therefore, acts of indiscipline and criminal activities within its ranks must stop. Personnel must, with dignity, carry out their sworn duties of protecting the country and the people. Otherwise, they would soon dissolve at the sight of any enemy group.

The military high command must pay greater attention to the quality of officers and soldiers being recruited as they instil and re-instil discipline within the ranks. After all, they are in the profession of arms, meaning that they have no fundamental human rights outside taking orders in the interest of the State, and if possible dying for the State.

New technologies and attitudes must not dull imbibing the old culture of soldiering as captured in the 1932 "The Edge of the Sword" book written by French General and later President, Charles De Gaulle.

De Gaulle stated: "Men who adopt the profession of arms submit to their own free will to a law of perpetual constraint. Of their own accord, they reject the right to live where they choose, to say what they think, to dress as they like. From the moment they become soldiers, it needs but an order to settle them in this place, to move them to that, to separate them from their families and dislocate their normal lives.

"On the word of command they must rise, march, run, and endure bad weather, go without sleep or food, be isolated in some distant post, work till they drop. They have ceased to be masters of their fate. If they drop in their tracks, if their ashes are scattered to the four winds, that is all part and parcel of their job."

This is the beauty and the challenge of soldiering.

*Onuorah wrote from Abuja*

# OPINION

## How sustainable is Nigeria's public debt?

By **Kayode Adebisi**

Recently, many Nigerians were alarmed when news circulated that Nigeria's public debt burden might hit N77 trillion if a request to restructure the Ways and Means Advances (WMAs) was approved by the National Assembly.

The Director-General of the Debt Management Office (DMO), Patience Oniha, gave the hint at the public presentation of the 2023 budget.

"There are a lot of discussions on the Ways and Means; in addition to the significant cost saving in loan service we would get by securitising it.

"There is an element of transparency in the sense that it is now reflected in the public debt stock.

"Once it is passed by the National Assembly, it means we will be seeing that figure included in the public debt. You will see a significant increase in public debt to N77 trillion," she said.

**Careful and strategic borrowing allows the government to continue to renew infrastructure on a regular basis and add to it when necessary to accommodate growth while maintaining good fiscal health.**

Ways and Means Advances (WMA) are temporary loan facilities issued by an apex bank to the central and state governments to finance shortfalls in the government's budget.

On Jan. 3, President Buhari appealed to the Senate to reconsider his request to restructure the N22.7 trillion WMAs, some days after an initial request was rejected.

Sensing the mixed reactions the DG, DMO's comment generated, the office released a statement to clarify her position.

The statement explained that the N77 trillion figure was arrived at by using the actual public debt stock of N44trillion as of Sept. 30, 2022, and taking into account "a number of ongoing activities".

The DMO further stated that the debt that would be added to the public debt data in 2023 included the N1trillion WMA to finance the supplementary budget already approved by the National Assembly.

However, the technicality of Nigeria's public debt profile and the technical terms used to describe it do not matter much to the uninitiated; the person on the street who only worries about its sustainability.

According to the Minister of Finance, Zainab Ahmed, the federal government spent N5.24trillion on debt service alone between January and November 2022, out of its N12.87trillion total spending for the same period.

This is worrisome under any circumstance.

Adding to the heightened anxiety about Nigeria's public debt is the World Bank's projection that interest payments on the federal government's borrowing from the Central Bank of Nigeria would gulp over 62 per cent of revenue by 2027.

Should citizens be worried by this data?

Stephen Onyeiwu, Professor of Economics at Allegheny College, USA, recently wrote that debt risk is about how much a country has borrowed and its ability to service its debt.

"Economists use two indicators to determine a country's debt sustainability. The first is gross debt as a percentage of a country's economy as measured by the gross domestic product (GDP).

"This is commonly referred to as the debt-to-GDP ratio.

"Another indicator of debt sustainability is the debt service ratio, which is the proportion of export earnings that is used to service debt, including principal and interest payments," he said.

In September 2022, the DMO put Nigeria's debt-to-GDP ratio at 23 per cent. By the end of the year, experts argued that the ratio was around 35.2 per cent.

Also, the IMF has projected that Nigeria's total debt-to-GDP ratio of public debt would rise steadily to 44.2 per cent by 2027.

If that happens, Nigeria would have exceeded its set debt-to-GDP ratio threshold of 40 per cent.

However, more alarming is Nigeria's debt service ratio, which analysts, including those at Afrinvest, estimated at between 83 per cent and 90 per cent in 2022.

According to Onyeiwu, a healthy debt service ratio is below 15 per cent.

While it has become clear that revenues from petroleum alone cannot sustain growth and development in Nigeria, experts worry about the terms of servicing public debts and the purpose of borrowing in the first place.

However, the federal government often insists that it is borrowing mainly to finance critical infrastructure projects.

Indeed, borrowing is one of three major ways through which countries finance a variety of big projects, the others being through capital reserves and pay-as-you-go.

Careful and strategic borrowing allows the government to continue to renew infrastructure on a regular basis and add to it when necessary to accommodate growth while maintaining good fiscal health.

The danger, however, lies in when the government is borrowing to finance utility renewal projects and restructuring settlements because they reduce the capacity of the government to borrow for important projects and lead to defaulting.

The DMO insists that it continues to demonstrate good negotiation skills in dealing with the country's debt matters with both internal and external creditors.

But analysts warn that Nigeria has to shore up its revenue base by curbing systemic corruption in the petroleum sector and expanding its non-oil revenue sources to reduce heavy reliance on borrowing. (NANFeatures)

## EDITORIAL

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## Much ado about Chatham House

In the course of the on-going campaigns for the general elections scheduled to take place next month, it has been observed that presidential candidates of the major political parties namely; Asiwaju Bola Tinubu of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Atiku Abubakar of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Peter Obi of Labour Party (LP) and Rabiu Kwankwaso of the New Nigeria Peoples Party, (NNPP) have all made a beeline to the Chatham House in London to address issues pertaining to their presidential campaigns.

Predictably, this has got Nigerians wondering the relevance of these well-publicised visits to the existential issues in Nigeria. Typical questions being asked about these junkets are "Do the solutions about Nigeria's issues exist in the United Kingdom, which makes such visits mandatory on the candidates?" Do the visits justify the huge sums of money expended for the purpose?"

When examined critically, the reality bears out that Nigerians are justified in asking germane questions on why those that are leaders in their own right and are seeking to occupy the highest position of authority in the country in the next round of elections will be seeking solutions to Nigeria's challenges abroad rather than at home.

Chatham House, which derives this name from its location in St James Square in London is an independent policy institute, which through research and other information gathering methods functions as one of the primary sources of ideas and strategies to the British government on how to address its foreign policy challenges. Established in 1920, through the initiative of British and American policy experts, its full name and designation is the Royal Institute of International Affairs. Its American equivalent is the Council of Foreign Relations based in New York.

In the knowledge that Chatham House exists to serve British interests exclusively, Nigerians find it incongruous that Nigerian leaders as long as can be remembered have come to consider it a point of duty to go there and make fundamental pronouncements on Nigeria's domestic and foreign policy issues.

There are reasons to be concerned about this. First of all, the prohibitive cost for such trips, which includes transportation, accommodation and other logistical convenience of the entourage is insensitive, considering the dire economic and social conditions of the majority of Nigerians that the candidates themselves recognise and talk about. It makes no sense for presidential candidates who glibly talk about the prevailing situation in the country and have promised to alleviate it, to expend such huge sums that could easily provide succour to Nigerians, on a junket that will ultimately deliver very little if at all to the people.

Secondly, the presidential candidates ought to know that their priority is at home here in Nigeria where the people who are going to cast the votes expect them to address the issues directly and practically to their satisfaction.

Considering that the audiences during virtually all the Chatham showing of the presidential candidates are made up mostly of Nigerians either resident in the United Kingdom or those that accompanied the candidates from Nigeria, this further questions the need for the Chatham visitation.

If at all such gatherings should be held, we have similar functioning institutions such as the Nigeria Institute for International Affairs, (NIIA) the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS) and the Nigeria Institute for Social and Economic Affairs, NISER, among others that could organise them. The NIIA as a matter of fact is modelled after the Chatham House, which as earlier mentioned is named as Royal Institute for International Affairs. It was established by the British government as a gift to Nigeria. In the course of its existence, the NIIA has and still plays a key role in providing useful policy perspectives to succeeding Nigeria governments on foreign and domestic issues.

NIPSS also, which functions as both a policy think tank and as a training institute for top flight executives and policy makers across the sectors of Nigerian society has been very effective in providing policy direction to Nigerian governments for over the years.

These institutions should serve as more relevant and appropriate venues for the type of engagements that our political elites spend so much time, expense and convenience going to Chatham House for.

We believe this practice is a reflection of the ingrained inferiority complex of many Nigerian leaders underpinned by our past history as a former colony of Britain. We see this unfortunate mentality in many ways, especially among our elite, which all too often undermine our sovereignty and independence as a nation by seeking solutions to our issues abroad instead of from within. In this regard, the frequent trips undertaken by members of the PDP group of five governors to London to discuss issues relating to their differences with their party, is an unfortunate example.

We call on our political elite to put a stop to this embarrassing behaviour, which casts Nigeria as a nation that does not deserve and value its sovereignty and independence. Going forward, the National Assembly should make a resolution to domesticate and compel our political parties to organise their rallies and political engagements within the country for the benefit of Nigeria. The resolution of our challenges as a nation should come from home and not abroad. We have come a long way as an independent country and we should act like one.

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## The importance of trusting government

Given past records, it was only to be expected that as 2023 elections campaigns begin in earnest, mudslinging and bending the truth will become the order of the day. Truth telling in politics is vital in enhancing trust in government and nobody should be treated as if they are not worthy of being told the truth.

**What is important going forward is that whoever wins the election must attend to the pressing issue of re-establishing trust in Nigerian democracy. As it stands, there is the not too simple matter of trusting the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to conduct elections to reflect the true vote and will of the electorate.**

These days, paid agent-provocateurs disgracefully defame their paymaster's opponents both on TV and in the press, leaving voters with a deficit of trust in all the candidates. According to Psychology Today, trust is based on a belief that someone or something can be relied upon to do what they say they will. It's the main ingredient in politics, which encourages people to support and cooperate effectively with the government. It's an essential component of any successful democracy and once it's broken, it's hard to rebuild.

A nation like Nigeria without trust in leadership is chaotic and dysfunctional. There is no disputing the breakdown of trust in all spheres of life in Nigeria. Citizens have learnt not to trust politicians because of their predilection for going back on their word, breaking promises, withholding or keeping many things back, and lying or manipulating facts and figures. In other spheres, Nigerians have lost trust in military operations against insurgents; police respect for human rights; voter registration exercises; census figures; security agencies abidance with the constitution and National Assembly oversight functions.

Trust is a choice people have to make, which is difficult to build yet easy to break. It is difficult to repair once broken and there are many who would agree that trust once lost is lost forever!

Trusting government means feeling committed to your relationship with them and feeling safe that your physical and emotional barriers will be respected. Political leaders cannot force people to trust them, they can only earn trust when they show they are worthy of it. Deciding which politician to trust and which not to trust can be a long process because it may take years for their true intentions to unfold. Fortunately, the decision is made easier because trustworthy people share common traits of putting other people's interests before their own, being transparent in their dealings with others and demonstrating transparency in their motivation and decision making. Also, they don't dismiss contrary opinions but rather value other people's feedback.

The outgoing administration has exhibited none of the traits of trustworthy people and disappointed Nigerians with their calamitous leadership and lack of political will to transform the nation in any meaningful manner, yet the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC), feels they are entitled to win elections because the main opposition Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) didn't excel in governance for 16 years. Apparently, they need reminding that citizen's votes are not entitlements. While they keep living in blissful denial, being clearly insensitive to the plight of ordinary and out of touch with the people, the truth is that the past seven years has witnessed an explosion of the vilest tendencies ever witnessed in Nigeria. Citizens are fully aware that promises have not been kept and they have been lied to. Government officials tend to lie when they simply don't know what else to do, but sometimes they may even have good motives like in trying to protect the public from bad news. However citizens don't really care for the reasons behind lies.

Learning to trust politicians again may seem unfeasible given past experiences, but it's important to trust that the nation will get through all their betrayal and incompetence because it has survived such adversity in the past. What is important going forward is that whoever wins the election must attend to the pressing issue of re-establishing trust in Nigerian democracy. As it stands, there is the not too simple matter of trusting the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to conduct elections to reflect the true vote and will of the electorate. They have released some perplexing results of the new voter registration exercise, which have been derided as illogical and inexplicable.

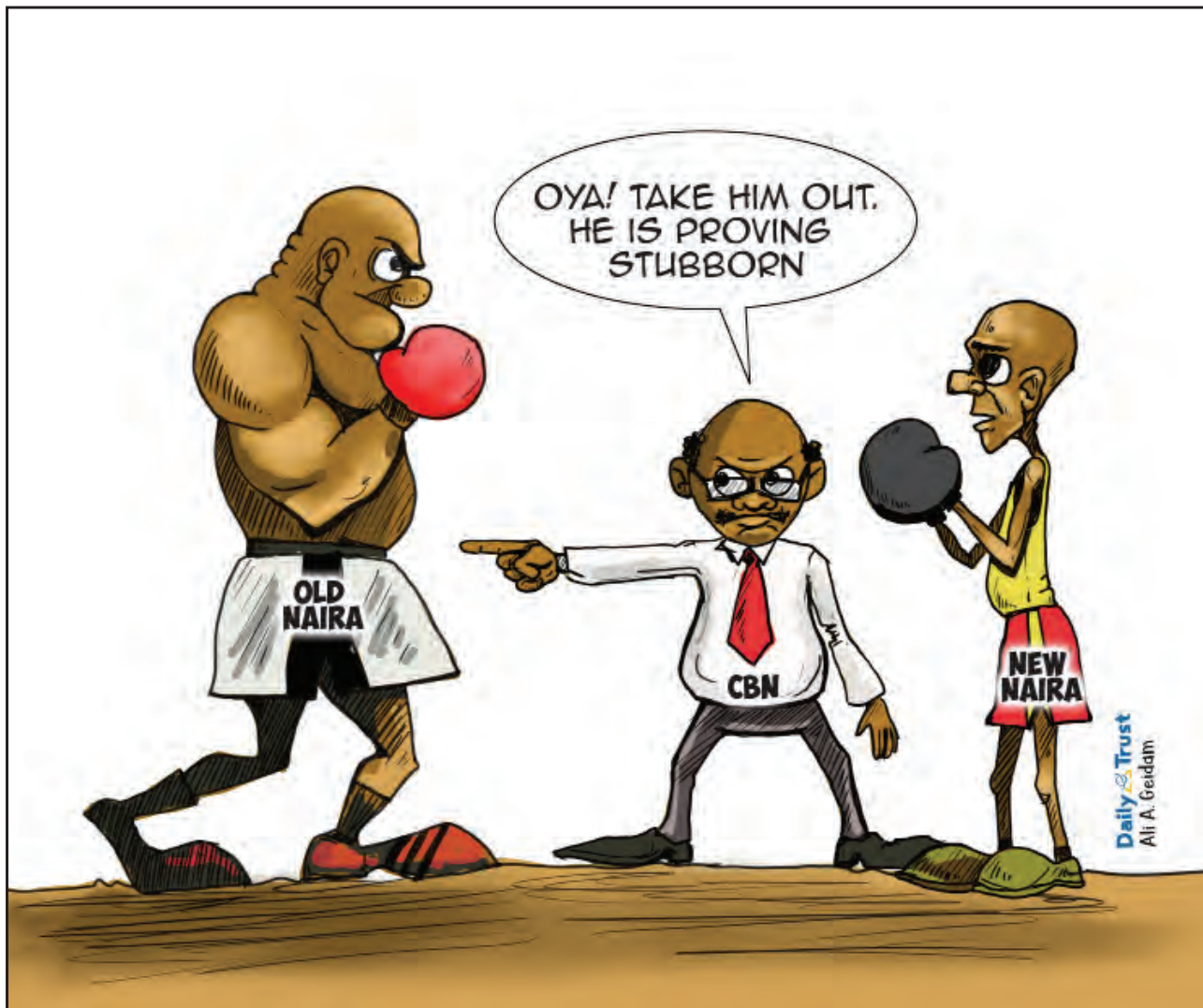
One of the many reasons why distrust in politics runs deep is the not too small matter of whether it is indeed possible for the nation to prosper under the current constitutional arrangement, which encourages so much distrust. There is an overriding consensus of opinion that far too much finance and authority is vested in the federal government with far too little accountability. Some sort of administrative restructuring is vital to address calls for self-autonomy and accommodate our drastic differences. It's imperative that whoever forms the next government should financially empower local governments, entrench participatory democracy at local level and regain the trust in governance necessary to fulfill the nation's potential.

This article was earlier published on August 9, 2022

**It's imperative that whoever forms the next government should financially empower local governments, entrench participatory democracy at local level and regain the trust in governance necessary to fulfill the nation's potential.**

# LETTERS to the Editor

CARTOON by Ali A. Geidam



## Re: Our national malaise

Thank you for the incisive article; the last two paragraphs nailed down the problem that has kept Nigeria, particularly these past 30 years, down.

It is my view that there was a different Nigeria that existed from independence to around 1985 when the malaise took hold. In that period, governance had a purpose - uplifting of the people and improving their living standard. To that end, governments worked with development plans to guide them. The first one -1962-1968 - gave Nigeria the Kainji Hydroelectric Power Dam which was completed on time despite the country being involved in the Civil War at the time. The Second National Development Plan, 1971-1975, brought new universities, airports, ports, refineries and the motor assembly plants. The last plan - 1975-1980 had Jebba HEP, etc. After that things went down; no planning and no coherence in governing. The Civil Service lost integrity and so cannot deliver.

Getting this country back up will require revolutionary forces acting for a long period, for there's no longer allegiance to a common faith (a shared destiny) or vision. Thank you!

M T Usman, Abuja

## Drug abuse and 2023 polls

As the 2023 general elections approach, there is the need to draw attention to the nexus between drug abuse and electoral violence.

Looking at the statistics of 2011, post-election violence led to the death of at least 800 people over three days of rioting in 12 states across northern Nigeria — the worst case so far in the country's political history. Unfortunately, the Nigerian youths, who are the supposed leaders of tomorrow, are used as a medium by greedy politicians to visit mayhem on their opponents and

innocent citizens, and this singular act affects the credibility of democracy, which elections are supposed to project.

Political thugs cannot fully operate without the use of illicit substances. This is so because drugs and crime work hand-in-hand. Therefore, the NDLEA which is now very active and effective should deploy more efforts in the aspect of drug supply reduction because when the chain of drug manufacturing and distribution is broken, the crime rate during this election will be brought down to the barest minimum.

Putting aside the fact that election

violence is fuelled by greedy politicians and other public office holders, it is also true that there are people who consume drugs on their own during the election in an attempt to calm anxiety but end up engaging in crimes. It is not the duty of the NDLEA alone to manage election violence but it is that of the citizens and other stakeholders as well. We also need to take this campaign to every doorstep in our various communities; our worship centres, market square, homes and schools.

Since the Nigerian youths are the ones who are mostly used as thugs to

perpetrate election violence and also the largest population that use drugs, the media can also assist to sensitise them as they also constitute the largest population that uses social media.

This is a call for drug demand reduction in our various communities; a call to every household to look closely into their environment and report every suspicious drug activity to NDLEA or at least a law enforcement agency. This is a call for a drug-free election.

Nkup Nanzem wrote from Jos, Plateau State

## Paternity fraud: Evidence of moral decadence in our society

There hardly goes by a day without reports of paternity fraud. Paternity fraud is a deliberate misidentification of the father of a child by the mother. Just last week, a report in one of the national newspapers declared that Nigeria has the second highest rate of paternity fraud in the world, Jamaica being the first. From the statistics presented by the newspaper, at least, four out of ten Nigerian men are not the biological fathers of their supposed child(ren).

This leads to the big question: who is to blame? The parents who do not teach the importance of moral values, or the society that has lost its

moral standards?

Rising cases of paternity fraud are a reflection of how much decadence we have witnessed in our moral values in today's society. It is a pointer to the fact that the society we now live in is waning in value, morals, fidelity, and trust. In fact, morality and integrity now seem so quaint that anyone who still upholds them is now regarded as an "old school".

However, the seeds of this unfortunate happening were planted years back in our respective families. We now have parents in society who chastise young ladies for getting pregnancies for shoemakers and the like, but applaud others who become "baby-mamas" to

artists or celebrities; parents who profane the government for embezzling funds, but never chastise their children for engaging in "Yahoo"; parents who clamour for government accountability, but never question their 15-year-old daughters on how they get expensive iPhones.

I am not oblivious to the fact that there are still few parents and individuals who would not reinvent the wheel of moral values, but saddled with the majority of adults who are guilty of dereliction of duties, the moral values in society will continue to deplete, thus, lead to all forms of immoralities, incorporating paternity fraud.

Also, societal pressure

is another factor which contributes to the high rate of paternity fraud. For instance, in a family where there are no children, the woman takes the backlash, whether or not the man is the primary cause of the infertility therein. And, in most cases, if the man is, some women may be forced to engage in an extramarital affair to conceive, just to avoid harsh lashing words from the public. This, therefore, results in an increased rate of paternity fraud.

Moreover, in a society where double-dating is seen as the norm and relationship is seen as a poverty alleviation strategy, how then do we blame a lady for deliberately

pushing another man's child to a richer partner? Summarily, the change in moral decadence should begin with us. After all, charity they say begins at home. It is high time we reinforced the good-old days when moral rectitude and truth were the order of the day. Parents should not neglect their duties which include raising decent and responsible individuals who make up members of our society since a responsible family gives rise to a responsible society

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# Pension Matters



CO-CREATED CONTENT

## Why states should implement the Contributory Pension Scheme

One of the objectives of the Pension Reform Act (PRA) is the establishment of a uniform set of rules, regulations, and standards for the administration and payment of retirement benefits for both the public and private sectors at the national and sub-national levels.

Specifically, Section 2(1) of the PRA 2014 provides that the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) applies to any employment in the Public Service of the Federation, the Federal Capital Territory, the States, and Local Government, as well as the Private Sector. However, by the provisions of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended), State Governments can legislate on pension matters; consequently, State Governments have to domesticate the CPS within their various jurisdictions by enacting a State pension law to that effect.

The National Council of States, in its meeting of August 2006, adopted the CPS for all states and local governments. Following the scheme's adoption, a Model State Pension Law was developed for the state governments to

adopt and modify based on their peculiarities. The National Pension Commission (PenCom) reviews draft state Pension Laws and supports states in implementation. At the end of December 2022, 25 states, including the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), had enacted laws on the CPS, while seven states were at the bill stage. The enacted laws, which are substantially in tandem with the provisions of the PRA 2014, is the first significant step towards the domestication of the CPS at the sub-national level. Five states have laws on the Contributory Defined Benefits Scheme (CDBS). Commendably, 15 states have established Pension Bureau/Board, and 10 are remitting employer and employee pension contributions in line with the CPS. Seven states have started paying pensions to retirees under the CPS.

The transition from the Defined Benefits Scheme (DBS) to the CPS or even the CDBS at the state and local government levels is significant in several ways and inevitable eventually, even for the states yet to do away with the DBS. The CPS is structured to ensure that all retired employees receive

retirement benefits as and when due. The benefits of the CPS are enormous. The CPS is the best solution for pension liabilities, which many states are grappling with. States that fail to offset pension arrears now are creating a financial burden on future generations as these pension benefits will continue to grow. States can avoid this trap by adopting the CPS. The CPS will stem further growth of pension liabilities and provide fiscal discipline in the budgetary process because pension obligations would be accurately determined and settled systematically. Importantly, assets are available at the exit of a retiree for payment of pension benefits promptly. Thus, no accumulation of pension arrears.

The CPS provides safeguards to enable states to combat corruption in the pension sector. The pension contributions are received and held by custodians in the name of the Retirement Savings Account (RSA) holder. The RSA holder can only access the funds at retirement or under specific conditions. Licensed Pension Fund Administrators (PFAs) invest the funds with the objective of safety and



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earning fair returns for the contributors. Pension assets cannot be used to meet the claim of creditors of pension operators, seized or subject to execution of judgment debt or sold, granted as a loan or used as collateral.

Due to the contributory nature of the CPS, employers no longer need to solely bear the burden of making provisions for retirement benefits for their employees. Unlike the DB scheme, employees under the CPS are also responsible for contributing towards their retirement benefits, thus, reducing the

financial burden on the employer. In addition, the scheme has provisions for employers to pay monthly pension contributions. This provision alleviates the burden on employers to make bulk payments to settle pension liabilities.

The CPS is a more efficient avenue for financing state governments' long-term borrowing needs via investible instruments such as infrastructural bonds. States that implement the CPS derive the benefits of generating long-term savings, which can promote the growth of their real sector as PFAs invest in bonds issued by such states. PFAs are not allowed to invest in the bonds of states yet to comply with the scheme.

Meanwhile, PenCom's regulatory oversight of state and local governments' pension schemes is guided by the provisions of the enabling laws in the states. Section 23(i) of the PRA 2014 clearly

emphasised that PenCom's role in applying the CPS at the sub-national levels shall be to promote and offer technical assistance to states in line with the objectives of the scheme. Despite the huge benefits of the CPS, it would be contrary to constitutional provisions for PenCom to enforce the provisions of the PRA 2014 on the states without recourse to the states' extant laws and prevailing economic limitations at every material point in time. PenCom has continued to adopt the persuasive approach in its efforts to drive full implementation of the CPS at the states and local governments.

In conclusion, PenCom, as the apex regulator of the pension industry in Nigeria, has intensified the drive to implement the CPS by states and local governments. The effective regulation and supervision of the pension industry in Nigeria remains PenCom's priority.

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# CITY & CRIME

## Bride's family rejects old naira notes as bride price in Niger

By Abubakar Akote, Minna

The family of a young woman in Gbako LGA of Niger State has asked the family of her suitor to take back the old N1,000 and N500 notes they gave as bride price.

City & Crime gathered that the family of the suitor took an undisclosed amount to the family of the woman as bride price and money for other stuff in preparation for the wedding.

Though the wedding was not postponed, guardians of the girl were said to have noted that with the CBN deadline of January 31, they were not ready to buy some

things needed for the ceremony and that they did not have a bank account to deposit the money, hence their demand for the new notes.

A family member of the male suitor explained that, "We took money to the family of the girl we want to marry. They called me on Sunday to come and take the old currency notes back pending when we have the new naira notes. They said they don't have anywhere to change the old notes. So, I want to take it to the bank pending when we get the new notes."

He further said that many people were scared of collecting the old notes for fear that they would

not be able to spend them before the January 31, deadline.

City & Crime gathered that rural traders in the state have started rejecting the old notes or shutting their businesses as commercial banks have continued to give out old notes.

Our correspondent who visited some rural communities and semi-urban areas in the state reported that most of the communities had no access to banks.

In the ancient town of Zungeru, Wushishi LGA of the state, residents said there was only one commercial bank despite the population and huge business activities in the town, especially

during Sunday and Wednesday market days.

Marketers told our correspondent that many farmers had stopped bringing out their farm produce to Zungeru market on Wednesdays and Sundays for fear that they would be given old naira notes.

Mohammed Sani, the chairman, Amana Farmers and Grain Suppliers Association, Wushishi Local Government Chapter, said "Right now rural farmers have stopped bringing out their farm produce to the market since last week because they are afraid that they would be given old naira notes and they don't have bank accounts."

The Magistrate, Mr Emmanuel Idowu, who did not take their plea for want of jurisdiction, adjourned to March 16 while waiting for advice from the Oyo State Ministry of Justice.

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"The fifth defendant, Oluwatosin, knowing the gravity of the offence, tried to prevent the police from arresting the other accused." (NAN)

## 5 men remanded over murder of 3 women

A magistrates' court sitting at Iyaganju, Ibadan, Oyo State, has ordered the remand of five men, Oyetunji Omotayo (29), Akinlabi Michael (28), Oyetunji Rotimi (23), Adedokun Mathew (29) and Wojuola Oluwatosin (29), at the Agodi Correctional Centre, Ibadan, for killing three women.

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## FRSC arrests fake lieutenant, 20 others for traffic offences in Abuja

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

The operatives of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Central Business District Unit in Abuja, have arrested a driver, Saviour Akpan, who posed as Lieutenant A. D. Dama.

The operatives were part of the enforcement team dispatched in Abuja under Operation Compliance Dole to ensure drivers do not carry overload.

The unit's head, Assistant Corps Commander Imran Ibrahim, said the suspect was arrested in the Kugbo area of Abuja where he presented himself as an army officer.

He explained that, "My men who suspected him of foul play brought him to the office where he was further quizzed. Before his arrival, we had contacted the army command which sent two military policemen to arrest him."

He further said that, "We have arrested 20 other offenders and the number is growing by the day. We will be on the roads until we are satisfied with compliance. This is a federal capital; we are determined to set a standard."

## File your annual tax returns before Jan 31, FCT-IRS warns employers

By Hussein Yahaya

The Federal Capital Territory Internal Revenue Service (FCT-IRS) has reminded taxpayers, particularly employers or agents in the FCT, to file their annual tax returns before January 31, 2023.

In a statement, Mustapha Sumaila, spokesman of FCT-IRS, warned that the service FCT-IRS would not hesitate to apply the laws where necessary to penalise any organisation, employer or agent which/who fail to meet up and file within the stipulated period as stated by law.

The service said the exercise was, "In compliance with Section 41 of the Personal Income Tax Act (PITA) 2011 (as amended) which provides that all employers of labour in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) are required to file annual returns of income from all sources for the year ended, (31st December, 2022) on or before the 31st of January, 2023, using the prescribed forms: ie Form G and Form H1 respectively."

"Sections 94, 95 and 96 of the Personal Income Tax Act (PITA) stipulate penalties for non-filing, incorrect or false declaration and late submission."

"Copies of the forms (Form G and Form H1) can be obtained from any of the FCT-IRS tax offices across the territory."

## Kidnap suspect producing gunshot charm shot dead in Kogi

By Tijani Labaran, Lokoja

A suspected kidnapper in Iji-Anyigba in Dekina LGA of Kogi State has been shot dead by a group.

Witnesses said the incident happened on Friday at about 9am near Unity Roundabout in Anyigba.

The suspect, identified simply as Iye, was said to have returned to Anyingba on Thursday with a new car

from Ugwolawo in Igalala/Odolu LGA where the locals claimed, he ran to shortly after he was alleged to have killed a person in a kidnap operation.

A source, James Gbatigbi, explained that, "He left Anyigba to hide at Ugwolawo for months when his name was mentioned in a kidnap incident where the victim died. Iye returned to town on Thursday and was trailed by his assailants and killed on Friday."

"He is a local engineer in house construction. He was also said to be making medicine against gunshot for people."

Another source explained that Iye visited a local hotel near the Unity Roundabout on Friday morning after parking his car a few metres away.

He said that on his way out of the hotel towards where he parked his car he was shot severally by his assailants and that his family took his corpse from the roundabout and buried it shortly after the incident.

The Kogi State Police Command's spokesman, SP William Aya, did not respond to a call and an SMS sent to him about the incident.

### QUICK READ

#### Father docked over rape of daughter in Lagos

A 35-year-old father, Temitayo Bamiro, was docked at an Ojo Magistrate's Court, Lagos on Monday for allegedly defiling his 13-year-old daughter.

Bamiro pleaded not guilty to the one-count charge preferred against him.

The prosecutor, Dr Simon Uche, told the court that the defendant was in the habit of sexually assaulting his daughter and had forcefully penetrated her anus repeatedly in the past without her consent.

The offence, he added, contravened the Criminal Laws of Lagos State.

Magistrate, Mr L.J.K Layeni, referred the case file to the Directorate of Public Prosecution for legal advice and adjourned the case to Feb. 22 for mention.

He also ordered the remand of Bamiro at the Badagry Custodial Centre. (NAN)

#### Edo gets new FRSC commander

Mr Paul Okpe has assumed office as the new Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Edo State.

This was contained in a statement issued in Benin on Monday by Uchenna Nnadika, spokesman of the sector.

Okpe, until his recent appointment, was the Sector Commander in Osun State.

Nnadika further disclosed that Okpe hailed from the FCT and held a BA in English from the Ahmadu Bello University Zaria (ABU). (NAN)

#### My candidacy represents unity - FCT LP candidate, Kingjibe

By Adam Umar

The Labour Party (LP) senatorial candidate for the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Hajjiya Ireti Kingjibe, has described herself as a true symbol of the nation's capital who will represent everyone's interest if elected.

She was speaking at an appeal fund launching on youths' skills acquisition organised by the FCT Hausa/Fulani Development Association (FULHAU) on Sunday in Abuja.

Ireti noted that with a Muslim father who hailed from Panshekara in Kano State who had Yoruba blood, as well as a Christian mother of Igbo extraction, she could be described as a true Nigerian that all voters in the territory should rally behind.

Speaking earlier, the leader of FULHAU, Alhaji Aminu Lawan Bakin-Ruwa, pledged to channel the money realised into a planned skills acquisition centre where about 20 youths would be selected from each of the six FCT area councils for training annually.

City & Crime reports that over N4m was realised at the event.

## FCT UBEB boss wins N/Central's 'most prudent chair'

By Hussein Yahaya

The Chairman of the FCT Universal Basic Education Board (FCT UBEB), Dr Alhassan Sule, has been honoured as the "Most Prudent State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) Chairman in the North Central".

Sule was honoured at the weekend in Abuja at the national finals of the 62nd Independence Anniversary of the President's Inter-Basic (Primary) Schools Debate Championship organised by the President's School Debate Nigeria in collaboration with the FCT UBEB.

The award was presented to Sule by Dr Isiaka Kolawole, Deputy Executive Secretary, UBEC, at the auditorium of the Federal Ministry of Education in Abuja.

Sule, while commending the organisers, stressed that being a victim of Boko Haram in the bush for four months, the solution was "at our fingertips; moulding the characters of children through the classroom."

He appreciated the Minister of State, FCT, Dr Ramatu Tijani Aliyu, for giving him the enabling environment to ensure that every child resident in the territory got access to qualitative free basic education.

Earlier, the National Coordinator, President's School Debate Nigeria, Dare Oritu, described debate as a tool for conflict resolution among groups in Nigeria.



■ Alhassan Sule



■ A passenger helps tricycle operator to lift his faulty bike off the road at Sharp-Conner area of Mararaba, Nasarawa State yesterday. Photo Ikechukwu Ibe

## Police rescue kidnap victim, arrest 6 suspects in Plateau

The Commissioner of Police in Plateau State, Bartholomew Onyeka, on Monday, paraded six suspects linked to illegal possession of firearms, car theft, among others.

Onyeka also disclosed the rescue of a kidnapped victim.

He said, "The combined effort of the police and relevant security groups led to the arrest of two males at Shen in Du in Jos South LGA who were in possession of 200 pieces of G3

live ammunition. They also had with them 80 pieces of AK-47 ammunition, 56 pieces of Type 06 live ammunition and an empty magazine.

"The suspects disclosed that one Dajah transported the ammunition to them through a commercial driver from Maiduguri, Borno State.

"They also confessed that two men from Kunet, Bokkos LGA, also received a G3 rifle from the same source. The rifle has since

been recovered.

"Similarly, while on routine patrol, operatives of the Eagle Eye patrol team also arrested Uche Mathew and Michael Okoro who are suspected car snatchers on the Bukuru highway and a Lexus 300 was recovered from them.

"On January 21, a kidnap victim, Samuel Samson, of Toro LGA, Bauchi State, was rescued by the police in the state and has received treatment at the police

clinic given the frail state he was found in.

"The victim, after regaining consciousness, revealed that he was kidnapped from his home in Gwagwalada, FCT, but was disposed off in Jos after his abductors realised he was not the person they intended to kidnap.

"Efforts are on to reunite the victim with his family and apprehend the culprits." (NAN)

## Miyetti Allah mobilises members on old naira notes

By Adam Umar

The Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN) in the FCT has engaged in mass mobilisation of its members to deposit the old currency notes in banks ahead of the January 31, deadline when they will cease to be legal tender.

The group's scribe in Gwagwalada Area Council, Muhammad Usman, who disclosed this to City & Crime in a phone interview on Monday, said most of the targeted members in the drive were those in the rural areas who were planning to

perform this year's Hajj. He said, "We are mobilising them to come down to the town and see how we will arrange between them and other members that maintain bank accounts for the cash deposits."

"There are a number of them who have sold out their cows and are waiting for the announcement of deposit for the annual pilgrimage."

The development was coming at a time when the majority of the ATMs in Abuja suburbs were still dispensing the old naira notes against the directive of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN).

## N2.5bn 'fraud': Judge's illness stalls Ogun speaker's case

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

The trial of the Speaker of the Ogun State House of Assembly, Olakunle Oluomo, over a N2.5 billion fraud has again been stalled at the Federal High Court sitting in Abeokuta because the Judge, Justice Joyce Abdulmalik, was indisposed but in her chambers.

The case was filed against Oluomo by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).

I was gathered that Justice

Joyce invited the lawyers to her chambers to brief them about the development.

That was the second time the court would be adjourning the case after it was transferred from Lagos to Ogun State.

Recall that EFCC in September, 2022, arrested and later arraigned Oluomo, alongside the Clerk of the House, Taiwo Adeyemo, and the Director of Finance, Oladayo Samuel, for diverting N2.5bn belonging to the assembly, but were granted bail after pleading not guilty to the charges.

## Father arrested for defiling 11-year-old daughter

The Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) in Oyo State has arrested a man in Ibadan for defiling his 11-year-old daughter.

The NSCDC spokesman in the state, Oyindamola Okuneye, disclosed this in a statement on Monday.

Okuneye explained that the 33-year-old suspect who hailed from Ede in Osun State admitted to having carnal knowledge of the girl.

Meanwhile, the command also arrested a 46-year-old suspect who defiled a 10-year-old girl.

The corps' spokesperson said that the suspect took the victim to a lonely road with his bike within the vicinity of Alakia area of Ibadan on January 15, where he used his finger to penetrate and defile her.

She said, "It was gathered that the suspect used to go to the girl's mother's shop to drink locally made herbs and used the opportunity to get close to the girl." (NAN)

## Gunmen kidnap 3 in Osun

Three persons were reportedly abducted by gunmen at a farming village in Iwo Town, Iwo Local Government Area of Osun, the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports.

NAN also learnt that the victims were abducted on their farm in Ologun Area of Iwo, in the night.

The identities of the victims were given as Hamzat Ibrahim, Deere



■ A man arrested with substances suspected to be hemp in Akoko-Edo of Edo State recently

Ibrahim and another man, whose name is yet to be known.

SP Yemisi Opalola, Police Public Relations Officer in Osun, who confirmed this to newsmen, added that efforts were on to rescue them.

Opalola said one Hamidat Ibraheem reported the case to the police Division in Iwo.

She said police officers, hunters

and other local security agencies were combing the forest to rescue the victims.

NAN reports that the fresh abduction is happening the same day after the remaining two members of the four abducted Osun Baptist Conference members, were released after payment of N10 million ransom. (NAN)

## Ebonyi killings: Police arrest 26 suspects, recover rifles

The police command in Ebonyi State, on Monday, said it has arrested 26 persons in connection with the crisis and killings of December 26, in Ekoli-Edda community in Afikpo South LGA.

Recall that the incident claimed the lives of three persons: a youth leader,

Eseni Egwu; Eme Orji, a younger brother to Ebonyi APC chairman; and an Inspector of Police.

SP Chris Anyanwu, spokesperson of the command, in a press conference, said the command also recovered one AK-47 and live ammunition, two pump action rifles, one Dane

gun, three AK-47 magazines, among others.

He said, "They would be arraigned as prima facie cases of conspiracy, armed robbery, arson, unlawful possession and malicious damage have been established against them." (NAN)

## Observe traffic regulations, FRSC boss urges motorists

By Seun Adeuyi

The Corps Marshal of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Dauda Bui, has urged the motoring public to properly observe traffic regulations.

This, he said, would help to reduce recklessness and road accidents generally.

During a recent visit to several parts of Abuja, Bui re-iterated the commission's determination to ensure the safety of

lives of motorists and commuters.

He advised owners of vehicles to always ensure that their vehicles were road-worthy at all times and to properly comply with traffic regulations whenever they were on the road.

He said, "The commission is also doing its best to reduce road accidents on our roads all over the country, especially in cities and the nation's capital city through rigorous and

sustained public enlightenment drive and education of motor drivers all over the country. The intensification of the public enlightenment programme by the commission is a deliberate policy to enhance road safety among drivers."

"We have also intensified lecturing of road traffic offenders all over the place aimed at inculcating improved road traffic observance by all categories of drivers."

# PLATEAU RESCUE UPDATE

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## Shendam old students endorse Lalong for senate; pledge to support Tinubu/Shettima

Impressed by his achievements, contributions and support to his alma mater, members of Shendam Old Students Association (SOSA) has thrown their weight behind Plateau State Governor Simon Bako Lalong for his election to the Senate to represent Plateau South Senatorial District.

The members who made their stand known at the 5th National Convention and Award Presentation held at the school in Shendam said the Governor has made the school proud by his personal achievements and success in politics which has resulted in rapid development of the school.

Chairman of SOSA Comrade Emmanuel Dashe said the Governor has proven that with hardwork, determination and God's grace, anyone can rise from humble beginnings to any height.

He said as an ambassador of GSS Shendam, the Governor has not only given a good account of himself but put the school's name in good light through his performance as Governor of Plateau State. Chairman Northern Governors Forum and Director General of the Tinubu/Shettima Campaign Council. He said they are fully behind him and are sure that he will take Plateau State to prominence in national politics.

In a keynote address, Guest Speaker at the Convention and a member of first set of the school (SOSA 1978) Prof. Garba Sharubutu said SOSA members have come a long way and must appreciate God for raising them from a humble beginnings to greatness.

Prof. Sharubutu who is the Executive Secretary Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria said the school is privileged to have produced many eminent personalities including the Governor, Professors, Vice Chancellor, Permanent Secretaries, Speakers, Senior Security Officers among others.

He praised Governor Lalong for being a shining star of the school and carrying along his school mates in various ways, saying the endorsement for the Governor's Senatorial bid as well as his Principal Asiwaju was in order because he needs to continue his great work at the Federal level where he already has wide contact and commanded influence based on his performance.

Commissioner for Secondary Education Mrs. Elizabeth Wapmuk



■ Governor Lalong addressing 5th National Convention of Shendam Old Students Association at his alma mater GSS Shendam

said SOSA has been united, energised and refocused by the Governor whose passion for education has seen the sector being transformed rapidly.

Wapmuk appreciated SOSA for supporting the school with infrastructure, facilities and even teachers.

Principal of the school Mrs. Susan Dandam said the old students have made the school proud by constantly completing the efforts of the State Government.

Dandam praised the Governor for changing the face of the school through development of infrastructure, manpower and the facilitation of other donor support such as the World Bank assisted AGILE project.

In his speech, Governor Lalong recalled with nostalgia his days at GSS Shendam where he said the teachers did their best to instill discipline and also give then quality education.

He commended the pioneer leaders of SOSA for laying the solid foundation upon which the school alumni is standing on. According to him, the school has done a lot to raise people that represented Plateau and Nigeria in various endeavours who need to be recognised and celebrated.

Lalong said the principles of love, tolerance, unity and peace which were taught in the school have continued to guide his conduct as a politician whose passion is for bringing people together irrespective of religion, ethnicity and other differences.

He told them that as DG of the APC Presidential Campaign Council and

Chairman Northern Governors Forum, he knows the benefits of national politics and being in the mainstream which benefits more people than being in opposition and always complaining of marginalization.

He thanked SOSA for supporting him over the years and also affirming their willingness to vote for him for Senate as well as for Tinubu/Shettima ticket.

The Governor presented an 18 seater bus for the school on behalf of his class of set 82. He also visited the student hostels.

He also received an award for exemplary service and achievement in transforming the State.



■ Long Gamai of Gamailand Miskoom Martin Shaldas III presents an Award to Governor Lalong during 5th SOSA National Convention



■ Governor Lalong interacts with students at his alma mater GSS Shendam, Plateau State

## Ethnic Nationalities present Charter Of Demands to Tinubu

Ethnic nationalities under the aegis of the Conference of Autochthonous Ethnic Communities Development Association (CONECDA) has presented a charter of demands to the Presidential Candidate of the APC, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu on what they want him to do if he is elected into office.

The presentation was made to the wife of the Presidential candidate Senator Oluremi Tinubu during her visit to Jos where she met with the leadership of the indigenous groups, Christian religious leaders and also held a Town Hall meeting with stakeholders.

At the Town Hall meeting which was hosted by the Director General of the APC Presidential Campaign Council and Governor of Plateau State Simon Bako Lalong, the Charter of Demands was presented to the wife of Asiwaju Bola Tinubu by Professor Yusufu Turaki.

He said the Charter of demands was developed for the political class particularly those seeking the highest office in the land in order to highlight the challenges of the people of the ethnic nationalities who are often left behind in national governance.

Dr. Zuwaqhu Bonat, National Coordinator of CONECDA said the general economic, social, and security situation of Nigeria has grossly impacted on the lives of the people of the middle belt where the ethnic nationalities exist.

He said apart from insecurity, there is high unemployment, poverty, food insecurity and crises that are often violent.

He said the big question for CONECDA is what will an incoming President do different than what is obtained today to improve the economy and protect the rights of minority tribes



■ Wife of the APC Presidential Candidate Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu receives Charter of Demands from Ethnic Nationalities at a Town Hall Meeting in Jos

as enshrined in the UN Charter?

He also said the charter wants Restructuring of Nigeria to have constituency delineation, local Government autonomy, state police among others.

Senator Oluremi Tinubu said the Charter of demands was appropriate and already captured in the manifesto of the APC Presidential Candidate.

She promised to present it to her husband and also ensure that he implements it when elected. She also cited his open mindedness as well as passion for equity, fairness and justice saying Asiwaju is not a man who discriminates against people out of religious, ethnic or other differences.

Governor Lalong said Asiwaju has carefully planned how to take care of the ethnic nationalities in the Renewed Hope Agenda.

He referred to how the Northern Governors in the APC under his leadership insisted on power shift to the South which strengthens the hope that one day a Minority will be President.

He asked the stakeholders to give

Asiwaju the benefit of doubt as he and Governor Joshua Dariye who also attended are all saying Asiwaju is voted to power.

APC gubernatorial candidate for Plateau State Dr. Nentawe Yilwatda said APC is united to present Asiwaju as a President that will guarantee fairness, equity and justice.

He called on people to follow the man who knows the road and also appreciated the Committee for the good in putting up the charter assuring that he will surely work with Asiwaju to implement it if elected as Governor of Plateau State.

Deputy Speaker House of Representatives Rt. Hon. Idris Wase said the achievements of Asiwaju in Lagos is a proof that he will give all nationalities a sense of belonging.

He said in terms of religious tolerance, he has proven that he is with all by presenting a Pastor in the person of Osinbanjo to be Vice President, also explaining that Tinubu was instrumental to his emergence as Deputy Speaker.

## Governor Lalong appoints 10 Permanent Secretaries

Plateau State Governor Simon Bako Lalong has approved the appointment of 10 new Permanent Secretaries.

They are to fill the vacancies created following the retirement/resignations of some Permanent Secretaries in the service of the State Government.

The new Permanent Secretaries are:

1. Keziah Dung (Barkin Ladi)
2. Yusuf Ayuba Gimba (Bassa)
3. Gongden Micah Sunday (Mangu)
4. Lamu Michael Dennis (Mangu)

5. Peter Wuyep (Kanke)
6. Bapman Naankin Emmanuel (Mikang)
7. Boniface Gwotbit Bankshuet (Mikang)
8. Gotan Benjamin James (Pankshin)
9. Salamatu Ritmwa Parloug (Pankshin)
10. Wuyep Zitta (Langtang South)

The new Permanent Secretaries are expected to be sworn in on Tuesday 24th January 2023 at the Victoria Gowon Hall, new Government House, Little Rayfield Jos by 10am.

# BUSINESS

## CBN EXCHANGE RATES

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

## COMMODITIES PRICE (December 28, 2022)

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

## BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES

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

# FIRS sets revenue record, collected N10.1tr in 2022

By Faruk Shuaibu

**The Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) has stated that it collected over N10 trillion in tax revenue in 2022, the highest tax collection ever recorded in its history.**

The service in its "FIRS 2022 Performance Update" report signed by its executive chairman, Mr Muhammad Nami, after his briefing with President Muhammadu Buhari yesterday, stated that the service netted a total of N10.1trn in both oil (N4.09trn) and non-oil (N5.96trn) revenues as against a target of N10.44trn.

"Companies Income Tax contributed N2.83trn; Value Added Tax N2.51trn;

Electronic Money Transfer Levy N125.67bn and Earmarked Taxes N353.69bn. Non-oil taxes contributed 59% of the total collection in the year, while oil tax collection stood at 41% of total collection," the report noted.

"It is the first time that the FIRS will cross the N10 trillion mark in tax revenue collection."

The report also stated that the N10.1 trillion is exclusive of tax waived on account of various tax incentives granted under the respective laws, which amounted to N1.8tr.

The report further stated that it included the total revenue sum of N146.27bn which is the total value of certificates issued by

the service to private investors and NNPC for road infrastructure under the Road Infrastructure Development Refurbishment Investment Tax Credit Scheme created by Executive Order No. 007 of 2019.

In a statement by the Special Assistant (Media and Communication) to Nami, Johannes Oluwatobi Wojuola, the chairman noted that reforms the service introduced in this period focused on the detoxification of the tax environment by ridding it of mutual mistrust, negative tax morale, and tax evasion, through effective taxpayer education, open engagement with stakeholders and improved services.



## Finance bill: 'Its unlawful to share stamp duty, bank levy nationally'

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

A member of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria, (CITN), Mr Francis Ubani, has flayed the attempt in the Finance Bill 2022 to share revenues from stamp duty and electronic transactions in states by the federation.

The bill was stepped down by President Muhammadu Buhari this month for adjustments before he would assent to it.

A copy of the petition, acknowledged by the Federal Ministry of Justice, stated that the amendment to the sharing formula for revenue from stamp duty/Electronic Money Transfer Levy (EMTL) is unconstitutional.

He listed the new subsections as follows - "Notwithstanding any formula that may be prescribed by any other law, the revenue accruing by virtue of the operation of this section, shall on the basis of derivation, be distributed as follow: - (a) 15% to the Federal Government and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja; (b) 50% to the State Governments; and (c) 35% to the Local Governments.

According to him, these are clearly inconsistent with, and in violation of the provisions of Section 163 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, as amended, and therefore are null, void and of no effect whatsoever.

He insisted that Capital Gains Tax and Stamp Duties are supposed to be paid, when applicable to the states from which they are derived and not for the benefit of all the states if such are paid into the Federation Account.

Ubani also urged all federal government institutions, money deposit banks and individuals involved, to be more transparent on stamp duties/EMTL collection, recovery and distribution, as enshrined in the constitution and the Stamp Duties Act, 2004.

"Deposit money banks and financial institutions should henceforth stop remitting qualified chargeable stamp duties/EMTL accruable to the different states of the federation, pursuant to Section 4 (2) of the Stamp Duties Act, 2004, as amended to FIRS," he noted.

## MPC to retain monetary rates – Experts

By Philip Shimnom Clement

Ahead of the press briefing by the Monetary Policy Committee of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) today, finance experts say the committee may likely hold all parameters constant.

President of the Association of Capital Markets Academics of Nigeria (ACMAN), Prof. Uche Uwaleke, while speaking to Daily Trust said conventional practice and the easing of inflation are major reasons why the MPC of the CBN will maintain the rates.

"The MPC is likely to hold all parameters when the members meet this week for two reasons:

One, historical evidence suggests that the MPC seldom adjusts policy rates in January due to the need to allow the markets to stabilise in the new year.

Secondly, inflationary pressure is beginning to reduce as seen in headline inflation numbers for month of December 2022 not only in Nigeria but also in the US," he said.

Uwaleke further advised that the monetary rates should not be further hiked, as doing so beyond the current high rate of 16.5%, is capable of jeopardising economic growth.

Corroborating Uwaleke's viewpoint, the Chief Executive Officer of the Centre for the Promotion of Private Enterprise (CPPE), Dr. Muda Yusuf, said he expects the MPC to maintain rates owing to the current economic realities.

He said: "I expect them to maintain the status quo because the rates are already extremely high. CRR is 32.5 per cent while MPR is

already high at 16.5 per cent

Yusuf noted that these are among the highest rates in the world. "It means that for every N100m deposit the banks make, CBN takes N32.5 million. So how will they function? How will they give credit?" he queried.

"These are extremely high. Interest rate in the economy now is very, very high. And it is not as if further tightening of monetary policy will make any significant difference in inflation rate. So it is the real sector and other investors that have been suffering the hike in interest rate," he noted.

You can see what is happening globally. The IMF, World Bank have been cautioning central banks to moderate their rate hikes because of the negative effect it is having on economic growth and recovery," he said.

Dr. Yusuf further stated that Businesses are already suffering from scarcity of forex, high cost of diesel and other macroeconomic challenges, as such, it will be unfair to compound their problems.

"So, it will be most unfair to now to compound it with the problem of high interest rate.

On the slight decline in inflation rate recorded last month, from 21.47 percent in November to 21.34 percent, Yusuf, a former Director-General of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce, said he expected the downward trend to continue, noting however that it was just a "marginal drop".

He said tightening of interest rates would not help the investors. "So, if you cannot help the investors (by lowering interest rates), just leave them the way they are," he said.

## 'NiMet recovering, digitising 130-year-old weather data'

By Chris Agabi

The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) has said it is recovering and digitising Nigeria's 130 year old weather data for the proper history of Nigeria's weather patterns.

The Director-General, NiMet, Prof. Mansur Matazu stated this on Monday in Abuja when he hosted a delegation from the National Meteorological Services of Niger Republic and the Gambia National Meteorological

Services. Both delegations are in Nigeria for a ten-day study exchange at NiMet.

He said the 130 -year-old mining capability is also what the visitors would also understudy in the course of their visit.

We have 130 years old data that we are recovering and digitising. After rescuing the data, we will share these experiences with them as well" he said.

The NiMet DG speaking further on the mission of the delegation said: "The two

delegations on study exchange to NiMet are exploring different areas of interest. For the Niger Republic, what is critical for them is the seasonal climate prediction that Nigeria has been implementing for the past 15 years. We will do a lot of exchange and sharing of experience from seasonal climate prediction as well as numeric weather prediction.

"Just recently, NiMet commissioned research across the eco-climatic zones of the

country. Also, the minister will on Tuesday unveil the seasonal climate prediction and also a book published by NiMet on impacts, vulnerability, adaptation and mitigation strategies in Nigeria."

In his comments, Mr. Lawan Katiellou Gaptia, the National Director of Meteorology Services of Niger, said Nigeria and Niger are twin countries, so it's easier for Niger to come to Nigeria than go anywhere else in the world.

## NEWS

## Redesigned naira: CBN to sanction erring banks as customers groan in Benin

From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka (Kaduna) & Usman A. Bello (Benin)

**A**head of the 31st January, 2023 deadline, the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has said it will sanction commercial banks who fail to dispense the new naira notes through their Automated Teller Machines (ATM).

Speaking at a sensitisation for traders at the Abubakar Mahmud Gumi Market, Barnawa and Sabon Tasha

markets in Kaduna State, the CBN Director of Capacity Development, Muhammad Abba noted that the CBN will also sanction the banks found to be hoarding the money from customers noting, "There is enough money."

He appealed to the traders to ensure that their old notes are deposited at the commercial banks before the deadline stressing that there will be no extension of the 31st January, 2023 deadline.

Chairman of the Kaduna

Market Development Association, Abdulrahman Muhammad, urged his members to deposit their old naira notes for the new ones to beat the deadline.

Meanwhile in Edo State, customers, who visited some banks' ATMs said they cannot withdraw above N30,000 with a limited amount of the redesigned naira.

Our reporter who visited some of the ATMs in Benin metropolis observed the dispensing of both the new and old notes.

Joy, a bank customer, at the Agbor road, said that her plan was to withdraw N100,000 but, unfortunately, the ATM couldn't pay her more than N30,000.

Another customer, Osahon Idemidia said: "This is the second bank I went to that was not dispensing old notes but pegged each withdrawal at N30,000. Most people who came to withdraw N40,000 and above have abandoned the ATM to join the queue in the banking hall," she said.

## NIGCOMSAT to deploy broadband at Hydropolis FTZ in Niger

By Zakariyya Adaramola

The Nigerian Communications Satellite Limited (NIGCOMSAT) has opened discussion with Hydropolis Free Trade Zone, a subsidiary of Mainstream Energy Solutions Limited, to deploy broadband services to the zone in Niger State.

The FTZ sits on over 2000 hectares of land, located at Amfani, in New Bussa Local Government Area of the state near the Kainji Hydropower plant.

A statement by NIGCOMSAT said its proposed collaboration with the FTZ is for the deployment of full broadband services for the proposed smart city.

The Managing Director, NIGCOMSAT Ltd, Engr.

Tukur Mohammed Lawal, in the statement signed by the agency's General Manager Corporate Services, Adamu Idris, said NIGCOMSAT was ready to provide the necessary services needed for the smart city.

He described the gesture as the 'Game Changer' for NIGCOMSAT Ltd.

Engr. Lawal maintained that with such a massive project, NIGCOMSAT doors are opened for discussions on areas of mutual benefits.

The Managing Director, Hydropolis Free Trade Zone, Dr. Abdulmalik Andagi, said the zone is expected to create a world class business centre that will accommodate Cargo airport, Smart City, University, Formula 1 car race track, amongst others.



■ From left: Head of Security Services, Airtel Nigeria, Oluwaseyi Adetayo; Ag. Head, Brands & Advertising Airtel Nigeria, Omobolanle Osutole; Lagos State Commissioner of Police, Sylvester Abiodun Alabi; Director, Corporate Communications & CSR, Femi Adeniran and Head, Corporate Social Responsibility, Airtel Nigeria, Chioma Okolie during the presentation of Traffic Booth to the Lagos State Police Command recently

## AfDB's project 3.1% GDP growth for Nigeria in 2023

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

The African Development Bank Group (AfDB) has projected a 3.1 per cent growth rate for Nigeria's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2023, above the 3% projection by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the 2.9% by the World Bank.

In the latest Africa Macroeconomic Performance and Outlook, the bank released at the weekend, Nigeria, which is the region's largest economy, had its growth decline to 3.0% in 2022 from 3.6% in 2021, but still above the country's population growth rate of about 2.4%.

"Real GDP growth is projected to remain tepid at

3.1 per cent in 2023 before slowly picking up to 3.3 per cent in 2024," AfDB noted.

It attributed this slow growth rate to some issues last year including a protracted decline in oil production due to technical inefficiencies arising from ageing infrastructure and theft that limited the gains from high international oil prices.

"It is also experiencing deep macroeconomic imbalances, underpinned by a costly subsidy on fuel, near 20-year high inflation, and foreign exchange shortages that drove rapid depreciation of the national currency, further eroding citizens' purchasing power.

"Uncertainty about policy continuity in the aftermath of the 2023 general elections, coupled

with rising insecurity, has dampened investor confidence, which in turn has constrained investment, further weakening the country's growth prospects," AfDB stated.

For the West African region, AfDB said growth slowed to 3.6% in 2022 from 4.4% in 2021 but projected 4.1% this year and 4.3% in 2024. Among the 16 countries in the region, only Gambia, Guinea, Niger, and Togo recorded increased accelerated growth in 2022.

The 2022 performance and 2023 outlook report also indicated that despite the challenging external environment, Africa demonstrated resilience as all but one country grew in 2022 and with outlooks stable for 2023 and 2024.

"Africa's GDP growth is

projected to average about 4 per cent in 2023 and 2024, higher than the projected world averages of 2.7% and 3.2%, respectively."

The top five performing African countries before the COVID-19 pandemic (including Nigeria and South Africa) would grow by over 5.5% and could reclaim their position among the world's top 10 fastest-growing economies in 2023-24.

Commenting on the report, President of the AfDB Group, Dr Akinwumi A. Adesina, said: "Let us stand together to build the Africa we want - a continent that continues to play pivotal roles in improving the quality of its citizens' lives and contributing to the sustainability of economies everywhere."

## Experts list stocks to watch in 2023, forecast reduction in inflation

From Abiodun Alade, Lagos

Financial experts have predicted that Nigeria's inflation rate would decline in 2023 due to the high base effect of 2022.

Inflation declined marginally for the first time in 11 months in December, hitting 21.34 per cent as against 21.47 per cent recorded in November 2022.

Head of Investment Research at Parthian Securities Limited, Oluwaseun Dosunmu, who spoke at an online investment clinic, noted that the forthcoming elections would ultimately determine the next direction of the foreign exchange (FX) market.

In addition to a credible and fair election, he listed low-interest rates, new listing/capital market reforms and strong corporate earnings as some of the factors that would drive market performance in the year.

"We are optimistic that in 2023, the equities market will continue the positive momentum driven largely by the dominance of domestic investors, better corporate earnings and lower interest rates.

"Favourable FX policies and a peaceful election would likely get foreign investors trooping into the country in 2023," he said at the January 2023 edition of the Bears & Bulls Series themed 'An Investor's Guide to Building Wealth on the Nigerian Exchange'.

He further explained that

this is the right time to buy stocks as many investors would likely return to the market after the February presidential election, thus pumping the prices of equities.

Dosunmu cautioned that on the downside, continued monetary tightening, election violence and poor earnings of listed equities could trigger a negative outcome. He projected that 2023 will experience a continuous but slower monetary tightening and bullish oil prices, adding that some of the issues that defined economic performance last year would continue in the year but with some moderation.

According to the analyst, in 2022, Airtel and Seplat led the performance of the Nigeria equities with 71.2 per cent and 69.2 per cent returns respectively, followed by BUA Foods, BUA cement, and Geregu Power which was newly listed.

He picked Airtel and Seplat again, alongside MTN, Zenith Bank, UBA, Nestle, Dangote Cement and Lafarge as stocks to watch this year with Nigerian Breweries and Total Energies also making the list.

The Chief Operating Officer of i-invest, an investment app of the Parthian Group, Tobi Olusoga, enjoined investors to consider flexibility and diversification in the management of their investment portfolios.

She explained that i-invest would help investors to achieve this in a safe, secure and convenient way.

## FCCPC approves 94 mobile lending coys

By Faruk Shuaibu

The Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (FCCPC) has approved the operations of 94 companies as digital money lenders in Nigeria.

However, only 49 of the digital lenders were

given full approval, while the remaining 45 got conditional approval.

The commission disclosed this in an update on its ongoing registration of digital money lenders in the country, an exercise targeted at tackling the menace of unlicensed loan

apps, otherwise known as loan sharks.

The commission said it came up with the Limited Interim Regulatory/Registration Framework and Guidelines for Digital Lending in collaboration with the Joint Task Force (JTF) to promote

fair, transparent and beneficial alternative lending opportunities for Nigerians.

The guidelines require digital lenders to register with the FCCPC and complete two forms (Form DLG 001 and Form DLG 002).



**REQUEST FOR QUOTATION FOR SUPPLY OF MEDICAL LABORATORY AND PWIDS CONSUMABLES FOR THE GLOBAL FUND NAHI PROJECT(READVERTISED)**  
**RFQ Reference: GF-RFQ-AHNI-02-2023**

**(a) BACKGROUND:**

With funding from the Global Fund, Family Health International (FHI360) is collaborating with Achieving Health Nigeria Initiative (AHNI) to support the government of Nigeria to enhance sustained cross-sectional integration of HIV/AIDS services by building Nigeria's capacity to deliver sustainable high quality, comprehensive, prevention, treatment, care, and related services in Nigeria.

Achieving Health Nigeria Initiative (AHNI) is inviting qualified and interested companies to submit sealed quotations for a readvertised supply of Medical Laboratory and PWIDs Consumables as listed in the provided weblink below:

**(b) REQUEST:**

Interested bidders should visit this webpage on any web browser to **access and download** the LOT in respect to this notice:

LOT1: Supply of Medical Laboratory and PWIDs Consumables for Global Fund NAHI Project (Readvertised)	<a href="https://bit.ly/3Wyo1LI">https://bit.ly/3Wyo1LI</a>
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**(c) MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT:**

No	Tender Requirement
1	Company Profile; registered address(s), official/functional emails, telephone numbers and point of contact for the company
2	Evidence of legal registration document of the company (CAC Registration, FORM CO2 and FORM CO7)
3	Latest Tax Clearance Certificate
4	Evidence of Financial Capability (most recent and signed audited account)
5	Bank Reference Letter duly signed and addressed to AHNI Procurement Committee
6	Evidence of experience in award(s) of Medical Laboratory Consumables of similar scope, complexity, and value within the last 3 years: Bidders must provide copy(ies) of Job Orders or Contract of Supplies as well as proof of delivery(ies)
7	Submission of Physical Sample(s) of all quoted product(s) of interest is a MUST
8	Financial Quotation and required Commercial Terms

**(d) EVALUATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA:**

Bidders must ensure that all requested information in (c) are included in the submission documentation. Proposals will be evaluated against the follows:

STAGES OF BID EVALUATION	EVALUATION DESCRIPTION	EVALUATION APPLICATION
1 <sup>ST</sup> STAGE	Complete Conformity to Tender Submission Requirement	PASS OR FAIL
2 <sup>ND</sup> STAGE	Conformity to Minimum Eligibility Requirement listed 1-6	PASS OR FAIL
3 <sup>RD</sup> STAGE	Products Physical Sample Presentation for Verification and Approval (This is a one-off exercise that will be conducted for those bidders that have met the requirement of Stages 1 & 2)	PASS OR FAIL
4 <sup>TH</sup> STAGE	Financial Bid Opening and Assessment of Conformity to Financial Quotation (i.e., Clear Specification, Clear unit of Measurement, Delivery Leadtime, Price and Warranty)	PASS OR FAIL
5 <sup>TH</sup> STAGE	Consideration for Award	Price Reasonableness, Acceptable Quality, Acceptable unit of Measurement, Acceptable Shelf-Life, Acceptable Delivery Timeline and Warranty

**(e) SUBMISSION PROCEDURE AND INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Technical Documentation** (Criteria 1-6) and **Financial Quotation including commercial terms** (Criteria 8) MUST be submitted in 2 separate envelopes, signed by authorized representative, properly labeled with your company name and address on one side of the envelope as well as its content on the other side of the envelope (**E.g., Envelop 1-Technical Document, envelop 2-Financial Quotation**). You are expected to submit these two (2) envelopes inside one (1) big envelope duly addressed to:  
The Procurement Committee,  
Achieving Health Nigeria Initiative (AHNI),  
Plot 512, Cadastral Zone B09(#23 Celina Anyom Crescent),  
Behind NAF Conference Centre, Kado 900108, Abuja FCT-Nigeria

**(f) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BIDDERS:**

- ✓ For clarification on any aspect of this tender, please send an email reflecting tender reference to [Abuja.Procurement@Ahnigeria.org](mailto:Abuja.Procurement@Ahnigeria.org)
- ✓ AHNI is Value Added Tax (VAT) exempted but deducts withholding tax (WHT) in compliance; with relevant Nigerian Tax Laws;
- ✓ Please note that you are expected to quote for all items listed in a particular LOT or across the five (5) LOTS to merit an award. AHNI expectation is to award all items to one successful bidder based on overall price competition except where it is practically impossible as may be determine by eventual quotations received and physical sample reviews conducted;
- ✓ **Deliveries-** Delivery location for all items after award would be (Federal Central Medical Store, Oshodi, Lagos NIGERIA);
- ✓ Do not submit your sample along with your quotation. This would be treated as a sperate exercise where email communication requesting for same shall be sent to all those that have met the requirement of technical prequalification stages (It is listed at Criteria 7);
- ✓ All proposal document submitted including prices must be valid for a period of **six (6) month** from the tender due date. This include but not limited to cost, terms, conditions, and service level agreement.
- ✓ To ensure AHNI get value for money, Bidders that meet the technical requirement will be required to submit physical sample(s) of the product proposed for physical verification/approval and shall form part of the selection process. The Date and Time for Physical Samples Presentation and Review shall be duly communicated to those concern later.

**(g) CLOSING DATE:**

Tender document must be hand delivered or couriered to the above address on or before **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 5:00pm GMT.**

**DISCLAIMER**

AHNI reserves the right to select and negotiate with those company it deems in its sole discretion to be qualified for competitive bid and to terminate negotiation without incurring any liability. Issuance of bid document does not constitute a commitment by AHNI to award a contract.



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**INFORMATION ON BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES (EXPRESSION OF INTEREST)**

16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

WaSH and GBV Projects implemented by NCA in Nigeria.

Norwegian Church Aid, Nigeria, invites qualified suppliers of one or several of the following goods and services to respond to this advertisement. Suppliers who have responded to this advertisement and provided the required information may be invited to participate in the procurement procedure for the relevant categories/ lot(s).

Goods, works and services needed:

- Supply of Fuel (PMS, AGO)
- Supply of Refreshment (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner & Hall Rental)
- Supply of Stationary
- Supply of Visibility
- Provision of Printing (Poster, Banner & T-Shirt)
- Provision of Office Maintenance/ Repairs
  - Lot 1: Plumbing
  - Lot 2: Electrical
  - Lot 3: Carpentry
- Provision of Water Trucking Services
- Provision of Latrine desludging Services
- Provision of Waste (refuse) disposal
- Supply of Cleaning items/ consumables
- Provision of Generator maintenance spare parts/ repairs
- Provision of Vehicle maintenance/ repairs
- Supply of Furniture
- Supply and servicing of Fire extinguishers/ First Aid Kit (FAK)
- Water point Reticulation
- Water point rehabilitation
- Borehole rehabilitation
- Latrine construction
- Latrine rehabilitation
- Supply of Hygiene Kits
- Supply of Dignity Kits
- Mama Kit
- Clean Delivery Kit
- Supply of MHM Kits
- Supply of Skill Acquisition Items
  - Lot 1: Tailoring & Sewing Material Equipment
  - Lot 2: Soap Making Production Materials
- Supply of Pharmaceutical Medicines
- Reproductive Health Supplies
- Family Planning Commodities
- RAPE Kit 3
- Provision of Radio Jingles
- Provision of security services
- Provision of internet and IT related services
- Provision of Car/ Vehicle Hire
  - Lot 1: Maiduguri
  - Lot 2: Field Locations (LGA) within Borno
- Supply and refill of cooking gas cylinders and accessories

The interested supplier shall provide the following information to the Contracting Authority using the contact email details below:

- Indicate which works, supplies or service you are interested in providing by provide the following information:
  - the company's name and contact details.
  - contact person and director's name (as registered on CAC);
  - brief description of the company's background and main line of work; company profile.
  - at least 1 year experience with this kind of works/supply/service (attach evidence of similar experience).

This is purely information on business opportunities and does not constitute a commitment to purchase or any other form of contractual commitment with the Contracting Authority.

Any subsequent contract will be subject to the Norwegian Church Aid, NCA General Terms and Conditions for contracts and the Code of Conduct for Contractors, available at the following link below.

<https://www.kirkensnodhjelp.no/en/about-nca/for-contractors/> (Printed versions are available on request)

Information should be provided to the email address below on or before 16:00 hrs 06<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

[procurement.ng@nca.no](mailto:procurement.ng@nca.no)

## HEALTH

## 'Fully vaccinating children key to preventing diphtheria'

Dr. Faisal Shuaib is the Executive Director of the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA). In this interview, he speaks on the recent outbreak of diphtheria in Kano, Yobe and other states, what the agency is doing about it, and why it is important for parents and caregivers to fully vaccinate children under one year with pentavalent vaccines and other childhood vaccines, among others.

By Ojoma Akor

**What is diphtheria?**  
Diphtheria is an acute febrile contagious disease caused by strains of bacteria called corynebacterium diphtheriae that produces a toxin causing inflammation of the heart and nervous system.

It is typically marked by the formation of a false membrane, especially in the throat, that hinders breathing and swallowing, and potentially fatal heart and nerve damage due to the bacterial toxins in the blood. It is the toxins that cause people to get very sick.

The diphtheria bacteria are spread from person to person, usually through respiratory droplets, like from coughing or sneezing.

People can also get sick from touching infected open sores or ulcers.

Those at increased risk of getting sick include: people in the same household; people with a history of frequent, close contact with the patient; and people directly exposed to secretions from the suspected infection site (e.g., mouth, skin) of the patient.

It is now rare in developed countries because of immunization.

**What are the signs and symptoms?**

The symptoms of diphtheria depend on the body part that is affected. Diphtheria can infect the respiratory tract and skin. People exposed to diphtheria usually start having symptoms in 2-5 days if they get sick.

The bacteria most commonly infect the respiratory system. Common symptoms associated with respiratory symptoms include: weakness, sore throat, mild fever and swollen glands in the neck.

The bacteria make a toxin that kills healthy tissues in the respiratory system. Within two to three days, the dead tissue forms a thick, gray coating that can build up in the throat or nose called



■ Dr Faisal Shuaib

"pseudomembrane."

It can cover tissues in the nose, tonsils, voice box, and throat, making it very hard to breathe and swallow.

Respiratory diphtheria can lead to death. Even with treatment, about 1 in 10 patients with respiratory diphtheria die.

Without treatment, up to half of patients can die from the disease. People with diphtheria are usually no longer able to infect others 48 hours after they begin taking antibiotics.

If the toxin gets into the bloodstream, it can cause heart, nerve, and kidney damage. If respiratory tract infection is suspected, the patient would have

to be immediately treated with antibiotics.

The bacteria can also infect the skin, causing open sores or ulcers. However, diphtheria skin infections rarely result in severe disease.

**Is it a vaccine-preventable disease, and what is your advice to parents on vaccinating their children against diphtheria?**

Yes, diphtheria is a vaccine-preventable disease. Keeping up to date with recommended vaccines is the best protection against diphtheria. In Nigeria, pentavalent vaccine is being used to prevent diphtheria.

The pentavalent vaccine prevents children from the five

childhood vaccine-preventable diseases, namely; diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), haemophilus influenzae type B and hepatitis B infection.

It is also recommended that close contacts (household members or people closely managing the patients) of someone with diphtheria should receive antibiotics as prophylaxis to prevent them from getting sick.

Close contacts of someone with diphtheria should be monitored for possible illness for seven to 10 days from the time they were last exposed; tested for diphtheria with a sample collected from the nose and throat; and given a diphtheria booster shot if they are

not up to date with their vaccines.

Responsible health teams are also to investigate each case of diphtheria to identify all close contacts and make sure they receive the right preventive measures.

**What is your take, and advice on the outbreak in Kano, and other states?**

The outbreak is a clear indicator of poor immunization performance in the affected areas in the state.

The agency is collaborating with the Kano State and affected local government area teams, as well as all other stakeholders involved in immunization service delivery to improve the routine immunization performance in the state.

Parents and all caregivers in Kano State and every other part of the country are also kindly advised to ensure that all children under one year that are under their care are fully vaccinated with pentavalent vaccines and all other available childhood vaccines, namely; bacille Calmette-Guérin (BCG), Rota virus vaccine, polio vaccine, Inactivated polio vaccines, (IPV), measles vaccine, yellow fever vaccine and meningitis vaccine.

**What is NPHCDA doing about the outbreak?**

The agency is working with the Kano State team and other stakeholders to address the ongoing diphtheria outbreak in the state.

Also, case investigation, vaccination in the affected areas and treatment of cases are ongoing.

Plan for a mass vaccination campaign in the identified population at risk in the state with pentavalent vaccine and other routine immunization antigens is also ongoing.

The agency is also providing technical support to the state to address the ongoing outbreak. There is also ongoing awareness creation and sensitization of the public to take their eligible children for the ongoing vaccination in the state.

## Council warns medical lab scientists on redeployment without completing internship

From Mumini Abdulkareem, Ilorin

The Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria (MLSCN) has warned graduating students to desist from seeking their NYSC deployment without completing their internship.

The registrar of the council, Dr Tosan Erhabor, gave the

warning during the induction ceremony for 10 pioneer medical laboratory scientists who graduated from Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin.

"Let me warn you against seeking the NYSC deployment without first completing your internship programme or having a full scholarship license.

"Some of your predecessors

who ignored this warning and proceeded to camp ended up embarrassing themselves.

"From the mistake of the foolish, the wise learn their lessons. So learn accordingly," he cautioned.

While congratulating the university for graduating its first set of students, Dr Erhabor said the strides made would boost

the profile of the programme.

Represented by Prof. Olayanju Dickson, he advocated for the training of more personnel in the health sector to meet the needs of the nation.

In his address, the vice-chancellor of the institution, Prof. Noah Yusuf, said the induction ceremony was

an important event and contribution to the country's medical sector.

He charged the newly qualified medical laboratory scientists to make the university proud wherever they may be by avoiding quackery and sharp practices and to take their oath as binding them to professional conduct.

# Women should get up to SEVEN ultrasounds in pregnancy, experts say

**P**regnant women should be offered more than two ultrasounds during pregnancy, experts say.

Currently, mothers-to-be are only routinely offered scans on the NHS twice — once at around the 12-week mark and another after about 20.

But women should actually get up to seven, sonographers claim.

They said it would potentially avoid unnecessary trauma and the need for emergency C-sections.

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists states that extra ultrasound scans are not usually required.

Some midwives are against having unnecessary serial scans because they could just make parents stressed.

More scans could mean complications are spotted early — including birth defects, abnormalities and the position of the baby before birth, Ms Richardson argues.

Under the NHS protocol, only women in high-risk pregnancies, such as those with diabetes or high blood pressure, are offered more than two scans to check if their baby is growing properly.

But this only happens sometimes.

Women requiring extra scans can pay privately for them, with clinics charging up to £2,200 for a package that includes five scans and several midwife consultations.

The first ultrasound mothers-to-be are offered on the NHS, usually between 11 and 14 weeks, is called the dating scan. It helps doctors work out baby's rough due date by measuring the size of the baby.

At the same time, women may also get a nuchal translucency scan — which tests for conditions such as Down's syndrome. This is done by measuring the fluid at the back of the baby's neck, as more fluid here can signal a higher risk of abnormalities.

The second scan, sometimes called the 'mid-pregnancy scan', is carried out between 18 and 21 weeks. It checks the baby's physical development and can identify whether it is a boy or girl.

The sonographer will check baby's bones, heart, brain, spinal cord, face, kidneys and abdomen.

They will also look for signs of 11 rare conditions, including cleft lip and spina bifida.

Ms Richardson believes pregnant women should get an earlier scan, after just seven weeks.

However, at this early, some women still have no idea they are pregnant.

At a 7-week scan, the sonographer will be able to spot twins or triplets slightly earlier and check for the baby's heartbeat.

This earlier scan is especially helpful to women experiencing pain, bleeding or who have had a miscarriage or ectopic pregnancy in the past. The scan can help put their mind at ease and find any problems early on, she claims.

Ms Richardson argues it could be 'less traumatic' for parents because they can find out sooner in the pregnancy if the baby is unwell.

The sonographer also recommends women get up to six other scans.

Between 14-24 weeks, at Ms Richardson's private clinic, you can get a 'reassurance scan' that offers 'peace of mind'. At this you can see the baby's heartbeat and first movements.

A cervical scan between 17 and 21 weeks is used to determine if you are at risk of premature or early delivery.

A sexing scan at 17-23 weeks will show the gender of your baby and measurements will be taken to check the baby's growth and development.

Between 20-24 weeks an 'anomaly scan' checks the development of your baby. The sonographer assesses the size of the brain, face, lips, heart, spine, stomach, kidneys, bowel and limbs, checking for signs of cleft lip and spina bifida.

But this is also offered to everyone on the NHS at 20 weeks.

A 3D or 4D scan is offered to pregnant women between 26 and 31 weeks at Ms Richardson's clinic. At this appointment you can pay to get a video of your baby, and see their heartbeat and movements.

## THE SEVEN SCANS YOU CAN GET DURING PREGNANCY



Finally, between 24 and 40 weeks a 'growth scan' is offered to check on the position of the baby.

Ms Richardson says the optimum time for many women to get this is at 36 weeks. But it could set you back more than £180.

Despite the extra cost pregnant women would have to fork out, there is no known risk associated with having ultrasounds.

The sound waves used in the scans are not like some other scans, such as CT scans, as they do not involve exposure to radiation.

A scan at 36 weeks may sound a bit late, but Ms Richardson thinks mums should get it.

This final scan can show if the baby is in the right position ready for birth and not in breech (lying bottom down), which can avoid a whole myriad of problems during labour, including an emergency C-section.

She said: "If someone said to me, I've got money to have one extra ultrasound scan, I would say have the 36-week scan, because then you have had 12 and 20-week scans on the NHS and the 36-week scan and we know that baby is not too big, not too small and all ready for the exit."

However, a midwife can check if a baby is in breech without a scan and simply by feeling the abdomen.

Although at least two scans are offered to everyone, the NHS

does not force you to attend the appointments and you will still be offered antenatal care.

This includes health checks, advice on healthy eating and options for care during labour and birth.

Professor Asma Khalil, consultant obstetrician and vice president of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, said: "If the pregnancy is uncomplicated, additional antenatal scans are not usually required."

"Additional ultrasounds may be offered where there is a medical need to continue to monitor foetal growth and wellbeing."

Professor Khalil warned that although some private clinics offer more scans, not all of these scans will pick up on problems and may just produce an image of the baby.

She added: "Some women may choose to have additional private scans for extra reassurance, for example, those who have previously had a miscarriage."

"While some private scanning companies can offer a full diagnostic check, others are not able to provide this service and may not pick up on problems with the woman or their baby."

"Therefore, it is important that private companies ensure women fully understand what type of scan the sonographer is doing."

Tina Prendeville, midwife with pregnancy charity Tommy's, is against having too many unnecessary scans.

She said: "It is understandable that some parents may be particularly anxious about checking on their baby's development, particularly when they have experienced loss, and some parents may choose to do this privately for reassurance."

"Although a scan may give reassurance at that moment, having serial scans may cause unnecessary stress for some, and it is important to discuss these feelings and emotions with your midwife or doctor so that they can support you."

According to NICE, which provides evidence-based medical recommendations to the NHS, pregnant women are given an abdominal exam at 36 weeks to identify possible breech presentation, but not an ultrasound.

If necessary, and breech presentation is suspected, an ultrasound is then used for further checks and to determine the presentation.

However, there have been proposals to start using an ultrasound device at routine antenatal appointments to check the positioning of the baby, but evidence this is beneficial is currently limited.

- Mail Online

## RMRDC develops herbal compositions for diabetes, blood pressure, others

By Hussein Yahaya

The federal government says it is compiling a list of over 150 medicinal plants growing in Nigeria in order to extract their active ingredients for herbal compositions.

The Director General of the Raw Material Research and Development Council (RMRDC), Professor Hussaini H. Ibrahim, made this known in a document on herbal compositions the council has developed in collaboration with relevant stakeholders.

He said the council, in collaboration with GreenLeaf

Herbal Product, developed Gasca D from natural plants to treat patients with diabetes mellitus.

The invention, he said, helps to control the blood sugar level, provides herbal health protection and serves as a supplement to manage the general health of people living with diabetes. He said the product has been duly registered with NAFDAC.

Ibrahim also said the council, in collaboration with Greenleaf Herbal Product, has developed Gasca N, a medicinal herbal composition for stress and blood pressure control.

The herbal compositions, he

said, are developed from the fruit pulp of Hyphaena thebaica (Duom palm) and powdered Gum Acacia, adding that the formulation has been registered by NAFDAC after necessary test.

"Extensive research and development have also led to the development of Phytoherb 5-VIT which is a medicinal herbal composition for boosting immunity. Phytoherb 5-VIT is developed from Tamarindus indica, Balanites aegyptiaca, Adansonia digitata, Ziziphus jujube, Hyphaena thebaica extracts.

The formulations are non-toxic and easy to digest. It has health

protective and immune boosting potential. After necessary tests and procedures, NAFDAC has registered the product," he said.

The DG said the council also developed hytoherb phytobiotic which is a medicament for treating bacterial infection.

"Phytoherb phytobiotic is a stable herbal composition developed by Greenleaf Herbal Product in collaboration with the RMRDC. It is useful for the treatment of bacterial infections, and other conditions requiring therapeutic intervention and it has also been registered by NAFDAC," he said.

He assured that if this

momentum is sustained, it is expected that in no distant future, Nigeria will join the league of herbal medicines producers and exporters across the globe, thereby creating avenues for foreign exchange earnings, job creation and poverty alleviation.

It would be recalled that in view of the increasing trend in herbal medicine intake, the World Health Organisation (WHO), evolved guidelines to support the member states in their efforts to formulate national policies on traditional medicine and to study their potential usefulness including evaluation, safety and efficacy.

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I wholeheartedly welcome the Jarman Sokoto on behalf of our National Chairman, Dr. Abdullahi Adamu, the NWC leadership, our Presidential candidate Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu and his running-

mate Alhaji Kashim Shettima. I welcome the Jarman Sokoto along with his ardent political godson, Alhaji Abdulkadir Dan'lya a stalwart, strategist and serving Treasurer of the PDP; serving commissioners and Special Advisers into the APC family; and I wish to assure them that we shall together work for the victory of our great party in the forthcoming general elections. I wish to also state, for the records, as follows:-

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is a great statesman, a mentor, a guardian, the lord of Sokoto politics and one of the ultimate deciding factor in any election in the State.

2. Umarun Kwabo's return to the APC is a return home for a formidable gladiator of Northern politics who has been commanding political loyalty massively for decades. His joining our great party is therefore End of Discussion.

3. This is indeed an indication

that the APC's prospects in the forthcoming general elections is very high.

4. It is also cheering news that the APC has made inroads in attracting PDP members at the level of executives at State, Local Government and Ward levels.

5. I pray we get to the desired electoral destination, as our party's rank is continuously swelled by gladiators.



Signed  
His Excellency, Senator Aliyu M. Wamakko  
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# 2023 polls: Lawyers discuss Electoral Act's electoral violence provision

By John C. Azu & Adelanwa Bamgboye, Lagos

**W**ith few days to the 2023 general elections, lawyers are evaluating the provisions of the Electoral Act, 2022, about concerns of violence and insecurity marring the process.

The Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Prof Mahmood Yakubu, last year expressed concerns that insecurity may hamper elections in some parts of the country.

Yakubu said the insecurity in the country was concerning, noting that the security challenge which was hitherto restricted to the North-East region has now spread to other parts of the country.

The Electoral Act, 2022, as amended, has several provisions against electoral violence, especially under sections 125 and 128 with punishment of acts of disorderly conduct, incitement or threats and infliction of injury, abduction duress, etc at polling centres, ranging from 12 months imprisonment or a fine of N500,000 or both to three years imprisonment or a fine of N1 million or both.

However, lawyers are weighing on the applicability of the provisions of Section 24 of the Electoral Act, 2022, as amended, which focuses on preventive measures to electoral violence, especially of serious nature as to force a postponement of the election.

Such a postponement could provide the electoral umpire the room to arrange proper security arrangement for voting to hold in the affected areas.

## Provisions of Section 24

Section 24(2) holds that “where a date has been appointed for the holding of election and there is reason to believe that a serious breach of the peace is likely to occur if the election is proceeded with on that date or it is impossible to conduct the elections as a result of natural disasters or other emergencies, the Commission may postpone;

Sub-section 3 “where an election has commenced and there is reason to believe that there is or has been substantial disruption of election in a polling unit or constituency or it is impossible to continue with the election occasioned by threats to peace and security of electoral officials and materials, the Commission shall suspend the election and appoint another date for the continuation of the election or the process;

Sub-section (4) reads that “where the Commission appoints a substituted date in accordance with subsections (2) and (3), there shall be no return for the election until polling has taken place in the area or areas affected.”

Sub-section (5) “notwithstanding subsection (3), the Commission may, if satisfied that the result of the election will not be affected by voting in the area or areas in respect of which substituted dates have been appointed, direct that a return of the election be made.”

## Electoral Act has guaranteed elections

Nnamdi Ahaibe Esq said the provision implies that elections would hold in most parts of the country and that anybody eager to exercise their mandate, would not be able to do so.

“I don't see the insecurity would affect anything; the impact, for instance in the South East, would be minimal because security operatives of all kinds usually take charge during elections,” he said.

Similarly, E.M.D. Umukoro Esq said Section 24(1) to (6), like any other provisions of the law, “is intended to cure a mischief or take care of an identified problem,” adding that it could, however, create a legal landmine waiting to be detonated by any disgruntled contestant.

He said, “Therefore, it is in the interest of all parties (security agents, voters, politicians and the commission) to ensure there is no untoward breach of the peace.

“The only solution will be the judiciary whose decision as to what amount to a



■ Justice Olukayode Ariwoola

breach of the peace must be given the strictest interpretation to favour the advancement of the process than to allow the scuttling of the process by some unpatriotic politician.”

## INEC retains the discretion to postpone polls

However, Barrister Abubakar Sanni believes the provision for the postponement of the election rests on INEC's discretion.

He said, “INEC has the sole discretion of postponing/rescheduling an election based on its assessment of the risk in terms of security or any emergency.

“It is inappropriate to force the Commission's hand or dictate to it to make that judgment.

“Such calls negate or undermine its independence which is constitutionally



■ Prof Mahmood Yakubu, INEC chairman

guaranteed.”

Hamid Ajibola Jimoh Esq said the provisions cited in the law are subject to the provisions of Section 24(5) and (6) which brings the discretion of INEC into it in terms of determining at what point to call the result.

“In all INEC has a great role to play in this election regardless of areas where the election did not hold,” he said.

“If the insecurity-affected areas are in the minority, it may not have any consequence on the final result of the election as the results in most parts of the country would be enough to declare the winner.”

Jimoh added that sub-section 6 provides for a legal challenge if the winner is not satisfied with the discretion exercised by INEC under Section 24(5) of the Electoral Act.

## Buhari names new senior officials for Ministry of Justice

By John Chuks Azu

President Muhammadu Buhari has approved the renewal of tenure for two director generals in agencies under the ministry and a new secretary for the Administration of Justice Monitoring Committee (AJMC).

A statement by the Director of Press and Public Relations of the ministry, over the weekend, named the directors whose tenures were renewed to include the DG of the Legal Aid Council of Nigeria, and the DG of the Nigeria Copyright Commission respectively.

Abubakar and Asein's

appointment letters of 12th January 2023 were for second and final tenures under Section 3 (1) and (2) of the Legal Aid Act, CAP. I9 and Section 36 (1) and (2) of the Nigerian Copyright Commission Act, CAP C28 respectively.

Similarly, the president also approved the appointment of Abiodun Ayodeji Aikom as the new Secretary of the ACJMC for an initial period of four years in line with Section 471 (2) of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA) 2015 vide letter Ref: PRES/97/HAGF/173.

Meanwhile, in a congratulatory message, the Solicitor General of the Federation and

Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Justice (SGF/PS), Mrs. B.E. Jedy-Agba stated that the renewal of appointments of the two DGs took effect from 12th January and that their emoluments and other conditions of service were provided under the Certain Political Office Holders (Salaries and Allowances, etc) (Amendment) Act 2008.

Jedy-Agba further stated that the renewal of the appointment of the officials was predicated on the laudable achievements recorded by the various agencies during their first tenures, and urged them to use their second tenures to consolidate and move the agencies to the next level.

## How EFCC's case prolonged Ekweremadu's UK detention

John Chuks Azu

The application by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) before a Federal High Court in Abuja seeking the forfeiture of 40 properties allegedly linked to former Deputy Senate President, Ike Ekweremadu contributed to his continued detention.

Justice Ekwo said: “It is not hard to reason that the essence of the application for interim forfeiture by the Respondent (EFCC) is to give credence to the letter of 18th July 2022 to the Crown Prosecution Service and to give them a further

reason for continued custody of Senator Ike Ekweremadu in the United Kingdom.

“The facts of this case present a heart-rending scenario and prompt me to say this- no Nigerian should be made to go through this kind of travail whether at home or abroad.

“Another evidence of bad faith is that the Respondent (EFCC) represented in this case that is a matter of interim forfeiture order against the assets in various locations belonging to Senator Ike Ekweremadu, Power Properties Limited, Ikeoha Foundation, and Beatrice N.

Ekweremadu.

“By this application, the Court was made to see all the properties mentioned in the ex-parte application as belonging to Senator Ike Ekweremadu, Power Properties Limited, Ikeoha Foundation, and Beatrice Ekweremadu.”

Ekweremadu has been detained on the orders of the Uxbridge Magistrate Court in the UK on the allegations of trafficking one David Ukpo to harvest his kidney for his daughters' much-needed transplant.

The spokesman of the EFCC, Wilson Uwujaren did not respond to calls and messages seeking a reaction.

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# 662 killed, 2.4m displaced by flood in 2022 – NEMA DG

By Maureen Onochie

The Director General, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Mustapha Habib Ahmed, has said 662 people lost their lives to flood in 2022 while 2,430,445 were displaced.

He said another 3,174 people suffered various degrees of injuries during the flood disaster.

Ahmed spoke yesterday in Abuja at the opening ceremony of a one-week strategic executive seminar for staff of the agency and wider Nigerian

emergency management by the Bournemouth University Disaster Management Centre (BUDMC).

The DG said thousands of houses, hectares of farmlands and several critical national assets were also destroyed by the raging floods, noting that the agency, alongside the state governments and other partners, was working towards the long-term recovery of impacted communities across the nation.

He said the agency brought in experts with years of experience working both in the United

Kingdom and overseas to support governments and multi-national organisations with disaster and crisis preparedness, response and recovery for the seminar.

Ahmed also stated that there were likely possibilities of flooding this year but was not certain how severe it would be.

“After this training and the release of the Seasonal Climate Prediction by NiMet and the flood outlook by NIHSA and we do the risk mapping, we will write to the governors. We will identify areas and show them the areas

that will be affected,” he said.

Ahmed emphasised on synergy with state governments to effectively tackle flooding and its effect.

“I believe all the 36 states must take this course; they should replicate it to the local emergency management committee that they will set up.

“We have to prepare in time. We are planning early so that we get ready early,” he added.

On his part, the Director, Human Resource Management (NEMA), Mr Musa Zakari, noted that rapid changes in

climate resulted in an increase in the frequency of natural disasters across the nation.

He said the agency might need to re-examine some fundamentally new and profoundly more efficient approaches to disaster management.

Speaking at the event, the expert from BUDMC, Mr Richard Gordon, said there must be a Nigerian way of solving Nigerian disaster issues.

He said participants would be trained on various ways to manage disasters better.

## 2023: NFIU, ICPC, CODE to clamp down on vote buyers

By Abbas Jimoh

The Connected Development (CODE) in collaboration with the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) and the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU) has vowed to clamp down on vote buyers during the 2023 general elections.

The Chief Executive of CODE, Malam Hamza Lawal, said this Monday in Abuja at a press conference to launch the ‘Vote4GirlsEducation’ campaign, in line with the Girl-child Education Project of CODE and the Malala girl-child education campaign of Malala Fund.

He said that CODE was also finalising talks with the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) on the same issue and would be deploying over 20,000 citizen observers across various polling units (PUs) in the country.

Lawal said the organisation also intended to secure a commitment from front running presidential aspirants on education, especially girl-child education.

“We are hoping on working with the anti-corruption agencies such as the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) and the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU) to clamp down on people who want to make our election a transaction.

“We have a solid partnership with the ICPC, and there is an ongoing conversation with EFCC. Hopefully, we would be able to finalise it and we are also working with NFIU, knowing that CODE is deploying over 20,000 citizen observers across various PUs in the country.”



■ Chief of the Naval Staff Vice Admiral Awwal Zubairu Gambo (left) and Managing Director Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) Mohammed Bello Koko, during the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Nigerian Navy and Nigerian Ports Authority at Naval Headquarters in Abuja Friday

Photo: DINFO

## NAFDAC destroys N95bn worth of tramadol, others in Benin Republic

By Ojoma Akor

The National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) in collaboration with the Government of Benin Republic has destroyed five container loads of tramadol and other pharmaceuticals with an estimated street value worth N95 billion.

The Director General of the agency, Prof. Mojisola Adeyeye, disclosed this yesterday while briefing newsmen in Abuja.

She listed the contraband as tamral 225 mg tablets, tamral 250 mg tablets, tramadol 120 mg capsules, tramadol 225mg tabs, and reality extra Diclofenac tablets 50 mg.

She said a team of NAFDAC officers travelled to Cotonou in Benin Republic where the destruction exercise of the five containers took place.

“This international landmark achievement (that had never been recorded in the history of the two countries and NAFDAC) did not come without the unflinching efforts of the staff of Ports Inspection Directorate in Apapa and Seme Border,” she said.

She explained that the journey towards the destruction of the containers commenced with the intelligence report from the presidency in 2018 that some unscrupulous importers intended to ship 31 containers of unregistered

pharmaceutical products including tramadol 200mg and above from India.

Adeyeye said the containers were labelled building materials and for bonded terminals. She said 21 containers were discharged at the Apapa port in Lagos, Nigeria with only two containing building materials. Five of the containers were later diverted to the Republic of Benin.

She thanked the Government of the Republic of Benin, the Nigerian Embassy in the country, the Nigeria Customs Service, and the Ghana Food and Drug Agency for supporting the agency in the fight against the misuse and abuse of drugs.

## NPC begins training of 786,741 workers for census

By Faruk Shuaibu

The National Population Commission (NPC) has said 786,741 workers would be trained and deployed for the 2023 Census.

In a statement yesterday, NPC’s Director of Public Affairs, Isiaka Yahaya, stated that this would consist of 623,797 enumerators, 125,944 supervisors, 24,001 data quality assistants, 12,000 field coordinators, 1,000 data quality managers, 1639 centre administrators, and 59,000 LGA level facilitators.

“In preparation for the conduct of the 2023 Population and Housing Census scheduled to begin from 29th March to 2nd April 2023, the National Population Commission has commenced the training of functionaries for the exercise in all states of the federation and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) from Monday, 23rd January 2023.

“The training which is being organized in stages started with the training of Census Specialized Workforce (CSW) and facilitators who will in turn

train enumerators, supervisors, field coordinators, data quality assistants and data quality managers. The training includes self-learning study, online training with monitored simulated hands-on and in-person classroom and hands-on training.”

Yahaya stated that the functionaries were to be trained on census forms, census applications, data capturing processes, interpersonal communication, and basic troubleshooting of Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI).

## 2023 elections: DSS boss tasks personnel on professionalism

The Department of State Security (DSS) has tasked its personnel to be professional and neutral in the discharge of their duties before, during and after the general elections.

A statement by Dr Peter Afunanya, the Public Relations Officer of the DSS, said the Director-General of the Service, Alhaji Yusuf Bichi, made the call on Monday in Abuja.

He said Bichi spoke at the opening of a capacity building seminar on Public Relations organised by the service for mid-level officers drawn from State Commands.

Afunanya said the seminar was part of related training and courses outlined for personnel of the service ahead of the general elections.

He said resource persons for the seminar were drawn from the media, public relations practice, and academia.

The DSS spokesman said participants at the seminar pledged to work in collaboration with sister agencies, Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and all relevant stakeholders to ensure peaceful elections across the country.

Afunanya said the service had between January 18 and 21, held a four-day strategic workshop for state directors of security and heads of institutions.

He stated that the Chairman of INEC, Prof. Mahmood Yakubu, assured the service of the commission’s determination to deliver free, fair and credible elections.

“Also, the commission, through its Director Legal, Mrs Oluwatoyin Babalola, educated participants on the Electoral Act 2022 and its implications for security agencies.

“The Service reviewed the security situation in the country and assured INEC of its support in line with the president’s pronouncement to the world to bequeath a free and fair election,” he said. (NAN)

# Court orders SSS, AGF to arraign Tukur Mamu

From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka, Kaduna

**A** Kaduna High Court sitting in Kaduna yesterday directed the State Security Service (SSS) and the Attorney General of the Federation (AGF) to immediately arraign and charge the publisher of Desert Heart Newspaper, Tukur Mamu and five others before a court of competent jurisdiction for any offences as disclosed from their investigation.

The ruling, which came four months after his arrest was contained in a certified true copy with suit number KMD/KAD/1442/20222 made available to journalists in Kaduna.

The applicants were Tukur Mamu, Faizal Tukur Mamu, Ibrahim Hussain Tinja, Abdullahi Mashi, Mubarak Hussain Tinja and Yahaya Bello, while the respondents included the State Security Service (SSS) and Attorney General of the Federation respectively.

In his ruling, Justice E. Andow said, "This is a motion on notice dated 15/12/2022 wherein the applicants prayed this court as follows: An order enforcing the applicants fundamental human rights as guaranteed, enshrined and protected by section 34, 35, 36 & 41 of the constitution of the Federal Republic 1999, order 2 of fundamental human rights (enforcement procedure) rules 2009 and Articles 3,

5 & 6 of African charter on Human and people's right for same being breached or likely to be breached by the Respondent, their agents privies and assigns.

"An order of this honourable court directing the respondents to immediately arraign and change the applicants before a court of competent jurisdiction for any offence (s) as disclosed from their investigation (if any).

"Alternatively, an order directing the respondents to admit the applicants on bail pending the conclusion of their investigation and for such further or other orders as this honourable court may deem fit to make in the circumference of this case."

Learned counsel of the

applicant, Barrister M. S. Katu (SAN) said section 34 of the 1999 constitution stipulated that any person arrested on reasonable suspicion of the commission of a criminal offence should be charged before a court of competent jurisdiction within a reasonable time, "I therefore hold the view that the applicant deserved to be charged to court with immediate effect, if the respondents have anything against him."

Mamu was arrested by security operatives in Cairo, Egypt sometime in September, 2022 for his alleged involvement in collecting ransom and taking the same to terrorists in exchange for kidnapped victims.

## Ohinoyi, Bello's face-off: Ebir association sues for peace

From Tijani Labaran, Lokoja

Worried by some recent developments, the Ebir People's Association (EPA) has urged various interest groups involved in the issue between Ohinoyi of Ebiraland, Dr Ado Ibrahim and Governor Yahaya Bello of Kogi State to sheathe their swords and allow peace to reign in Ebiraland.

This was part of the resolutions of the apex cultural group at a meeting, which took place at Inike Townhall, Okene, at the weekend.

The meeting was attended by Ebir area traditional council, title holders, senior academics, youth congress and others.

A communiqué issued at the end of the meeting and signed by EPA National President, Dr. Godwin Oyibo and Secretary General, Baba Razak, cautioned that all forms of unguarded comments, analysis and write-ups in public space on the matter should cease henceforth.

The group appealed to Governor Bello to take practical steps to douse the tension generated, while urging the royal majesty to remain a father figure.

The group enjoined EPA leadership to draw up a team of Ebir eminent personalities to interface with the governor and the Ohinoyi on key matters of critical interest in Ebir nation.

## Ortom urges ASUU to shelve planned strike

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

Governor Samuel Ortom has appealed to industrial unions, especially the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) at the Benue State University, Makurdi to shelve planned industrial action.

Ortom stressed the need for them to always explore other ways of resolving issues with the management of the university and the state government rather than embarking on strikes.

He made the appeal yesterday during a thanksgiving mass in his

honour held at the BSU Good Shepherd Catholic Chaplaincy, Makurdi.

The governor reaffirmed the commitment of his administration to continue placing the university on first line charge, stressing that "the education of the Benue child must not be treated with levity."

Ortom said he was properly briefed on outstanding issues with the industrial unions at the university and the state government will continue to show sincere commitment to resolving all the issues for the growth of the institution.



■ From left: Program Coordinator, Stakeholders Forum on Regulations, Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA), Mr Charles Nwachukwu; Executive Director, Economic Regulations and Strategic Planning, NMDPRA, Dr Zainab Gobir; Executive Director, Distribution Systems, Storage and Retailing Infrastructure, NMDPRA, Mr Ogbu Uko; Secretary and Legal Adviser, NMDPRA, Dr Joseph Tolorunse; and the Chairman, Regulations Drafting Committee, NMDPRA, Mr Joseph Musa, during the NMDPRA's Stakeholders Consultation Forum on Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulations, in Abuja on Monday

Photo: NAN

## Derailment: NRC suspects vandalism as repair work on Warri-Itakpe train tracks begins

From Abdulateef Aliyu, Lagos

The Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) engineers have commenced the repair of the damaged portion of the Warri-Itakpe Train Service which derailed on Sunday.

The corporation is suspecting vandalism of the tracks as the cause of the derailment as investigation into the incident has commenced.

*Daily Trust* reports that the train had derailed in the forest of Kogi leaving the passengers stranded.

However, 148 passengers

and 30 crew members were evacuated unhurt.

Speaking with *Daily Trust* yesterday, the coordinator of Warri-Itakpe Train Service, Engr. Sanni Abdulganiyu said vandalism was being suspected as the cause of the strike but said investigation was ongoing to ascertain the immediate and remote cause of the incident.

He, however, said the repair works, which had commenced, would end within a week.

"The truth of the matter is it was suspected that the track was tampered with but investigation is

still on. I cannot preempt what will come out of the investigation.

"We have commenced the repair work and we are hoping that it will be done in a week."

*Daily Trust* reports that the NRC has consistently expressed concerns over persistent vandalism of railway infrastructures.

The Lagos-Ibadan Train Service has also recorded several cases of vandalism, which has stalled train movements on several occasions.

A source in NRC told our correspondent that the vandalism of railway

infrastructure is on the increase.

"Our tracks are being tampered with. We have instances where bolts and knots were removed and, in some places, a whole track was removed. It takes the expertise of our staff to detect this problem and they would slow down to prevent the train from derailling," the source said.

The NRC Managing Director, Engr. Fidat Okhiria had said the corporation would install sensors on some on the tracks across the railway corridors to guide against vandalism.

## Sacked Osun teachers beg Adeleke

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

The newly recruited 1,500 teachers by the Osun State government have begged the new governor, Senator Ademola Adeleke to retain them.

The teachers were recruited by the administration of former Governor Adegboyega Oyetola to augment the number of teachers in public schools in the state.

But the new governor faulted the process of the employment of the new teachers and sacked them.

Speaking with *Daily*

*Trust* in Osogbo on Monday, some of the sacked teachers, Olalekan Adewole, Adetoyi Taye Esther, Aremu Alaba Olaitan, Esther Kuforiji and Shakirat Awodiran Rotitmi said their recruitment followed due process and begged Adeleke to retain them.

They noted that most of them had resided from where they were working after receiving their appointment letters from the Osun State government and that four of them died recently as a result of depression over the situation.

## Ooni tasks FG on human trafficking

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

The Ooni of Ife, Oba Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi on Monday called on government at all levels to introduce reforms and make concerted efforts to end the menace of human trafficking and slavery in the country.

Oba Ogunwusi made the call while addressing journalists at a press conference to herald the #SayNoToSlavery campaign being championed by Damilola Falomo, a victim of human trafficking.

Falomo, who was trafficked to Oman some years ago, through her foundation

is leading the campaign against human trafficking, especially of the girl-child.

The campaign tagged #SayNoToSlavery is targeted at students of secondary schools across Ogun State.

Ooni, while addressing newsmen, advocated stiffer punishment for human traffickers. He said tackling the menace

must go beyond just setting aside a day to celebrate "human trafficking day".

The monarch who spoke through Mrs Sanni Omogbolabo, said, "No doubt, if the girl-child is neglected in society, it might result in the destruction of the entire nation. These girls will then be exposed to all manner of social vices."



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# OBITUARY

With deep sorrow, the National Pension Commission (PenCom) regrets to announce the passing of its colleague, Mr. Abubakar Isa.

The sad event occurred on Wednesday, 18 January 2023.

Until his death, Mr. Abubakar Isa was a Manager in the Human Capital Management Department of the Commission.

May the Almighty God grant his soul eternal rest and also grant his family the fortitude to bear the loss.



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<p><b>SOFIYA:</b> My name was wrongly capture on my BVN as MUSA SOFIYA SAFIYA with date of birth 05/05/1982. Whereas my correct name is SOFIYA MUSA BELLO and DOB 10/10/1980. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.</p>	<p><b>I,</b> formerly known and addressed as DANLAMI IBRAHIM now wish to be known and addressed as SHUAIBU IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. Access Bank Plc, Guaranty Trust Bank (GTB), Authority concerned and the general Public should please take note.</p>	<p><b>MADIYU:</b> I formerly known and addressed as. MADIYU ESIGWE. Now wish to be known and addressed as. MADIYU ABIBAT ABDULAH. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note</p>	<p><b>SARATU:</b> I formerly known as SARATU ZAKARI, now wish to be known and addressed as SARATU GARBA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p>	<p>I formerly known as MARYAM ADAMU KASHURI, now wish to be called MARYAM ALI MOHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.</p>	<p><b>NWIGWE:</b> I formerly known as NWIGWE UCHECHI SUCCESS now wish to be known and addressed as NWIGWE UCHECHI. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note</p>
<p><b>WUSHISHI:</b> I, FORMERLY KNOWN AS MARIAM ABUBAKAR, HENCEFORTH WISH TO BE KNOWN AND CALLED GAMBO ALMUSTAPHA USMAN SHARIFF. ALL MY DOCUMENTS CARRYING THE FORMER NAME REMAIN VALID. THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND ALL RELEVANT AUTHORITIES SHOULD TAKE NOTE AND REFLECT MY NEW NAME ACCORDINGLY.</p>	<p><b>REGINA:</b> I formerly known as REGINA ELE ODEY, now wish to be known and addressed as ADINYE REGINA ELE. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p>	<p>I formerly known and addressed as ELIZABETH AMOS now wish to be known and addressed as ELIZABETH AMOS MUSA. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.</p>	<p><b>CHANGE OF NAME: ADEDEJI:</b> I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS MISS OYENIRAN OPEYEMI RACHEAL AND ADIGUN RACHEAL OPEYEMI NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS MRS ADEDEJI RACHEAL OLUFUNKE. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.</p>	<p><b>MARYAM:</b> I formerly known as MARYAM ISA now wish to be known and addressed as MARYAM MOHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.</p>	<p><b>FATIMA:</b> I formerly known as FATIMA AMINU KANKIA, FATIMA AMINU LABO KANKIA now wish to be known and addressed as FATIMA AMINU. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note</p>
<p><b>WUSHISHI:</b> I, FORMERLY KNOWN AS MURJANATU UMAR, HENCEFORTH WISH TO BE KNOWN AND CALLED MURJANATU ALMUSTAPHA USMAN SHARIFF. ALL MY DOCUMENTS CARRYING THE FORMER NAME REMAIN VALID. THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND ALL RELEVANT AUTHORITIES SHOULD TAKE NOTE AND REFLECT MY NEW NAME ACCORDINGLY.</p>	<p><b>ABDULLAHI:</b> I formerly known as ABDULLAHI M YAHAYA, now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULLAHI MOHAMMED YAHAYA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p>	<p>I formerly known and addressed as FATIMA YUSUF now wish to be known and addressed as FATIMA YUSUF MUKADDAS. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.</p>	<p><b>AONONENGE:</b> I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS UGEEH MSENDOO KATHRYN NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS AONONENGE MSENDOO KATHRYN. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.</p>	<p>I, formerly known as ANAS DANLADI. Now wish to be known and addressed as ANAS DANLADI BARA. All my documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.</p>	<p><b>SA'ADU:</b> I formerly known as SAADU ABBA LAWAL now wish to be known and addressed as SA'ADU LAWAL. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note</p>
<p><b>JOSEPH:</b> I formerly known as MONDAY SIMON, now wish to be known and addressed as JOSEPH MONDAY SIMON. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p>	<p><b>MUDASSIRU:</b> I, formerly known as MUDASSIRU HABIBU, now wish to be known and addressed as MUDASSIRU HABIBU. All former documents should remain valid. General public should please take note.</p>	<p>I WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS TALATU AMINAT MOHAMMED. NOW WANT TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS TALATU DORCAS MOHAMMED MY D.O.B WAS WRONGLY WRITTEN AS 01-01-1974 MY REAL D.O.B IS 20-08-1974 ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS BEARING MY NAME REMAIN VALID. THE MANAGEMENT OF UNION BANK PLC AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE OF THIS DEPOSITION.</p>	<p><b>CHANGE OF NAME: ADELEKAN:</b> I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS ADELEKAN AJOKI OPEYEMI NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS ADELEKAN ADESUMBO ABOSEDE. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.</p>	<p><b>NOR:</b> I WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS NOR SAMUEL ABUR NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS NOR ABUR. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.</p>	<p><b>MARYAM:</b> I formerly known as MARYAM MUHAMMED FIDELE now wish to be known and addressed as MARYAM MUHAMMED. All former documents remain valid and general public particularly; FCMB should take note</p>
<p><b>OSUAGWU:</b> I formerly known as HENRY OSUAGWU OZONDU, now wish to be known and addressed as OSUAGWU HENRY. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p>	<p><b>ILOKHOR:</b> I formerly known as UWAH CHIDERA, now wish to be known and addressed as ILOKHOR ANTHONY. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p>	<p><b>CORRECT NAMES/DATE OF BIRTH: TAGHERGA:</b> I, formerly addressed as TAGHERGA PETER now to be correctly known and called TAGHERGA DENEN DOMINIC and my correct date of birth is 17-4-1998. All former documents remain valid. Stanbic bank, all authorities and public to note.</p>	<p>I with Marital Name Asmau Atinuke Yusuf wishes to be known with my maiden name Asmau Tinuke Saadu in order to align my various Documents with my NIN. All authorities concerned kindly note.</p>	<p><b>ADDITION OF NAME: NAAR:</b> I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS NAAR AONDONA NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS NAAR AONDONA ABRAHAM. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.</p>	<p><b>WASILA:</b> I formerly known as WASILA ILIYA GOYA now wish to be known and addressed as WASILA NURA GOYA. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note</p>
<p>I formerly known as LIJIRIN KEHINDE OLUWADAMILOLA. now wish to be called and addressed as EWUOLA KEHINDE OLUWADAMILOLA. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.</p>	<p><b>ROBERT:</b> I formerly known as CHIA FRIDAY NAMOR, now wish to be known and addressed as CHIA ROBERT NAMOR. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p>	<p><b>AGEMA:</b> I, formerly known and called NGUEKWAGH PHOEBE now to be called AGEMA PHOEBE. All former documents remain valid. All authorities and the public to note.</p>	<p><b>ESTHER:</b> I, formerly known and addressed as ESTHER DAJIE OGON, now wish to wish to be known and addressed as ESTHER DAJIE BISHUNG. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.</p>	<p><b>OSU:</b> I WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS OSU TORKWASE. NOW I WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS OSU TORKWASE QUEEN. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.</p>	<p>I FORMERLY KNOWN AS BASHIR AHAMAD NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESS AS BASHAR SHANTALI AHMAD. MY CORRECT DOB IS 24/02/1993. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.</p>
<p>I formerly known and addressed as Fatima Haruna Lamido, and now wish to be known and addressed as Fatima Haruna Aliyu. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note</p>	<p><b>FADEELAH:</b> I formerly known as MUHAMMAD FADILA LADAN, now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD FADEELAH LADAN. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p>	<p>I formerly known and addressed as ADEBAYO BABALOLA, now wish to be known and addressed as ADEBAYO ABDULRAHMAN BABALOLA. All former documents remain valid. Bank and general public should take note.</p>	<p><b>IGILA:</b> I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS MGBA SEUGH JONATHAN NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS IGILA SEUGH SOLOMON WITH CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH 3RD/8/2003. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.</p>	<p><b>IORMOUGH:</b> I WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS IORMOUGH GEOFFREY. NOW I WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS IORMOUGH MAMLU GEOFFREY. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.</p>	<p>I formerly known as BONGVEN NAMINA now wish to be known and address as NANBOL NAMINA. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note</p>
<p>I formerly known as BRUNO JOHN KIFFOULLY and BRUNO JOHN TEMISSAN. now wish to be called and addressed as KIFFOULLY BRUNO-TEMISSAN JOHN. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.</p>	<p>I formerly known and addressed as BDR PETER ADAJI, now wish to be known and addressed as ADAJI PETER AKONO. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.</p>	<p><b>ANADU:</b> I formerly known and addressed as. ANADU JOSEPHINE. Now wish to be known and addressed as. ANADU NWANKAEGO JOSEPHINE. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.</p>	<p><b>ISAH:</b> I formerly known as ISAH KABIRU HARDAWA, now wish to be known and called ISAH KABIRU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.</p>	<p><b>APE:</b> I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS RUTH SEDOO APEH NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS APE MLUWAM PHILOMINA. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.</p>	<p>I formerly known as AYUBA ALHASSAN now wish to be known and addressed as ALASAN AYUBA and my date of birth is 14/08/1976. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p>
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<p>I formerly known as OSEKENE BLESSING AMAKA. now wish to be called and addressed as OSEKENE BLESSING CHUKUAMAKA. DOB: 04/06/2001. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.</p>	<p><b>ABU:</b> I formerly known and addressed as. MAMUDU ONOTSEKHE MARIA. Now wish to be known and addressed as. ABU MARIA. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.</p>	<p><b>HUSSAINA:</b> I formerly known and addressed as HUSSAINA ADAMU but now wish to be known and addressed as HUSSAINA ADAMU HASSAN. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned should take note, please.</p>	<p><b>BASHIRU:</b> I formerly known as BASHIRU MIKAILU, now wish to be known as BASHIRU LAWALI. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.</p>	<p><b>GRACE:</b> I, formerly known as WORIMEGBE EBITOI SEIGHA, now wish to be known and addressed as WORIMEGBE EBITOI GRACE. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p>	<p>I formerly known as JUMMAI MALAM KABIR but now wish to be known and addresses as JUMMAI KABIR all my former documents to remain valid general public financial institution and all authorities concern should please take note.</p>
<p>I formerly known and called as USANI LUCYNDIA FIDELIS, Now wish to be known and called as MRS KOMOLAFE LUCYNDIA USANI, ALL Former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.</p>	<p><b>JEMILAT:</b> I formerly known and addressed as. MISS NASIRU PRINCESS JEMILAT. Now wish to be known and addressed as. MRS EHIHI PRINCESS JEMILAT. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.</p>	<p><b>JAMILA:</b> I formerly known as JAMILA USMAN HASSAN now wish to be known and addressed as JAMILA USMAN ADO. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.</p>	<p><b>BASHAR:</b> I formerly known as BASHIR MANDE, now wish to be known as BASHAR MANDE BAFARAWA. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.</p>	<p>I formerly known and addressed as AMINU FARUK HARUNA, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as AMINU FARUK, all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.</p>	<p>I, formerly known as MISS BALOGUN ADEOLA and wish to be known and addressed as MRS ADEWUYI ADEOLA All former documents to remain valid authority concern and general public should please take note.</p>
<p><b>THERESA:</b> I formerly known and addressed as OLUWATOYIN THERESA OMOTAYO, now wish to be known and addressed as OLUWATOYIN THERESA OGUNMOLA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p>	<p><b>AMINAT:</b> I formerly known and addressed as. EBKEME RITA RUTH. Now wish to be known and addressed as. MUHAMMAD AMINAT. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.</p>	<p>I, formerly known as MISS MAIMUNATU SUNUSI ABDULHAMID. Now wish to be known and addressed as MRS MAIMUNATU MUHAMMAD ABDULHAMID. All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.</p>	<p><b>VICTOR:</b> I WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS YEMBE DEORUN DORIS NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS VICTOR DEORUN DORIS. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.</p>	<p>I formerly known as MANNA CIRFAT, CIRFAT MANNA, CIRFAT T. MANNA and CIRFAT TAKMAN MANNA now wish to be known and address as CIRFAT MANNA. All former documents remain valid general public should take note</p>	<p>I, formerly known as MARYAM SANI ABDULLAHI, now wish to be called and addressed as MARYAM SANI GUSAU. All former documents remain valid. Federal University, Birnin-Kebbi, Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.</p>
<p><b>FAITH:</b> I formerly known as JAKAWA FAITH BULUS, now wish to be known and addressed as AUDU FAITH BULUS. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p>	<p><b>MAYA:</b> This is to notified the general public that my name was wrongly capture as. ISMAILA FATIMA instead of ISMAIL FATIMAH MAYA. Now wish to be known and addressed as. ISMAIL FATIMAH MAYA. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and public to take note</p>	<p>I formerly known as SHATU LAWAN GABAIMA, now I wish to be known as LAWAN SHATU. All my documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note please.</p>	<p><b>IBRAHIM:</b> I formerly known as ISAH MERCY, now wish to be known as IBRAHIM MERCY. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.</p>	<p>I formerly known and addressed as AMINA IBRAHIM, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as ZAHARAU IBRAHIM and my correct and proper date of birth is 10th December, 1995, all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.</p>	<p><b>AISHATU:</b> I formerly known and addressed as SALEH AISHA, but now wish to be called and address as ADAMU AISHATU. All former document remain valid, First Bank Nigeria PLC and the General Public Should Please Take Note</p>

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**SARAH**: I formerly known and addressed as **SARAH EMMANUEL BATURE**, but now wish to be called and address as **SARAH JAMES AMEH**. All former documents remain valid, NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE CORPS, UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA and the General Public Should Please Take Note.

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**ABUBAKAR**: I formerly known and addressed as **BUBA ALI** but now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR SADIQ ISAH** And D.O.B 13/08/2004. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned should take note, please.

**BASHIR**: I formerly known and addressed as **BASHIR SALEH YAHAYA** but now wish to be known and addressed as **BASHIR SALEH**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned should take note, please.

**ANOSIKE**: I formerly known and addressed as **ANOSIKE WONDERFUL OLUWATOYIN ONYEKACHI** but now wish to be known and addressed as **ANOSIKE WONDERFUL OLUWATOYIN**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned should take note, please.

**NORA**: I formerly known as **MAIMAKO NORA MARTIN**, now wish to be known as **BILSON NORA NIJIN**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

**FATIMA**: I formerly known and addressed as **FATIMA SALISU** but now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA ABDULRAHMAN ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned should take note, please.

**HABIBU\***: I formerly known as **\*ALIYU UMAR\*** now wish to be known and addressed as **\*HABIBU UMAR\*** All my former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **DAVOU JIDAUNA** now wish to be addressed as **JIDAUNA DAVOU SHOM** all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **ZAINAB ABDULAZEEZ ADEPOJU**, now wish to be known and address as **ZAINAB ABDULAZEEZ OLAJIDE**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and General public should please take note

I formerly known as **MARY PWAJOK CHOJI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM ISA MUHAMMAD** all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

I formerly known as Miss **ISHAYA RUTH NAKUM** now wish to be addressed as **Mrs SUNDAY RUTH NAKUM** all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **OTITODUN ISMAILA** now wish to be addressed as **OTITODUN OLUWAFEMI SAMUEL** all former documents remain valid general public should please take note

I formerly known as **ACHUMA AZI** now wish to be addressed as **AZI EMMANUEL ACHUMA** all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **HUSSAINI HALIMATU ABDULLAHI** now wish to be addressed as **HASSAN HALIMATU ABDULLAHI** all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **AMAKA VIVIAN EGBORUCHE** now wish to be addressed as **AMAKA VIVIAN UCHE** all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **MIDA DANIEL**, but now wish to be called and address as **DANIEL MIDAHA**. All former document remain valid, First Bank Nigeria PLC and the General Public Should Please Take Note.

I formerly known as **AUDU MOHAMMED AUDU** Now wish to be known and addressed as **AUDU MOHAMMED** with DOB 04/04/1994 All former documents remain valid, general public Take note

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

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

**SADIKA**, I formerly known as **SADIKA IBRAHIM SALIHU** now wish to be called and addressed as **SADIKA IBRAHIM DANBABA**. Date: 27/July/2022. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

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

**LABARAN**, I formerly known as **LABARAN BILIKISU** and D.O.B. old, 27, 05, 1974 now wish to be called and addressed as **LABARAN ZAHARA-U** and D.O.B. New 03, 03, 1980. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

**ADAMU**: I formerly known as **MOHAMMED ADAM** now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAMU MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. General Public Should please take note.

I formerly known as **SALAHA ALIU 01- JAN 1996** now wish to be called and addresses **SALAHA ALIYU MUSA 06-07-1999** all former document remain valid authority concern and general public should take to note

**ZAINAB**, I formerly known as **HASIYA ISHAQ ABUBAKAR**, old date of birth 14-may-1992 now wish to be called and addressed as **ZAINAB AUWAL IDRIS**, new date of birth 05.06.2002. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

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

**VAHYALA**: I, formerly known as **YAHAYALA BARNABAS**, now wish to be known and addressed as **VAHYALA BARNABAS**. All former documents remain valid. First bank Plc and general public should please take note.

**DANLADI**: I, formerly known as **JOSEPH VURHO CHRISTY**, now wish to be known and addressed as **DANLADI TANI CHRISTY**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**EMMANUEL**: I formerly known as **EMMANUEL OFIM** now wish to be known and addressed as **EMMANUEL OFIM CHIKAODILI**. All former documents remain valid. NIMC And General Public Should please take note.

**NATHAN**: I formerly known as **NATHAN REPLACE SYLVANUS** now wish to be known and addressed as **NATHAN REPLACE**. All former documents remain valid. NIMC And General Public Should please take note.

**AMINA**: I formerly known as **AMINA AMINU** now wish to be known and addressed as **AMINA AMINU BELEL**. All former documents remain valid. NIMC And General Public Should please take note.

**MARY**: I formerly known as **MARY BONIFACE** now wish to be known and addressed as **MARY BONIFACE SHENMI**. All former documents remain valid. NIMC And General Public Should please take note.

**CHUKWUDI**: I formerly known as **IDEMILI CHUKWUDI CHUKWUDI** now wish to be known and addressed as **CHUKWUDI OBI JUDE**. All former documents remain valid. NIMC And General Public Should please take note.

**HADIZA**: I formerly known as **HADIZA HAMISU DANJUMA & KHADIJATU MUHAMMAD MA'AJI** now wish to be known and addressed as **HADIZA MA'AJI HAMISU D.**. All former documents remain valid. NIMC, NIS And General Public Should please take note.

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

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

**UMMULKAIRI**, I formerly known as **UMMA BELLO AHMED** now wish to be called and addressed as **UMMULKAIRI BALA INUWA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

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

**ABEL**, I formerly known as **AHMED ADAMU** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABEL AKUMBI FWFAN**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

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

I formerly known as **ALH MOHD DANGONA BADO**, now wish to be called and addressed as **MUHAMMADU BADO DANGONA**. All former documents remain valid. UNION BANK PLC, authority concern and general public should take note.

I formerly known as **MUHAMMAD DANGONA SARKI SHANU**, now wish to be called and addressed as **MUHAMMADU BADO DANGONA**. All former documents remain valid. UNION BANK PLC, authority concern and general public should take note.

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

I formally known and addressed as **AZEEZ POPO OLA** now wish to be known and address as **POPOOLA ABDULAZEEZ**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

**ZHITSU**, I formerly known as **MOHAMMED YAHAYA** and DOB old 1/1/1992 now wish to be called and addressed as **ZHITSU YAHAYA** and DOB new 11/April 1997. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **FIRDAUSI KABIR ABDULLAHI** now wish to be called and addresses **FIRDAUSI BUKHARI** all former document remain valid authority concern and general public should take to note

I formerly known as **IDRIS SALISU** now wish to be called and addresses **IDRIS SALISU IDRIS** all former document remain valid authority concern and general public should take to note

I formerly known as **ADAMU UBA ABDULKADIR 01-01-2000** now wish to be called and addresses **ADAMU MUHAMMAD ABDULKADIR 06-06-2000** all former document remain valid authority concern and general public should take to note

I formerly known as **NASIRU IBRAHIM** now wish to be called and addressed as **IBRAHIM MUHAMMED HAKILU**. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **UMAR IBRAHIM** now wish to be called and addressed as **UMAR HUSSAINI SULEIMAN**. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **ZAINAB RABIU RUMA** wish to be known and addressed as **MRS ZAINAB RABIU ZAYYANA** all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

I, formerly known as **NAFISA HAMISU GIMBA** wish to be known and addressed as **MRS NAFISA HAMISU BELLO** all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

I, formerly known as **SAUDATU SAIDU ABE** wish to be known and addressed as **MRS SAUDATU SAIDU SANUSI** all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

I formerly known as **THONTTEH TITILAYO ELIZABETH** now wish to be called and addressed as **ODETUNDE KHADIJAH TITILAYO**. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **MARYAM BUHARI DAZAU**, date of birth 19/3/1985 now wish to be called and addressed as **MARYAM PEPPE BUHARI 19/3/1992**. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **ABDULJALAL BELLO MALAMI**, now wish to be called and addressed as **ABDULJALAL BELLO**. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **ABUBAKAR SADIQ LAWAN SULEIMAN**, now wish to be called and addressed as **ABUBAKAR SADIQ LAWAN**. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

**LADI**: I formerly known as **LADI DENNIS TIZHE**, now wish to be called and addressed as **LADI TIZHE**. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

I: I formerly known as **HAUWA MUHAMMED YAHAYA**, now wish to be called and addressed as **HAUWA MUHAMMED LAWAN**. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **OJOCHIDE PEACE SANI**, now wish to be called and addressed as **OJOCHIDE PEACE USMAN**. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **BABA SAADU BALA** now wish to be called and addressed as **BABA SAAD BALA**. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **AHMAD DURBUNDE MUSA 01/01/1975** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUSA AHMAD**. DOB: 02/03/1981. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as **ELI TALLAR BITRUS** now wish to be called and addressed as **ADAMU BITRUS MY CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH IS 25-3-1975 NOT 30-11-1981**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as **KHADIJA IBRAHIM ASHIR** now wish to be called and addressed as **DEEJA ASHIR SHARIFF**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as **BAKIU BASHIR** now wish to be called and addressed as **BASHIR MOHAMMED MUSA**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note. DOB 07/07/1997

I formerly known as **FATIMA ABBAS ZAKAR** now wish to be known as **FATIMA IBRAHIM MUSA NYSC OFFICE** All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note

I formerly known as **ABDULLAHI MUHAMMED** now wish to be known as **ABDULLAHI MOHAMMED** All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note

I formerly known as **HAUWA BABA ABUBAKAR** now wish to be known as **HAUWA ABDULKADIR ABUBAKAR** All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note

I formerly known as **DANLAMI USAINI** now wish to be called and addressed as **SAIFULLAHI USAINI**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as **TASIU ADAMU ISHAAQ** now wish to be called and addressed as **TASIU ISHAAQ**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as **ADAMU NASIRU MUHAMMED** now wish to be called and addressed as **ADAMU MUHD**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as **SAMUEL ABUBAKAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **SAMUEL ABUBAKAR MALO**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as **BABA ZAHARADEEN YARO** now wish to be called and addressed as **ZAHARADEEN BABA YARO BICHI**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as **SAMAILA IBRAHIM BALA** now wish to be called and addressed as **SAMAILA IBRAHIM D.O.B. 08/12/1974. Not 12/8/1974**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as **SALOME KASADA** now wish to be called and addressed as **SALOMI YILA**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as **Ahmed, Zahrau Fullati** now wish to be called and addressed as **Yahzu Zahrau Fullati**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

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

I, Formerly known and addressed as **ASMA'U ABDULKADIR AHMAD** now wish to be known and addressed as **ASMA'U ABDULKADIR ALIYU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**EMMANUEL**: I, formerly known as **DTHAMA ZAKARIYA** now wish to be known and addressed as **EMMANUEL DTHAMA ZAKARIYA** all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

**JOSHUA**: I Formerly known as **DANIEL EZEKIEL KURMI** Now wish to be called and addressed as **JOSHUA D KURAMAZAH D.O.B From 15/OCTOBER/1975 to 3/ MARCH/1996** All former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

**SHEKARA**: I Formerly known as **ZAKARIA YAHAYA** Now wish to be called and addressed as **SHEKARA JOSHUA** All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

**PREFERENCE AND HARMONIZATION OF NAMES** I, **OLANREWAJU GABRIEL AJIBOLA** wish to be known called and addressed as **OLANREWAJU GABRIEL AJIBOLA, AJIBOLA OLANREWAJU GABRIEL, AJIBOLA OLANREWAJU** all my documents should valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take notes.

**PREFERENCE AND HARMONIZATION OF NAMES** I, **OLANREWAJU GABRIEL AJIBOLA** wish to be known called and addressed as **OLANREWAJU GABRIEL AJIBOLA, AJIBOLA OLANREWAJU GABRIEL, AJIBOLA OLANREWAJU** all my documents should valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take notes.

**ABIDEMI**: I, formerly known as **MISS OTITOJU ABIDEMI COMFORT**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS ABIDEMI COMFORT OTITOJU-GODWIN**. All former documents remain valid. NYSC and the general public to please take note.

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

**AISHA**: I, formerly known as **MISS AISHA ABDULLAHI AYUBA**, now wish to be known and address as **MRS AISHA SANI IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. NYSC, general public and any authority concerned to please take note

**ABDULMUMINI**: I formerly known as **ABDULMUMINI MURITALA** now wish to be called as **ABDULMUMINI MURITALA** all former documents remain valid wrongly date of birth 29/5/1982 my correct date of birth 01/01/1978 general public all authority concern should please take note

**AJOBIEWE**: I, formerly known as **OKORO BLESSING NANCY**, now wish to be known and address as **AJOBIEWE BLESSING NANCY**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

**IDIRIS**: I, formerly known as **MUSTAPHA IBRAHIM**, now wish to be known and called **IDIRIS MUHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid. **KEYSTONE BANK**, General public and any authority concerned to please take note

**HADIZA**: I, formerly known as **HADIZA ALI IDRIS**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HADIZA SHUAIBU ADAMU**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

**SUWAIBA**: I, formerly known as **MISS SUWAIBA MUHAMMAD**, now wish to be known and address as **MRS SUWAIBA MUHAMMAD SANI**. All former documents remain valid. NYSC, general public and any authority concerned to please take note

**ABDULNASIR**: I formerly known as **ABDULNASIR IBRAHIM MINATU** all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

Confirmation of name: The names **FATIMA LAWAL KHALID** and **FATIMA KHALID** referred to one and the same person, now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA KHALID LAWAL** Old DOB: 01-10-1966. New DOB: 01-01-1960 All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

**NEBOH-PAUL**: I, formerly known as **NEBOH, BEATRICE UGUWNSINACHI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **NEBOH-PAUL, BEATRICE UGUWNSINACHI**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

**MARYANN**: I, formerly known as **MARYANN CELESTINE**, now wish to be known as **MARYANN CELESTINE MAHA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note

**ABDULLAHI**: I, formerly known as **ALIYU SULEIMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULLAHI LAWAL**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

**LAWAL**: I, formerly known and addressed as **OPANUGA AYoola YETUNDE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **LAWAL AYoola YETUNDE**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**BELLO**: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss ABDUS SALAM TAOFEEQAH FOLASHADE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs BELLO TAOFEEQAH FOLASHADE**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

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**SALISU**: I, formerly known and addressed as **MUSA MALAM**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **SALISU MUSA**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**CORRECTION OF NAME** My name was written as **OBASANYA ELIZABETH OLUWASEUN** on **NIN** instead of **OBASANYA FELICIA OLUWASEUN**. Now I wish to be known and addressed as **OBASANYA FELICIA OLUWASEUN**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**CORRECTION OF NAME** I, **UMACHI FLORENCE CHINAZAMPERE**. That on my **NIN**, my name was wrongly written as **UMACHI FLORENCE CHINAZAMPERE** instead of **UMACHI FLORENCE CHINAZAMPERE**. That my correct full name is **UMACHI FLORENCE CHINAZAMPERE**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

**SUWAIBA** I, formerly known as **SUWAIBA MUSA** now wish to be known and addressed as **SUWAIBA ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

**OSU**: I Formerly known as First: **OSU MIDDLE NAME: SURNAME: ETEMU** NOW wish to be known and addressed as **FIRST NAME: OSU MIDDLE NAME: OMOWOMA SURNAME: ETEMU** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**\*OKOLIE\*** I, formerly known as **\*MISS. ONOS-ELENBALU, PHINA OMA\***. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **\*MRS. OKOLIE, PHINA OMA ELENBALU\***. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**AKINOSI**: I, formerly known and addressed as **AKINOSI TOKPE ALABA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AKINOSI RISI ALABA**. That my date of birth was mistakenly written as 28th day of May, 1980 instead of 13th day of May, 1983. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

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

**FATUNBI**: I, formerly known and addressed as **FATUNBI BOSEDE ALAKE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **FATUNBI ABOSEDE ALAKE**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**DAUDA** I, formerly known as **DAUDA MOHAMMED**, now wish to be known and addressed as **DAUDA MOHAMMED TIJJANI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

**ABDULLAHI**: I formerly known as **ABDULLAHI MUSTAPHA GASHUA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULLAHI MUSTAPHA**, All former document remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MRS. AFAGHA** = I, formerly known as **MISS. EMMANUEL CHIOMA ENVY**, now wish to be known as **MRS. AFAGHA CHIOMA FELIX**. All former documents remain valid. The general public take note.

**EDUN**: I, formerly known and addressed as **AYINDE SULIAT AJOKE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **EDUN SULIAT AJOKE**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**ANIFOWOSE**: I, formerly known and addressed as **AKINSANYA NAFISAT MOTUNRAYO**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ANIFOWOSE NOFISAT MOTUNRAYO**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**OLONADE**: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss **OLAYIWOLA ZAINAB OLABISI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs OLONADE ZAINAB OLABISI**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**WASILA**: I, formerly known as **WASILA MUHAMMAD BADAMASI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **WASILA MODU ALI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

**MOHAMMED**: I formerly known as **MOHAMMED ALI BUBA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED BUBA**, All former document remain valid. General public should please take note.

**IHENACHO** = I, formerly known as **MISS. USIM, ESTHER OGBONNE**, now wish to be known as **IHENACHO, ESTHER OGBONNE**. All former documents remain valid. The general public take note.

**PRECIOUS**: I, formerly known and addressed as **PRECIOUS IFEOLUWA AFOLAYAN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **PRECIOUS IFEOLUWA ABIMBOLA**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**I FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS** **SULAIMON WALIYAT APEKE**. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **IBRAHIM WALIYAT APEKE**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAINS VALID. BANK AUTHORITY AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE.

**ONIKYIKU**: I, formerly known and addressed as **Mrs FAGBOHUN JANET OLUWATOBI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ONIKYIKU JANET OLUWATOBI**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**JAFAR**: I, formerly known as **JAFAR MAI YAKUBU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **JAFAR MALLAM YAKUBU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

**FANNE**: I formerly known as **FATIMA LAWAN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **FANNE ABUBAKAR**, All former document remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MRS. LARRY** = I, formerly known as **MISS. UENEE TAMNYEGIA LILIAN**, now wish to be known as **MRS. LARRY TAMNYEGIA LILIAN**. All former documents remain valid. The general public take note.

**OPEYEMI**: I, formerly known and addressed as **OPEYEMI REBECCA OLOYEDE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OPEYEMI REBECCA ABIMBOLA**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**I FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS** **OLAITAN BUKOLA AYINKE**. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **WASIU ANIFAT OLAITAN**. ALSO MY CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH IS 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2001. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAINS VALID. BANK AUTHORITY AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE.

**AKINYEMI**: I, formerly known and addressed as **AKINYEMI OLABODE OLUSESAN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AKINYEMI AMOS OLUSESAN**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**AISHATU** I, formerly known as **AISHATU TAHIR MUHAMMAD** now wish to be known and addressed as **AISHATU TAHIR MUSA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

**AISHA**: I formerly known as **AISHA TIJJANI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AISHA TIJJANI KULLOMA**, All former document remain valid. With correct DOB. 04/04/1992 NOT 01/01/1992, General public should please take note.

**MRS. GIFT** = I, formerly known as **GIFT IFEANYI**, now wish to be known as **MRS. GIFT OBINNA NWALAZIE**. All former documents remain valid. The general public take note.

**EMMANUEL**: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss **SAKA AZEEZAT OLUWASEUN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs EMMANUEL OLUWASEUN AZEEZAT**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**CONFIRMATION OF NAMES AND DATE OF BIRTH** That I was formerly addressed as **"GODSPOWER IKECHUKWU IBEH"**. That I now wish to be addressed as **"IKECHUKWU CHINASA IBEH"**. That my correct and real names are **"IKECHUKWU CHINASA IBEH"**. That my valid and real date of birth is 8th day of November, 2001. All former documents remain valid, General public please take note.

**ALHAJI**: I, formerly known as **UMAR MOHAMMED JARERE** now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED MOHAMMED ALHAJI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

**APAGU** I, formerly known as **MAUTI MAIGARI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MAUTI APAGU MAIGARI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

**UMAR**: I, formerly known as **BABAGANA UMAR**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR UMAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

**OLATUJA** = I, formerly known as **SHIED, OLUWASEUN ZAINAB** and now wish to be known as **OLATUJA, OLUWASEUN ZAINAB**. General public should take note.

**OMOSAH**: I, formerly known and addressed as **ALLIAGBOR RASHEEDAT JESSICA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs OMOHSAH RASHEEDAT JESSICA**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**RE-ARRANGEMENT OF NAME** That my name was wrongly arranged/written as **STEPHEN MOSES DESHI** instead of **DESHI MOSES STEPHEN**. That this affidavit is to confirm my correct arrangement of name as **DESHI MOSES STEPHEN**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**NGOZI**: I formally know **NGOZI JOHN**. now wish to be known and addressed as **RITA NGOZI JOHN**. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**HANNATU** I, formerly known as **HANNATU RAYMOND** now wish to be known and called **HANNATU JONAH BOGARGAR (MRS )**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

**FATIMA** I formerly known and addressed as **FATIMA DANLADI** now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA MUHAMMAD** All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

**MRS OSAAZE**: I, formerly known as **MISS AKHAKIENHEN COMFORT OMUEKPEN**, now wants to be known and addressed as **MRS OSAAZE COMFORT OMUEKPEN**. All documents bearing former name remains valid. General public take note.

**CHANGE OF NAME** **MR. OLADEINDE** : I FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS **MR. DEINDE ISAAC DIFEOLU**. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS **MR. OLADEINDE ISAAC OYEKUNLE DIFEOLU**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE.

**BVN UPDATE** That during my BVN Registration my name was wrongly written as **BELLO OSEMOMO** instead of **OSEMOMO BELLO**. My first name is **OSEMOMO** and my last name is **BELLO** as shown on my international passport No **B50208765**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and general public take note.

**AHMAD**: I formally know **SHAFIU AHMAD**. now wish to be known and addressed as **SHAFIU YUSUF AHMED**. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**CATHERINE** I, formerly known as **Miss ODOABUCHI CATHERINE CHINWE** now wish to be known and called **(MRS) NWALI CATHERINE CHINWE**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

**I**, Formerly known and addressed as **MISS EMMANUEL JULIET CHIDERAH**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. OGBONNA JULIET CHIDERAH**, All former documents remain valid, general public take note.

**INYENWA**: I, formerly known and addressed as **INYEY JOHN CHUKWUDI**, now wish to be known, called and addressed as **INYENWA JOHN CHUKWUDI**. All documents bearing my former name(s) remain valid, general public should take note.

**OMOLOLU**: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss **ADEWUNMI KAFILAT ABIOLA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs OMOLOLU KAFILAT ABIOLA**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**USMAN**: I, formerly known and addressed as **ADEBAYO FUNKE OLUKEMI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **USMAN FUNKE OLUKEMI**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**SILAS**: I formally know **SILAS SAMUEL**. now wish to be known and addressed as **SILAS IKO'OJO SAMUEL**. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**IBRAHIM**: I formerly known as **ALI BUKAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM ADAMU** all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

**ADAEZE**: I, formerly known called and addressed as **ADAEZE OLIVET IGBO**, now wish to be known called and addressed as **ADAEZE OLIVET KANU**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid general public should take note.

**I**, formerly known as **ABUBAKAR ADAMU** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR ADAMU** all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

**CORRECTION OF NAME** I, **SANYAOLU MONSURAT OLUWAFUMILAYO**. That my name was wrongly written and inputted on my Bank Account as **SANYAOLU MONSURAT FUMILAYO** instead of **SANYAOLU MONSURAT OLUWAFUMILAYO**. That my correct name is **SANYAOLU MONSURAT OLUWAFUMILAYO** and not **SANYAOLU MONSURAT FUMILAYO**. All former documents remain valid, General public please take note.

My name was wrongly written as **ADEYEMI NURATU IFEOLUWA** instead of **AYENI IFEOLUWA ABIKE** henceforth I want to be known, called and addressed as **AYENI IFEOLUWA ABIKE**. All former documents remain valid, concerned authorities, banks and general public should please take note.

**BULUS** I formerly known as **BULUS ALHAMDU GALADIMA** with D.O.B 12/12/1991 now wish to be known and addressed as **ALHAMDU BULUS** with D.O.B 16/03/1993 All former document remain valid general public and any authority concern should please take note.

**ABUBAKAR**: I formerly known as **ABUBAKAR ADAM J** now wish to be known as **ABUBAKAR ALGONI ADAM**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

**GBADEBO**: I, formerly known and addressed as **OLORUNFEMI DEBO MIKE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OLORUNFEMI MICHAEL GBADEBO**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

**I**, formerly known as **MUHAMMAD GARBA GOMARA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD GARBA**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

**I** formerly known and address as **ABIODUN ABDULAZEEZ ADEBOUN**. Now wish to be known as **ABIODUN ABDULAZEEZ BADMUS**. All documents remain valid, General public should take note.

**I** was formerly known and addressed as **MISS ADEBAYO OMOWUMI SARAT** now wish to be known, called and addressed as **ALESHINLOYE OMOWUMI SARAT**. All former documents remain valid, concerned authorities and general public should please take note.

**MUSA** I, formerly known as **ABBAS USMAN** now wish to be known and called **MUSA ABBAS**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

**SALAMATU** I formerly known as **Salamatou Idris Ya'u** now wish to be known and called **Salamatou Hassan Ya'u**. All documents remain valid for the general public to take note.

That during my BVN registration exercise with Eco Bank, my name was written as **NASIRL SHAIBU-WANZAN** instead of **NASIRL WANZAN SHAIBU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **NASIRL WANZAN SHAIBU**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

**I**, formerly known as **GARBA YARI** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR SHEKARE SHAGARI**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

**I**, **OGUNYEMI OLUWATOFUNMI BUSAYO** SOETAN, FORMERLY KNOWN AS **SOETAN OLUWATOFUNMI BUSAYO**. HENCEFORTH, I WISH TO BE KNOWN AS **OGUNYEMI OLUWATOFUNMI BUSAYO SOETAN**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID, GENERAL PUBLIC PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

**I** was formerly known and addressed as **OGBONNAYA KELECHI PRECIOUS** now wish to be known, called and addressed as **JACOB KELECHI PRECIOUS**. All former documents remain valid, concerned authorities and general public should please take note.

**YAHAYA**: I formally known as **DAUD OMORONIKE FATIMOH**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **YAHAYA FATIMAH DAUD**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and General public should please take note.

**AHMADU** : I formally know **ISAH AHMED**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ISA AHMADU**, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**OKON**: I, formerly known as **UBONG GEORGE OKON**, now wish to be known, called and addressed as **UBONG DANIEL AKPAN**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**I**, formerly known as **DANIEL JOSEPH** now wish to be known and addressed as **DANIEL JOSEPH DABAI**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

**USMAN**: I, formerly known and addressed as **DADIA SAUNBO**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **USMAN SADIYA SAMBO**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**I** formerly known and addressed as **MISS OLAOGUN KUDIRAT OLUKUNOLA**, now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS ADEBOWALE KUDIRAT OLUKUNOLA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**LAWAN**: I formally known as **MAMMAN LAWAN SHETTIMA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **LAWAN SHETTIMA**. All former documents remain valid. With correct DOB 01/03/1997 NOT 23/02/2002 Authority concerned and General public should please take note.

**MARY**: I formerly known as **MERRY JAMIS**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MARY JAMES**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**CORRECTION OF NAME**: **CHIDEBERE**: I, formerly known as **IBE MICHAEL EBERE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **IBE MICHAEL CHIDEBERE**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

**I**, formerly known as **FATIMA IBRAHIM** now wish to be known and addressed as **RUKAYYA BELLO**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

**CORRECTION OF NAME** MY NAME WERE WRONGLY WRITTEN ON MY INTERNATIONAL PASSPORT AS **RAMON RASHEED ADESOLO** INSTEAD OF **RAMON OYINDAMOLA ADESOLO**. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS **RAMON OYINDAMOLA ADESOLO**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID, GENERAL PUBLIC PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

That I was formerly known, called and addressed as **KOPHA EDITH ANTHONY**. That I now wish to be known, called and addressed as **OLALEYE EDITH BUKOLA**. That all former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public please take note.

**ZANA**: I formally known as **PETER ZANA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ZANA NESTOR**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and General public should please take note.

**MOHAMMED**: I formerly known as **SALE MOHAMMED**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED SALE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

That during the registration of my (BVN) and opening of my account, my name was captured as **Comfort Effiong** instead of **OBOT COMFORT EFFIONG**. That my complete and full name is **OBOT COMFORT EFFIONG**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

**I**, formerly known as **MUHAMMAD GARBA GOMARA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD GARBA**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**

**ON THE 28TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2019, I, MR MOHAMMED HASSAN ABDULLAHI OF PLOT 630, DAVID JEMIBEWON CRESCENT, CADASTRAL ZONE E, GUDU DISTRICT FCT-ABUJA, LOST THE ORIGINAL STATUTORY RIGHT OF OCCUPANCY OF MY LAND WHILE RELOCATING FROM LAFIA, NASSARAWA STATE TO ABUJA, FCT. DETAILS: NAME: MOHAMMED HASSAN ABDULLAHI R-of-O Date: 15/12/06 PLOT NUMBER: 3267 FILE NUMBER: PL 21134 DISTRICT: CADASTRAL ZONE L01 OF KUJE SOUTH, ABUJA SIZE: 450.99 SQ. M. ALL EFFORTS MADE TO TRACE THE SAID DOCUMENT PROVED ABORTIVE. IF FOUND KINDLY RETURN IT TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION.**

**JAWA**: I formally known as **MUSTAPHA-JAWA ALHAJI MUSTAPHA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **MUSTAPHA JAWA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and General public should please take note.

**MARYAM**: I formerly known as **MARYAM SALEH**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM SALEH AHMAD**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**CHARLES**: I, formerly known and addressed as **NWAGU JACOB**, now wish to be known and addressed as **JACOB CHARLES NWAGU**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

**Requirement for Change of Name Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit; Men: Court Affidavit**

**MOHAMMED** I formerly known and addressed as **MOHAMMED IDI D** now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED IDI DAMANA** All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

**ADO** I formally known as **Ado Danladi** now wish to be called and address as **Ibrahim Danladi** All former documents remain valid general public and authority concerned should take note accordingly

**HAPPINESS**: I, formerly known and addressed as **BAMIDE ANGEL**, now wish to be known and addressed as **EDIBAMODE ANGEL HAPPINESS**. My date of birth was wrongly written on BVN as 29/11/1999 instead of 29/11/2000. All documents bearing my former remain valid. General public take note.

**MURNA**: I, formerly known as **HAPPY KARIMU**. now wish to be known and addressed as **MURNA MAGU HAPPY**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

**JOEL**: I Formerly known as **JOEL MUSA** Now wish to be known and addressed as **JOEL MUSA KEWO** All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

This is to confirm that **OGBONNAYA THEOPHILINE** and **OGBONNAYA CHINYERE THEOPHILINE** refers to one and the same person and should be treated as one and the same person wherever it appears. All documents bearing the above names remains valid. General public take note

# Police kill 3 kidnappers in gun duel in Kwara

From Mumini Abdulkareem, Ilorin

Three suspected kidnappers have been killed by operatives of the Kwara State Police Command during a shoot-out in Bode-Sadu, Moro Local Government of Kwara State.

Briefing newsmen on the development, the state Commissioner of Police, Paul Odama, said his men, based on intelligence, mobilised vigilantes and local hunters who stormed

the forest while the kidnappers were planning to strike.

“Our men engaged the kidnappers and during exchange of gun-fire, three of them, Bala Idris, Hassan Idris and Baso Idris, were neutralised while two suspects, Lagi Bala and Iliasu Idris were arrested with three locally made guns”.

He said the suspect confessed to be kidnappers and cattle rustlers who had been responsible for the series of kidnapping cases in the Maleta and Shao area of Kwara State.

The CP said investigation is ongoing to arrest the remaining members of the kidnapping gang, while the two arrested suspects will be charged to court as soon as the investigation is concluded.

Similarly, the commissioner said another set of seven suspected kidnappers were arrested by his command over alleged involvement in several abductions in the state.

The suspects were identified as Buga Ali, Suleiman Issah, Aminu Bello, Suleman Bilyah and Yahaya Adam.

Others included Yau Alhaji Anta and Idris Alhaji Auta who were said to be responsible for the recent kidnap of Alhaji Tunde Buhari and one Muhammed Mecho.

According to the police, the suspects were arrested at Eyenkorin, Oko Olowo and Shao, three notorious kidnapping hotspots in the state.

Odama, during a parade of the suspects on Monday, said his men on 23/1/2023, sighted some of the kidnappers in the bush along Eyenkorin during a

routine check and engaged them in a shootout.

He said some of them escaped with bullet injuries in the process while others were arrested.

“We later received information that one suspected Fulani man was seen with bullet wounds inside the bush within Eyenkorin and policemen traced and arrested the suspect who confessed to be a member of a kidnapping syndicate that specialises in kidnapping people around the Eyenkorin and Oko-olowo axis,” he added.

## HYPPADEC to construct mobile police barracks in Plateau community

From Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

The Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPPADEC) has unveiled the plan to build Police Mobile Barracks at Gashish district of Barikin Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State.

The community has suffered gunmen attacks where many lives were lost.

The HYPPADEC Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, Abubakar Yelwa, while declaring the commencement of the project said the motive behind the building of the barracks was to ensure adequate security in the area and other parts of the State.

The MD, who was represented by the Director, Engineering and General Services, Eng. Iplakayaa Daniel, said the commission would strictly supervise the project to ensure quality work.

Speaking at the event, Plateau State governor, Simon Lalong, represented by the Secretary to the State Government, Prof. Danladi Atu, said the HYPPADEC intervention was in compliance with President Muhammadu Buhari's plan to build the barrack.

The governor assured citizens of the state of his administration's continued support to the security of their lives and properties.



■ From left: Program Manager, Connected Development (CODE), Zaliha Lawal; Chief Executive, CODE, Hamzat Lawal; Head of Media, Publicity and Public Relations, CODE, Seun Durojaiye and Program Officer, CODE, Ruth Okafor, at the Joint Action Girl-Child Education Campaign project launch supported by Malala Fund on Monday in Abuja.

Photo: Abbas Jimoh

## Armed robbers kill member in Anambra

From Titus Eleweke, Awka

A gang of armed robbers on Monday shot dead one of their members during an operation in Mgbuka-Amanzu road/Pillar Bread junction, Nkpikpa, near Onitsha, Anambra State.

The robbers who stormed the area killed their member while trying to rob a passer-by.

An eyewitness, simply identified as Okwute said the gunmen, numbering about four were riding in a tricycle and double crossed

an unidentified man heading to church and dispossessed him of his belongings and fled.

She said the robbers, while trying to escape the area, shot indiscriminately and their bullets mistakenly hit one of them who died instantly.

According to her, they quickly removed the corpse of their gang-member from the tricycle, dumped his corpse by the roadside and drove away.

Daily Trust gathered that police operatives from the Okpoko Police

Division had since evacuated the corpse from the road.

In another development, three lifeless bodies were recovered along the Enugu-Onitsha road on Monday.

The deceased were allegedly attacked by armed robbers while traveling to their various destinations late on Sunday.

When contacted, the police spokesman, Tochukwu Ikenga, who confirmed the incident, said patrol teams had intensified operations in the area.

## Court orders FRSC to recall suspended officer over stolen phone

From Iniabasi Umo, Uyo

The state High Court sitting in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State has ordered the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) to immediately recall Superintendent Route Commander, Abochi John, suspended over a stolen phone.

It was learnt that John, the Acting Unit Head of Operations, Mbak Unit Command in Itu Local Government Area, was suspended by the FRSC and his salary stopped for receiving a stolen Samsung Galaxy J7 phone in 2016 said to be worth N75,000.

Presiding judge, Justice Ntong Ntong, discharged and acquitted the 53-year-old indigene of Dekina Local Government Area of Kogi

State, alongside one Anietie Okokon Udoh, a 37-year-old father of four children from Ikot Ayang Itam in Itu Local Government Area of two-count charge of receiving stolen property.

The court dismissed the charge against John and Udoh and declared that by virtue of the evidence, the accused were innocent.

The court also ordered the “Federal Road Safety Corps to pay John, all his salaries, allowances, entitlements and such other benefits accruable to him from the day of his suspension till date.

“The reinstatement of the suspended FRSC officer, shall take effect forthwith and the payments of his salaries carried out within three months, on or before 16th

April, 2023.

“It is worrisome why the FRSC officer was suspended when the Federal Road Safety Corps ought to know that an accused person is presumed innocent during the trial.

“In criminal trial, the onus lies on the prosecution to establish the guilt of the accused beyond reasonable doubt and that even when the accused person admitted committing the offence, the prosecution is still not relieved of its burden,” the judge stated.

Justice Ntong said the prosecution created serious doubts in the mind of the court with the first prosecution witness, Mrs Utomobong Johnson, the Head of Administration, Legal, of El-Coolax Limited, the company that

was allegedly robbed, testifying on a hearsay evidence, not admissible in law.

The court stated that the fourth Prosecution Witness, Mr. Deeka Nwigbara from the Anti-Robbery Squad, State Criminal Investigation Department, Uyo, who was assigned to investigate the matter, could not confirm how the second prosecution witness, Somairi Diyenye Jaja, the Managing Director of the company, tracked the stolen phones to the accused persons.

Justice Ntong further said that “Since the court was not told who stole the phones and where the phones were stolen from, the police should return the nine phones tendered as exhibits to the owners.”

## UNICEF, Borno govt begin eradication of learning poverty in Borno

From Olatunji Omirin, Maiduguri

United Nations Children's Education Funds (UNICEF) in collaboration with the Borno State government has commenced eradication of learning poverty targeting a total of 87,000 pupils affected due to 13 years of Boko Haram conflict in the state.

Speaking at Lamisula Primary School in Maiduguri on Monday, the State Coordinator, Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL), Umar Mallam Lawan said UNICEF in collaboration with State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) had selected 51 primary schools in Maiduguri Metropolitan Council (MMC), Konduga and Jere local government areas of the state.

UNICEF Education Specialist, Yusuf Ismail while responding to questions from the newsmen said the decade of the insurgency had severely affected the learning process of children in the region.

## General Musa takes over as 16th Commander, Infantry Corps

From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka, Kaduna

Major General Christopher Musa has taken over as the 16th Commander of the Infantry Corps Centre, Jaji in Kaduna.

Musa, who was until his deployment, the Theater Commander, Operation Hadin Kai in Maiduguri, takes over from Major General Victor Ezugwu who is now the Deputy Commandant and Provost of the Nigerian Army Heritage and Future Centre, Abuja.

Speaking when he took over command of the centre, he vowed to prepare troops for asymmetric warfare, which he said is the new world order.

In his remarks, General Ezugwu urged the soldiers to give the new commander their total support and loyalty so that the corps can continue to move forward as the centre of gravity of the Nigerian Army.

# SPORT



■ Bendel Insurance's Imade Osarenkhoe has scored in every league game he has played this season

## NSC releases 26-man list for World Championship Trial in Delta State

From Dotun Omisakin, Lagos

Ahead of the World Scrabble Championship billed to hold in July in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, the Nigeria Scrabble Federation (NSF), has named a 26-man list for the trial, which holds this weekend in Sapele, Delta State.

23 of the 26 players invited for the trial were males while double National Sports Festival gold medalist, Malafakumo Best Akpos, Bukunmi Afolayan and Tuoyo Mayuku were the females that made the cut.

Among them include former African and World Champion, Wellington Jighere, who is the current national number one player as well as the highest ranked African in the world at the moment and is the biggest name on the roster.

Also, current African Champion, Enoch Nwali, two times African Champion, Dennis Ikekeregor, 2004 African Champion, Nsikak Etim and Wale Fashina who won the African Championship in 1998 will be heading to Sapele.

Other wordsmith called up for the three-day Qualifiers were, current West African Champion, Eta Karo, Doko Oluwatimilehin, Prince Omosefe, Oshevire Awvengha, who captained Team Nigeria to the last African Scrabble Championship in Lusaka, Champion of Champions, Olatunde Oduwole, Emmanuel Umujose, Emmanuel Ofidi, Cyril Umehiye and Okiemute Tega.

Ben Quickpen, Jimoh Abdulumumin, Ezinore George, Joseph Aniso, Victor Godwin, Hakeem Olaribigbe, David Yuwa, Anthony Odok and Vincent Munanyo complete the 26 man list.

Players on standby are Precious Igal, Jacob Ryan, James Ewruje and Olufemi Gbadebo.

# No more fixtures rescheduling, IMC warns NPFL clubs

By Jide Olusola

The Interim Management Committee (IMC) has said there will no longer be fixture rescheduling in the ongoing 2022/23 Nigeria Professional Football League season.

The IMC said future approvals have been put on hold indefinitely as a result of several requests for match rescheduling

made by a number of the NPFL clubs.

A circular signed by Davidson Owumi, the NPFL's Head of Operations, stated that a mandate from the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) frowned at the flood of requests viewed as endangering the NPFL's credibility.

"Consequent upon the directive of the NFF, there will be no more rescheduling

of matches either for political or logistics reasons. The fixtures has to be strictly adhered to", the circular informed the clubs.

The directive, it continued, is in response to an excessive demand for fixture adjustments that, if left unchecked, may damage the league's principles.

Clubs have been instructed to do everything possible to meet their impending fixtures.

Meanwhile, Rivers United

will be hoping for their second win on home soil today when they welcome Niger Tornadoes.

Coach Stanley Eguma's side has picked up four points from their first two games and will look to extend their winning streak at home.

The defending champions have not lost to Niger Tornadoes in the two sides' previous five top flight league games, winning three and drawing the other two.

## Ailing ex-Golden Eaglets coach Brodericks gets sport minister's support

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

The Minister of Youth and Sports Development, Sunday Dare has rendered financial support to the ailing former Golden Eaglets coach, Sebastian Brodericks Imasuen who is currently receiving treatment at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital (UBTH), on account of stroke.

Dare, who was represented by his Special Assistant on Media, Toyin Ibitoye, described Broderick as a national hero who needs all the care he can get to bounce back to good health.

Ibitoye, who didn't disclose the support rendered when he visited Brodericks at the UBTH, said the minister felt compelled



to help the World Cup winning coach to ensure he gets the best of medication at the UBTH.

"The minister asked me to come to Benin to see Coach Brodericks personally and deliver the message, which is between him and the family of the coach.

"I am happy to see that Coach Brodericks is making good progress and the minister is also elated about this."

Responding, Brodericks wife, Helen, commended the minister's gesture even as she called for more support for the ailing coach.

"He is better now compared to when we brought him to the hospital. Hopefully, he can get better and be relocated to another ward to continue treatment. I solicit that he get more support as he continues his recovery.

## Everton searches for fifth manager in six years after Lampard sack

Everton have sacked manager Frank Lampard after less than a year in charge at Goodison Park.

Defeat at fellow strugglers West Ham United on Saturday was Everton's ninth loss in 12 Premier League games.

They are second from bottom of the table with 15 points from 20 matches, above Southampton on goal difference.

Former England midfielder Lampard, 44, replaced Rafael Benitez in January 2022 with the team 16th in the table and helped Everton avoid relegation.

After a 1-1 draw at reigning champions Manchester City on 31 December, Everton lost 4-1 to Brighton at Goodison Park, were knocked out of the FA Cup with a 3-1 defeat at Manchester United and were then beaten by Southampton despite taking the lead, before the latest defeat by West Ham.



Lampard took his first steps in management with Derby in 2018. In his one season in charge, they reached the Championship play-off final, where they lost to Aston Villa.

He replaced Maurizio Sarri as Chelsea manager in July 2019, but was sacked after 18 months.

Lampard took over at Goodison with Everton 16th in the table, six points above the relegation zone.

Everton had 10 defeats in the remaining 18 games of the season, but secured their survival with a 3-2 comeback victory against Crystal Palace on what Lampard called "one of the greatest nights" of his career.

Lampard won only 12 of his 44 matches in charge in all competitions, a win percentage of 27.27 that is far worse than his record at Derby (42.1%) and Chelsea (52.4%).

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## Elections in one month: INEC is ready – not

It is difficult to believe that in 30 days, Nigeria would have successfully conducted an election, declare a winner and watch Muhammadu Buhari vacate Aso Rock for his successor. That has been the plan, but the devil is in the details.

Just last week, the Enugu office of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) was set on fire. It would not be the first; and from every indication would not be the last. Nigerians have lost reasonable count of the number of INEC offices that have been turned into a barbecue cauldron. INEC is burning from every structure at a time it needs surefire protection of its edifices to conduct a free, fair and credible election.

Instead, we have seen the antics of unknown combustion aliens using INEC facilities as tinder for their incendiary experiments. Apparently these arsonists are successfully daring the Muhammadu Buhari administration's pet transition project. The politicians, that ought to be worried that the only legal bridge meant to link them to our commonwealth and common debt is being burnt, are throwing shades at each other.

A country on the verge of an electoral transition needs serenity and peace to make a success of that endeavour. A transition election is not a joke. Its success is the ticket to the country's membership into the paradise of democracy. So far, what are visible are diversionary roadblocks to a smooth transition. Nigeria's superhighway into the continued induction into the democratic club appears laced with booby traps, wedges and land mines.

Either by commission or omission, Buhari himself planted several evitable land mines on the transition autobahn. One is the currency redesign or, as some say – recolouration. With his brother-in-law at the head of the Nigerian Security Printing and Minting Corporation, NSPMC and a governor of the nation's Central Bank of Nigeria, Buhari endorsed a proposal to recolour the naira without discussing it with his own finance minister. He says its because the law allows him to do so.

As anyone that has followed the effects of Buhari's track record as petroleum minister now sees at fuel stations, Buhari is probably not a genius at managing the economy. The currency exchange project, like most government projects was dead ab initio. Candidate Buhari chided his predecessors for sustaining

a fuel subsidy scam with a promise to build one refinery for each of his first four years in office. The sputum of that promise dried before he could lift a finger at fulfillment and fuel stations have dried up like old mother's breast milk. One month into elections, there is no petrol to move the nation.

Buhari had more confidence in a CBN governor who toyed with a presidential ambition over a finance minister who distributed COVID palliatives by bluetooth.

Another roadblock to a clear transition is the proposed headcount. A nation that locks down businesses, closes its borders just to elect its leaders has no business conducting a headcount in the same year. Counting heads and counting votes in the same year is booby-trap for a nation of numerical illiteracy.

In spite of these heavy roadblocks, Buhari's propaganda minister, Lai Mohammed, came out of hibernation to declare that elections would hold coute que coute. This after a top official of the electoral body expressed doubt that the polls would hold.

Thus far and counting, nearly the two thirds of states needed for a clear winner to be declared have had their electoral offices torched by arsonists. Indeed, some states and formations have been hit more than once. All this without the usual commander-in-chief's tepid order for somnambulist agencies to wake up to their statutory responsibilities. The police have queued behind the regime's position affirming its capability to providing security cover for the polls. That capability did not stop Enugu office from burning last week nor did it prevent the previous 50 attacks.

Added to the shock is the revelation that the Inspector-General of Police would not retire as he clocks 60 because Buhari has exercised his prerogative of extension of incompetence. All an appointee of Buhari needed to remain in office is crass incompetence. This is open in all sectors from education where there are record strikes to labour, from aviation to healthcare, technology to telecommunications, the more notoriously incompetent a Buhari appointee becomes, the more he backs them.

From antecedent lawsuits that have characterised relatively conducted elections, it is obvious that this transition, if it goes on under the prevailing circumstances would create a congestion in courts worse than the

2021 Suez blockage. While this might be boon for lawyers, it could be fuel for mainstream and fringe secessionists bent on turning Nigeria into the old Soviet Union with attendant Ukrainization of destiny.

If arsonists and insurgents could target INEC facilities at will without repercussion; if no lynchpin has been arrested so far and none has been prosecuted, what stops small-scale pyromaniacs from finding the prospect very attractive? Our elders say that the eye that is primed to serve till old age does not begin its journey of youth with watery discharge.

Even in normal situations, INEC has been known to find Nigeria a logistic nightmare. Electoral materials moved ahead and under security cover get delayed and sometimes compromised. Officials find it difficult to reach polling points as scheduled. Thugs usually seize the opportunity to snatch ballot boxes where they could not disrupt the process. With armed gunmen circulating the clips of their successful day and nocturnal raids on INEC offices and distribution centres INEC is ready – not!

Nothing has shifted INEC's legal obligation to the transition programme as an electoral umpire except that it is incapable of affirming its capability to make what is legal expedient. It has shown no capacity to reassure its main and ad hoc staff of their security. It has not done anything to reassure any eager voter outside cities with the semblance of tight security that they would be provided the needed cover for venturing out to exercise their voting rights.

Over 50 attacks in 15 states is a crying shame on any nation, not a sign of a state's readiness or capacity to hold a free, fair and credible election. Willingness is not capacity. Nigerians need the assurance of INEC and government's capacity to make good on its obligation and commitment to a credible transition.

It is shameful that our internal security agencies have not been able to plot the graphs of these attacks to scuttle them and unveil the identities of the saboteurs' hell bent on truncating the transition project.

The incapacity of security agencies to effectively police the nation goes even beyond the professional incompetence of their commanding officers. Nigeria's security is leaking from every orifice. No nation has the capacity to fight several wars at the same time with measured success. Raving insurgents have stretched our foot soldiers and their arcane weapons and strategies thin to the level where they have become mere dummies for their pot shots. Outgunned and outfoxed, they are incapable of securing themselves or this nation in the face of insurrections.

This election should be the most important on the transition agenda. Anything remotely encumbering its success should be targeted for precision removal with immediate effect and automatic alacrity.

## SPORT REPORT

### I was racially abused at school – Hamilton



■ Lewis Hamilton

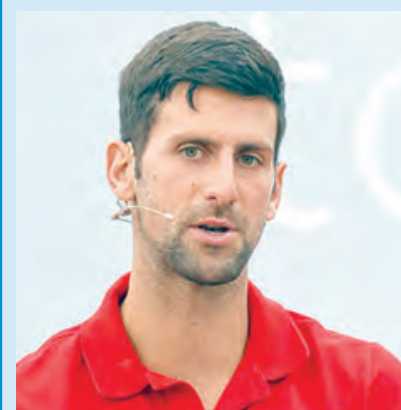
Lewis Hamilton says he had bananas thrown at him and was regularly the subject of racial abuse at school.

The Mercedes driver, 38, says his school days were “probably the most traumatising and most difficult part of my life.”

“I was already being bullied at the age of six. At that particular school, I was one of three kids of colour and just bigger, stronger, bullying kids were throwing me around a lot of the time.”

Speaking to the On Purpose podcast, the seven-time Formula 1 champion detailed a number of racially abusive terms that he was referred to at school.

### Djokovic races past De Minaur to set up Rublev tie



Novak Djokovic

Novak Djokovic made light work of home hope Alex de Minaur as he continued his pursuit of a record-extending 10th men's title at the Australian Open.

Serbia's Djokovic, 35, still had his left thigh strapped but he looked in no trouble as he won 6-2 6-1 6-2.

The fourth seed will play Russian Andrey Rublev in the quarter-finals.

Rublev, seeded fifth, saved two match points - and fought back from 5-0 down in a final-set tie-break - to beat Danish teenager Holger Rune.

On the prospect of facing Djokovic, Rublev joked: “No-one wants to face Novak, I want to be in the other half of the draw.”