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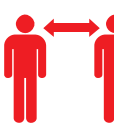
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Basic protective measures against coronavirus (COVID-19)




Wash your hands frequently with soap and water




Maintain social distancing




Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth



Practice respiratory hygiene



If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early



Stay informed and follow advice given by your healthcare provider

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Call 080097000010 | SMS 0809555577 | Whatsapp 07087110839

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The weight of the head is only felt by its owner

(Kenya)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

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■ A man carries bricks in the outskirts of Dhaka Savar, Bangladesh

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SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna

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GAINERS	BOCGAS	NEM	SOVRENINS	JAPAUFGOLD	LIVESTOCK
OPEN	10.50	1.96	0.24	0.74	1.51
CLOSE	0.93	0.17	0.02	0.06	0.12
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OPEN	3.33	0.65	3.21	7.20	0.35
CLOSE	-0.37	-0.07	-0.30	-0.65	-0.03
CHANGE	-10.00	-9.72	-8.55	-8.28	-7.89

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INTERVIEW

I wasn't dishonest because I still feared my dad 32 years after his death – Dauda Birma

Alhaji Dauda Birma, a former Minister of Education, passed away yesterday January 5, 2021. In this interview, originally published by *Daily Trust* on September 20, 2020, he talked about his background and upbringing. Excerpts:

By Taiwo Adeniyi & Chidimma Okeke

Can you tell us about your formative years?

I was born on July 21, 1940 in Garkida, Gombi Local Government Area of Adamawa State. I was the lastborn of my mother; there were four or five people older than me. I was born at a very interesting time. 1940 was during the Second World War. My father was before then the headmaster of the elementary school in Garkida. It was a missionary school, and obviously, he was a Christian. When the Second World War broke out in 1939, the missionaries closed all their functions because there were problems moving from the United States to Europe, then to Africa, because of the hostilities that were over the place. Therefore, my father stopped being the headmaster. He looked for employment with either the Native Authority or the government, and when he went to Yola, one obvious employment was the recruitment of every able-bodied young man into the Nigerian Army to aid the British war efforts. Because he was educated, they wanted him to join the army at a certain non-commissioned rank, but he had eye problems and did not fit into army recruitment. He was recruited as a civilian employee in Yola. My father continued as a civilian employee of the military until he was transferred from Jimeta to Yola.

In 1949, something happened in Maiduguri – the civilian employees of the military who were in charge of administering the funds for the discharge of soldiers and upkeep of the wives of soldiers had tempered with the money that they were charged with, and therefore, my father was transferred from Yola to Maiduguri for a clean-up exercise. We joined him in 1950. I resumed my education, which I started in Jimeta, in Maiduguri.

How did you get your first job?

When I was in ABU, the Nigerian Tobacco Company (NTC) came and started searching for potential managers. Two of us were selected – me and one Musa Aliyu from Birnin Kudu, Kano were recruited to work in the



■ Alhaji Dauda Birma

Nigerian Tobacco Company as vacation employees to sensitise us. The company was hoping to persuade us to join them after we graduated. The persuasion was very easy because we were employed for three months during the vacation periods. We were posted to the marketing department. We had a lot of outdoor life, excitements, and travels. And we were paid 30 pounds per month as students. You can see that whereas there were certain students who were on vacation and absolutely broke because they had nothing, we were employed by the NTC and were paid 30 pounds per month for three months. We earned 90 pounds. You can imagine what 90 pounds would do. My father retired from public service in 1958; he was paid 23 pounds per month.

When I finished the first three months after my first year, I went back to the university, and at the beginning of the second vacation in the second year, the NTC requested me to report to Jos Divisional Marketing Officer and to work for another three months during the vacation, which I did.

I had enough money to get married in 1965 with a very

little parental contribution. I got married in December 1965 and was helping my parents at the same time. In 1967, I graduated. And one phenomenal thing was that at graduation I did not apply to the NTC for employment, they just sent me a letter, saying they had employed me. I got employment during my third year in 1966.

How did you end up in politics?

In 1978, Waziri Ibrahim invited me to float a new political party called the Nigerian Peoples Party (NPP). We were in the process of actualising the party when a crisis developed and Waziri Ibrahim wanted to be the chairman and presidential candidate. Other people said he should choose between being the national chairman or presidential candidate of the party. We consulted and decided there were cases that would make him incapable of realising his ambition of becoming the president of Nigeria; therefore, we opted out of that arrangement and put a prefix, G, so it became the Great Nigeria Peoples Party (GNPP). The long and short of it was that the NPP succeeded in Anambra and Benue while

the GNPP succeeded in Borno and Gongola. If the two had not broken apart, they would have formed a very formidable political party. I became active from that time because I was a confidant of Waziri Ibrahim. He helped me tremendously to build the infrastructure of the business.

In 1983, when I decided to resign from the GNPP because things were going haywire, I decided to join the National Party of Nigeria (NPN), but out of respect for my colleagues in Borno, I decided that I would not join the party in Borno, so I went to Adamawa.

I was made the chairman of the campaign committee in the northern senatorial district. We campaigned for Bamanga Tukur, who became the governor of Gongola State in 1983. In 1984, General Muhammadu Buhari staged a military coup. People were detained, including me, as I was the chairman of the Borno Water Board. I was detained for five months.

They investigated every aspect of my stewardship at the water board, but at the end of it they did not find anything. I resumed my life, but it was difficult because, for you to have been under investigation and detention for five months, my financial base was broken. We had to pick up from there.

At 80, what would you say life has taught you?

Life has taught me that there is predestination. God has planned out what you would do. Throughout my schooldays, I read outside the ordinary, and therefore, I was able to achieve outside the ordinary.

When I was given any job, I did it beyond the call of duty because I hate being ordinary. I hate taking the second, third, or fourth positions or something like that. I preferred self-actualisation at the very top, but I also realised there is a limit to what you can achieve, and in Nigeria due to ethnic or religious bias. Somebody may have been sponsored by some people who are not half as educated as you are. They are not half as intelligent as you are, but they have got the connection you don't have. Therefore, you cannot be everybody and you cannot be everything, so I am satisfied. Materialism does not

help you. You do not have to be materialistic and greedy.

In 1977, my company, South Chad Limited, was allocated somebody from the National Youth Service Corps, an accountant. We even took him to the village where we were building. His name is Ugochukwu Nzewi. When he finished his one year, I was so impressed with him and wanted to employ him. I told him we would give him a car and a house. He declined to pursue his education. I was looking at him from the northern perspective and he was looking at himself from the Igbo perspective, but it was very nice he declined; that was in 1978.

Then in 1998, during my time as the minister of education, a file came on the selection of a rector for Federal Polytechnic, Oko. I made it a point of reading every single line on every single page. He was one of the recommended candidates. I opened his papers and in the forms he had filled I read, "I did my NYSC in Yola, with South Chad Limited."

I closed the file, called my special assistant and said he was the rector. That was it.

He was not number one, but the third recommended candidate. He became rector till the day I stopped being a minister.

What do you consider your major challenge?

Most of the time, I am broke, so it is a major challenge. I had the opportunity to use my office to make money, but it was not possible with the type of background I had. With the type of father who brought me up, it was not possible to be dishonest. Till today, 32 years after he died, I am still afraid of him.

I still feel I am accountable to him. When I was in a primary school in Maiduguri, somebody's one pound dropped and I picked it, went to the police charge office and gave it to them.

I could not go home to either tell my mother or father that I picked one pound because they would think I stole it. So it was safer to take it to the police. No matter how broke I was, I had this feeling of not putting my family to shame or not looking stupid in the eyes of people who would accuse me of this and that.

Read the full interview on the link: <https://dailytrust.com/remembrances-with-alhaji-dauda-birma>

731 Batch B corps members contract coronavirus – PTF

- Blames COVID-19 spike on Christmas activities
- FG moves to establish oxygen plants in states

By Abbas Jimoh

The Secretary to the Government of the Federation and Chairman, Presidential Task Force on COVID-19, Boss Mustapha, says 731 of the 35,419 Batch B serving corps members have tested positive for coronavirus.

Mustapha, who spoke in Abuja yesterday at a briefing of the PTF, said the cases were recorded from corps members from every state of the federation.

He noted that 108 cases

of the virus had earlier been recorded among the Batch A corps members.

He said in continuation of the NYSC engagement, the PTF had conducted the testing of Batch B corps members using Rapid Diagnostic Test.

Mustapha said following the news for oxygen in the national management response, approval had been given to rehabilitate five oxygen plants across various tertiary health institutions in Abuja.

He said President Muhammadu Buhari had also approved that at least one

oxygen plant be established in each state of the federation immediately.

He said the PTF was progressing on the issue of accessing vaccines for Nigerians and that additional information would be provided to them on accelerated vaccines introduction and deployment plan.

He said the PTF had commenced the sanctions on passengers who defaulted on day-7 post arrival tests as their passport numbers had been published and travel restriction imposed for a

period of six months effective January 1, 2021.

He added that the PTF had generated over 20,000 inbound passengers that had also defaulted and that the publication would continue weekly till it was exhausted.

The SGF said the CACOVID was supporting the national response with a daily 100 oxygen cylinders in the FCT “till the end of March, 2021 for distribution to critical care centres in Abuja.”

He also expressed concern over the rising recorded daily numbers, saying that as at

Monday 4 January, Nigeria recorded 1,204 infections.

“This was the highest daily number ever recorded since we commenced the national response. From our analysis, we’re beginning to see the effect of activities carried out during the Christmas festivities. We can only hope that numbers will not escalate beyond control. We, however, still appeal to all citizens to take full responsibility through compliance and vigilance.

He decried that despite the availability of 100 laboratories across the country, “there’s still very low testing in a number of states. Federal Government has sufficiently supported the states to enable them support surveillance and IPC.



■ President Muhammadu Buhari Received the State Councilor and Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of China, Wang Yi during an Audience held at the State House, Abuja yesterday.

COVID-19 vaccine: ‘Strategic’ leaders, health workers on FG’s priority list

- As Nigeria expects 100,000 doses this month
- NIS to revoke visas of foreigners without COVID-19 certificate

By Abass Jimoh

Executive Director, National Primary Health Care Development Agency, Dr Faisal Shuaib, yesterday said Nigeria would receive at least 100,000 doses of the Pfizer and BioNTech approved COVID-19 vaccines by the end of this month.

Speaking in Abuja at a briefing of the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19, he said a letter announcing this allocation in the first phase of the delivery of the vaccines was expected from the COVAX facility during this week.

He said priority would be given to frontline health workers, first responders, strategic country’s leadership and those that are elderly and with co-morbidities.

Shuaib said Nigeria was also expected to secure a free delivery of 42 million doses of vaccines in the second phase through the COVAX facility, an initiative run by the vaccine alliance, GAVI, to ensure equitable access to a COVID vaccine.

He said: “The second phase will be a combination of all the available approved vaccines currently in the market. These vaccines will, however, cover only about 20% of Nigeria’s population.”

Shuaib said about 70% of the total population needed to receive the COVID-19 vaccines to completely eradicate the virus.

He said only about 40% would be vaccinated in 2021; and the remaining 30%, in 2022.

He said there were some components on financing cost of additional vaccines and delivery to the country.

He said: “The first is the cost of procuring the vaccines, the second is cost of delivering to every ward and the third is ensuring the PHCs and the health workers are available to deliver the vaccines safely and effectively.”

He, however, said the PTF was finalising the cumulative financial requirement for deploying vaccines to the last miles.

The Comptroller-General of the

Nigeria Immigration, Muhammad Babandede, cautioned that the NIS has the powers to revoke visas and confiscate passports of offenders.

He said the 100 travellers under a ban for breaching the mandatory seven-day post-arrival COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction test would not be issued fresh passports.

“The public health is a big issue in the country and based on that directives, we have complied by blocking 100 passports from travelling, which means, even if they go to the police and declare those passports missing, they cannot be reissued anywhere in the world and they cannot cross our national borders until the period of six months or communication received from the right authorities stating that they have complied.

“This will also include non-Nigerians; we have the powers to revoke visas, the comptroller-general has the power to revoke visas,” the NIS boss said.

We’re in talks with China on COVID-19 vaccine –FG

The Federal Government says it has opened talks with the People’s Republic of China to have access to COVID-19 vaccines for Nigeria.

Nigeria’s Minister of Foreign Affairs, Geoffrey Onyeama, disclosed this in Abuja yesterday while briefing newsmen after a bilateral meeting with the Chinese Foreign Minister, Wang Yi, who was in Nigeria on a working visit.

Onyeama recalled that China was of immense assistance to Nigeria at the advent of the pandemic, noting that the donation of protective equipment greatly affected the nation in the fight against COVID-19.

The minister said that at this point when countries were discovering vaccines and China being one of them, Nigeria was engaging the country in

the area of access to the vaccine.

“We’ve received a lot of support from China in the area of personal protective equipment that they were very quick to provide us with and of course, with the vaccine discoveries now,

“China is also one of those countries that have been able to discover vaccines for COVID-19. So, we’re also engaging with China to also help with regards to access to vaccines for our people,” he said.

“In the area of fostering relations, both countries are now considering having a direct flight from Nigeria to China.

“We want to establish direct air link with China. We hope that very soon, a Nigerian carrier would be carrying out scheduled flights to China in the not too distant future,” he said. (NAN)

Sustainable development impossible without adequate infrastructure – Buhari

President Muhammadu Buhari says sustainable development is impossible when a country is hobbled by severe infrastructural deficits.

Buhari, according to a statement by his spokesman, Femi Adesina, said this yesterday at State House, Abuja, while receiving Mr Wang Yi, the State Councilor and Foreign Minister, People’s Republic of China.

The president said

Nigeria would continue to honour its obligations in the relationship with the People’s Republic of China, “as you are making a big difference, which we appreciate very much.”

Wang Yi lauded what he called the “mutual trust and sound personal friendship” between President Buhari and President Xi Jinping of China, saying “it has guided the bilateral relationship between our two countries.”

Concerns over fresh electricity tariff hike

By Simon E. Sunday, Abbas Jimoh, Idowu Isamotu, Saawua Terzungwe (Abuja), Sunday M. Ogwu, Christiana T. Alabi, Abdullateef Aliyu, Risikat Ramoni (Lagos), Lami Sadiq (Kaduna), Ado Abubakar Musa (Jos), Bassey Willie (Yenagoa), Zahraddeen Y. Shuaibu (Kano), Peter Moses (Abeokuta) & Victor Edozie (Port Harcourt)

Owners of manufacturing firms, the organised labour and other stakeholders have opposed the latest increase in electricity tariff by the 11 Distribution Companies (DisCos).

The Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC), an agency of the federal government approved the increase in a circular titled: Order NERC/225/2020, signed by the Chairman, Sanusi Garba, dated December 31, 2020, effective January 1, 2021. The organised labour and the leading opposition PDP described the action as deceitful and urged the government to reverse the decision or face the anger of Nigerians.

NERC in a statement on Tuesday confirmed the adjustment of the electricity tariffs between two naira and four naira saying it was to reflect the increase in inflation and foreign exchange rates.

According to the statement, the Commission said although tariff increases for Bands D and E (Customers getting power below 12 hours daily) remain 'frozen', it, however, admitted that the tariff rates for these classes of customers were also "adjusted" upwardly.

The statement said, "In compliance with the provisions of the Electric Power Sector Reform Act (EPSRA) and the nation's tariff methodology for biannual minor review, the rates for service bands A, B, C, D and E have been adjusted by N2.00 to N4.00 per kilowatt-hour (kW-hr) to reflect the 'partial' impact of inflation and movement in foreign exchange rates.

"Any customer that has been impacted by any rate increases beyond the above provision of the tariff order should report to the Commission."

In the new revised Service-Based Tariff (SBT) Order NERC/225/2020, the commission said it considered the 14.9% inflation rate rise in November 2020, foreign exchange of N379.4/\$1 as of December 29, 2020, available generation capacity, US inflation rate of 1.22% and the Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) of the power firms to raise the tariff.

The latest increment will last till June 2021, while a Cost Reflective Tariff (CRT) expected to raise the new cost higher will be activated from July to December 2021, the NERC Order revealed.

Daily Trust had reported

that in December 2020, NERC notified that it had begun a review for another tariff amendment, which has been completed and had taken effect from January 1, 2021.

DisCos confirm increment

Kaduna Electric, one of the 11 DisCos confirmed the hike. A source at the DisCo said the increment was roughly about N3 as the new tariff rate will move from N53 to N56.

"Based on the November agreement, the first phase of the tariff was between November and December and then there is another phase between January and June then June to December."

Another official at KEDCO, the energy company that serves Kano and environs also confirmed the tariff hike within the range specified by NERC. The situation is the same with most of the DisCos in different parts of the country.

How FG approved 3 tariffs in 5 years

Daily Trust reports that this is the third tariff increase NERC has approved for the 11 DisCos in five years. It had increased the Multi-Year Tariff Order (MYTO) 2015 by what customers described as over 50 per cent on February 1, 2016.

The MYTO template for reviewing tariff increase or decrease ought to be reviewed twice a year and the result implemented every six months.

Although indices like inflation, foreign exchange rates, gas prices went up with a lower generation capacity, prompting a further increase by June 2016, NERC could not implement at least nine tariffs on a biannual basis, which piled up until 2020.

In the quest to gradually increase tariff by what it called Cost Reflective Tariff (CRT), NERC planned a tariff hike of the Service-Based Tariff (SBT) in April but postponed it to July due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It approved the hike for the DisCos starting September 2020 but suspended it after severe outrages. The Commission amended it with discounts and reintroduced it on November 1, 2020, which makes it the second tariff hike since 2016.

The new increase in January 2021 is the third of such in the last five years with a hike of about 25% on average varying across the DisCos.

NERC in the latest order planned another increase by July 2021, which will formally introduce a higher rate known as the CRT that it had targeted since 2020.

Consumers kick over fresh hike

A tailor in Lagos, Mr Chibuzor Njoku, said the tariff would harm his business.



■ From left: Rt Rev. Mgrs Ralph Madu; wife of the governor of Imo State Mrs Chioma Uzodimma; Governor Hope Uzodimma; Bishop of Okigwe, Most Rev Solomon Amatu and Prof Maurice Iwu at a luncheon held at Immaculate Conception Cathedral Okigwe, Imo State

"Due to the economic situation in the country, customers are not willing to pay more for services rendered to them. So, it is a very difficult situation for us," he said.

Mr Sabitu Olajide, a welder at Mafoluku in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government said that the new increase coming at the beginning of the New Year would deepen the suffering of artisans in the country.

Also speaking, Mrs Morili Bamidele, who sells soft drinks, said she buys 110 units for N7, 500 and it doesn't last her for a month. "It is therefore difficult to break even not to talk of making any profit."

An entrepreneur who specialises in industrial sewing in Yaba, Lagos, Mr Oladapo Taofeek, said at his home in Mushin, he receives over N20, 000 monthly bill (current charge) on his flat.

A welder based in the Diobu area of Port Harcourt, Emeka Chukwu said that the electricity tariff increase will have a multiplier effect on the end-users of their products.

An aluminium steel designer, Umar B. Yakubu in Sharada, Kano, said he lost confidence in the electricity sector because of inconsistency.

In Bayelsa, some of the residents said there are some parts of the state, most especially Yenagoa that have not had electricity since December 2020, therefore increasing tariffs in such a situation amounts to exploitation.

One of them, Nkem Linus who has a cold store for fish, said: "Those in government should fear God and look at the direction of the masses. How can they allow the DisCos to keep on reviewing the tariff without a corresponding result?"

Decision deceitful - NLC, TUC

President of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC), Ayuba Wabba, and his Trade Union Congress (TUC) counterpart, Quadri Olaleye, yesterday, berated the government over the increase.

Wabba said, "This is not only

condemnable, but I think there are some elements of deceit in it. We are going to resist it and Nigerians must also stand up to resist it because it is like exploitation and it means that this exploitation will not have an end."

On his part, the TUC President, Olaleye said the government was deliberately inflicting pains on Nigerians, noting that the government had resolved to cripple Nigeria's economy completely.

According to him, "The TUC is disappointed by the recent hike in electricity tariff by the federal government while negotiations are ongoing with the organised labour on the last hike that became effective from November 1, 2020, because of the untold hardship it has brought on the workers and Nigerians as a whole.

"Sometimes we wonder why this government espouses unfriendly policies that are capable of crippling the economy."

Experts, CSOS seek reversal

The Director-General of Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI), Dr Muda Yusuf, said he had predicted the hike in his recent economic and business review for the year 2020 and outlook for 2021.

While he noted that the policy might have led to some form of hardship for individuals and businesses, he stressed that the reform remains the most sustainable policy option needed to attract and sustain investment in the power sector.

"The economy is currently in a recession, purchasing power has been significantly eroded across all income classes, poverty situation has been worsening, and there is spiralling inflation, there are fresh concerns about the resurgence of the COVID-19 pandemic," he said.

However, the President, Nigeria Consumer Protection Network (NCPN), Mr Kunle Olubiyo said in his comments: "The Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission is expected to provide elaborate

details on the dynamics and implications of the Multi-Year Tariff Order effective January 1, 2021, because it has implications on consumers."

A Development Economist and lecturer at the University of Benin, Professor Anthony Monye- Emina, said: "There is never a good time to announce any kind of price increase and in the case of Nigeria, it is not different."

He said the timing was wrong and trying to rationalise it under any guise was not justifiable. The Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC) and Corporate Accountability and Public Participation Africa (CAPPA) also asked for the immediate reversal of the latest hike.

The Executive Director, CISLAC, Auwal Ibrahim Rafsanjani, said no matter how little the increment is, it was a wrong decision because Nigerians were battling with so many challenges of survival.

"It is an additional burden on Nigerians and government should reconsider it," he said.

The Director of Programmes, CAPPA, M Philip Jakpor, said it was unfortunate that the current administration, through its "flip flop policies" continued to make life difficult for the ordinary Nigerian.

"Nigeria's power generation has not climbed beyond 10,000MW of which distribution is an abysmally 5,000MW at its peak. It is an ill-advised policy and Nigerians may be forced to hit the streets again to demand a halt to the policy moving forward," he said.

PDP asks Buhari to rescind decision

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has rejected the 'new year gift' of hike in electricity tariff as approved by the All Progressives Congress (APC)-led federal government, and urged President Muhammadu Buhari to rescind the increase.

The party in a statement on Tuesday, by its National Publicity Secretary, Kola Ologbondiyan, described the development as insensitive and anti-people.

Court to rule on Sowore's bail application Friday

By John Chuks Azu

A Chief Magistrate Court in Abuja yesterday fixed Friday, January 8, for ruling on the bail application by convener of the #RevolutionNow, Omoyele Sowore and four others.

Magistrate Mabel Segun-Bello adjourned the ruling after taking the submissions of lawyers in the matter.

Magistrate Bello ordered the Nigerian Correctional Service to transfer Sowore from its custodial facility in Kuje to the FCID in Area 10, Abuja.

A First Information Report by the Nigeria Police accused Sowore of criminal conspiracy, unlawful assembly and inciting public disturbance following his arrest last week in Gudu, Abuja.

Those charged with him included Peter Williams, Sanyaolu Juwon, Emmanuel Bulus and Damilare Ademila.

The court's directive to transfer the defendants followed a complaint by Sowore that the court's earlier order on Monday for

access to medical treatment, food, water and clothing were not met at the correctional centre.

The defence counsel, Marshal Abubakar, said Damilare, who was preparing for an examination, lacked access to internet facility at the correctional centre.

2023: Igbo leaders demand presidential tickets from APC, PDP

From Linus Effiong, Umuahia

Igbo leaders across political divides have demanded that the two major political parties in the country concede their presidential tickets for 2023 general elections to the southeast.

The demand was made in a communique signed by a former governor of

Abia State, Senator Orji Uzor Kalu and Senator Ike Ekweremadu issued at the end of a bipartisan meeting of South-East leaders held yesterday at Camp Neya, Igbere, Abia State.

The leaders held that the zone was united and indivisible in advancing the cause of the region and Ndigbo, stressing that

they were not in support of secession or any secessionist groups.

While maintaining their stance for a united, indivisible and prosperous Nigeria, the southeast leaders commended President Muhammadu Buhari for his infrastructure regeneration drive across the five states in the zone.

They said: "The southeast, as a major geopolitical zone and Ndigbo, being one of the three predominant tribes in Nigeria, must take its rightful position in national polity. The Presidency has rotated between Northern and Southern Nigeria and among the various geopolitical zones.

Critics of 774,000 jobs not in touch with grassroots - FG

By Idowu Isamotu

The Federal Government says those opposed to the Extended Special Public Works Programme designed to engage 774,000 unemployed persons nationwide are insensitive to the hardship people at the grassroots face.

According to him, poverty is on the increase at the grassroots.

The Minister of State for Labour and Employment, Festus Keyamo, who stated this in Abuja while flagging off the programme, Keyamo, appealed to state coordinators to allow more women to participate in the programme because of their foresight to save money.

He stressed that no amount of money was too much to be expended on the initiative.



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Yobe partners NADC to train youths on repairs of heavy duty vehicles, others

Arrangements are in top gear by the Yobe State Government in collaboration with Nigerian Automobile Development and Design Council to train youths on the repairs of heavy-duty machines among other programmes, the State Coordinator Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Arc. Musa Sule Damagum, has said.

The SDGs had in 2020 trained some selected youths with little experience in auto mechanic on the repairs of automobile at the Peugeot Automobile factory Kaduna.

Damagum, while speaking on the new training, billed to commence this year, said the training was meant to equip the benefiting trainees with some basic rudiments of repairs and overhauling of heavy-duty equipment in the state.

"Yobe is blessed with many artisans, especially mechanics and the government of Hon. Mai Mala Buni is committed to

supporting them through training for self-reliance.

"We have trained others on automobile and many of them are imparting the knowledge acquired in repairing vehicles and by extension helping many cars to long last."

The coordinator said the training would be carried in collaboration with Nigerian Automobile Development and Design Council.

Damagum also said the government would, under the goal 1 and 2 in partnership with Industrial Training Fund, trained people on electrical and solar installations.

"Our office will also, in partnership with UNIDO, intend to work on solid mineral development while plans are also in top gear to collaborate with the Nigerian Communication Commission on building innovation hub in the state.



■ Gov. Buni

Buni committed to contributory health scheme, other initiatives- Bego

The administration of Yobe State Governor Mai Mala Buni is committed to ensuring the success of the contributory health scheme and other initiatives in the health sector, the Commissioner for Information, Home Affairs and Culture, Hon. Abdullahi Bego, has said.

Bego, at a press briefing marking the end of the year 2020 in Damaturu, said the State Contributory Healthcare Management Agency, established in 2020, had so far enrolled 183, 403 beneficiaries into the scheme as of December 31, 2020.

The commissioner said the agency was established to reduce the hardship being experienced by people, especially low-income earners, in settling prescribed medical bills due to ailments.

He noted that Governor Buni had signed the bill for the establishment of the agency, including that of drugs management agency, to ensure that people across the state benefited from the scheme for a healthy society.

He said: "Right now, many civil servants and even people from the private sector have been enrolled.

"When people are scared of the possibility of falling ill or sick and not having the resources to finance their medications of the healthcare of their families or children, that can be a source of worry and stress for so many people.

The commissioner said Governor Buni believes in measures that will promote prevention in issues related to the

health care of the people.

"H.E Gov. Mai Mala Buni has also established the Yobe State Drugs and Hospital Consumables Management Agency (YODMA).

"The Central Medical Warehouse in Damaturu has been renovated and stocked with essential drugs and medical consumables while zonal drug stores are being renovated too," he said

Bego further said the Primary and secondary healthcare facilities have also been capitalised for the Drug Revolving Fund (DRF) for efficiency in service delivery.

He said government has also refurbished, rehabilitate, expand and constructed 39 new doctors quarters.

My administration won't abandon any project-Gov Buni

Yobe State Governor and Chairman APC Caretaker Extraordinary National Convention Planning Committee, Mai Mala Buni, on Monday assured that all projects under construction in the state would be completed and put to use for the benefit of the people.

He stated this in an interview, saying "our focus is to ensure that all ongoing projects are completed to serve the people.

"Government will ensure that the projects are completed and put to use for government to have value for its money and for the people to enjoy these projects.

"We have awarded contracts for construction of modern markets in Damaturu, Potiskum, Gashua and Nguru while that of Geidam would soon be awarded.

"Similarly, the township road projects in Damaturu, Gashua, Nguru, Potiskum and Geidam were awarded to reputable contractors for us to have value

for our money."

The governor said "the renovation, expansion and upgrading of health facilities as well as the construction of the Potiskum trailer park were also priority projects of his administration which would continuously be supported for timely completion.

He expressed satisfaction with the quality of work, adding that "Government engaged contractors with the capacity to execute projects that would stand the test of time."

Buni charged the contractors to live up to the contractual agreements, assuring that the state government would on its part fulfil its obligations for smooth execution of the projects.

"Government will continue to patronise contractors who execute quality work and respect the contractual agreements in executing their projects," he said.

Yobe sensitises public on fire disaster prevention

Concerned with the high rate of fire incidences, especially in markets where properties worth millions of naira had been lost over time, the Yobe Ministry of Information, Home Affairs and Culture has embarked on sensitizing the public on how to avert fire disasters.

A statement by the Director Information Services of the ministry, Husna Ibrahim said: "Dry seasons are often characterized with global threat of fire disaster which must be addressed collectively.

"Though fire is essential for survival, it must be managed and handled properly in serving the requirement of the public.

"The public is therefore advised to be more careful in this season while making use of fire in their day to day activities.

"It is imperative to desist from smoking on bed, improper storage of flammable liquid at

home and business places and allowing children play with fire items such as matches boxes and lighters.

"Other practices that must be avoided include uncontrolled bush burning, fuelling of vehicles while engine is running and usage of gas burners without proper supervision.

"To prevent inferno, the public are also advised not to receive calls while in the kitchen or at filling stations."

The statement further reminded the public on the dangers of overload on electrical outlets as well as refusal of switching off of all electrical appliances after usage.

"In case of an incident of fire outbreak, quickly evacuate from the scene to a safe area and call the fire fighters on the following numbers; 09067777004 or 07066918225."



■ Newly constructed, renovated and upgraded Gen. Hospital Yunusari

Ex-Finbank MD, 3 others jailed over N18bn theft

From Adelanwa Bamgboye, Lagos

Justice Lateefat Okunnu of the Lagos High Court sitting in Igbosere yesterday convicted and sentenced a former Managing Director of the defunct Finbank Plc, Okey Nwosu, to three years imprisonment.

Justice Okunnu handed down the sentence after she found Nwosu and

three other directors of the bank guilty of stealing over N18 billion from Finbank Plc, now First City Monument Bank (FCMB).

Convicted alongside Nwosu are Dayo Famoroti, Danjuma Ocholi and Agnes Ebubedike.

They were arraigned before the court by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) on a 26-count

charge of stealing and illegal conversion.

The convicts were first arraigned in 2013 before Justice Okunnu, but the Court of Appeal had on November 21, 2013, quashed the charge brought against them by the EFCC and set them free.

The EFCC, however, appealed to the Supreme Court, which upheld the appeal and ordered Nwosu and others to return to the high court for their trial.

In her judgment, Justice Okunnu sentenced two of the convicts, Okey Nwosu and Dayo Famoroti, to a three-year jail term and ordered them to repay the N18 billion.

The third and fourth defendants, Danjuma Ocholi and Agnes Ebubedike were sentenced to 12 months in jail and six months of community service respectively.



■ Chairman, Ogun State Chapter of the Nigerian Legion, Comrade Oloyede Taofeek (left) and Ogun State governor, Prince Dapo Abiodun at the launching of 2021 Armed Forces remembrance emblem at the Governor's office, Abeokuta yesterday

Hundreds flee as B/Haram attacks Borno village

From Olatunji Omirin, Maiduguri

Hundreds of civilians have fled their homes following attacks by suspected Boko Haram insurgents on Womdeo village in Askira/Uba Local Government Area of Borno State, yesterday.

It was learnt that the attackers also razed houses in the village.

A resident, Musa Ishaiku, told Daily Trust that hundreds of residents were currently taking refuge in nearby bush and hills without knowing the whereabouts of their loved ones.

"They came at about 6:30 pm and started shooting sporadically. There was confusion as many parents could not find their children. We are on the hill now, watching helplessly as they burn our houses," he said.

"As I am speaking with you they are still in Womdeo village, walking freely for about two hours now. Many of our people have fled to the neighbouring community for safety," A hunter in the village, Steve Mamza, told our correspondent.

There was no official reaction from the military as of the time of filing this report.

Former education minister, Dauda Birma, dies at 81

From Kabiru R. Anwar, Yola & Muideen Olaniyi, Abuja

A former Minister of Education and presidential aspirant of the defunct All Nigeria Peoples Congress (ANPP), Dauda Birma has died at the age of 81.

Birma, who holds the traditional title of Sarkin

Gabas Adamawa, died yesterday at the Yola Specialists Hospital after a brief illness.

His eldest son, Abubakar Dauda Birma confirmed his death to Daily Trust.

The late Birma was survived by 12 children, two wives and 28 grandchildren.

Until his death, Birma

was a member of the Board of Trustees, North East Development Commission.

Twice a presidential aspirant, Birma led a group of aspirants to step down for Muhammadu Buhari at the 2003 convention.

President Muhammadu Buhari has commiserated

with the family of Alhaji Birma over his death, describing the deceased as a decent politician.

President Buhari, in a statement yesterday by his spokesman, Garba Shehu, said: "I am deeply touched by the passing of Dauda Birma, one of the finest and most decent politicians of our time."

Emir of Daura's brother, 2 others die in auto crash

From Tijjani Ibrahim, Katsina

Alhaji Abdullahi Umar Maitaro, the younger brother of Emir of Daura, Alhaji Umar Faruk Umar, is dead. He was 57.

Maitaro and two of his friends died in a fatal road accident at Muduru village along Katsina/Daura Road on Sunday, while one other, who sustained injuries is receiving treatment at an undisclosed hospital.

Witnesses said two vehicles, including that of the deceased had a head-on collision, while attempting to dodge a tricyclist who suddenly made a u-turn in front of them.

Governor Aminu Masari, accompanied by the Special Adviser on Higher Education, Dr. Bashir Ruwangodiya, and other top government officials were in Daura on Monday to condole with the Emir over the loss.

The governor also visited the residences of the other two deceased persons where he condoled with their families.

Similarly, the Katsina State Deputy Governor, Alh Mannir Yakubu, who is also the Commissioner for Agriculture, led a delegation on Tuesday to condole the emir.

Until his death, Maitaro was a director at the Katsina State Ministry of Agriculture. He was survived by one wife and eight children.

Kano anti-graft agency uncovers fraud in state's scholarship scheme

From Clement A. Oloyede, Kano

The Kano State Public Complaints and Anti-Corruption Commission (PCACC) said it has uncovered fraudulent activities in the state's foreign scholarship scheme.

Its Chairman, Barrister Muhuyi Magaji Rimingado, who revealed this to journalists yesterday, said from 2015 to January 4, 2021, the state government has released

N7billion for the scheme.

He said despite the release, allegations of students being left stranded overseas persist.

Worried by the unending demand on the issue and especially on the fact that many of these students ought to have concluded their studies, the state Governor, Abdullahi Umar Ganduje directed the anti-graft agency to "supervise, investigate and perhaps take charge of the lingering foreign scholarship crisis," Rimingado

said.

Preliminary investigations, according to him, revealed that keeping records of the programme became difficult because "at the initial stage, the Secretary to the State Government's office, Ministry of Higher Education and Scholarship Board run the programme" and the use of consultants as intermediaries made the programme easy for manipulation.

Among the sharp practices

said to have been discovered at the preliminary investigation stage was the finding that the names of some students that have concluded their programmes were still being used to make claims of payment from the state government.

He said the commission will leave no stone unturned in its investigation but added that it was important for the public to know that the state government has continued to make payments for the scheme.

Police arrest suspected ritual killers, cultists in Osun

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

The Osun State Police Command yesterday said it has arrested some suspects over ritual killing in Iwo and cult activities in Osogbo, the state capital, among other crimes.

The Commissioner of Police in the state, CP Wale Olokode, paraded the suspects at the Police Headquarters in Osogbo yesterday.

In Iwo, Garuba Lukman Famous, Tajudeen Monsuru and Hamsat Akeem were

arrested for allegedly killing a lady, Mutiyat Alani and a man Akinloye Ibrahim for money ritual.

They were also alleged to have killed another man, Akanbi Adeolu and sold his head to one Yusuf Awayewasere to use for

money ritual.

In Osogbo, three suspects, Lawal Dauda, Bello Taofeek and their ring leader, Aderemi Serif popularly known as Sungbengbe were arrested for terrorising Sabo area, where they killed two men.

Guard against bandits' infiltration, Niger gov urges herders

From Romoke W. Ahmad, Minna

Niger State Governor, Alhaji Abubakar Sani Bello has urged herders at the Bobi Grazing Reserve to guide against infiltration by armed bandits.

He gave the advice on Monday during a visit with members of his cabinet to the grazing reserve, which is located in Mariga and Mashegu Local Government Areas of the state.

"There are many rugas in

this grazing reserve and we have been talking to them not to allow strangers into their midst. They should not allow people they do not know to join them. In all, we are doing our best to protect and secure this entire area and we will

get to it," Bello said.

The governor, however, expressed optimism that the grazing reserve would help reduce the farmer-herder conflict and stop herders from wandering with their cattle.



PROPOSED AL-ANSAR UNIVERSITY, KM 5, GUBIO ROAD, MAIDUGURI, BORNO STATE

THE GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

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Alhaji Kyari Dikwa President of Al- Ansar Foundation



The President of Al- Ansar Foundation delivering his speech at the occasion



HE Prof Babagana Umara Zulum, Borno State Governor delivering his speech at the occasion



The Governor performing the foundation laying ceremony



The President, Al-ansar Foundation welcoming HE The Governor, Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum to the site of the University.



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The President of Al-Ansar Foundation with his entourage at the site



The President of the Foundation welcoming Sen. Abba Aji, DG, North East Governors Forum



The Governor sitting while the opening prayer was being offered



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PUBLIC NOTICE ON PURPORTED 50% INCREASE IN ELECTRICITY TARIFFS


The attention of the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (“the Commission”) has been drawn to publications in the print and electronic media misinforming electricity consumers that the Commission has approved a 50% increase in electricity tariffs.

The Commission hereby state unequivocally that NO approval has been granted for a 50% tariff increase in the Tariff Order for electricity distribution companies which took effect on January 1, 2021. On the contrary, the tariff for customers on service bands D & E (customers being served less than an average of 12hrs of supply per day over a period of one month) **remains frozen** and subsidised in line with the policy direction of the Federal Government. In compliance with the provisions of the Electric Power Sector Reform Act (EPRSA) and the nation's tariff methodology for biannual minor review, the rates for service bands A, B, C, D and E have been adjusted at between NGN2.00 to NGN4.00 per kWhr to reflect the **partial** impact of inflation and movement in foreign exchange rates. This is a normal regulatory process of ensuring that electricity rates are aligned with changes in macroeconomic parameters.

In the light of strong public interest on this matter, the media is hereby requested to retract their earlier publications misinforming electricity consumers nationwide about a purported 50% increase in electricity tariffs.

The Commission remains committed to protecting electricity consumers from failure to deliver on committed service levels under the service-based tariff regime. Any customer that has been impacted by any rate increases beyond the above provision of the tariff Order should report to the Commission at customer.complaints@nerc.gov.ng

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YOBE STATE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND ENERGY

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION AND EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

This invitation for pre-qualification for tenders follows the invitation of the Yobe State Government to procure Aircraft Rescue and fire fighting services(RFFS) or Aircraft Rescue and fire fighting (ARFF) and Low level wind Shear Alert System(LLWAS) with specification standards by the International Civil Aviation Organization(ICAO) for all kind of Airport. The advertisement to invite for the pre qualification become mandatory requirement for safety of aircraft operations in all airports globally as results of mass casualty potential of an aircraft accident and purpose control of wind during takeoff and landing of Aircraft, thus are very important to have these emergency vehicles and metrological equipments for operation readily available in the state.

2. In compliance with the policy of due process of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Yobe State Bureau on Public Procurement law 2016, the Yobe State Ministry of Transport and Energy wishes to pre-qualify contractors who are interested to tender for the project:

Project Description:

Lot 1: Aircraft Rescue and fire fighting services (RFFS) or Aircraft Rescue and fire fighting to the International Airport Damaturu.

Lot 2: Low level wind Shear Alert System (LLWAS) to the Damaturu international Airport.

Pre-Qualification Requirements

Based on the above the Ministry invites interested and qualified contractors to submit the following documents for the purpose of pre-qualification:

- i) **Evidence of Incorporation with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) of Nigeria.**
- ii) **Registration with Yobe State Bureau on Public Procurement (BPP).**
- iii) **3 years current Tax clearance certificate.**
- iv) **Evidence of financial capability and bank reference letter.**
- v) **Evidence of at least 3 years similar projects executed (certificate of job completion).**
- vi) **Audited Account for three (3) years (2017 – 2019).**
- vii) **Evidence of VAT registration and proof of past remittances.**
- viii) **A sworn affidavit that the company is not bankrupt.**
- ix) **Evidence of compliance with Pension Reform Act 2007.**
- x) **Document for submission should be accompanied with a forwarding letter duly signed by the CEO or his equivalent addressed to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Transport & Energy, Damaturu, Yobe State.**

Sworn Affidavit Disclosing:

- a) That all information presented in the pre-qualification bid are true and genuine.
- b) That the Director(s) has/have never been convicted for any criminal offence relating to fraud or financial impropriety or criminal misrepresentation on falsification of facts.
- c) That the bidder is not in receivership, the subject of any form of insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings.
- d) Whether or not any officer of the Ministry of Works, Yobe State is a former or present Director, shareholder or has any pecuniary interest in the bidder.
- e) That the bidder is not in arrears regarding payment of due taxes, charges, pensions, or social insurance contribution unless the bidder has lawful permit.

Collection of Bidding Documents:

A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchase by interested bidders on the submission of written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira Only (**₦250,000.00**)

The Hon. Commissioner,

Yobe State Ministry of Transport and Energy
Abdulsalami Abubakar Way, P.M.B. 1001,
Damaturu, Yobe State.

Submission:

The submission should be in two (2) separate envelopes as follows:

- i.) The General requirement should be submitted in a wax sealed envelopes boldly marked at the left corner:-
 - Prequalification and technical Proposal.
- ii.) The Financial proposal should be submitted in a second, wax sealed envelopes boldly marked at the top left corner:-
 - Financial proposal.

Closing Date for Submission

All responses are addressed to Hon. Commissioner Yobe State Ministry of Transport and Energy, Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar way, along Gashu'a Road, P.M.B. 1001 Damaturu for the attention of: **Director Planning, Research & Statistics** not later than two (2) weeks from date of this publication.

Note:

- 1) The Ministry reserves the right to reject any pre-qualification submission any time and shall not be liable for any claim from any person or organisation on account of responding to this advert.
- 2) The Ministry shall not go into any correspondence with non-pre-qualified contractor(s) in any form.

Dr. M.A.Geidam
Perm. Sec.
For: Hon. Comm.

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The entrance examination into the Academy has been scheduled to take place on Saturday February 13, 2021 at the Academy main campus, Km 4, East - West Road. Ozuoba, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

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Signed:

The Provost



TENDER DEADLINE EXTENSION

Mercy Corps is a non-religious, non-profit and non-governmental international relief and development organization working in over 40 countries worldwide helping people build secure, productive and just communities. Mercy Corps in Nigeria implements a variety of programs with the ultimate goal of building productive, secure and just communities.

Mercy Corps wishes to extend Tender submission deadline for NIG/MDG/TEN29 - **Supply and installations of electric transformers and rehabilitation of substations networking systems in Bama LGA** from 8th January 2021 to 15th January 2021, this is to give room to potential bidders to have access to tender package and also Tender Addendum; NIG/MDG/ADD004 (Annex F: Network reticulation of No. 5 distribution substation at Bama town) have more time to bid. Mercy Corps is seeking for a legally registered companies specialized in the under listed fields to obtain and submit tender for the following markets:

1. **NIG/MDG/TEN29** Supply and installations of electric transformers and rehabilitation of substations networking systems in Bama LGA.

Note: All bidders that downloaded the initial tender package should also download the tender addendum **NIG/MDG/ADD004** Annex F: Network reticulation of No. 5 distribution substation at Bama town and submit along the tender package as one document. Bidders downloading tender package should download package along with the Tender addendum, fill all required sections and submit as one document before deadline.

Tender package and Addendum document can be downloaded through the following Mercy Corps website: www.mcnigeria.com/tenders

Tender addendum will available on:
5th January, 2021 at 8:00am Nigerian time

Deadline for submission:
15th January, 2021 at 5:30pm Nigerian time

Only tenders submitted in prescribed form and deadlines will be considered. Only legally registered firms will be considered.

Bidders are expected to submit bid document sealed and mark with the Tender number and title mentioned above to our Maiduguri Field Office located at; No. 20 Mohammed Goni Road, Old GRA Maiduguri – Borno State or submit bid via our online tender submission email at: **tenders@mercy Corps.org**



KASUWAN BARCI REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Kaduna Market Development and Management Company in collaboration with Urban Shelter Limited wishes to notify the general public and old allottees of Nigeria Traders Association (self-help) Kasuwan Barchi in Particular, that the verification exercise which started on the **12th day of November 2020** is going to expire on the **9th day of January 2021 (44 days)** as agreed by all Parties.

Kaduna Market Development and Management Company, Urban Shelter Limited and Nigeria Traders Association (self-help) Kasuwan Barchi have also agreed on 15 working days' commitment time which will commence from **11th day of January 2021 to 29th January 2021**.

NOTE: - that any verified allottees of Nigeria Traders Association (self-help) Kasuwan Barchi that does not meet the **10%** to the bank or **15%** to Urban Shelter Limited, installment commitment payment for shop, as agreed stands to lose his right of first refusal to won a shop in Kasuwan Barchi Market

Signed:

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Empowering the Northern woman

In a scathing editorial on 29 April 2018, the *Punch* newspaper lamented findings of a 2017 study by the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI), a research centre at Oxford University, UK, which showed that 13 of the 19 northern states are the poorest in Nigeria, and one of the “most miserable places to live in the world”.

The incidence of “multi-dimensional” poverty, according to the editorial, is as high as 92 per cent in Zamfara State, 88 per cent in Jigawa, 87 per cent in Bauchi, 86 per cent in Kebbi, 82 per cent in Katsina, 77 per cent in Taraba, and 77 per cent in Gombe. Only a few northern states like Kwara and Kogi perform significantly better in a measure of poverty that takes into account various aspects such as lack of education, malnutrition, poor health, unemployment and so on.

The editorial then lampooned northern leaders for playing politics with religion, rather than developing the region. “State involvement in religion has ruined the region and its cohesion”, it said, and warned that “states and the elite should stop dabbling in religion; instead they should invest in education, health care, infrastructure, skills acquisition and job creation”.

Of course, the *Punch* editorial has a point about the generally poor governance structures and outcomes in the northern states. The editorial is also correct about some of the solutions it suggested. But implying that the adoption of Sharia Law by several northern states at the turn of this century is the main cause of poverty in the region is a rather more contentious argument for which reliable evidence is needed.

It is more plausible, or at least less contentious, to argue that the North is the poorest region of Nigeria because the northern woman is poor. The average northern woman, aged 16-51, especially, is more likely than women across the country to have little or no education, more likely to have been married too early, more likely to have higher number of children than she and her family could provide for, and least likely to have any employment or income. This is more likely the reason, in my view, why Northern Nigeria is rightly adjudged one of the poorest patches on Planet Earth.

Still, my guess is that at least 35 per cent of Buhari’s 60 million votes since 2003 have come from this particular group of Nigerians in the belief, however mistaken or misguided, that a federal government led by him will give them voice and implement policies that would, at last, advance their lives economically. If they can vote, they can also enjoy the dividends of democracy. But to what extent has their 20 years of democratic investment been realised in terms of real economic dividends by this government over the past five years and counting?

The federal government does have a host of poverty alleviation policies under the Government Enterprise

Empowerment Programme (GEEP), such as FARMERMONI, TRADERMONI and MARKETMONI, and others like N-Power, N-TECH and N-AGRO, and so on. And for these policies, the Minister of Information recently claimed, in a chest-thumping self-congratulation, that the Buhari government has achieved more in alleviating poverty than any other government before it in the history of Nigeria.

But a more measured reflection can easily identify several problems with these policies. First, they all look good on paper, but no one knows the extent to which they are actually reducing poverty in Nigeria, given the general climate of corruption and waste under which policy implementation occurs in Nigeria. So it is difficult to determine exactly how many Nigerians have benefitted genuinely from these policies, and to what extent they have helped reduced poverty in the country.

Second, they are all based on providing micro finance (often as small as N10,000 to N100,000) to self-employed people or micro, small and medium-sized business. In this sense, they are more an example of the tokenism that profoundly characterises policy formulation and implementation under this government, from which much more was promised and therefore expected. I am confident that on current evidence, these policies will not reduce even 10 per cent of the poverty levels in Nigeria.

Third, because the policies are generally targeted at people who already have employment or run small businesses, however small, such as traders, artisans, small-holder farmers, and so on, the policies are likely to miss or exclude a sizeable population of the poor altogether. The average Northern woman of whom we speak here, for example, is not an artisan, not a trader, does not have land to farm, and mostly does not run any kind of viable small business but depends mainly on a husband or relative whose own precariousness is all too evident.

Fourth, and perhaps most worrisome of all, the GEEP poverty alleviation policies, based on micro-financing and entrepreneurship as they are, presume that people who are self-employed or run small businesses actually have sufficient entrepreneurial skills to scale up and run viable small businesses with additional funding or finance provided by government. But this is a serious fallacy. Most human beings have no idea how to run any business, even if they appear to be running one.

In other words, nearly all of these policies exclude our average Northern woman, and, therefore, are likely to make her situation worse. What then can be done to economically empower the Northern woman? In particular, what could a Buhari government have done to empower the Northern woman?

Whither the right to health in Nigeria?

By Ekpa Stanley Ekpa

If human rights are inalienable and immutable, such that we cannot deprive any person of the rights without affront to justice, then can we rightly conclude that any threat to the necessities of life such as food, health care, shelter, hygienic environment, access to potable water, sanitation, and functional health infrastructure, even for detainees and prisoners, constitute sufficient infringement on a Nigerian’s right to life? No doubt, the health of a nation’s citizens, detainees inclusive, reflects the nation’s socio-political and economic health.

Good health is an essential asset to the existence of man, and ill health is an impediment to human productivity. The question, therefore, remains that if the right to life is dependent and closely interconnected with good health, then why is right to health and well-being not the mother of all rights? We may never really achieve right to life and the dignity of human person unless we achieve the right to health. Unfortunately, though Chapter II of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria provides for the socio-economic rights which connects with social needs of Nigerians (such as food, education, health and shelter), the Court of Appeal in *Okogie v. A.G Lagos* upheld the non-justiciability clause of section 6 (6)(c) of the Constitution when it held that “while section 13 of the constitution makes it a duty and responsibility of the judiciary among other organs of government, to conform to, observe and apply the provisions of Chapter II, section 6(6)(c) of the same constitution makes it clear that no court has jurisdiction to pronounce any decision as to whether any organ of government has acted or is acting in conformity with the provisions of Chapter II of the constitution.”

For any nation to attain its real potentials of greatness, it must protect the socio-economic rights of its citizens. Conscious of this, the first three goals of the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals identified that in order not to leave anyone behind, the goals of No Poverty, Zero Hunger, and Good Health and Well-being of the people are top priority. Five decades earlier, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights recognised the “right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health” as a critical element of socio-economic and human rights. The Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights further broadened the right extending “not only to timely and appropriate health care but also to the underlying determinants of health, such as access to safe and potable water and adequate sanitation, an adequate supply of safe food, nutrition and housing, healthy occupational and environmental conditions, and access to health-related education and information, including on sexual and reproductive health.” There are plethora of other international instruments that guarantee the health to right, but perhaps, the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights provides a conclusive response to our question of the interdependency of right to life and right to health and well-being, when it provides that “civil rights cannot be dissociated from economic, social and cultural rights in their conception as well as universality and that the satisfaction of economic, social and cultural rights is a guarantee for the enjoyment of civil and political rights”.

To recognise and make the right to health enforceable in Nigeria, we cannot ask our legislators for a constitutional amendment that will insert the right to health as a fundamental right because they will have plethora of reasons to exonerate their excuses. They would argue that it would open a flood gate of litigations against the governors by the governed – but if the governors are governing well, to the extent that the governed can unarguably feel the impact of governance on social needs

like health, education, equal opportunities, shelter, food, hygienic environment, potable water, and human dignity, would there still be need for litigation on enforcement of socio-economic rights? I doubt so, save for frivolous and ill-motivated litigations. But we can ask our judiciary to lend to a legacy of proactiveness and judicial progressivism. We can ask our Lords and Justices to borrow the light of judicial interpretations from other jurisdictions with similar and peculiar constitutional circumstances, in line with our laws particularly section 12 of the constitution by ensuring that international or regional treaties on socio-economic rights that have been domesticated by the National Assembly are enforced. The courage of His Lordship *Nwodo, J.* in *Odafe & Ors v. A. G. Fed. & Ors*, instructively puts us on this path that the “government of this country has incorporated the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights Act Law Cap. 10 as part of the law of this country” and is applicable in Nigeria as the Court of Appeal has affirmed in *Ubani v. Director, SSS* when it held that the “African Charter is applicable in this country. The Charter entrenches the socio-economic rights of person. The Court is enjoined to ensure the observance of these”.

Our Lords and Justices are called to see the merits and wisdom that the unenforceability of the directive principles does not mean that they cannot create obligations and corresponding duties which the state is bound. Hence, the complaints and pleadings of parties for the enforceability of their socio-economic rights should be granted once they prove that the directive principles of State policy impose an obligation which the state should be bound by a constitutional mandate to implement. This is the posture the Indian Supreme Court has taken since *Justice Bhagwati* jettisoned the idea that directive principles were ancillary to the provisions of fundamental rights in terms of importance. In furtherance of this, the Supreme Court of India in the case of *Paschim Banga Khet Mazdors Samity & Ors v. State of West Bengal & Another* held that “the right to health is a fundamental and enforces the labourer’s right to compensation and linked the right to health to the right to life which is justiciable under Article 12 of the Indian Constitution.

It is understandable that the provision of quality healthcare is dependent on the resources of the state and limited resources constitute a challenge for the implementation of such schemes and legislations such as the National Health Insurance Scheme Act 2004, and the National Health Act, 2014 which are in consonance with the right to health and makes provision for a minimum package of healthcare services for all Nigerians with a predictable and sustainable financing options. However, the state can build quality health infrastructure and provide quality and accessible health for all Nigerians if we curb corruption and channel state resources prudently in executing projected votes for health sector in government budgets at all levels. More importantly, our political elite must not be allowed to continue accessing healthcare abroad if the hope of building a healthcare system for Nigerians will be realised.

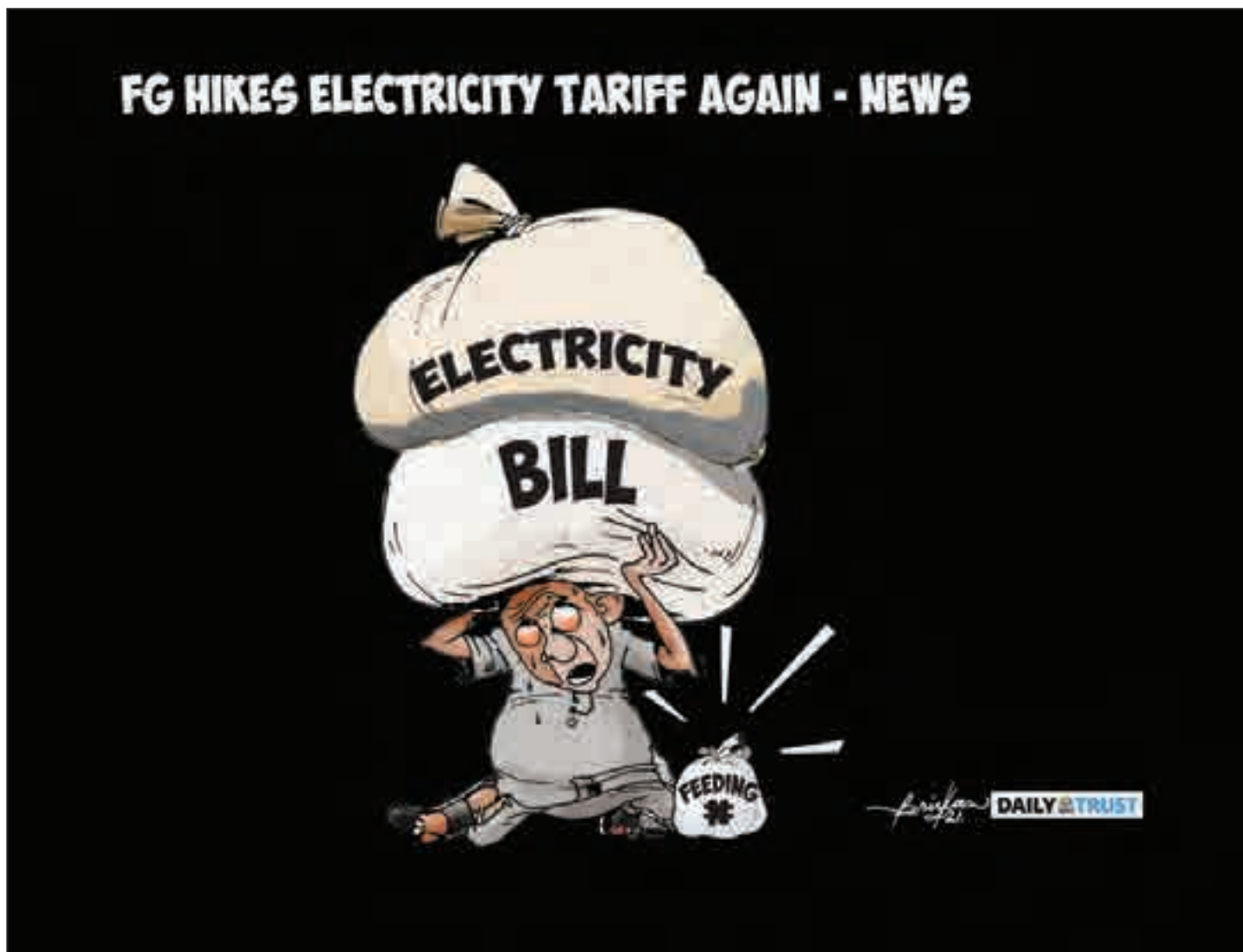
The unenforceability of the provisions of Chapter II of the constitution would continue to constitute a core challenge and severe socio-economic consequences for our country unless the executive arm of government begins to prioritize health sector investment and the judiciary begins to recognize the right to health. As Gro Harlem told the European Ministers Conference, there can be no real hope for the spread of freedom, democracy, and human dignity unless we treat health as a basic human right. In furtherance of this, the Human Rights Commission is enjoined to set up and maintain human rights desks in hospitals across the country, for swift responses to patients’ complaints about negligence, malpractices, and abuse of service in the health sector.

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CARTOON by AKILA JIBRIN



Between armed banditry, food insecurity and malnutrition in Nigeria

In Nigeria, 2021 seems to be loaded with a lot of surprises and the security threat is just as visible as rivers Niger and Benue. In the last couple of weeks, kidnapping and abduction for ransom were becoming increasingly uncontrollable that no day passed without reports of such emanating.

Farmers slaughtered, cattle rustled, crops stolen or wasted are all compounding the woes of Nigerian peasants whose effort produce the greater percentage of food consumed in Nigeria. Apart from extreme weather, the attacks on farmers and their farms by bandits will further degenerate nutritional availability for Nigerians. In essence, the Global Food Security Index

(GFSI) 2019, ranked Nigeria 94th among 113 countries with 48.4 per cent score. Although, this shows some progress compared to the 38.0 per cent score in 2018 (GFSI 2018), more effort is needed to move above the average.

Farmers need to be assured that their farms will not turn to their graves and that rampaging attackers will not go unpunished. Farmers' insecurity absolutely translates in food insufficiency and hunger and starvation are just on stand-by.

However, with seven per cent of Nigerian women of reproductive age already malnourished (NDHS 2018), the Nigeria malnutrition for pregnant women and children may worsen if the merchants

of death are not tamed.

As we approach the rainy season of 2021, there is no best time for government to protect lives and property of her farmers than now. How many clearances do farmers need to successfully access their workplace without fear of being mown down? The Nigerian National Policy on Food and Nutrition as well as the National Strategic Plan of Action for Nutrition should be reviewed to reflect the current reality of farmers' vulnerability status and much attention on how to mitigate that should be documented.

There can be no nutritional sustainability without farmers survival. With farmers gradually becoming endangered species in Nigeria,

bandits and other arsonists are putting every life in Nigeria on a destructive path due to security carelessness. Recession and pandemic have dealt big blows on the Nigerian fragile food ecosystem, adding assaults on farmers to the lexicon may lead to huge disaster for the country. Hence, another bout of hunger may snowball into tragedy at this precarious time of Nigeria nationhood.

Every actor, government, federal, states local and civil societies, academics, development partners should come together and curb the impending food and nutrition disaster staring Nigerians on the face.

Musa Aliyu is a nutrition advocate in Ilorin

Please insult Buhari but not Nigeria

It is disheartening when one remembers the bubble and struggle we face as a nation, starting from the incessant insecurity that has enveloped the country to the shaky economy that the recent reality of COVID is trying so hard to bring to its knees, and other non-natural problems we all face as a country today.

But what is more painful is how hopeless and unpatriotic we all are as citizens. The negative things we say about our country is second to none; no citizens of any country insult and curse their country like we do in Nigeria. It is not all sunshine in their countries too but they have chosen to rather criticise or insult the leaders instead of demonizing their country.

We have only one country to call our own, it is our collective responsibility to change the narratives to the good, and not damage or help destroy its reputation. If sincerely want a better country we all know what we have to do as citizens, but, that certainly is not to insult.

Idris Mohammed Shabafu, Minna

Challenges before Nigerians in 2021

The year 2020 threw up a rash of challenges, none more formidable than the COVID-19 pandemic, which swept the world, spreading panic and death, while crippling livelihoods and whole economies. It is now 2021 and at least 2020 has been left behind on paper. Yet, the challenges remain and are ever more present.

For starters, health data is emphatic that cases of COVID-19 are resurging worldwide including in Nigeria. There are whispers that another lockdown is imminent. There is great pain at the prospect of another lockdown. Nigerians cannot forget in a hurry the inconveniences foisted on them by the nationwide lockdown that went into effect at the onset of the pandemic sometime last year.

The average Nigerian family is also poised for another testy and rocky year. Grave economic difficulties predated the COVID-19 pandemic which also served to lay bare Nigeria's grinding inequalities. Entire households have perched precipitously on the precipice for many years since Nigeria's downward economic spiral began. The Buhari administration came in with promises to reverse the ugly decline but even the administration with all its promises has continued to struggle.

In fact, the gravest economic outlook Nigeria has had in many years has coincided with the Muhammadu Buhari presidency which began in 2015. For many Nigerians, for whom hope has nightmarishly morphed into desperate despair, there is no coincidence however. Instead, what exists is a cause and effect situation. To them, the situation in the country is the effect of the President's policies.

Then there is the insecurity that is visiting a grievous destruction on the country. So the cycle of pain continues, with no end in sight.

Nigerians must gird themselves for a long year ahead. There is a lot of difficulties in the country at the moment and Nigerians must prepare for even more difficult days ahead. Nigerians have always had a lot of fortitude to go round.

We must prepare to salvage what little is left of our country and the future of our children. Most critically, Nigerians must hold their leaders to account.

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Post-harvest waste in Nigeria

In the agricultural sector, this is harvest season, but as the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has projected over the years, Nigeria, on the average, loses \$9 billion (about N3.5 trillion) annually to post-harvest waste. This waste is almost a quarter of the country's annual budget. Some of the grains, vegetables, tubers and fruits being wasted include tomatoes, orange, cashew, onions, beans, wheat, cassava, and even yam.

The waste is very painful because of the high cost of production in the country today. Without government's support, many farmers bear the cost of labour, fertilizer, herbicides, seeds and seedlings, water pumping machines for irrigation, fuel for the machines, and the value of the land used for farming. Under this atmosphere, one of the most discouraging occupations in Nigeria today is farming.

While those who should provide leadership in the sector are helplessly watching these produce being wasted, in many serious countries, storage facilities have been provided for different kinds of agricultural produce. Here, vegetable farmers have to sell their produce at give-away prices in this season because there are no temperature regulated facilities where they could be stored. Even the country's silos do not have such facilities, and for the facilities available there is the lack of electricity support for them. For this reason, it is feared that the country's 33 silos with a total capacity of 1.3 million metric tonnes of agricultural produce hardly have up to 200,000 metric tonnes worth of grains in them at a time. Left to their fate, tomato farmers, for instances, have to hurriedly sell off their harvest because even the vehicles used in transporting the vegetable have no cold temperature facility.

Unfortunately, the weather from the end of 2020 and early part of 2021 does not help farmers who depend on its clemency to preserve their produce. For instance, yam farmers are in a fix at the moment because of the prevailing heat that has made it difficult to preserve their tubers. Under the traditional system, they would have left their harvest under shades on their farms. But with banditry and theft as besetting problems, yam farmers have to store their tubers at home where ventilation is a challenge. It is feared that between 30 per cent and 40 per cent of yam harvest could be lost in the next few months.

Nigeria must learn positive lessons from developed countries. Countries that take agriculture seriously invest heavily in storage facilities. That is why Nigeria could import in 2021 grains produced in 2015 and when they are consumed, they are still in relatively good and healthy condition. Even vegetables are effectively stored in regulated temperature environments, and could be exported to us, simply because the authorities invested in the necessary infrastructure. The country's leadership, irrespective of political parties in power, has used agriculture and food security as campaign slogan. However, Nigeria cannot attain food security when there are no storage facilities.

On its part, the federal government, through the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), has given a lot of soft loans to farmers, but that is not enough. State governments should play their own part in this all-important task of averting post-harvest losses. As a result of funds being released by the CBN, states have taken interest in 'political crops' like rice and maize, and have abandoned vegetable farmers to their fate. This is totally wrong. State governors must show responsibility by identifying crops in which they have comparative advantage and provide storage facilities for them. In this era of COVID-19 when many countries are preserving their agricultural produce in the event of another lockdown, it is insensitive for government at all tiers to watch grains, tubers, and vegetables waste away when they could have been preserved for consumption in the near future.

Also, we call on farmers associations to come together and pressurise governments to put in place infrastructure for storage. At the moment, the Rice Farmers Association of Nigeria (RIFAN) and the Maize Association of Nigeria (MAAN) could play leadership roles. It is not too late to start. We call on all stakeholders in farming to come together and find a solution to the poor storage culture in Nigeria.



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Managing university academic calendars after the ASUU strike and lockdown

By Dr. Usman Abubakar

Academic activities in Nigerian universities were suspended between March and December, 2020 due to the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) strike and the lockdown, occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic. Consequently, the academic calendars have been badly 'injured'. Students in different universities across the country were at various progression stages when the schools were closed. Some Universities were a few weeks into the first semester while others were at the verge of rounding off the semester.

On the other hand, qualifying bodies like the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) managed to conduct matriculation examinations for candidates seeking admission into the tertiary institutions. So we now have returning 100L students (2019/20 intake), whose progressions were disrupted last year and freshly qualified candidates ready for 2020/21 admission.

Clearing this pool of candidates (backlog) will require big budgets which must be sustained through the next five to seven years by projection. This additional cost is coming at a time when the government is saying that it is unable to fund the university revitalisation projects agreed to and signed by them years ago. It is no news that the number and/or sizes of lecture halls, students' accommodations and libraries have not increased commensurately. The staffing has not appreciated in terms of number or even motivation - giving the battering the teaching profession went through in the last nine months.

Now, faced by the multifaceted challenges highlighted above, how do we effectively manage returning students (focus on 100L) and thousands of candidates qualified by JAMB for admission into 100L? Certainly, this is a difficult question and may attract multiple answers. Below are four possible answers, including quick notes on the associated implications:

1. NO ADMISSION FOR NEW APPLICANTS UNTIL CURRENT 100L STUDENTS ARE CLEARED: This option may mean wasting one year in the lives of thousands of qualified candidates. To say the least; this is far from being good for the students, parents/guardians and overall national development. Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) results expire after one year, so in the course of the waiting, thousands of applicants would have drifted outside the validity period of their UTME results. However, in this competitive space, universities are expected to figure out innovative means of addressing the challenge. So, there is a reputational issue here and universities do not take that lightly. This option also comes

with potential revenue loss to concerned universities. Note that with UTME results expiration after a year, the prospect for having more than two applicants' streams (waiting for admission) is practically not possible, unless if JAMB is going to relax its results management guidelines.

2. RUNNING TWO PARALLEL STREAMS OF STUDENTS: Expectedly, the 2019/20 batch will be some weeks ahead of the 2020/21 batch. This disharmony can be eliminated at some point, the shorter the gap between the two streams, the sooner the harmonization takes place. This option will 'favour' the students but teaching/learning resources may have to be overstretched and/or new ones be injected into the system in order to cater for the two batches. But here are some of the questions that must be answered: Are the universities going to employ more staff or double the workload of the already overburdened academics? Can the universities engage adjunct Lecturers (on contract) and shoulder the extra financial burden for a period long enough to clear this backlog? Are the eligible (qualified) persons for adjunct lecturing readily available both in number and quality, especially when many other institutions adopt this option? While we can stagger/batch classes and lab works, certain essential activities cannot be easily staggered, sleeping is one of them! In other words, with this option, we may have to almost double the student's accommodation within the next few weeks. Remember, with COVID-19 still rife, social distancing within the hostels and lecture halls is also necessary. It is indeed a very dire situation, certainly not the best time to be a Vice Chancellor!

3. MERGING THE TWO STREAMS IS ANOTHER OPTION: Obviously, this is feasible only where the institution closed after covering a very few weeks in the first semester. The new batch may be ushered in first and fast tracked to be at par with the older (2019/2020) batch before the merger. But the salient questions are: are there big enough classes, accommodations, staffing, lecture halls, etc. to handle the merged streams? The answer to this question is NO for nearly all the universities. Also, in the face of COVID-19 economic realities, including the need for social distancing, can the student fees plus grants cover the extra costs? Is it realistic to shift the extra cost to parents/students? Even if the money is available, can the universities mobilise such resources to deploy the extra facilities, such as halls and hostels, within the next few weeks? We are already in January, 2021!

4. ICT SUPPORTED BLENDED EDUCATION (ISBE): This is a hybrid option, involving both online and face to face classes (blended) and Information & Communications Technology (ICT) supported teaching/

learning. This appears to be the most viable answer to the question raised at the beginning. Options 2 and 3 are combined here, which involves merged classes after calendar harmonization, some parallel classes and careful deployment of ICT tools along with online-ready course materials. So first, courses and/or curricula elements that can effectively be delivered via online means must be quickly identified and rendered into mixed media formats (videos, audios and fully conversational lecture notes, in hard and softcopies). Rendering the existing contents into comprehensive mixed media formats may take some time. So, in the interim, existing lecture notes may be digitised (if not already in that format) and used as temporary means of addressing the problem - pending when lecturers are trained in open and distance education delivery as well as course material development for online delivery purposes. Dedicated studios may be built and billed to support staff to develop courseware in mixed media formats and also provide general IT supports. Next, there is a need for efficient content delivery plan. Certain percentage of the course contents (say 40%) may be delivered via online means and the remaining (60%) via the traditional face to face means, which can be batched (run in parallel) - depending on class size. Similarly, for lab works, students may have to be batched and placed on harmonised timetables; already, this has been the usual practice, no thanks to facility/resource limitations. As for the students assessment (formative and summative), lower levels (say 100 - 200L) may be assessed using Computer Based Test (CBT) techniques under strict proctoring. For higher levels (above 200L, including postgraduate levels), most of the formative assessments may be conducted through online means while the final exams may remain in the traditional face to face mode. More so, certain students' research defence sessions, at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, may be conducted via online means.

In conclusion, while ICT supported blended teaching/learning appears to be a viable option, it is obviously not without some issues. For instance, certain ICT infrastructures are needed and may be capital intensive. Teachers may also need to go through some form of training on online courseware development, delivery methods, assessment techniques and quality assurance. Students/parents may have to budget for some ICT tools, including internet data. The option is also heavily dependent on electric power supply.

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Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP)

1ST Batch 2021 Training for Conversion into the Procurement Cadre in Parastatals, Institutions, Commissions and Agencies of the Federal Government of Nigeria

Call for Nominations

The Bureau as part of its functions as stipulates in Part II, Sections 5(k & s) of the Public Procurement Act, 2007 and in line with the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (OSGF) and the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation (OHCSF) Circulars: Ref. Nos. HCSF/685/I/24, HCSF/PSO/155/1/3, HCSF/PSO/155/1/25 and 59780/S.I/T.I/117 of 4th February, 2005, 31st March, 2008, 9th June, 2008 and 14th June, 2017 respectively hereby announces the commencement of the 1st Batch of Year 2021 Training for Conversion into the Procurement Cadre (Foundation) Course Exercise.

All Nominees must possess the following:

1. Mandatory Qualifications:

- A candidate shall possess at least a B.Sc./HND or its equivalent, in any of the following disciplines: Economics, Business Administration, Accountancy, Law, Insurance, Banking and Finance, Marketing, Quantity Surveying, Engineering, Architecture, Computer Science, Statistics, Purchasing and Supply or other related disciplines as approved by the National Council on Establishment.

2. Submit a Curriculum Vitae (CV) clearly detailing the following:

- Names, email address and phone number of the officer
- Current cadre and grade level (Nominees should not be above **GL 15** or its equivalent)
- Date of first appointment, confirmation and last promotion (relevant documents attached)
- Academic and professional qualifications (attach copies of certificates)
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- The endorsement of any nominee (**new and returnee**) by Accounting Officers implies that successful nominees shall be converted into the Procurement Cadre in their respective establishments.
- Only shortlisted nominee(s) shall be admitted to the training;
- Nominees who have attempted three (3) times must not to apply;
- Nominees who have less than five (5) years left in service from the date of the advertisement or more than 50 years of Age need not to apply;
- Only shortlisted nominated officers for the training would be published;
- Nominee(s) must be computer literate and possess a personal computer;
- Nomination(s) should reflect gender inclusiveness;
- Only candidate with Certificate of Medical fitness from Government Hospitals shall apply.

4. Only Candidates with nomination letters duly endorsed by their Accounting Officers will be considered for possible shortlisting.

5. Nomination must reach the Bureau on or before 4.00 pm on Friday 29, January, 2021 and shall be addressed to:

**The Director-General,
Bureau of Public Procurement,
11 Suleiman Barau Crescent, Off Ibrahim Taiwo Street,
State House, Asokoro, Abuja.**

6. For further enquiries, please call 08055171713, 08036888773, 08035958600 or send an e-mail to: procurementcadre@bpp.gov.ng; or visit: www.bpp.gov.ng

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BUSINESS

CBN EXCHANGE RATES

	US DOLLAR	Pound STERLING	EURO	YUAN/ RENMINBI	RIYAL	CFA
Buying	379	508.54	462.11	57.97	101.004	0.688
Central NGN	379.5	509.21	462.72	58.04	101.138	0.698
Selling NGN	380	509.88	463.33	58.12	101.271	0.708

COMMODITIES PRICE (Jan. 3, 2021)

CRUDE OIL BRENT	\$51.29
GOLD	\$1,873.90
SILVER	\$25.76
NATURAL GAS	\$2.61

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Dollar	Euro	Pound S.
N460	N568	N621
Dollar	Euro	Pound S.
N475	N580	N632

FG owes 79% of N20tr domestic debts, as Lagos leads states

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

The federal government has 79 per cent of the N20 trillion domestic debt profile as of September 2020, according to the DMO.

The FG has N15.846tr as its domestic debt while Lagos state leads with a huge chunk of the N4.19tr owed by the states.

DMO has said Nigeria's debt profile climbed to N32trn in September. N12tr is for outstanding external debt while N20tr is for domestic debt of the federal government, FCT and the 36 states.

Analysis of the federal government domestic debt shows that bonds account for N11.65tr, treasury bills occupy N2.7tr while promissory Note is N971.9 billion. The rest are Treasury bonds, N100.9bn; Savings bond, 12.5bn; Sukuk, N362.6bn; and Green bond,

N25.7bn.

The rest of 21 per cent is owed by the 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) which amounts to N4.19tr. of this amount, Lagos is leading the states on the debt list with N493.3bn debt. It is followed by Rivers state with N266.9bn debt, then Akwa Ibom with N239.2bn and Delta with N235.8bn debt.

Other states with high debts are Cross River with N164bn, Ogun with N154bn and Bayelsa with N147bn debt. Yobe has the least debt with N29bn while Jigawa has N36bn debt.

Experts had cautioned the FG and states on dwelling much on debts especially on subscribing to commercial loans of foreign entities like the Eurobond, a facility meant for member countries in Europe, but given on commercial basis to non members to generate more interest.



■ Director-General, Debt Management Office (DMO), Ms Patience Oniha

Losses in BUA, Zenith drop stocks by N392.8bn

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

At the close of trading on the floor of the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE), the equities market posted a negative performance as market capitalisation decreased by 392.8 billion to settle at 21.1 trillion.

The bearish performance was driven by losses in BUA Cement (-5.9%), Zenith (-4.3%) and MTNN (-2.8%).

The benchmark index declined 183bps to close at 40,396.14 points while the year to date return fell to 0.3%.

Activity level surged as volume and value traded advanced 119.7% and 265.6% to 465.7m units and 5.1bn respectively.

The most traded stocks by volume were Transcorp (69.2m units), Zenith (31.7m units) and FCMB (26.6m units) while Zenith (788.3m), Nigerian Breweries (606.5m) and MTNN (591.7m) led by value.

Performance across sectors was bearish as 5 of 6 indices reviewed closed in the red.

Investor sentiment as measured by market breadth worsened to 0.4x from the 15.5x recorded previously as 15 stocks advanced against 34 decliners.

Boc gas (+9.7%), NEM (+9.5%) and Sovereign Insurance (+9.1%) were the best-performing tickers while Oando (-10.0%), FTN Cocoa (-9.7%) and May & Baker (-8.5%) were the only losers.

How airlines, support firms shared N5bn bailout

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

Details have emerged on how a N5 billion bailout to the aviation industry has been shared among airlines and other supporting firms.

Daily trust learnt that the operators are expecting another N22bn facility to boost aviation recovery and development after being hardly hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Daily Trust reports that the sum of N27bn was initially approved for the industry by the Economic Sustainability Committee headed by the Vice-President, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo.

The N27bn for the industry, according to the committee has a project elements which include: to extend grant support including payroll support to the aviation industry including airlines, handlers, caterers and related services; provision of single digit soft loans, with long term repayment plan; deferred payment of taxes and filing dates.

However, the Federal Government last week released a N5bn bailout for airlines, ground handling firms, car hire firms among others, which sources say forms the payroll support component of the intervention fund.

Out of the N5bn, airlines got N4bn while the others got N1bn. Analysis of the N4bn received by airlines, shows that five per cent was deducted as part payment of the debt being owed aviation agencies including the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) and the Nigeria Aerospace Management Agency (NAMA).

It was learnt that the sharing formula was agreed upon with the various committees set up by the Ministry of Aviation.

The details of the disbursement sighted by our correspondent showed that scheduled airline operators including Air Peace, Arik Air, Azman Air, Aero Contractors,

Med-View, Dana Air, Overland got N2.8bn after the 5% deduction while non-scheduled operators got N950m.

All the ground handling firms got N233.3 million; catering service providers, N233.3m; National Association of Nigerian Travel Agencies (NANTA) N196m; Aviation Fuel Marketers also got N233.3m while the airport car hire operators got N100m.

Speaking with our correspondent, former Secretary General of the National Union of Air Transport Employees (NUATE), Comrade Olayinka Abioye lauded the Minister of Aviation, Senator Hadi Sirika who facilitated the palliative distribution.

He however made case for workers of the airlines that have been sacked.

"Some workers had been sacked, some declared no longer needed and some were asked to stay at home. What are the consequential benefits that

will accrue to these workers and those who had the privilege of being at work but performing tasks of more than three staff?"

"I also understand that about 25billion is reserved for Aviation. What will happen to the outstanding balance, given the unfortunate cash situation of government agencies?"

Also speaking, a Former military commandant at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos, Group Capt. John Ojikutu, said the palliative was not well defined.

"When we were all asking for the palliatives for the airlines, in our estimations, what purpose were the palliatives to serve? Most of the airlines now sharing the financial palliatives, intervention or bailouts are indebted to the government aviation agencies; the minister said this much to the NASS two chambers committees on aviation that the airlines are owning government agencies over #22bn."

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

SUNDAYS – TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS – SATURDAYS

From ABUJA	DEPARTURE				ARRIVAL			
	AK 1	AK 3	AK 5	AK 7	AK 1	AK 3	AK 5	AK 7
IDU	07:00	09:50	14:20	18:00	-	-	-	-
KUBUWA	07:17	10:07	14:41	18:15	07:14	10:02	14:36	18:16
RIGASA	-	-	-	-	09:15	12:01	17:00	20:02

From KADUNA	DEPARTURE				ARRIVAL			
	KA 2	KA 4	KA 6	KA 8	KA 2	KA 4	KA 6	KA 8
RIGASA	06:40	10:35	14:00	18:00	-	-	-	-
KUBUWA	08:31	13:04	16:03	20:07	08:28	12:59	15:58	20:04
IDU	-	-	-	-	08:43	13:20	16:16	20:20

WEDNESDAYS (ONLY)

From ABUJA	DEPARTURE		ARRIVAL		From KADUNA	DEPARTURE		ARRIVAL	
	AK 1	AK 3	AK 1	AK 3		KA 2	KA 4	KA 2	KA 4
IDU	07:00	18:00	-	-	RIGASA	06:40	18:00	-	-
KUBUWA	07:17	18:15	07:14	18:12	KUBUWA	18:31	20:07	08:28	20:00
RIGASA	-	-	09:15	20:20	IDU	-	-	08:34	20:20

NEWS

Be change agents,
personnel managers told

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The Chartered Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria (CIPM) has charged inducted members to provide solutions as organisations and companies desperately need to pull through the challenges of the 21st century.

Speaking at the 41st induction ceremony of 343 new members held virtually, the President/Chairman of the Governing Council of the institute, Wale Adediran, described human resource practitioners as solution providers.

He said the COVID-19 pandemic has made the world of work even more challenging and charged the new members to prepare for the very arduous tasks ahead.

Adediran added that corporate organisations expect HR professionals to distinguish themselves and provide solutions that would move companies forward.

“You must be change agents as you prepare for harder tasks ahead of you because the corporate world and human resource management is becoming more complex.

“So we must remember to inspire and empower ourselves and others to adopt high ethics and integrity required to deliver,” he said.

A HR expert, Essien Efana-Onon, urged the new inductees to take advantage of the digital revolution to remain relevant.

Speaking on the theme, “Digital Transformational in Human Capital Management”, he said: “We must not forget the place of training, research and development.”

Peace Mass Transit
acquires 56% shares
in leasing firm

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

C&I Leasing Plc said Peace Mass Transit has purchased 313,326,316 units of the Neoma Africa Fund L.L.C. (formerly Aureos Africa Fund, L.L.C.) which is about 55.82 per cent of its unsecured variable coupon shares.

The redeemable convertible loan stock is in registered units of N4.75 each or its US dollar equivalent, it said.

According to a statement issued by the Company Secretary, Mbanugo Udenze & Co., when fully converted, the loan stock will result in the issuance of 987,500,000 ordinary shares of the company. This will represent 55.82 per cent of the issued shares of the company.

The company also notes that: “The acquisition is highly beneficial to the company as the need for a possible redemption of the notes, with the company’s cash resources, has been eliminated.”

Shareholders approved the conversion of the notes to ordinary shares at an extraordinary general meeting held on November 3, 2020.



■ From left: Olusegun Alebiosu, Chief Risk Officer of First Bank of Nigeria Limited; Gabriel Ejembi, First runner up; Ajayi Tajudeen, Tournament winner, and Tochukwu Emuwa, Second runner up, at the prize presentation ceremony of the 59th edition of the FirstBank sponsored Lagos Open Golf tournament, recently held at the Ikoyi Club, Lagos.

Nigeria targets maritime hub
with N2.6bn Badagry seaport

From Eugene Agha Lagos

The Director-General of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), Dr. Bashir Jamoh, has said the Badagry Deep Seaport project in Lagos State is a strategic step towards the development of Nigeria as a global maritime hub.

He stated this when he paid a courtesy visit to the paramount ruler of Badagry Kingdom, His Royal Majesty, De-Wheno Aholu Menu Toyi 1, the Akran of Badagry.

Jamoh said the visit was meant to honour the traditional ruler and his kingdom for allocating land to NIMASA to establish a presence in the community, before the take-off

of the deep seaport project, with the foundation beginning this month.

The Badagry Deep Seaport project is being executed through a public-private partnership overseen by the Federal Ministry of Transportation, Federal Ministry of Trade and Investment, and Lagos State Government, as well as a private consortium of APM Terminals, Orlean Invest, Oando, Terminal Investment Limited (TIL), and Macquarie.

Jamoh said: “With over 70 per cent of cargo bound for West and Central Africa destined for Nigeria, we also have a huge commercial advantage.”

He assured that he would work with the traditional ruler and the kingdom to see to the implementation of the deep seaport project.

Jamoh, who was earlier received at the palace by the Akran and his council of chiefs, was presented with the Badagry Pilgrimage Award, a special recognition accorded dignitaries for visiting the town.

Commenting on the deep seaport project, the Alipoto of Badagry Kingdom, Chief Gbenga Fayemi, said it was important for Badagry and the country, stressing that the project is suitably located since Badagry lies between the lagoon and the ocean.

The deep seaport is located in the Gberefun area of Badagry, along the Lagos-Badagry Expressway, about 55 kilometres (34 miles) west of the Apapa and Tin Can Island Port complexes. The port will have about 480 hectares of Industrial and Logistic Park Zone.

Agency moves to improve quality of staple foods

From Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos

The international nonprofit organization, TechnoServe has moved to improve the quality of staple foods towards tackling the increasing food insecurity and the highest malnutrition burden in Africa.

The agency said it will do this through its innovative, Micronutrient Fortification Index (MFI), which will help to improve nutrition through increased food fortification.

It said MFI is a self-

regulatory system designed to incentivise food processors to meet government standards for fortifying their products with essential vitamins and minerals.

TechnoServe also said it was designed through the Strengthening African Processors of Fortified Foods (SAPFF) programme.

In the three years since the SAPFF programme began, Nigeria’s supply of fortified wheat flour and sugar has increased by 68 per cent and

200 per cent, enabling over 90 per cent of Nigeria’s population to access more nutritious food, it noted.

In 2002, Nigeria mandated the fortification of main staples including flour, oil, maize, semolina and sugar. Despite this, figures from the National Demographic Health Survey conducted in 2018 showed that Nigeria is lagging behind.

At the third Annual Food Processing and Nutritional Leadership Forum convened virtually by Alhaji Aliko

Dangote and Mr. Bill Gates recently, the keynote speaker and Vice President Yemi Osinbajo described the MFI as an interesting innovation that will motivate industries to self-regulate in meeting government standards for food fortification.

So far, 12 processors, including Flour Mills of Nigeria plc., PZ Wilmar Limited, Olam, which encompasses Dangote Flour Mills and Honeywell Flour Mills Plc, have signed up to the index.

Niger to generate N9bn from Bobi grazing reserve

From Romoke W. Ahmad, Minna

The Niger state government said it will soon be generating revenue from the Bobi grazing reserve which has commenced operation.

It has available pasture to be sold to herders in the state and across the country. The reserve according to findings will generate N9 billion annually when it is properly put to use.

The Leader of the Fulanis in the Bobi Grazing Reserve, Malam Ardo Abubakar said this during the visit of the state governor, Alhaji Abubakar Sani Bello and members of his cabinet to the reserve on Monday to ascertain the progress of work at the reserve.

Abubakar said, “The project will empower 9,000 people and has the ability to generate N9 billion yearly.

He stated that the project will help the herders have healthy cows that will give them more milk and meat and also enrich them while generating revenue for the state government.

Speaking to journalists at the end of inspection of the work on the reserve, Bello explained that the available pasture at the reserve can conveniently feed 9000 cows while they have little to be fed in the reserve.

The grazing reserve which is located in Mariga/ Mashegu Local Government areas of the state which covers over 34,000 hectares of land will contribute to

the revenue base of the state when it is fully utilized.

According to Bello, “We can start making money from the pasture here. We have too much pasture available now. The pasture we have now will be able to feed 9000 cows and in the grazing reserve, we do not have up to 2000 cows yet.

“This means we have more than enough pasture and going forward in the scheme, we will be selling off the excess pasture to any part of the country and the world.”

The Governor further said that mechanisms are being put in place to improve the capacity of the cows to give 1000 litres of milk daily from the current quantity the herders get.

NEWS

Zamfara invests N12bn in real estate in 18 months

By Abbas Jimoh

The Zamfara State Government said it has invested nearly N12.1 billion in real estate within 18 months to increase its Internally Generated Revenue (IGR).

Princess Rabi Ibrahim who is the Special Adviser on Investment and Public Private Partnership to Zamfara State Governor Bello Mohammed Matawalle, revealed this in Abuja.

At the press briefing, she said the Investment and Public Private Partnership Directorate of the state which she heads, has been attracting investments while investing in profitable real estate investments in Abuja and Kaduna State.

"Zamfara State has joined the league of States like Lagos, Kano, Jigawa, Bauchi, Kaduna, Nasarawa and Kwara state that generate huge internal revenue from their real estate investments in Abuja.

"The Investment Directorate under my stewardship has been able to make investments in properties worth a little above N10bn, and gold deposits worth N2bn, so the total investment

made by the Directorate amounts to N12.035bn in one and a half year."

She said the Director recently acquired a functional five-star hotel at Wuse II area of Abuja at N1.8bn.

The directorate head noted that a few weeks after acquiring the hotel its value rose by N1bn.

"If the State wants to sell immediately, it will go for about N2.7bn. The purchase of the hotel was a good deal that will pay off the total purchase price approximately in five years and still generate more revenue."

She also said that although Governor Matawalle met empty treasury and accumulated N350bn debt, he still dedicated resources for investments from the federal allocation the state receives monthly.

"The Liaison office at Maitama Abuja that had a total value of N400m is now wearing an amazing look giving the property a huge leap in value of N2.6bn.

"The state property at Kaduna of N100 million worth before has been reconstructed and is valued at N2.8bn. The Directorate is also making arrangements to convert this property into a hotel."

Why I created app for train e-ticketing - Journalist

From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka, Kaduna

An IT expert and journalist, Abdulganiyu Alabi, says he designed an e-ticketing application to enable online booking for the Abuja-Kaduna and Lagos-Ibadan standard gauge train services.

Alabi, who is a correspondent with the Guardian newspaper in Kaduna, said the app is called 'Trainwise' and that people can book for a train trip using their mobile phones.

He said the app will help to checkmate ticket racketeering and relieve train users the stress of queuing under the scorching sun for hours before obtaining a ticket.

He added that the app will help train stations to automate the booking process and make them more transparent to customers.

"You can book for train at home or anywhere at the stipulated time and the moment you reach the station, all you need to do is to show the ticket

you purchased to an attendant for QR code scanning and they will allow you in and there is no way you can enter with fake ticket because the QR scanner captures all your bio data."

The IT enthusiast, however, urged the Nigeria Railway Corporation (NRC) to adopt the app, saying it can solve about 80 per cent of problems faced at the stations.

Alabi said he was able to build the app, following his desire to solve numerous challenges encountered by train users with his technological know-how.

"I have joined other journalists to report happenings at the stations and I felt I can solve this problem with my computer knowledge. I can guarantee that if the app is adopted by the government, the users will enjoy it," he said.

He said he learned the skills from a Port Harcourt-based tech expert, and practiced to develop the app.

Abuja airport witnesses surge in passengers' arrival

Officials of some airlines on Tuesday said the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport Abuja has witnessed a surge in passengers' arrival since January 2, 2021.

The officials made this known in separate interviews in Abuja. More travellers are observed coming into Abuja from other destinations while out-bound passengers are very few at the booking and check-in counters of most of the airlines.

Staff, who spoke with NAN, said the continuous increase of in-bound passengers was as a result of returning passengers that travelled out of Abuja for Christmas and New Year celebrations.

Mr Kehinde Ogunyale, Max Air Station Manager, who said that the airport had recorded higher numbers of in-bound passengers, however, affirmed that the out-bound passengers had been very few so far this year.

According to him, Max Air outbound flights have dropped below 50 per cent while the inbound flights are full due to passengers returning from the

yuletide season celebrations..

Ogunyale said that passenger traffic could get lower towards the middle of January as few individuals would likely travel for personal dealings.

"After the yuletide season, we are gradually moving into the low season traffic. Low season because, at this time of the year not many people will be travelling out of Abuja.

"They will not be travelling because they have just come back from the holiday. They just came back from visiting families and friends. Traffic will be at the minimal level," he said.

The station manager also pointed out that relying on the national budget by many companies to form their own 2021 budgets would further contribute to passengers' low traffic in January.

"From the economic and financial point of view, a lot of the companies too are waiting to see the budget so that they can form their own budgets or fashion their own budget out of the national budget.

"In fashioning out their own budgets, there is going to be vital plans to know how many of the staff will be able to travel for projects and assignments out of Abuja in the new year," he said.

The Station Manager of Aero Contractors, Mr Abdulmalik Jibreel, said the company's flights were currently experiencing higher inbound than outbound passengers.

He further said the inbound flights from all routes into Abuja were full since Jan. 2 while the outbound flights were scanty.

"Last month, a lot of people rushed home to meet the deadline for Christmas. So, there was a lot of rush and demand from the passengers.

"We managed to cope with their demands. Sometimes, we operated up to midnight and to the early hours of the next day.

"But now, people are coming back. There is no specific time. Everybody picks his or her own time of coming back. The rush is no longer there but passengers are actually there," he said. (NAN)

No political interest in our business – Intels

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

Nigeria's oil and gas logistics firm, Intels Nigeria Limited, has said that its business has not been hindered by political influences from the present government.

The company made the clarification in a statement it issued on Tuesday while reacting to a statement by its former shareholder, former Vice President Abubakar Atiku, that he sold his shares due to political differences with the government.

Intels said it had severed ties with Atiku after the latter sold his interests in Intels' parent company, Orlean

Invest Holding, through a series of transactions executed through Guernsey Trust, in deals that began in December 2018 and concluded in 2020.

Spokesman for Intels Nigeria Limited-Orlean Invest Group, Tommaso Ruffinoni, in the statement said the company's decisions have been devoid of political considerations as it "has always operated according to market logic.

"Intels Nigeria Limited and with its parent company Orlean Invest Holding in relation to some statements that appeared in the press yesterday and today, categorically denies that

its business has at some time been hindered by political influences from the current government.

"The ongoing contradictions are part of a natural commercial divergence, which will hopefully be resolved, as in the past, by a new approach, in the interest of all the parties, also according to the social role that Intels plays in the country.

"The severance from the world of Atiku Abubakar was an economic decision, in the exclusive interest of the company, and to irreconcilable strategic differences with the new governance structure of the Intels - Orlean Invest Group," it stated.



The Nigerian Society of Engineers

VACANT POSITIONS

The Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), a leading professional Organization in Nigeria with over fifty thousand members is desirous of recruiting competent, self-motivated and result-oriented candidates to fill the vacant positions listed below. The location of employment is the National Engineering Centre, Abuja.

1. HEAD, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Job Objective:

- To improve the overall professional development of NSE members, develop and implement guidelines for Continuous Professional Development (CPD), professional courses, examinations and seminars, as well as coordinate the consultancy services of the Society.

Required Qualifications:

- First Degree in Engineering
- Higher Degree in Engineering will be an added advantage
- Must be a corporate member of NSE and registered with COREN.
- Membership of the Society shall not be less than five years
- Minimum of ten (10) years post-qualification relevant experience
- Candidate should have a mix of academia and industry practice experience
- Must possess a flair for research and training
- Must be capable of generating new ideas for new models of professional development
- Must be computer literate, innovative and analytical
- Must possess leadership skills

2. HEAD, MEMBERSHIP SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Job Objective:

- To implement membership policy decisions of the Council, plan and implement NSE strategies to increase membership base and sustain membership enthusiasm, through improvement in quality of work, turnaround time for requests as well as compliance with service standards.

Required Qualifications:

- First Degree in Engineering
- Higher Degree in Engineering or possession of MBA will be an added advantage
- Must be a corporate member of the NSE and registered with COREN.
- Membership of the Society shall not be less than five (5) years
- Minimum of ten (10) years post-qualification relevant experience in similar job position
- Must be computer literate, innovative and analytical
- Must possess good communication and interpersonal relationship skills.
- Must possess good leadership skills

3. HEAD, FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Job Objective:

- To undertake all functions relating to the management of the Secretariat's books of accounts and finances and provide the National EXCO and Council with accurate and timely financial information and reports, as well as manage the Secretariat's investment portfolio.

Required Qualifications:

- First Degree in Accounting, Finance or related discipline
- A professional certificate such as ICAN, ANAN, ACA or ACCA is a prerequisite.
- A Higher Degree will be an added advantage.
- Minimum of ten (10) years' post-graduation relevant experience
- Must have good knowledge of tax management, financial analysis, cost accounting and budgeting.
- Must be computer literate and specifically versed in QuickBooks software.
- Must possess leadership skills and high level of integrity.
- Must have held a comparable senior position in a relevant organization

4. HEAD, INTERNAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT

Job Objective:

- To manage operational risks, protect the Society's assets and minimize losses through the development and implementation of adequate and firm internal control measures.

Required Qualifications:

- First Degree in Accounting, Finance or related discipline
- A professional certificate such as ICAN, ANAN, ACA, ACCA is a prerequisite.
- A higher degree will be an added advantage
- Minimum of ten (10) years' post-graduation relevant experience in audit and internal control.
- Must possess strong analytical and account reconciliation skills
- Must be computer literate
- Must possess high level of integrity
- Must have held a comparable senior position in a relevant Organization

5. MEDIA & CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Job Objective:

- To assist in implementing the Society's strategies and programmes on media/external relations, corporate communications, publicity and advocacies, with a view to projecting the Society's image positively.

Required Qualifications:

- First Degree in Mass Communications or any of the Social Sciences or Humanities courses.
- Training in Journalism or Creative Writing will be an added advantage.
- Minimum of eight (8) years' post-qualification relevant experience in similar job position
- Must be computer literate, initiative and possess creative thinking abilities.
- Must possess excellent interpersonal and public relations skills.
- Must be knowledgeable and constantly abreast with National affairs and trending issues in the public space.
- Must be able to work and achieve results with minimal supervision.

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Interested candidates who satisfy the above requirements should send their applications with Curriculum Vitae, copies of credentials and names and addresses of three Referees within two (2) weeks of this publication to:

The Executive Secretary,
Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE),
National Engineering Centre,
Labour House – National Mosque Road,
Central Business District,
Abuja.

Or send via email to: es@nse.org.ng



SOKOTO STATE UNIVERSITY, SOKOTO

4th January, 2021

DISCLAIMER

The attention of the Management of the Sokoto State University has been drawn to documents in circulation especially in the social media, purporting to show a list of students invited by a Committee set up to verify alleged claims of results alteration.

While the Management acknowledges the existence of the said Committee (whose report will be made public after the exercise) it, however, strongly objects to the contents of the said report, especially as it concerns the so-called list of invitees for interaction.

For the avoidance of doubt, the University hereby states categorically that at no time did it sanction the said publications, which it believes only serves to peddle names of our hardworking students, whose integrity may have been impugned upon by the said report.

The University hereby assures its teeming students of its readiness to at all times, protect their hard-earned qualifications against the falsehood that the said report may have created.

In view of the above ugly development, the University Management wishes to apologise to all students whose names appeared on the list and the general public for any damage that might have been caused from the incidence.

To this end, all those whose names appeared on the list are hereby urged to ignore the purported invitation, while the University investigates the matter.

Thank you.

Signed:

Zayyanu Shehu
(Information Officer)
For: Vice-Chancellor



PUBLIC NOTICE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

PUBLIC DISPLAY EXERCISE ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (ESIA) OF THE PROPOSED FIBER BACKBONE NETWORK PROJECT ACROSS EIGHT (8) STATES (LAGOS, OGUN, OYO, OSUN, KWARA, EKITI, ONDO, AND KOGI STATES) BY O'ODUA INFRACO RESOURCES LTD.

In accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Act E12 LFN 2004, which makes it mandatory for proponents of all new major development activities to carry out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for their proposed projects, the Federal Ministry of Environment hereby announces a twenty-one (21) working days public display on the draft ESIA submitted by Oodua Infraco Resources Limited. This display is to enable the public make input that shall facilitate informed decision taken by the Ministry on the project.

BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION:-

The proposed project, aimed at helping in the expansion of network infrastructure across the country and to provide more efficient services to local consumers, shall involve the construction and installation of over 7,500km of Backbone and Metro fibre network in southwest region and some neighbouring states in the North Central region namely Kogi and Kwara states. The project will involve trenching of fibre optic route, laying of fibre cables, installation of power generation equipment, among other activities. A point of access (POA) shall be setup in all 117 local Government Areas and viable locations in the Southwest region including Kwara and Kogi States.

THE DISPLAY CENTERS ARE:-

- Oyo State Ministry of Environment and Water Resources, State Secretariat, Ibadan, Oyo State.
- Lagos State Ministry of Environment and Water Resources, Alausa, Ikeja, Lagos State.
- Ondo State Ministry of Environment, Secretariat Akure, Ondo State.
- Osun State Ministry of Environment and Sanitation, Oshogbo, Osun State
- Kogi State Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Lokoja, Kogi State
- Kwara State Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Ilorin, Kwara State.
- Ogun State Ministry of Environment, Oke-Mosan, Abeokuta, Ogun State.
- Ekiti State Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State.
- Federal Ministry of Environment Office, Lokoja, Kogi State
- Federal Ministry of Environment Office, Ilorin, Kwara State
- Federal Ministry of Environment Office, Abeokuta, Ogun State
- Federal Ministry of Environment Office, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State
- Federal Ministry of Environment Office, Oshogbo, Osun State
- Federal Ministry of Environment Office, Ibadan, Oyo State.
- Federal Ministry of Environment Office, Alausa, Ikeja, Lagos State
- Federal Ministry of Environment Office, Federal Secretariat, Akure, Ondo State.
- Federal Ministry of Environment, Environment House, Central Business District, Abuja, F.C.T
- www.ead.gov.ng

DURATION OF DISPLAY:

Date: 6th January – 3rd February, 2021.

Time: 8:00am – 4:00pm Daily.

ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE HONOURABLE MINISTER, FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT ON OR BEFORE 10TH FEBRUARY, 2021.FOR ENQUIRY CONTACT info@ead.gov.ng

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By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

Rafin-Zurfi community in Ibwa ward of Gwagwalada Area Council in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), is just a 15 minutes drive from Gwagwalada town, through Dukpa Army barrack.

The community is one of the several remote villages in the FCT that have been facing challenges of rural infrastructure, especially road networks, healthcare centres, portable drinking water and electricity.

A resident in the community, Usman Yakubu, who spoke to Aso Chronicle said the major challenge facing the Rafin-Zurfi community is the lack of electricity and pipe-borne water.

Yakubu noted that the community is closed to Gwagwalada, the local government headquarters but residents have been in total blackout for over 12 years, despite the installation of a 33KVA transformer in the area.

He said the transformer was part of the contract awarded for the extension of electricity from Gwagwalada main town to the community, which was executed under the administration of a former chairman of the council, late Alhaji Saidu Garba Zuba, in 2015.

According to him, electric poles and cables were installed from Gwagwalada down to the community, while a 33 KVA transformer was installed but said the work was abandoned midway.

"In fact, the community has written several letters to draw the attention of both the past and present area council administration's on the need to connect the electricity to

Rafin-Zurfi: An FCT community without electricity for 12 years



■ An abandoned transformer at Rafin-Zurfi community, Gwagwalada Area council.

the community but to no avail, while the transformer has remained like that for over 12 years now," he said.

Another resident, Danjuma Ishaku, said the abandonment of the electrification projects by successive administrations over the years, resulted in the theft of some cables by vandals.

"The electricity cables

have been abandoned on the ground without fixing them on poles for years, as some of the cables have been stolen by vandals, which made the issue of electricity here in this community to be worst," he said.

He said the absence of electricity has affected both social as well as business activities in the community,

saying residents mostly travel to Gwagwalada town to carryout businesses that require electricity.

He also lamented over the lack of access to pipe-borne water in the community, saying some of the boreholes have been grounded for years without any move by the authorities of the council to repair or provide another

borehole.

"Residents mostly depend on water from the stream as the boreholes in the community have broken down for years now and the community has also informed the council about it and nothing has been done up till now," he said.

Reacting, the Chairman of Gwagwalada Area Council, Alhaji Adamu Mustapha, said the Rafin-Zurfi electrification was an inherited project by his administration.

He said the council had been able to connect electricity through the lifespan of the abandoned Rafin-Zurfi electrification project to neighboring Ibwa village. "In fact, virtually we came and met everything that has been used to connect from Rafin-Zurfi village has been vandalised, which is as good as starting afresh," he said.

He said the high-tension cables and the 33 KVA transformer has been vandalised, even as he informed that the council was making arrangements to re-award the project, but said there was no cash backing to commence work on the electricity project.

"Therefore, it is our sincere belief that we will be more proud than any other person that Rafin-Zurfi electrification project is completed," he said.

The chairman, however, expressed his administration's determination to complete all ongoing and abandoned projects across the council before the end of his second tenure.

Police kill 1, foil robbery attack in Nasarawa

From Ibraheem Hamza Muhammad, Lafia

The Police in Nasarawa State Command have killed one person and foiled an armed robbery attack in Nasarawa State.

The State Commissioner of Police, Bola Longe, disclosed this at a press briefing in Lafia, on Monday.

Longe said, the Command received a distress call on Sunday that hoodlums suspected to be armed robbers had blocked Gidan Gambo, along Lafia-Shandam road, with intent to rob unsuspecting commuters.

"Upon receipt of the information, we mobilised police personnel attached to Assakio Police Station

and a team of Safer Highway personnel to the area where a gun duel ensued "My able men dislodged the hoodlums and one yet to be identified suspected armed robber was fatally wounded. He was rushed to the hospital where a doctor on duty confirmed him dead," he said.

According to the CP, a machete and knife were recovered from him as exhibit while others escaped into the bush with bullet wounds.

He said that police personnel are still combing the bush to arrest the other fleeing suspects.

The commissioner warned all criminals and those having criminal intention to shun crime before they were caught and prosecuted.

FCT minister urged on rural infrastructure

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

A chieftain of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the territory, Alhaji Mohammed Haruna Pai, has called on the Minister of State for FCT, Hajiya Ramatu Tijjani Aliyu, to give attention to the provision of viable infrastructure in rural communities of the satellite towns.

Pai, who was also the PDP chairmanship aspirant during the last area council election in Kwali, said people across rural communities have been facing challenges of

lack of viable amenities especially road networks and health care centres.

He said 80 percent of the rural dwellers were facing the challenge of lack of access to good roads especially farmers, who suffer untold hardship to transport their crops to the market.

"For example, in Kwali Area Council, there are no good access roads to enable farmers to transport their farm produce to the market, which is also applicable to other area councils," he said.

According to him, people of the rural communities

faced more hardship during the rainy season, saying such roads become impassable due to their deplorable nature caused by heavy rainfall.

He, therefore, appealed to the minister to create time out of her tight schedule to tour some of the rural communities in satellite towns to see things for herself.

The PDP chieftain said providing infrastructures and opening of rural roads in satellite towns will also help in decongesting the existing facilities in the capital city of Abuja.

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NIGERIA STOCK EXCHANGE MARKET CAP. ▶ N21,122,338TR (-1.83%) ↓ ALL SHARE INDEX ▶ 40,396.14POINTS (-1.83%) ↓ MARKET TURNOVER ▶ 465,673,145BN SHARES

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

OIL AND GAS	BANKING	CONSUMER GOODS	INSURANCE	INDUSTRIAL
				
226.35 -0.03%	395.31 -2.98%	579.61 -0.32%	200.91 1.56%	2,089.17 -2.74%

NSE GENERAL INDEX					
COMPANY NAME	MARKET(NM)	PRICE	CHANGE	TRADES	VOLUME
BANKING					
ACCESS BANK PLC	312,797.99	8.80	-0.57	307	24,534,067
UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA PLC	287,275.14	8.40	-5.08	285	19,413,397
ZENITH BANK PLC	772,353.75	24.60	-4.28	537	31,707,817
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS					
FBN HOLDINGS PLC	258,446.11	7.20	-8.28	313	18,744,034
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES					
MTN NIGERIA COMMUNICATIONS PLC	3,362,565.56	165.20	-2.77	212	3,527,526
BUILDING MATERIALS					
DANCOATE CEMENT PLC	4,173,220.26	244.90	-	223	1,576,051
LAFARGE AFRICA PLC	360,814.62	22.40	-2.40	213	5,800,674
BERGER PAINTS PLC	2,130.20	7.35	-	10	8,169
BUA CEMENT PLC	2,709,148.32	80.00	-5.88	249	3,100,427
CAP PLC	14,000.00	20.00	-	23	109,243
MEYER PLC	265.62	0.50	-	2	428
PORTLAND PAINTS & PRODUCTS NIGERIA PLC	1,904.20	2.40	-2.44	7	626,021
PREMIER PAINTS PLC	1,156.20	9.40	-	0	0
EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION					
SEPLAT PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	241,262.27	410.00	1.91	33	731,408
WASTE MANAGEMENT					
THE INITIATES PLC	462.79	0.52	-	1	716
AGRICULTURE					
FTM COCOA PROCESSORS PLC	1,430.00	0.65	-9.72	89	7,233,976
OKOMU OIL PALM PLC	85,851.90	90.00	-1.10	39	432,271
PRESCO PLC	70,950.00	70.95	-	35	153,170
ELAH LAKES PLC	8,500.00	4.25	-	0	0
LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC	4,530.00	1.51	8.63	82	2,860,033
DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIES					
JOHN HOLT PLC	198.47	0.51	-	1	1,784
S C O A NIG. PLC	1,903.99	2.93	-	0	0
TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATION OF NIGERIA PLC	39,022.07	0.96	-3.03	197	69,158,614
U A C N PLC	20,457.21	7.10	-4.70	54	944,537
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION					
ARBICO PLC	152.96	1.03	-	0	0
INFRASTRUCTURE/HEAVY CONSTRUCTION					
JULIUS BERGER NIG. PLC	27,799.20	17.55	-1.40	72	1,126,084
ROADS NIG PLC	165.00	6.60	-	0	0
REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT					
UACN PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	14,847.98	0.80	1.27	17	630,083
AUTOMOBILES/AUTO PARTS					
DN TYRE & RUBBER PLC	954.53	0.20	-	0	0
BEVERAGES - BREWERS/DISTILLERS					
CHAMPION BREW. PLC	6,655.07	0.85	-1.16	18	546,433
GOLDEN GUINEA BREW. PLC	829.98	0.81	-	1	1,944
GUINNESS NIG PLC	40,303.04	18.40	-3.16	76	334,103
INTERNATIONAL BREWERIES PLC	175,677.93	6.54	-7.49	76	1,618,628
NIGERIAN BREW. PLC	447,826.51	56.00	-	76	10,832,839
DANCOATE SUGAR REFINERY PLC	222,267.87	18.30	-1.08	271	4,984,001
FLOUR MILLS NIG. PLC	107,019.91	26.10	-3.15	99	849,538
HONEYWELL FLOUR MILL PLC	10,150.65	1.28	-3.03	77	6,371,903
MULTI-TREX INTEGRATED FOODS PLC	1,340.10	0.36	-	0	0
N NIG. FLOUR MILLS PLC	1,201.07	6.74	-	7	14,201
NASCON ALLIED INDUSTRIES PLC	38,416.86	14.50	-	16	35,029
UNION DICON SALT PLC	2,993.06	10.95	-	0	0
CADBURY NIGERIA PLC	16,903.82	9.00	-	46	293,836
NESTLE NIGERIA PLC	1,192,947.66	1,505.00	-	74	116,431
HOUSEHOLD DURABLES					
NIGERIAN ENAMELWARE PLC	1,680.31	22.10	-	0	0
VITAFODAM NIG. PLC	10,944.89	8.75	2.34	318	18,054,335
P Z CUSONS NIGERIA PLC	21,043.53	5.30	-	49	405,042
UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC	79,855.58	13.90	-	61	426,927
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
ECOBANK TRANSNATIONAL INCORPORATED	119,272.08	6.50	-2.31	85	2,562,753
FIDELITY BANK PLC	74,754.98	2.58	-6.86	197	21,979,312
GUARANTY TRUST BANK PLC	957,984.88	32.55	-2.84	297	12,858,631
JAZZ BANK PLC	19,741.05	0.67	1.52	41	10,390,944
STERLING BANK PLC	59,020.36	2.05	-2.38	694	16,009,367
UNION BANK NIG. PLC	155,796.03	5.35	-	89	1,525,527
UNITY BANK PLC	7948.75	0.68	6.25	13	389,986
WEMA BANK PLC	27,773.62	0.72	-4.00	56	1,292,606
INSURANCE CARRIERS, BROKERS AND SERVICES					
AFRICAN ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	4,117.00	0.20	-	0	0
AICO INSURANCE PLC	24,601.19	1.19	-0.83	52	2,860,369
AXAMANSARD INSURANCE PLC	41,400.00	1.15	-0.87	104	8,871,914
CONSOLIDATED HALLMARK INSURANCE PLC	3,425.44	0.32	-	5	1,117,450
CORNFESTONE INSURANCE PLC	11,444.83	0.63	6.78	13	418,750
CORONATION INSURANCE PLC	9,356.76	0.39	-2.50	57	2,086,741
GOLDLINK INSURANCE PLC	909.99	0.20	-	0	0
GUINEA INSURANCE PLC	1,228.00	0.20	-	0	0
INTERNATIONAL ENERGY INSURANCE PLC	487.95	0.38	-	0	0
LASACO ASSURANCE PLC	2,782.90	0.38	-2.63	52	11,637,822
LINKAGE ASSURANCE PLC	5,400.00	0.54	3.85	5	438,949
MUTUAL BENEFITS ASSURANCE PLC	3,128.37	0.28	-3.45	19	9,506,125
NEM INSURANCE PLC	19,664.59	1.96	9.50	36	4,560,595
NIGER INSURANCE PLC	1,547.90	0.20	-	0	0
PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC	6,096.18	0.46	-2.13	12	1,528,000
REGENCY ASSURANCE PLC	1,467.13	0.22	-	16	4,092,400
SOVEREIGN TRUST INSURANCE PLC	2,727.47	0.24	9.09	32	21,105,962
STACO INSURANCE PLC	4,483.72	0.48	-	0	0
STANDARD ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	2,582.21	0.20	-	0	0
SUNU ASSURANCES NIGERIA PLC	2,800.00	1.00	-	0	0
UNIC DIVERSIFIED HOLDINGS PLC	516.46	0.20	-	0	0
UNIVERSAL INSURANCE PLC	3,200.00	0.20	-	0	0
VERITAS CAPITAL ASSURANCE PLC	2,773.33	0.20	-	0	0
MICRO-FINANCE BANKS					
NFI MICROFINANCE BANK PLC	3,887.28	1.70	-	19	170,800
ABBKEY MORTGAGE BANK PLC	6,784.62	1.05	-	0	0
ASO SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	7,370.87	0.50	-	0	0
INFINITY TRUST MORTGAGE BANK PLC	5,671.82	1.36	-	0	0
RESORT SAVINGS & LOANS PLC	2,265.95	0.20	-	0	0
UNION HOMES SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	2,949.22	3.02	-	0	0
AFRICA PRUDENTIAL PLC 13,500.00	6.75	5.47	114	-	1,650,131
CUSTODIAN INVESTMENT PLC	34,408.91	5.85	-	25	121,357
DEAP CAPITAL MANAGEMENT & TRUST PLC	375.00	0.25	-	0	0
FCMB GROUP PLC	59,606.16	3.01	-3.83	212	26,593,639
ROYAL EXCHANGE PLC	1,337.80	0.26	-7.14	7	602,793
STANBIC IBTC HOLDINGS PLC	488,663.89	44.00	-0.11	74	2,764,949
UNITED CAPITAL PLC	29,400.00	4.90	-0.81	162	7,344,711
HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS					
EKOCORP PLC	2,991.61	6.00	-	3	31,072
UNION DIAGNOSTIC & CLINICAL SERVICES PLC	1,101.47	0.31	-	4	2,527,000
MEDICAL SUPPLIES					
MORISON INDUSTRIES PLC	484.69	0.49	-	0	0
PHARMACEUTICALS					
EVANS MEDICAL PLC	366.17	0.50	-	0	0
FIDSON HEALTHCARE PLC	9,805.89	4.70	-	23	316,818
GLAXO SMITHKLINE CONSUMER NIG. PLC	8,191.75	6.85	-0.72	39	669,555
MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC	5,538.00	3.21	-8.55	37	1,221,514
NEIMETH INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICALS PLC	4,102.18	2.16	-3.14	50	1,065,841
NIGERIA-GERMAN CHEMICALS PLC	556.71	3.62	-	0	0
PHARMA-DEKO PLC	325.23	1.50	-	0	0
COMPUTER BASED SYSTEMS					
COURTVALE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PLC	781.44	0.22	4.76	4	177,272
COMPUTERS AND PERIPHERALS					
OMATEK VENTURES PLC	588.36	0.20	-	3	529,300
IT SERVICES					
CWG PLC	6,413.06	2.54	-	0	0
NCR (NIGERIA) PLC	211.68	1.96	-	8	98,907
TRIPPLE GEE AND COMPANY PLC	326.67	0.66	-	1	144
PROCESSING SYSTEMS					
CHAMS PLC	1,080.09	0.23	-	16	1,166,612
E-TRAIZACT INTERNATIONAL PLC	9,786.00	2.33	-	0	0
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES					
AIRTEL AFRICA PLC	3,201,193.45	851.80	-	52	9,164
ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS					
AUSTIN LAZ & COMPANY PLC	2,192.12	2.03	-	0	0

GAINERS	SEPLAT	7.7	1.91%
	BOCGAS	0.93	9.72%
	AFRIPRUD	0.35	5.47%
	ETERNA	0.35	6.48%



LOSERS	BUACEMENT	-5	-5.88%
	MTNN	-4.7	-2.77%
	ZENITHBANK	-1.1	-4.28%
	OKOMUOIL	-1	-1.10%



CUTIX PLC	4,227.17	2.40	4.35	41	729,909
PACKAGING/CONTAINERS					
BETA GLASS PLC	27,698.45	55.40	-	19	36,461
GREIF NIGERIA PLC	349.65	8.20	-	0	0
AGRO-ALLIED & CHEMICALS					
NOTORE CHEMICAL IND PLC	100,754.14	62.50	-	0	0
B.O.C. GASES PLC	4,370.57	10.50	9.72	27	177,290
PAPER/FOREST PRODUCTS					
THOMAS WYATT NIG. PLC	77.00	0.35	-	0	0
PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTORS					
11 PLC	82,215.72	228.00	-	23	6,613
ARDOVA PLC	17,648.62	13.55	-	41	321,072
PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTORS					
CONOIL PLC	14,468.90	20.85	-	15	60,360
ETERNA PLC	7,498.83	5.75	6.48	54	1,243,948
MRS OIL NIGERIA PLC	4,190.81	13.75	-	11	6,992
TOTAL NIGERIA PLC	44,137.84	130.00	-	30	27,543
CAPITAL OIL PLC	1,171.51	0.20	-	0	0
RAK UNITY PET. COMP. PLC	16.99	0.30	-	0	0
ADVERTISING					
AFROMEDIA PLC	887.81	0.20	-	0	0
AIRLINES					
MEDVIEW AIRLINE PLC	15,796.05	1.62	-	0	0
AUTOMOBILE/AUTO PART RETAILERS					
R T BRISCOE PLC	235.27	0.20	-	1	100
COURIER/FREIGHT/DELIVERY					
RED STAR EXPRESS PLC	3,177.39	3.43	-	25	272,477
TRANS-NATIONWIDE EXPRESS PLC	337.57	0.72	-	1	2,000
HOSPITALITY					
TANTALIZERS PLC	642.33	0.20	-	0	0
HOTELS/LODGING					
CAPITAL HOTEL PLC	3,407.32	2.20	-	0	0

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Foundation installs streetlights in Kaduna community

From Mohammed Ibrahim Yaba, Kaduna

The **Sardaunan Badarawa Foundation** has installed 150 units of streetlights in and around Badarawa community, a suburban settlement in Kaduna North Local Government Area.

The founder of the foundation, Honourable Usman Ibrahim, said his decision to install the 80 watts solar streetlights in the area was to put smiles on the faces of the people, adding that the streetlights would drastically reduce crime

rate and other anti-social activities committed at night.

Ibrahim disclosed that other human development projects executed by the foundation included providing boreholes, learning centres, scholarships and offsetting the hospital bills of the needy in the community.

He said on one of his visits to the community, he noticed, "the whole place was without light and children grappling to play outdoors in darkness," which moved him.

The District Head

of Badarawa, Ahmadu Dahiru, said the installation of the streetlights in his community, said they would beautify the community at night and reduce crime rate.

He urged politicians and wealthy individuals to emulate Ibrahim, as an illustrious son of the community who has done a lot to uplift the people's socio-economic and educational status.

A resident of the community, Yunusa Gaji, lauded the philanthropist whom, he said, has done a lot for Badarawa and neighbouring communities.



■ A newly installed street light in the community

COVID-19: Organisation provides succour to IDPs in Kaduna

From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka, Kaduna

The Baptist World Alliance, has provided succour to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Kachia, Chikun, Kaura and Kajuru LGAs of Kaduna State as part of efforts to mitigate the effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

Arewa Trust Weekly reports that the foundation distributed sanitizers, soaps, buckets as well as food items including rice, corn, wheat, spaghetti and tubers of yam to the IDPs.

The Executive Director of Nigerian Baptist Convention, Reverend Testimony Onifade, who distributed the items on behalf of the Baptist World Alliance in Kaduna, said the gesture was aimed at sustaining peace and unity in the state especially among the diverse ethnic, religious and cultural groups.

"These people are suffering due to the COVID-19 pandemic and also from the killings and kidnappings.

"We have come in the name of the Baptist World Alliance to sensitise members of the communities on COVID-19 as well as distribute food and non-food items to representatives of all the tribes, Christians and Muslims as well as women and the youth from the affected LGAs.

"We are trying to see what the international community can do to make sure that people who have been displaced are living well and have the privilege and hope of returning to their original base. Our hope is that 2021 will be a year of peace, a year of restoration and a year of unity."

He reminded community members to be their brother's keeper in line with the tenets of the holy books.

Responding, the president, Kaduna Baptist Convention, Reverend Ishaya Adamu Jangado, thanked the foundation for the gesture which he said came at the right time.

7 weeks after Arewa Trust story, PHC Sabon Layi still not commissioned

By Tijjani Ibrahim, Katsina

Seven weeks after residents of Sabon Layi community in Kurfi Local Government Area of Katsina State appealed to the authorities to commission their Primary Healthcare Centre (PHC) completed about two years ago, *Arewa Trust Weekly* reports that the authorities are yet to do so.

Our reporter, who visited the clinic, observed that it was still locked, seven weeks after promises made by the then Sole Administrator of the council, Alhaji Abdullahi Abubakar, to commission the facility within a week of

the report.

Arewa Trust Weekly had reported on November 18, 2020, that two years after its completion and handing over to the local government authorities for commissioning and staffing, the PHC was still lying fallow.

The Ward Head of the area, Alhaji Mansur Mai'unguwa, said before the construction of the PHC there was no medical facility in the area, adding that villagers had to travel to Kurfi town or other neighbouring communities for their health needs.

"Bringing this project, therefore, brought sigh

of relief to our people considering the fact that we don't have to travel to have our health concerns attended to, but that was only to be dashed as the place has remained locked," he said.

When contacted, the Sole Administrator, Alhaji Abdullahi Abubakar, said the policy of bringing primary healthcare under one roof (PHCUOR) in the state was what delayed the commissioning.

Abubakar, who resigned from the post last week, said he had done his best to ensure that missing items in the clinic were provided for the take-off.

Southern Kaduna youths urged to acquire new skills

From Ahmed Ali, Kafanchan

The youth in Southern Kaduna have been urged to acquire new skills.

The call was made by Dr. Cyril Afuwai of Geophysics Department of Kaduna State University (KASU) at a one-day ceremony for elected/appointed government officials in Kaura LGA organised by the National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN), Kaura chapter.

Dr. Afuwai also called on political leaders to promote quality education by restoring reading culture among youths through the establishment of traditional and e-libraries and the

provision of scholarship for bright students.

Speaking on the role of youths in promoting good governance, the Provost, City College of Health Science and Technology, Zaria, Obadiah Sankyai said youth inclusion in Nigeria's politics has become very critical, adding that it is a great machinery for reinventing the country's governance structure.

Sankyai cautioned against political thuggery and drug abuse, stressing that only responsible youths can deliver when given the opportunity.

The Divisional Police Officer, C' Division in Plateau State, CSP Yusuf

Musa Lyabityak called on government to engage community and youth leaders to attain lasting solution to insecurity.

He also urged government to provide employment for the youths, noting that ethnic and religious differences, unemployment and poverty are the major causes of the rising cases of insecurity in the country.

The Coordinator, National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN), Kaura LG chapter, Comrade Istifanus Ayuba, said the objective of the event was for the youth to interact with the elected and appointed officials of the local government.

Ex-footballer empowers 220 less privileged in Kaduna

From Mohammed Ibrahim Yaba Kaduna

A former international football star, Ekene Adams, has empowered 220 less privileged persons from Chikun and Kajuru LGAs in Kaduna State with N12 million to set up businesses.

According to Adams, the empowerment programme tagged 'Let's Get Empowered', is aimed at providing lifeline to small and medium scale business owners in the state.

Speaking at the official commissioning of the programme, Ekene said the decision to was informed by his passion to serve as a bridge for business development, adding that in the first phase of the programme, N4.5 million was distributed to 45 beneficiaries including medically challenged ex-football stars, the sick and less privileged as well as those in need of financial support to start their businesses.

Giving a breakdown of the 220 beneficiaries, he said: "120 persons within Chikun LGA will benefit, while 100 persons in Kajuru LGA will also get the support based on raffle draws."

The SA to the Governor on Political Matters, Ben Kure commended Ekene Adams for the gesture and assured of government's support to sustain it.

The high point of the occasion was the distribution of items such as grinding machines, generators, motorcycles and cash donations to beneficiaries.

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2020 major happenings in Kano, Jigawa

By Sani Ibrahim Paki

With 2020 behind us, Chronicle reviews some major happenings during the year in Kano State. The year, undoubtedly, came with a lot of good, bad and even ugly issues. Below are 10 major issues that put Kano in the news in the 2020.

Chaos at House of Assembly over Sanusi's investigation

On March 9, the Kano State House of Assembly descended into chaos over the report of its committee that investigated allegations against the then Emir of Kano, Malam Muhammadu Sanusi II.

Five lawmakers, who reportedly opposed the report of the committee, were suspended from the house for six months for misconduct and violation of the rules of the house.

Those suspended were Garba Yau-Gwarmai (APC) representing Kunchi/Tsanyawa Constituency, Labaran Abdul Madari (APC) representing Warawa Constituency, Isyaku Ali Danja (PDP) representing Gezawa Constituency, Mohammed Bello (APC) representing Rimin Gado/Tofa Constituency and Salisu Ahmed-Gwangwazo (PDP) representing Kano Municipal.

The lawmakers were later reinstated by a court order.

Dethronement of Muhammadu Sanusi II as Emir of Kano

The saga between the traditional leader and the political leader of Kano State reached its peak on March 9, when Governor Abdullahi Umar Ganduje dethroned the 14th Emir of Kano, Malam Muhammadu Sanusi II.

The deposed Emir was later banished to Loko in Nasarawa State, then to Awe, before he later got a court order which enabled him to finally move to Lagos.

Sanusi was then replaced with the then Emir of Bichi, Alhaji Aminu Ado Bayero, as the new Emir of Kano. The Turakin Kano, Alhaji Nasiru Ado Bayero (Aminu's younger brother) was also made the new Emir of Bichi.

Detection of Kano COVID-19 index case

There was a lot of commotion and pandemonium in the state following the detection of the first case of the deadly novel coronavirus in the state on April 11, 2020 from a former ambassador who returned from Lagos through Abuja.

From the first index case, the state continued to record new cases almost daily. Barely two weeks after, the state



government imposed a total lockdown in the state.

Ganduje sacks commissioner for 'celebrating' Abba Kyari's death

Following the death of former Chief of Staff to President Muhammadu Buhari, Malam Abba Kyari, on April 17, the then Kano State Commissioner for Works, Engineer Mu'az Magaji made a series of posts on the social media considered indiscreet on the late Kyari.

The commissioner was sacked by Governor Ganduje for his 'Win-Win' comments, interpreted to be celebrating the death and suggesting that Nigeria would be free following his death, though afterwards he denied celebrating. Later in the year, the governor appointed him as Chairman, Kano State Gas Pipeline Project Delivery and Gas Industrialisation Committee.

Mysterious deaths during COVID-19 lockdown

In what was termed as 'mysterious deaths', Kano recorded deaths on a daily basis during the lockdown especially in May and early June. It was reported that more than 1,000 people died.

The state government refuted reports that the deaths might be linked to COVID-19 but the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19 confirmed that the deaths were in fact linked to the virus and that over 587 had died.

Prominent people who died include the Emir of Kano, Alhaji Tafida Abubakar Ila and Jarman Kano, Prof Isah Hashim.

Mother stabs own children to death

In October, an ugly incident of a mother, Hauwa Aminu, hacking to death her own children, Yusuf and

Zahra'u, put Kano in the news again.

Hauwa, a resident of Diso Quarters in Gwale Local Government of the metropolis, was arrested and subsequently arraigned for killing her two children.

Flood kills more than 20 people, destroys over 50,000 houses in Jigawa

Flooding in Jigawa State destroyed over 50,000 homes and affected 17 out of the 27 local government areas (LGAs).

The State Emergency and Management Agency (SEMA) reported on September 5 that as many as 20 people died in the flooding.

Identical twin brothers marry identical twin sisters

On November 22, two identical twin brothers - Hassan Suleiman Indabawa and Hussein Suleiman Indabawa, of Dan-Agundi quarters in Kano Municipal Local Government Area, married another set of identical twin sisters - Hassana Ado Ashir and Hussein Ado Ashir of Unguwar Dabai in Gwale Local Government Area.

The wedding Fatiha took place at Karmawy Juma'at Mosque of Unguwar Dabai.

16 Danbatta youths die in tragic accident

On Tuesday, December 8, a commercial bus carrying 19 passengers all from Danbatta Local Government Area, travelling from Kano to Lagos, had an accident at Rigachikun in Kaduna State where only three of them survived.

Kano State government had earlier alleged that they were killed by gunmen along Kaduna-Abuja road, but the police in Kaduna and a survivor of the incident

denied the allegation and attributed the unpleasant incident to a motor accident.

One of the survivors, Yusufa Umar, confirmed that they were never attacked, but that the tyre of their vehicle burst and the vehicle somersaulted.

Kano youth marries American woman

The much talked about wedding ceremony of Suleiman Isah, 23, of Panshekara in Kano metropolis and Janine Sanchez, 46, from California in the United States, whom

he met on Instagram some two years back, was finally held on December 12.

The wedding, which took place at MOPOL 52 Barracks Juma'at Mosque in Panshekara, Kumbotso LGA, had thousands of well-wishers from within and outside the state in attendance to witness the historic event.

Resignation of Kano Assembly Speaker, Gafasa

Also in December, Honourable Abdul'aziz Garba Gafasa resigned as the Speaker of Kano State House of Assembly along with the House Majority Leader, Kabiru Hassan Dashi, over what they described as "personal reasons", though news of a rift between Gafasa and the state governor on one hand and Gafasa and his colleagues on the other hand, continued to make rounds.

Gafasa was replaced with the former Deputy Speaker and member representing Makoda Constituency, Hamisu Ibrahim Chidari, as the new Speaker, and Zubairu Hamza, a member representing Sumaila Constituency, was elected as the new Deputy Speaker while the member representing Warawa Constituency, Labaran Abdul Madari, was re-elected Majority Leader of the House.

Jigawa women contribute money to buy car to convey pregnant women to hospital

Sometime in September, the story of some women in Bordo village of Jahun Local Government Area of Jigawa State who contributed N1,000 each to raise N1million to buy a car to be used in conveying pregnant women to hospital for delivery trended.

Lawmaker empowers 700 women for poultry production

By Ibrahim Musa Giginyu

The lawmaker representing Ajingi, Albasu and Gaya Federal Constituency at the House of Representatives, Abdullahi Mahmud Gaya, has empowered over 700 women from his constituency for poultry production as a measure of ensuring self-

sustainability.

According to the member, the empowerment programme was aimed at boosting small scale poultry farming in the area under his 'AMG Sustainable Families Support Programme'.

Represented by the immediate past Gaya Local Government chairman,

Alhaji Ahmad Tashi, at the official distribution exercise of N20, 000 to each beneficiary of the programme, Gaya said that 300 more women were also empowered.

One of the beneficiaries, Malama Maryam, who spoke on behalf of the others, called on other office-holders to emulate the house member.

EECCA to plant trees across Kano's 44 LGAs

By Zahradeen Yakubu Shuaibu

The Earth Environment And Climate Care Ambassadors (EECCA) said it has concluded plans to plant trees across the 44 local government areas in Kano to address environmental degradation and health challenges in communities.

Mr. John Owoloja, the association's ambassador, Kano State chapter, disclosed this in an event in Kano.

"We will officially flag off one trillion trees planting project, with theme 'plant for the planet' in Abuja, February 2021. This will proffer permanent solution to global climate change as forest

establishment is revealed to the best nature base solution to climate change and global warming.

"In Kano, aside planting trees in the 44 local government areas, we will also provide employment opportunities for people who will look after the trees. We are determined to ensure that no single tree is wasted," he said.

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Oyo issues 7-day ultimatum to roadside traders

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

The Oyo State government has ordered roadside traders to leave the streets within seven days from yesterday.

The Commissioner, Ministry of Environment

and Natural Resources, Dr. Abdulateef Idowu Oyeleke, who gave the directive while sensitising roadside traders yesterday at Molete Under bridge, Challenge, Ring road and Eleyele markets in Ibadan, said the present administration has zero tolerance for street trading.

Oyeleke decried the environmental nuisance constituted by the traders who display their wares on the roadside, an act which he said was at the detriment of their safety and of the buyers.

There have been reports of trailers and other vehicles losing control and killing

roadside traders within Ibadan metropolis and other parts of the state.

The commissioner said the state governor has fulfilled his promise by providing the Scout Camp Neighbourhood market, among others, as an alternative for the street traders.

Dr. Oyeleke said traders should visit the Ministry of Trade for proper allocation of the shops.

He said it is an offence for anybody to sell on the roadside starting from next week, and anyone caught would face the wrath of the law.

First babies of the year get freebies in Lagos, Ogun, Oyo

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

Mouka, Nigeria's foremost manufacturer of mattresses and other bedding products, has donated to families with babies born on New Year's Day, in Lagos, Ogun and Oyo states.

Mouka presented gifts to mothers of the first babies at the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital (LASUTH), Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital (OOUTH), Shagamu, in Ogun State, and the University College Hospital (UCH), Ibadan, Oyo State.

The gifts comprised of Dreamtime Baby mattress, Mouka baby mat, baby wipes and diapers.

First Lady of the State, Dr Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu, the wife of the Deputy Governor, Mrs Oluremi Hamzat, and other top government functionaries who were part of the governor's wife entourage, also made donations to first babies at select hospitals including LASUTH, to mark the New Year celebration.



■ Commuters queue to board BRT buses at Abule-Egba terminal in Lagos on January 4, 2021.

Photo: Benedict Uwalaka.

Ekiti pays N7.3bn UBEC counterpart fund – SUBEB boss

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

The Chairman of Ekiti State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB), Prof. Femi Akinwumi, has said the government has paid a sum of N7.3 billion as counterpart funding to the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC).

The fund is for the execution of projects in public primary and secondary schools in the last two years.

The chairman spoke in Ado

Ekiti, yesterday, while briefing newsmen on the activities of the body and its efforts to uplift basic education in the state.

Akinwumi said Governor Kayode Fayemi decided to pay the huge amount as a demonstration of his determination to turn around the education sector.

He said: "I am a product of public school, so also other accomplished academics and professionals across Ekiti. So we have to do our best to reposition public schools in Ekiti."

"For four years in Ekiti, between 2014 and 2018, no construction, no training at that level of SUBEB but the present administration has been able to change that."

"In 2021, you will see model colleges springing up in Ekiti. We are trying to depopulate the private schools, because people are beginning to move in droves to the public primary and secondary schools, having seen the rising quality of education in Ekiti public schools."

Osun retirees get pension arrears as Oyetola releases N1bn for settlement

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

Osun State Governor Adegboyega Oyetola has approved the release of the sum of N1.1 billion for the settlement of pension arrears.

The governor also approved the implementation of annual increment, minimum wage, promotion and conversion for workers in the state.

It was learnt that Oyetola has ordered the immediate release

of the money.

The Head of Service, Dr. Festus Olowogboyega Oyebade, confirmed this yesterday in Osogbo, the state capital, saying that the governor is committed to the welfare of workers.

Police arrest apprentice who 'disappeared' with master's 3-month-old baby

From Bola Ojuola, Akure

The police in Ondo have arrested an apprentice, Bosede Temitope Adeniyi, who allegedly disappeared with her master's three-month-old baby at a tailoring shop in Oke-Bola area of Ondo town, on Saturday.

Mrs Stella Mamukuyomi said the apprentice was introduced to her by her husband, Mr Wasiu Mamukuyomi.

Mrs Mamukuyomi said her

husband brought the lady to her as an apprentice some weeks before the incident took place.

She noted that her husband lied to her that the lady was his friend's wife, which she later discovered was untrue.

She said, "My husband brought the lady to me on the 3rd of December, 2020 to train her in tailoring."

"On Saturday, the lady came to the shop as usual. After bathing the baby girl that afternoon, she took

permission from me to back the baby. I later gave her my ATM card to help me withdraw N3,000 that was transferred to my account by a customer at a nearby POS stand."

"But she didn't return; she escaped with the baby and my card."

Mrs Mamukuyomi said she called her husband to report the incident but he didn't answer her calls.

"My husband was later taken to Nuwa Police Station in Ondo, where he confessed

that the lady in question was his girlfriend."

"He also confessed that he was the one who rented a room for her at Eweje area of Yaba, Ondo, but denied knowing anything about the disappearance of the child," she said.

Ondo police command spokesman, Tee Leo Ikoro, told *Eko Trust* that the police have arrested the husband and the apprentice.

He said the suspects would be paraded soon.

Ogun CJ moves to curb touting with bondsmen regulations

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

The Chief Judge of Ogun State, Justice Mosunmola Dipeolu, says with the creation of the Bondsmen Licencing Board, professional sureties/bondsmen would henceforth be appearing before judges and magistrates across the state.

She said the introduction of bondsmen regulations and practice directions was aimed at discouraging touting by unlicensed persons, who stood surety for those on bail bond, from absconding.

Justice Dipeolu said this while speaking at a prayer session organised for the state's judiciary staff to usher them into the year 2021, held at the Judiciary Headquarters, along Kobape, Abeokuta road.

According to her, the bondsmen scheme and licensing board would also make bail of suspects on trial in courts more accessible, faster and timely.

Justice Dipeolu also reeled out her administration's achievements for the year 2020 which includes the creation of Bondsmen Licencing Board, purchase of vehicles for magistrates, creation of more magisterial districts, promotion of staff, appointments of chief magistrates, senior magistrates and magistrates.

Other achievements, according to the chief judge are; renovation of courts, induction course for magistrates, training of magistrates, judicial research officers and members of staff.

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Sokoto youths make a living from used tyres

From Abubakar Auwal, Sokoto

Lukman Sada, a 15-year-old boy, is among the tens of Sokoto youths that have been earning a living from condemned tyres.

The business entails buying a condemned tyre, burning it to ashes and using its wires to manufacture a local cooking stove, popularly called 'Murhu Mai Gindin Turmi' in the state.

The business, which he said was very lucrative, has reasonably attracted many youths to it.

According to their leader, Malam Mustapha, over 100 youths are earning a living from the trade despite its health hazard.

Sada, who is a primary school leaver, said he could make 20 pieces every day and each is sold for N300 to their retailers who sell at N500 to their customers.

He noted that he was using the money realised from the business to eat, support his parents, and siblings who were attending schools.

When asked if he was interested in furthering his education, he said no because doing that required money.

"The essence of acquiring western education is to get a good job and I am contented with what I have been getting from this business.

"There are many people who finished from the universities but are there without jobs. So it is better for me to stick to my trade and continue supporting my parents," he said.

Caliphate Trust observed that most of the youths doing the business are below 20 years and do not use any protection despite the hazardous nature of their business.

Their leader, who is in his

thirties, appealed to the state government to provide them with the safety kits and land at the outskirts of the state metropolis where they could do their work unhindered.

According to him, they are working under a constant threat of being sacked from their current place of work because of the smoke that comes from the burning of the tyres, which constitutes a health hazard.

"The government officials have been coming and threatening to sack us that we are polluting the air but we are law-abiding citizens who are working hard to earn a living without depending on government.

"We are expecting the government to support us not to pose a threat to the survival of our businesses.

"We know one day, we will leave this place but we want the government to provide us

with an alternative location far away from the city where we can do our work unhindered," he said.

He also appealed to the government to provide them with motorcycles for the transportation of their goods to the market.

Haliru Bala who is marketing the products said it was a brisk business with which he was sustaining his family.

"It is flourishing. I sell like 10 to 15 in a day and I am making profit. It's a very lucrative business," Bala, who has been in the business for three years, said.

He called on government to support the manufacturers so as to reduce unemployment and crime in the state.

However, an environmentalist, Dr Yusuf Isa, has advised the state government to engage the youths in other means of

livelihood because the carbon monoxide and other related gas emitted from the burning of the tyres are harmful to human lives.

According to him, the emission can cause skin and eye cancer among other diseases.

"It is injurious to their health and that of their immediate neighbours. And when there is flood, and the water passes through that area, all the conterminants would go into our wells and river and affect aqua and human lives.

"They are also making the place infertile just as their activities have impact on climate change.

"So, I am advising the government to either earmark a place away from the general public for them with all the necessary safety equipment or engage them in another meaningful means of livelihood," he counseled.



■ Lukman Sada

Sokoto Rep empowers 1000 constituents

From Abubakar Auwal, Sokoto

A Member of the House of Representatives representing Yabo and Shagari Federal Constituency, Sokoto State, Alhaji Abubakar Umar, on Tuesday, empowered no fewer than 1000 of his constituents with various items and cash.

The items distributed were 200 pieces each of water pumping and sewing machines, as well as bags of maize.

Similarly, some of the beneficiaries each got N 20,000 and a bag of rice, while others were given N 10,000 each and a bag of rice.

Speaking at the ceremony held in Yabo, headquarters of Yabo Local Government Area, the leader of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in the state, Senator Aliyu Magatakarda Wamakko, commended the donor for the gesture.

Wamakko said that the gesture

was in line with the ideals of the APC, which uphold the integrity and honour of Nigerians.

He urged the leaders of the party in the state to sustain their credible and laudable leadership styles.

Wamakko also urged that the people of the state, who have sustained their support to the party, should continue to be assisted.

Also speaking, the state APC Chairman, Alhaji Isa Sadiq Achida, said that Umar, just like other elected officials of the party, were following the dexterous footsteps of Wamakko.

The donor, Umar, who also extolled the sterling leadership style of Wamakko, said, "We are just trying to emulate him in our own little ways".

The lawmaker also said the gesture was aimed at further alleviating the suffering of the beneficiaries, as well as curbing the menace of unemployment and poverty.

High cost of cement renders bricklayers jobless in kebbi

From Aliyu M. Hamagam, Birnin Kebbi

Bricklayers have decried the loss of jobs as people abandoned building construction following the exorbitant cost of cement in Kebbi State.

Bricklayers, that hitherto handled two to three house projects at a time, hardly get one now as they stay jobless.

Shafiu Dangwamma told Caliphate Trust that he had been in the business of

bricklaying for the past 15 years, adding that as he grew older in the profession, he enjoyed high patronage from clients across the state.

According to him, prior to this time, he handled about five to seven projects at a time, with about 20 labourers under him.

He said patronage for their services began to drop early last year, when COVID-19 hit the global economy as construction jobs within the

period dropped by about 50 percent in the state.

Dangwamma further said that bricklaying profession further engulfed into crisis when the #EndSARS protest broke out, which further hindered movement of goods and services from Lagos to northern part of the country, which caused the scarcity of the cement.

He explained that since then, construction work, particularly building of houses, started

dropping and that now, many housing projects are at a standstill.

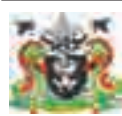
The bricklayer appealed to government to come to their aid by giving them some interventions that would uplift them as many of them cannot send their children to school or pay their rent.

Sani Ibrahim, who sells cement in the state capital, Birnin Kebbi, said the prices of cement started shooting up when supply became epileptic,

which was made worst during the #EndSARS protests as most dealers stopped receiving consignment.

Similarly, he added, there was a drop in supply from neighbouring Sokoto cement company, although he could not give a reason for that.

"Cement patronage significantly dropped following the high cost of cement. In the past, we sold a trailer load in three to four days but now it takes much longer. A bag of cement now costs between N3800 and N4000."



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How we facilitated process for Caverton to import, assemble large helicopter - NPA

The Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) demonstrated its prowess last weekend with the successful assemblage of a large Caverton helicopter imported from Sikorsky Company, USA.

The helicopter which was cleared at the Port Terminal and Multipurpose Limited (PTML), Tincan Island, Apapa, Lagos, gave a boost to the capacity of the Nigerian maritime sector.

Caverton Helicopters Limited recently acquired a Sikorsky S-92 Helicopter (SN-920299), a 19-seater heavy helicopter, which is the first to be operated by a wholly indigenous African company via the PMTL Terminal at the Tin Can Island Port, Lagos.

Caverton Helicopters' management had approached the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) and PTML to permit its engineers to use the port's premises to assemble the helicopter that had arrived in parts, having obtained all the required documents.

The aircraft was re-assembled and flown out of the Tin Can Island Port, today December 31, 2020. It is the first time an aircraft will be so reassembled and flown out of any of the ports and the Authority said it was proud of the feat as it congratulated Caverton Helicopters and PMTL.

The Managing Director of NPA, Hadiza Bala Usman, at the end of the programme expressed the excitement of management at the achievement.

Usman who was represented by the Port Manager of Tin-Can Island Port, Engr Yunusa Ibrahim Anji, said: "Well as we all know, though this is the first time, this type of event will take place within the terminal. Never before, a helicopter component was brought to the Port assembled within the port and took off in the Port.

"It is a very big significance for the Nigerian Ports Authority, because it shows that our aim of doing business is being achieved, and that is the focus of the present management, just as the owner had told you, they dare to move the helicopter through the road, they know how much it would cost them, but now the port has provided enabling environment, for them to assemble it which they have done and now they are going to take off from here without extra expenses incurred on the road to their destination.

"So it's a great thing to the Nigerian Ports Authority. It saves time, it gives us that good

name that we have a good environment in terms of everything, even the safety aspect of it, we monitored it and it was done successfully, so it's a good thing to Nigerian Ports Authority."

Explaining the vital role the helicopter will play in the oil and gas industry, being the nation's cash cow, the Chief Engineer of Caverton Helicopters, Sank Ahmadu pointed out that this was the first time an indigenous company is acquiring the machine permanently for the purpose of supporting the oil and gas sector.

Describing the features of the helicopter, Ahmadu said: "This helicopter is called the S-92, made by Sikorsky, US. It has 19 seats and two crew seats as well, it also has an observer seat. This aircraft is one of the very best in its category of aircraft for oil and gas businesses.

"The Sikorsky S-92 machine was acquired by Caverton Helicopters being the first indigenous company in Africa to actually get it.

"Normally, all the multinational companies that have operated this machine in Africa were brought in for sole business of making it work and taking it back. Caverton Helicopters has brought in this machine as an indigenous company and is going to keep it on and on and on within the country, to increase capability and support for the oil and gas ministry."

Ahmadu further said the helicopter was shipped from the US, to Lagos Nigeria, at the port. Unfortunately because of its size, the officials could not take it out of the port to their facility looking at the safety aspect of it.

"So, what we did was, instead of taking it out and going through the risk of the road, we decided to couple it here, following all the safety precautions as recommended by both the civil aviation authority as well as the ports authority, for us to achieve this feat.

"We've been able to do that, we've reassembled the plane, we have checked everything and the plane is now ready to depart safely to the Ikeja Airport."

Caverton Helicopters' management commended the NPA and PTML for their unflinching support throughout the period the machine arrived and successfully coupled. "We are grateful to the management of NPA that has allowed us to



■ The imported and assembled Caverton helicopter



■ Officials of NPA, Caverton and PMTL Terminal shortly before the assembled Caverton helicopter was flown.

discover another ease of doing business."

The General Manager, PTML, Mr Babatunde Keshinro, further disclosed the swift actions taken to pave way for this maiden venture.

He said: "The helicopter arrived on the December 19, 2020, into our terminal, and of course our operation is 24hours. Promptly discharged and the cargo became available to be coupled from 28th because for a fact the helicopter arrived one part and the other coupling parts arrived differently.

"So it's very necessary for the cargo to go

through the mandatory custom's clearance, so it's after the custom's clearance having obtained the necessary approval from the Nigeria Customs that we will now collaborate with them to provide the terminal facility for them to couple the helicopter as it is.

"So it arrived, with the body in one part, then the blade and other spares in other series of consignment. Now they are all joined to be a fully built helicopter as you have seen it today."

Freight forwarders seek special loan scheme for expansion

The Association of Nigeria Licensed Clearing Agents (ANLCA) has appealed to the Federal Government to create a special loan that would assist those in the logistics sector expand and maintain their fleet.

ANLCA National President, Iju Tony Nwabunike, in his New Year message said this has become necessary to assist the logistics sector from dying.

Nwabunike said the association was looking forward to interfacing stronger with the Federal Ministry of Finance, the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) and the Bank of Industry (BoI) on the need for a special loan scheme to help logistics firms in expanding and maintaining fleet of heavy duty and lighter vehicles required beyond coverage of train services.

He also appealed to the Federal Government to strengthen the chords of e-commerce, online transactions, virtual meetings and deploying Internet of Things (IoT) to maximal economic and productive use.

While reviewing the activities of the association in 2020, Nwabunike said ANLCA as a responsible Organization complied

with Covid19 protocols throughout the periods when many others stayed at home.

This he said is a function of the individual self-discipline, corporate coordination and selflessness.

"This selfless attribute was a factor driven beyond personal gain and aimed at ensuring needed cargoes, including medical supplies, exited our ports to their destined locations across the country.

"Even when the Federal Government provided free buses for us to access and exit ports, which in most cases weren't enough, many of you were at work on your own at extra costs to you. You are appreciated.

"As we enter the New Year, 2021 we must not lose our guards - a second wave of #Covid19 has been identified and detected. It has become imperative that we continue to take responsibility and act in line with clearly spelt out guidelines.

"Our colleagues at all recently reopened land borders who were not at work last year due to border closure are advised to take a cue from customs brokers and freight forwarders at the sea and air ports.

"Taking responsibility is aimed at keeping

ourselves safe and avoiding spread of the disease to our loved ones at home and the larger society.

"As you are aware, President Muhammadu Buhari signed the 2021 Appropriation Law of over N13.5 trillion with a charge to revenue generating agencies to scale up their efforts for collection into government coffers.

"We, as professionals, interface with no fewer than nine revenue collecting and regulatory agencies of government in the course of our professional services and will therefore be part of Nigeria's success stories economically, as we have always been, albeit unsung" he added.

He said the impact of ANLCA on Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), Nigeria Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) and many others reinforces the association's strategic role in government economic diversification agenda and increasing its non oil revenue base.

He said: "According to figures obtained from the National Bureau for Statistics (NBS) and African Development Bank (AfDB)

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth was projected to rise to 2.9% in 2020 and 3.3% in 2021 depending on implementing the Economic Recovery and Growth Plan (ERGP) "The country's GDP for 2019 was \$448.12B, a 12.55% increase from 2018 which was \$398.16B, a 5.97% increase from 2017. All these have our inputs

"I must commend the resilience of the freight forwarders, customs brokers for keeping the chain of commerce unbroken by ensuring circulation of goods and services across the country even within areas of security concern.

"Be assured, once again that ANLCA under my watch and by your popular mandate, will continue to engage government strategically at various levels to achieve better deals for all our colleagues.

"We look forward to interfacing stronger with the Federal Ministry of Finance, Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) and the Bank of Industry (BoI) on the need for a special loan scheme to help logistics firms in expanding and maintaining fleet of heavy duty and lighter vehicles required beyond coverage of train services."

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Never say die, as Bitcoin crypto breaks the \$20,000 barrier

What on earth is driving the astronomical rise in the value of the Bitcoin cryptocurrency? I mean, as of 17 December 2020, you needed twenty-three thousand US dollars (\$23,000) to get just one bitcoin. Governments have tried to kill Bitcoin, but it seems as if the harder they try, the hungrier folks, and now, billionaires and enterprises, are, for the currency.

This column in Daily Trust has followed Bitcoin development from the start. As a testament, these are a few of the previous articles on Bitcoin that have appeared in this column in Daily Trust: Tax imperatives of Bitcoin trading (29 January 2018), Ooh la la, \$75 million in bitcoins stolen by hackers! (11 December 2017), One bitcoin is now worth more than \$10,000! (4 December 2017), Bitcoin now worth more than gold (5 June 2017), Minting Bitcoin (1 May 2017), Understanding Bitcoin adoption (24 April 2017), Whither Bitcoin trading? (4 May 2015), Exploding interests in Bitcoin? (17 February 2014), Understanding Bitcoin (2 December 2013), Digital money won't go away (13 March 2013), and Bitcoin - The reality of digital currency (10 December 2012).

Of course, Bitcoin is Internet-based money, which can be used to pay for your purchases, and can be exchanged for the more popular paper currencies – dollars, Pound Sterling, and Euro. Bitcoin has survived several events that have tended to undermine it. These events include the U.S. government's celebrated arrest of a big Bitcoin trader in January of 2014, the Chinese government's clamp-down on Bitcoin trading in the government-controlled banks in that country in 2014, and the dissolution in 2014 of Mt Gox, the flagship Tokyo-based Bitcoin exchange that filed for bankruptcy, taking down with it almost half a billion dollars-worth of people's bitcoins.

These events have not killed the interests in Bitcoin. In fact, as far back as 2015, many governments, including the U.S., Canada, Germany, France, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Spain, and the United Kingdom have given Bitcoin trading a legal status in their countries. Why are folks interested in Bitcoin over a government-controlled currency such as the dollar, Euro, or Naira? One reason is the ability to carry out global transactions without going through all those "barriers" that the banks and, sometimes, the governments, represent. You do not need bank accounts or credit cards to get and spend Bitcoin. The currency also offers privacy and an easy, fee-free way to transact business across international borders. The currency cannot easily be confiscated by any government, implying security!

The proliferation of Bitcoin ATMs has simplified Bitcoin transactions.

On the flip side, the main issue with Bitcoin is its volatility. As I have said before, "Somebody coughs, and the currency takes a nosedive in value." Moreover, Bitcoin is not backed by any currencies, so there are no verifiable assets that can be liquidated to pay users should something go wrong. So, you can literally lose all your Bitcoin wealth in a wink of an eye.

A problem with Bitcoin is the lack of regulation, as the currency is not under the direct influence of any country. The currency is quite convenient for paying for anything, including illicit drug trafficking and for money laundering. There is also the lack of security on the web. If anyone gets hold of your private key, they can gain access to your Bitcoins and move (steal) them.

In the 4 December 2017 article in this column entitled "One bitcoin is now worth more than \$10,000!" I recapped the evolution of the currency: "Between February 2011 and April 2011, one bitcoin, the digital money, was worth only \$1. When the first article on Bitcoin was written in this Daily Trust column on 10 December 2012, one Bitcoin was worth \$13. As at the last article on Bitcoin in this column, which is 5 June 2017, a single Bitcoin would fetch you \$2,443. As of Monday, of last week, 26 November 2017, if you had one bitcoin, you could get \$10,000 for it. A few days ago, the figure was \$10, 800. In fact, from the beginning of this year, the value of one bitcoin to the dollar has increased 11-fold. What is going on?" That was in December 2017.

Today, on 20 December 2020, you will get over \$20,000 for a bitcoin. So, why is the value of Bitcoin skyrocketing? According to Investopedia.com, four main factors are suggested: To hedge against inflation in these difficult times, investors have sought assets that either maintain value or appreciate. "Over the course of 2020, this search for a store-of-value asset to hedge against inflation has brought them to Bitcoin." Basically, there is too much dollar in the market, lowering its value. Using Bitcoin as a safe haven to mitigate against the falling dollar value makes sense to many. Also, the halving of Bitcoin reward mining proves the scarcity of Bitcoin, leading to a high value. Scarcity drives demand! Institutional adoption of Bitcoin, both as investment vehicle, and as a service that can be provisioned, enhances the confidence that people have in Bitcoin. Finally, the infrastructure built around Bitcoin seems to have matured a great deal over the years, which translates into easier and safer Bitcoin investment.

How to avoid internet scam

By Zakariyya Adaramola

A lot of people say they have experienced financial fraud - and many feel the problem is getting worse in the country as number of internet users increases.

Eight out of 10 people said they had been targeted by fraudsters through a dodgy email, phone call, text or online message, experts told Daily Trust.

Email scams are the most common form of attack, they said.

But attempts to extract money from consumers by phone and text are also being used extensively, according to experts.

Ibiolu Alakija, a cybersecurity expert said large numbers of people fall victims because they check their bank accounts using a public wi-fi system.

Around one-in-five also allows cards to be taken out of sight when paying for something,



Alakija said.

He said a research, which was carried out by Empathy across a nationally representative sample of 1,013 adults, also found that almost half of adults know someone who had been affected by fraud.

More than half of people surveyed said they felt more vulnerable to fraud now than they did two years ago.

He said: "Generally speaking, Nigerians are not pretty savvy when it comes to prevention.

"People carelessly check their online banking on public wi-fi, and nearly one-in-five allows

vendors to take their card out of sight for payment.

"This tells us we need to educate people on the simple everyday actions they might take unconsciously that can leave them vulnerable to fraud."

He said the top three cited behaviours that could be taken to avoid a scam are: avoiding clicking on links on emails if you were not expecting to receive an email from the sender; paying heed to your instincts; and resisting opening or downloading an attachment in an email from someone you do not know.

Gateway Poly students develop apps for institution

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

The Rector, Gateway Polytechnic (ICT) Saapade, Ogun State, Dr. Isaiah Kolawole has said the computer programmes and applications being used to enhance academic activities in the polytechnic were developed by students and the staff.

Kolawole said the institution which has ICT as its forte, has

developed the polytechnic towards technical, vocational and ICT education.

"Because this is an ICT school, we have quite number of ICT courses they (students) have to go through first before they start their courses. We usually screen out bad eggs after admission; that's why social violence is very minimal here. Cultism on campus is zero and most of the students we admit are the serious

ones", the rector said.

He added: "All the things we do about ICT on our campus, we do it ourselves. All the computer programmes that we run on our campus are written by my students and staff and there are so many of them. For example, our exam is hundred percent perfect because the biometric that we use is good and that makes impersonation reduced to zero."

NIN: Glo, 9Mobile unveil short code, portal for seamless registration

By Zakariyya Adaramola

Globacom and 9Mobile have separately unveiled a short code and intelligent portal for their subscribers to seamlessly complete the process of linking their mobile lines to their National Identification Number (NIN).

The unveiling of the code and portal were in response to the recent directive of Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) for all SIM registrations to be paired with a National Identification Number (NIN), the telecom companies said in separate statements on Sunday.

Globacom in its statement in Lagos said, "all our esteemed customers can now link their National Identification Number (NIN) to their mobile numbers by simply sending 'UPDATENIN NIN FirstName and LastName'

to 109. For example, send 'UPDATENIN 12345678903 Chidera Abdul-Ola' to 109."

For those customer Customers already registered with the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC), Glo said they can dial *346# to retrieve their NIN.

According to the company, "We are rolling out this measure to make it easy for subscribers on our network to comply with the new directives of NCC, and as part of our commitment to ensuring customers have uninterrupted access to the various service offerings we provide"

It advised Glo customers without NIN to visit a NIN enrolment center to get registered and obtain one immediately.

Similarly, 9mobile on Sunday announced the launch of its intelligent portal for instant

verification to help its customers link their SIM cards with their National Identification Number (NIN).

The Online Self-Service NIN update portal www.9mobile.com.ng/nin, which has already gone live on the 9mobile website, enables subscribers to verify and update their NINs instantly.

This step is one of the several proactive initiatives taken by 9mobile to make the NIN linking exercise directed by the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) seamless and stress-free for its subscribers.

Apart from the innovative, intelligent portal, 9mobile has also made available a USSD option *200*8# that allows subscribers to check the matching status of their NIN to their SIM and subsequently submit it for backend verification and mapping.

NCC remitted N362.34bn to FG's coffers in 5 years - CEO

By Zakariyya Adaramola

The Executive Vice Chairman/CEO, Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), Prof. Umar Danbatta has said the commission remitted over N362.34 billion as revenue in the last five years to the Federal Government's consolidated revenue account.

Prof. Danbatta revealed this

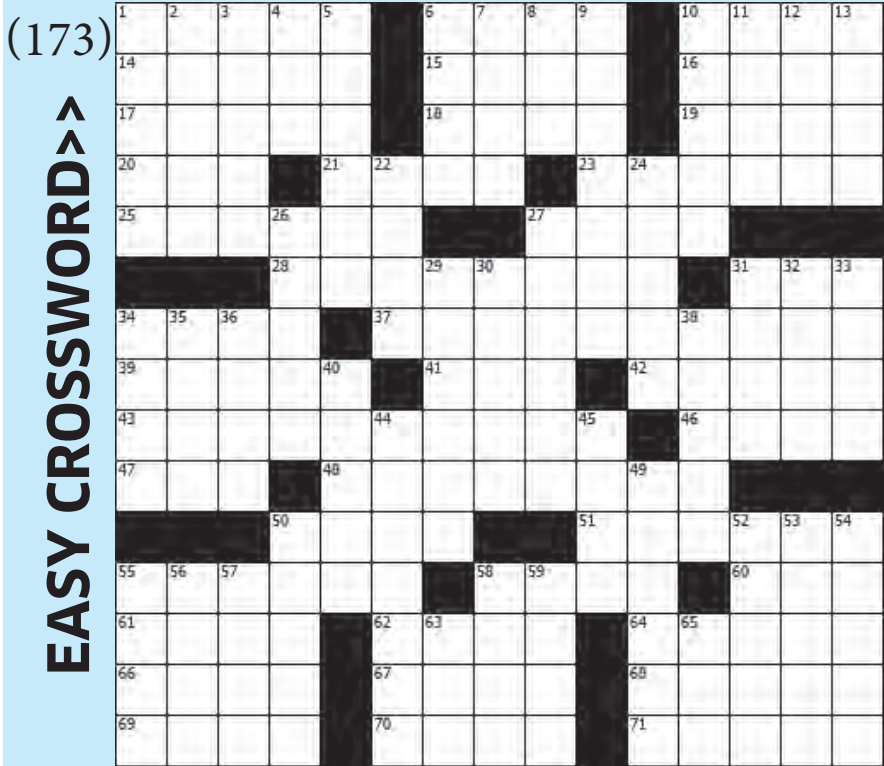
in his presentation to Course 29 Participants at the National Defence College, Nigeria, according to a statement by NCC on Sunday.

Speaking on a theme, "The Telecommunications Industry and National Development in Nigeria: The Roles of the NCC in Promoting Digital Economy", he described as key the role of telecommunications to the

diversification of the nation's economy.

He said telecoms sector is the life-wire that will drive the National Digital Economy Policy and Strategy (NDEPS) of the Federal Government."

He noted that the sector plays a dual role of contributing to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and being an enabler to other sectors of the economy.



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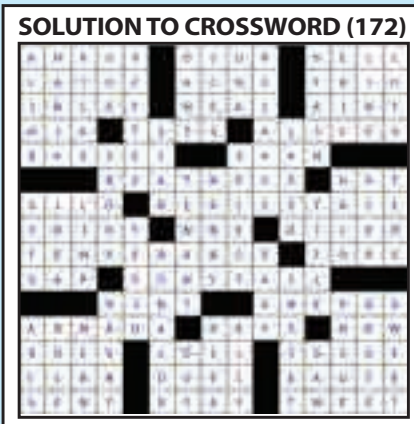
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12. Queue
13. Building sites
22. Celebrity
24. Rodeo rope
26. Nosy person
27. Choose
29. Lodger
30. Female goat
31. Angel's headwear
32. Ladder rung
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65. Cut wood



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COVID-19

Black bear advice: 'Keep 6 feet apart and wash your hands'



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SUDOKU>>

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

Good luck!

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SNAPSHOT>>

Pet parrot saves man from house fire in Australia



The man's house in Brisbane, Australia, was well alight when firefighters arrived just after 2am but Anton Nguyen had escaped without injury. Mr Nguyen said his pet parrot, named Eric, had woken him up before the smoke detectors raised the alarm. "I heard a bang and Eric - my parrot - he started to yell so I woke up and I smelled a bit of smoke," he told the Australian Broadcasting Corp. "I grabbed Eric, opened the door and looked to the back of the house and saw some flames. "And so I've grabbed my bag and bolted downstairs. "I'm in shock but I'm fine," he said. "Everything's alright so long as I have myself and the bird." Queensland Fire and Emergency Services Acting Inspector Cam Thomas said the parrot had squawked "Anton! Anton!" to alert Mr Nguyen of the danger. "There were smoke detectors [but] the bird alerted before the smoke detectors went off." The fire had "pretty much well engulfed" the house, he added.

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Congratulatory Message**ALH. MOHAMMED KARI****On Your Conferment Of Honorary Fellowship
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The Governing Board, Management and staff of the National Insurance Commission (NAICOM) rejoice with Alhaji Mohammed Kari, immediate past Commissioner for Insurance/CEO NAICOM on the occasion of his conferment of Honorary Fellowship of the Chartered Insurance Institute of Nigeria (CIIN) today, Wednesday 6th January, 2021 at 10 Degree Events Centre, Billingsway, Oregun Industrial Estate, Ikeja – Lagos.

This is indeed a recognition of your invaluable contributions to the development of the CIIN and the insurance industry at large.

As you attain this milestone, we pray that Allah (SWT) gives you more wisdom and good health as you continue to render selfless service to our beloved industry and the nation in general.

Congratulations once again.

O. S. Thomas
Commissioner for Insurance/CEO

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Gunmen kill one, kidnap 20 in Nasarawa

From Ibraheem Hamza Muhammad, Lafia

Gunmen have killed one person and abducted 20 travellers yesterday in Toto LGA of Nasarawa State.

The Secretary of Gadabuke Emirate Council, Abdullahi Baba, told our correspondent that the incident happened at Mungi Sharp Corner, in Buga Gwari village, along

Gadabuke/Toto road.

He said the gunmen emerged from a nearby bush, in large number, and attacked the travellers, who were in three vehicles.

Baba said the traveller killed was identified as Malam Salihu, a former Education Secretary of Nasarawa Local Government Council, who was travelling with a friend.

When contacted, the police spokesman, ASP, Ramhan

Nansel, confirmed the incident.

He said the command has mobilized anti-kidnapping unit, police mobile force, conventional police personnel, vigilante and hunters to the area to search and rescue the victims.

"During the search this morning, the corpse of one person was recovered and serious investigation has commenced," he said.



■ Some suspected kidnappers paraded by the Kaduna State Police Command recently.

Chieftaincy tussle: Royal house accuses Plateau govt of defying court order

From Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

Nhara royal house in Jahr Chieftdom of Kanam Local Government Area of Plateau State has accused the state and the local governments of flouting a court order restraining the selection of the village head of the area.

Alhaji Hudu Bawa Garga, who spoke on behalf of the royal house, alleged that the Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Mr. Sylvanus Tapgun, had asked the presiding officer of the ministry to go ahead with the selection, despite an order by the state High Court stopping the process.

He described the procedure

to select the village head by the state government as undemocratic and disrespectful to the rule of law.

"It is unfortunate that this was happening under a democratically elected government," the royal spokesman said.

"The issue is in court I won't comment on the matter for now," the commissioner told our reporter when contacted.

In a court order dated December 29, 2020, and made available to Daily Trust, the state High Court had restrained the defendants from conducting the said selection pending the hearing of the motion on notice scheduled to hold today, January 6, 2021.

Man docked over house breaking, stealing

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

A 35-year-old man, Bolu Ojo, has been arraigned before an Ado-Ekiti Magistrate Court over alleged house breaking and stealing.

Police prosecutor, Inspector Oriyomi Akinwale, told the court that the defendant, and one other person who is yet to land in the police net, committed the offence at Ekute Quarters, Ado-Ekiti, on December 29, 2020.

Akinwale said the defendant broke into the house of one Professor Olofintoye Thomas and stole two standing fans, bed frames, two rolls of 16mm cable wire, two cooking stoves, two sets of pots and two ceiling fans all valued at

N524.

He said the defendants committed an offence punishable under Section 516 of the Criminal Code Cap C16 Vol. 1, Laws of Ekiti State of Nigeria, 2012.

Counsel to the defendant, Barr. Gbenga Ariyibi, urged the court to grant him bail on liberal terms, saying the defendant would not jump bail.

The magistrate, Mrs. Adefunke Anoma, granted the accused bail in the sum of N100,000 with two sureties in like sum, who must be residents of Ado-Ekiti with verifiable addresses.

The case was adjourned to February 22nd, 2021, for continuation of hearing.

Police detain mum for maltreating daughter over early marriage

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

The police in Osun State have detained a woman, who allegedly maltreated her 16-year-old daughter in Osogbo, because the girl refused a marriage proposal from the mother.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Osun State Command, Yemisi Opalola, confirmed arrest of the woman, assuring that she would

be taken to court.

The executive chairman of a non-governmental organisation, World Institute for Peace, Comrade Lamina Kamiludeen Omotoyosi, said the woman wanted to force her daughter to get married but the girl declined, and the mother poured hot water on her.

The human rights activist, who described

the woman's action as cruel, said he was alerted by the woman's neighbours that she had been maltreating her daughter, called Aleema.

"The mother had been maltreating the young lady mercilessly. This time, she poured hot water on her. It's terrible," he said.

Omotoyosi quoted the girl as saying that her mum had been

tormenting her since she refused to get married as wanted by the mother.

"The mother stopped the girl's education for refusing to get married.

"Her school was stopped last year, meanwhile, she was promoted from Junior Secondary School (JSS) 3 to Senior Secondary School (SSS 1) before her education was stopped," Omotoyosi said.

Police parades 83 suspected cultists, armed robbers in Benue

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

The Benue State Police Command has paraded 83 suspects for alleged involvement in cultism and armed robbery.

The Commissioner of Police, Mukaddas Garba, paraded the suspects yesterday at the command's headquarters in Makurdi.

Garba said 10 out of those arrested

were arrested at different locations in the state in connection with armed robbery, while the remaining 73 were being held for cultism.

He said the arrests were made between December 20, 2020, and January 5, 2021.

He said the command had, preparatory to the end of year festivities, deployed police officers to various locations to arrest identified

cultists and clamp down on other criminals.

The police commissioner listed items recovered from the arrested suspects within the period to include, 13 guns, 20 cutlasses, five live ammunition, five cartridges and several charms among others.

He appreciated members of the public for providing useful information, which led to the successful arrests.

Hoodlums promise ceasefire after Mogajis, Amotekun appeal in Oyo

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

Hoodlums in major hot spots in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital, have agreed to a ceasefire following an appeal by their family heads and the commandant of the state security network, code-named Amotekun.

The state governor, Seyi Makinde, had set up a committee last week, which included security agencies and the family heads in Ibadan North East and Ibadan South-East local governments to mediate between government and the hoodlums.

Leaders of the hoodlums in Ibadan North East local government are Dada Oto, aka Parkaging; and S O J, 350 boys. In Ibadan South East the leaders are Kabiru Ojuyobo, Baba Ele, 420 boys, Alhaja Sakiratu Tinko, and Iya gbogbo Awon boys.

The gangs operate in Odo Osun, Labiran Beere, Esu Awele, Ileba, Oja Oba, Alagolo, Lion base, Omiyale, Kobomoje, Ita ege, Eleta, Agbongbon, Tewogbade, Arapaja, Isale Ijebu, Sogoye, Akobi, Popo, Asuni, and Bonfoto.

The convener of the event and leader of the Mogajis, Chief Wale Oladoja, described the move as "a right step in the right direction".

The State commandant of Amotekun in the state, Col. Olayinka Olayanju (rtd) in his remarks said the corps adopted dialogue to ensure the hoodlums are rehabilitated.

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There is more to opposition than predictable and bring-it-down-at-all-cost media interventions. They (PDP) messed up in government, and they are messing up even more in opposition. No lessons learnt either way - **Lai Mohammed**

PDP, APC clash over 'stolen' billions from govt coffers

By Saawua Terzungwe

The ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) have 'clashed' over monies allegedly stolen by successive administrations from 1999 to 2021.

Secretary of the APC Caretaker Committee, Senator John J. Akpan Udodehe, in a statement yesterday said the 16 years of PDP administration was characterised by "looting of public funds", adding that the party should spare Nigerians of the trauma of a reminder of the "disaster."

The party said: "We need to remind all patriotic Nigerians, once again of the missing \$20 billion from the coffers of government as reported by the then country's Number 1 banker (Sanusi Lamido Sanusi).

"Monies (billions of Naira meant for arms importation) were reportedly discovered in private jets belonging to 'allies of the then government' in far away South



■ Gov Mai Mala Buni



■ Prince Uche Secondus

Africa, by the South African authorities, yet no questions were asked and no answers were given by the Nigerian government. There was indeed reasonable grounds for a cover up.

"Over \$16 billion, as was the rotten revelation from public hearings, was shared amongst friends in the name of power sector reforms by the PDP government, yet nothing to show for it. This much was

established by the Elumelu Committee's report.

"Billions of dollars reportedly budgeted for the importation of arms to fight terrorism, particularly the Boko Haram, ended up in private accounts of politicians and their cronies which was the infestation of the Dasukigate scandal," the party added.

But reacting, the PDP in a statement by its National Publicity Secretary, Kola

Ologbondiyan, asked APC to account for N15 trillion allegedly stolen by its leaders.

"We know that APC's attack is a desperate diversionary tactic as more revelations continue to emerge on how its leaders and some presidency officials pillaged our national treasury and stole over N15 trillion as well as how the APC has been patronizing bandits with our national resources.

"The APC had become rattled because of pressure from the PDP and other well-meaning Nigerians asking President Buhari to go after APC leaders as well as Presidency officials involved in the reported stealing of N9.6 trillion (\$25 billion) oil revenue as detailed in the leaked NNPC memo.

"APC leaders are having sleepless nights because the dragnet would soon catch up with all of them involved in the reported stealing of N1.1 trillion worth of crude using 18 unregistered vessels; the looting of over N2 trillion in hazy oil subsidy regime, including a criminal under-recovery for unnamed West African countries as well as illegal tax per litre of petrol running into trillions of naira," the party said.

Why I have been in 6 different political parties - Alhaji Ombuguanga

From Ibraheem Hamza Muham-mad, Lafia

A chieftain of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) in Nasarawa State, Alhaji Yunusa Mohammed Ombuguanga, has opened up on his itinerary in six different political parties as a politician.

Alhaji Ombuguanga, in an interview with Daily Trust, said he recently rejoined APC because of its spread and vision to move the country to greater heights.

He said: "I started my political career when I joined the defunct Social Democratic Party (SDP)

in 1992 and contested as a chairmanship aspirant of Nassarawa Eggon Local Government Area (LGA) in 1993 during the failed attempt of General Sani Abacha to turn the polity from military to democratic rule. I later joined the defunct Grassroot Democratic Movement (GDM) in 1996."

The politician said at the eve of this republic in 1999, he joined the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and later became the coordinator, North Central Movement for the Sustenance of Democracy International from 1999 till

date.

According to him, he lost the primary election for Nasarawa State House of Assembly under the PDP in 2007.

Alhaji Ombuguanga said he was a national delegate that led to the emergence of late Umaru Musa Yar'adua as the presidential flag bearer of PDP before the end of the tenure of President Olusegun Obasanjo in 2011.

He said he later joined the defunct Congress for Progressive Change (CPC) from 2011 to 2013.

In 2014, Alhaji Ombuguanga said he defected to Accord Party to

contest the Nasarawa North Senatorial District seat in the 2015 general elections.

He added that he joined APC in 2018 and indicated interest to become Governor of Nasarawa State but later left for SDP the same year to run for Senate in the 2019 general elections.

He, however, dumped SDP to register with APC on July 25, 2020.

Alhaji Ombuguanga promised to insist on the entrenchment of internal democracy and a level playing platform to achieve growth and development in a democratic setting.

Segun Oni's 2022 gov'ship posters flood Ekiti towns

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

The posters of a former governor of Ekiti State, Engr. Segun Oni, have flooded strategic locations in Ado Ekiti, the state capital and other towns.

The posters with the logo of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) carried a bold inscription of 'Segun Oni for Governor, the Reformation has Come.'

They were pasted in conspicuous places in Ado Ekiti area of Ajilosun, Basiri, Ijigbo, Ilawe Road, Okeyinmi, and other towns like Ikere Ekiti, Ifaki and other communities across the 16 local government areas.

The last governorship election was conducted on July 14, 2018.

Oni was the governor of Ekiti between May 29, 2007 and October 15, 2010, before he was sacked in a judgement delivered by former President of Appeal Court, Justice Ayo Isa Salami in a case instituted by Kayode Fayemi of the defunct Action Congress.

Oni defected to the All Progressives Congress (APC) in 2014 to support Fayemi's second term ambition, where he held a position of Deputy National Chairman (South).

He contested the 2018 APC governorship primary where he garnered a total of 482 votes to emerge as a runner-up to Fayemi who clinched the ticket.

The former governor returned to PDP in 2020 over an alleged maltreatment of his loyalists in APC.

Commenting on the posters, Dr Bayo Arowolaju, a former Special Adviser to Oni during his time as governor and member of the media team of his political platform named 'Atunse Ekiti', said they must have emanated from those agitating for the return of his former boss as governor.

Arowolaju added that the pressure on his former boss to return as a governor had been intense in the last one year.

Group cautions ex-Benue gov Akume

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

The people of Benue North-East senatorial district under the aegis of Zone "A" Peoples' Assembly (ZAPA) have warned the Minister of Special Duties and Intergovernmental Affairs, Senator George Akume, to desist from pulling down leaders of the zone or they would resist him.

ZAPA, at a press conference yesterday in Makurdi, said the warning became necessary as any further insult directed at anyone from the zone by the

minister would be responded to in the same language and tone used.

President General of the group, Fannen Mondo, General Secretary, Sir. Joseph Ornguga and Legal Adviser, Terseer Anongo Esq, said the "unbecoming verbal attacks" against their leaders from the zone by Akume necessitated the news conference.

The group made reference to "some leaked telephone conversations, especially the one Akume had with Alhaji Usman Abubakar (aka Young Alhaji) years back and the recently circulated one he had with His Excellency,

Samuel Ortom.

"We at ZAPA have carefully reviewed and analyzed the two conversations, and it is very clear that, Sen. George Akume has taken it as his pastime to ensure nobody from that part of the state progressed to a reasonable status, or is counted amongst critical leaders both in the state and at the central government."

Mondo had at the press conference said the minister, in a recently leaked audio telephone conversation with Governor Ortom, verbally attacked the paramount ruler of the Tiv nation, Tor Tiv,

Professor James Ayatse and Senator Gabriel Suswam.

But, in a reaction to ZAPA, the president of Benue Patriotic Front (BPF), Dan-Morgan Ihomun, noted that as a son of the land, "Senator Akume has utmost respect for the Tor Tiv and other leaders, adding that those banking on the leaked audio clip to make political capital are living in an eroded past."

Ihomun stressed the need for Benue people to disregard the divisive tantrums by some groups and come together to forge unity and togetherness for the development of the state.

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I, formerly known and addressed as **MANNIR MAI-KANO** now wish to be known and addresses as **MANNIR MAIKANU**, all former documents remain valid, All authorities be concerned and General public please take note.

I, formerly known and addressed as **ZAKKA ZIGWAI SUNDUNIYA** now wish to be known and addressed as **HAPPINESS ZAKKA**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned should take note please.

ADAI: I, formerly known and addressed as **ADA DANIEL INALEGWU** now wish to be known and addressed as **ADA ENALEGWU**. All former documents remain valid. **UBA** Banks and the General public public to take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME: I formerly known as **Musa Alpha**, now wish to be known as **Abba Pette**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and general public please take note.

ADDITIONAL OF NAME
AHMED: I, formerly known and addressed as **AHMED TANIMU**, now wish to be called and addressed as **AHMED GARBA TANIMU**. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

ELIZABETH: I formerly known as **MISS. OBASHOLA ELIZABETH TAIWO**, now wish to be known as **MRS. ADEYEMO ELIZABETH TAIWO**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

I formerly known as **MOHAMMED HAMIDU** now wishes to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED SOKOTO HAMIDU**. All former documents remain valid general public to take note

I, formerly known and addressed as **AKANDE MUBO (MOROHUNMUBO) BEATRICE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ATTEH-LUKE MOROHUNMUBO BEATRICE**. All former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

LAWALI: I formerly known and addressed as **DANLADI ALIYU** with **D.O.B 12/03/1978** now wish to be known and addressed as **LAWALI ALIYU** with **D.O.B 01/03/1987** all former documents remain valid, Unity Bank and general public should take note.

IBRAHIM: I formerly known as **IBRAHIM ALIYU BUNGUDU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM ALIYU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned **UNITY BANK** and general public should please take note.

ABDULKARIM: I, formerly known and addressed as **ABDULKARIM SULEIMAN**, now wish to be called and addressed as **ABDULKARIM SULAIMAN**. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

NANPAN: I formerly known as **DANLADI NANPAN**, now wish to be known as **DANLADI NANPAN ALI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and general public should take note.

SADA: I was formerly known as **SADA S M?HD, SADA MUHAMMED SULEIMAN** now wish to be known and address as **MUHAMMED SADA SULEIMAN** and all documents remain valid. Authorities Concerned and the general public should please take note.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS **LAWAL MUHAMMAD SALIM** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS **LAWAL SALIM ALHAJI** AND MY CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH IS **08/08/1998 (8TH AUGUST 1998)**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID, ALL BANKS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

LABBO: I formerly known and addressed as **LABBO ZUBAIRU TONDI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUSA LABBO ZUBAIRU** all former documents remain valid, and general public should take note.

Abdulazez: I formerly known and called **Adaviruku Wahab**, now wish to be known and addressed as **Abdulazez Abdulsamad**. All other documents remain valid. The relevant authorities concerned and the general public to take note.

MUHAMMAD: I, formerly known and addressed as **KABIRU HAMZA**, now wish to be called and addressed as **MUHAMMAD KABIR ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

JOHN: I formerly known as **JOHN OWNUE IDUBA**, now wish to be known as **IDUBA JOHN OWNUE** and my date of birth was wrongly captured as 11th March, 1990 instead of 13th December, 1990. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and general public should take note.

KOLO: I was formerly known and addressed as **AISHA MUSA** That I now wish to be known and addressed as **CLARK KOLO** All documents bearing former names remain valid and the general public should please take note.

MICHELLE: I, formerly known as **AGHWARE OGHENERUKEVWE MITCHEL**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AGHWARE OGHENERUKEVWE MICHELLE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MARY: I formerly known and addressed as **MARY DANJUMMA KIMNA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MARY DANJUMMA** all former documents remain valid, First Bank and general public should take note.

AGBA: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED **SHAGBAOR VERSHIMA NICHOLAS**. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **AGBA VERSHIMA NICHOLAS**. I WAS BORN ON 18th MAY, 1997. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

BALKISU: I, formerly known and addressed as **BALKISU IBRAHIM**, now wish to be called and addressed as **BALKISI DANLAMI**, correct **DOB** is **26/06/1990**. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

AUGUSTINA: I formerly known as **MAFULUL AUGUSTINE ANDREW**, now wish to be known as **SARPIYA AUGUSTINA DAKON**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and general public should take note.

SURAJU: I was formerly known and addressed as **ABDULLAHI U SURAJU** That I now wish to be known and addressed as **SURAJU ABDULLAHI UMAR** All documents bearing former names remain valid and the general public should please take note.

NGOZI: I, formerly known as **NGOZI ANTHONY**, now wish to be known and addressed as **NGOZI BLESSING CHUKWUMA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

RASHIDA: I formerly known and addressed as **RASHIDA N. ISAH** now wish to be known and addressed as **RASHIDA NGASKI ISAH** all former documents remain valid, **BVN** and general public should take note.

TUKURA: I formerly known as **Tanko Baba**, now wish to be known as **Tukura Tanko Baba**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.

BRIDGET: I formerly known as **SHUWAT BRIDGET KURMI**, **SHUWAT BRIDGET K** (NECO Certificate) is one and the same person as **DIHS SHUWAT BRIDGET** captured on my **NVSC Certificate**, now wish to be known as **DIHS BRIDGET PATRICK**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and general should take note.

NOAH: I formerly known as **DASPAN GUNGTE ZAKKA NOAH**, now wish to be known as **DASPAN NOAH GUNGTE**. All former documents remain valid. College of Education Gindiri, University of Jos and general public should take note.

BADEJO: I was formerly known and addressed as **BADEJO ISAAC OLUDEDE** That I now wish to be known and addressed as **IDOWU SUNDAY DAMILARE** All documents bearing former names remain valid and the general public should please take note.

NASIMAT: I, formerly known and as **MAGRET ADENIKE ADENIRAN**. Now wish to be called and addressed as **NASIMAT ADENIKE SANUSI**. All former documents remain valid. The authorities concerned and the general public to take note.

I formerly known and called **TERNA EMMANUELLA EMMANUELLA**. Now wish to be known and called **TERNA NGUEVESE EMMANUELLA**. All former documents remain valid. Stanbic IBTC Bank, **BVN** and the general public to take note.

I Formerly know as **RAKIYA Ilyasu Dauda**, now wish to be known and Address as **first name Rakiya**, surname **Idris**, last name **Salisu**. All other documents remain valid. The relevant authorities concerned and the general public to take note.

MAGDALENE: I formerly known as **MOSES MAGDALENE JOHN** and **MOSES MAGDALENE PAM**, now wish to be known as **MRS. PETER MAGDALENE JOHN**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

I, **KWASHI, WUNIDEE CHINGYIN** is the rightful owner of National Identity Managements System Slip with my name wrongly captured as **WUNIDEE CHINGYIN** instead of **KWASHI WUNIDEE CHINGYIN**. Henceforth, I wish to be known as **KWASHI WUNIDEE CHINGYIN**. All former documents remain valid. NIMC and general public should take note.

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DANLADI: I formerly known as **DANLADI FWANGSHAK**, now wish to be known as **UBA DANLADI FWANGSHAK**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and general public should take note.

SALISU: I formerly known as **ABUBAKAR SALIS**, now wish to be known as **ABUBAKAR SALISU NAMASKA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and general public should take note.

I was formerly known as **AUWAL YUSUF** now wish to be known and called as **AUWAL ALIYU YUSUF**. All my former documents remain valid. General Public should please take note

I was formerly known as **WAKAWA BITRUS B** now wish to be known and called as **BELLO BITRUS WAKAWA**. All my former documents remain valid. General Public should please take note

I formerly known as Isiyaku Sani used Date of birth as 05/05/1982 now wish to be known and addressed as Isiyaku Sani Iyatawa new date of birth is 05/05/1995. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern to please take note

I formerly known as **AISAH ABBA** now wish to be called and addressed as **AISHATU ABBA ADAMU**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as **RUFAL MOHD** now wish to be called and addressed as **USMAN MOHD**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as **GALADIMA ABBAS ABBAS** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABBAS GALADIMA**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as **RUQAYYA AUWAL** now wish to be called and addressed as **RUQAYYA AUWAL YAKASAI**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as Zinatu Halliru Lawal now wish to be called and addressed as Zinatu Saleh. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and National Identity Management Commission(NIMC) and the general public to note

I formerly known as sule musa zarada now wish to be called and addressed as musa sule. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note date of birth-07051970 polaris bank.

I formerly known as Muhammad Abdullahi now wish to be known as Mohammed Abdullahi all former documents remains valid authorities concern and general public to take note.

I formerly known as Muhammad Sani now wish to be called and addressed as Mohammed Sani. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note **DOB20/10/1985**

I formerly known as **ABDULLAHI** now wish to be called and addressed as **SABIU ABDULLAHI RABIU**. All former documents remain valid **AUTHORITY CONCERN** and general public to note

I formerly known as **SANI IBRAHIM** now wish to be called and addressed as **SANI IBRAHIM GARBA**. All former documents remain valid **AUTHORITY CONCERN** and general public to note

I formerly known as **UMAR AUWALU A** now wish to be called and addressed as **AUWALU A UMAR**. All former documents remain valid **AUTHORITY CONCERN** and general public to note

I formerly known as **ABDULLAHI UMAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **KAMALUDDIN UMAR**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as **SALISU SANDA FIRJI** now wish to be called and addressed as **SALISU SANDA UMAR**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as Fatima Abdulrahman now wish to be called and addressed as Fatima Abdulrahman Tahir. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

MUNTARI, I formerly known as **MUNTARI DANKULLU** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUNTARI ALHAJI DANKULLU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

That I was formally being called and address as **SULEIMAN MUHAMMED DATTI** of the same address, but now I wish to be called and address as **SULEIMAN IDRIS** of the same address. All former document should valid. the authority should concerned.

BINTA, I formerly known as **FATIMA SANI** now wish to be called and addressed as **BINTA BALA ADAM**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SHUAIBU, I formerly known as **SHUAIBU NUHU** 09/02/1985 now wish to be called and addressed as **SHUAIBU SULAIMAN** 08/06/1990. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SABI'U, I formerly known as **SADIKU MOHD** now wish to be called and addressed as **SABI'U, MOHD**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MUSA, I formerly known as **MUSA MAMUD** 01011975 now wish to be called and addressed as **MUSA ILIYASU** 01011975. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

KHADIJA, I formerly known as **KHADIJA ALI** now wish to be called and addressed as **KHADIJA ALI YAKASAI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SARATU, I formerly known as **IBRAHIM OMOMO SARATU** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS SARATU YUSUF**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MUSTAPHA, I formerly known as **USAMA RABIU** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUSTAPHA RABIU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

FADIMATU, I formerly known as **INNO IBRAHIM** now wish to be called and addressed as **FADIMATU IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SWORD AFFIDAVIT, I formerly known as **ISAH BANO** IDI now wish to be called and addressed as **ISAH BANU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ZAINAB, I formerly known as **ELLA MOHAMMED** now wish to be called and addressed as **ZAINAB MOHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

USMAN, I formerly known as **MANI SANI** now wish to be called and addressed as **USMAN SANI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ISMAIL, I formerly known as **ISMA'EEL H ADAM** now wish to be called and addressed as **ISMAIL ADAMU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MIRACLE, I formerly known as **MIRACLE NCHEDOCHUKWU IKENWA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MIRACLE NCHEDOCHUKWU KUDAIISI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

FARIDA I formerly known as **FARIDA UMAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **FARIDA ISMAIL**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

AKHIGBE, I formerly known as **FATAI MARY MARYAM** now wish to be called and addressed as **AKHIGBE MARY OSTIE**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MUNTARI, I formerly known as **MUKHTAR MAIWADA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUNTARI MAIWADA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

HASSAN, I formerly known as **UMAR YAHAYA** now wish to be called and addressed as **HASSAN YAHAYA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD, I formerly known as **ABBA ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUHAMMAD ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

LAWAL, I formerly known as **MUHAMAD FATIMA** now wish to be called and addressed as **LAWAL OHUNEKE FATIMA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

AHMAD, I formerly known as **AHMAD HALLU AMINU** and my mistaken date of birth is 02/03/1983 now wish to be called and addressed as **AHMAD HALLU DANEJI** and my correct date of birth is 01/01/1994. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly and variously bear Musa A. Garba; Musa Garba; Musa Garba Dandago; Musa A. Garba Dandago and/or Musa Alhaji Garba now wish to be known and address as **MUSA ALHAJI GARBA**. All former documents remain valid, the general public to take note.

ABDULLAHI, I formerly known as **ABDULLAHI ABUBAKAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABDULLAHI ABUBAKAR ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I was formerly known as **BASHIR ABDU BUNKURE** now wish to be known and called as **BASHIR AUWALU ABDU**. All my former documents remain valid. General Public should please take note

I was formerly known as **SHAFATU HAMISU** now wish to be known and called as **SHAFATU HAMISU HARUNA**. My corrected date of birth is 22nd June, 1983. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and General Public should please take note

AMINU, I formerly known as **AMINU GARBA KODE, AMINU GARBA GIDAN RUWA** now wish to be called and addressed as **AMINU GARBA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ASMA'U, I formerly known as **ASMAU AHMED SADEEQ** now wish to be called and addressed as **ASMA'U BELLO AHMED**. All former documents remain valid. **KANO CAPITAL SCHOOL** and the general public should please take note.

GADDAFI, I formerly known as **GADAFI WADA** now wish to be called and addressed as **GADDAFI WADA SHUAIBU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

AISHATU, I formerly known as **AISHA USMAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **AISHATU USMAN MUHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ABDULLAHI, I formerly known as **ABDULLAHI MOHAMMED** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABDULLAHI YAYANGIDA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formally known and addressed as **JODA YAHYA** now wish to be call: **JODA IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. **NIMC**, Banks, all authority concern and the general public should please take note.

MUSA: I, formerly known as **MUSA EMMANUEL FRIDAY**, now wish to be known and called **MUSA FRIDAY**. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

ISAH: I, formerly known as **ISAH SAIDETU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ISAH SAIDETU ATTOJOKO**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

ABDULJALAL: I, formerly known as **JALALIDDEEN UMAR**, now wish to be known and called **ABDULJALAL UMAR**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

AMINAMI: I, formerly known as **BASHIR AMINAMI ABBA**, now wish to be known and called **AMINAMI BASHIR ALHAJI**. All former documents remain valid. Ecobank and general public to take note Please.

AISHA: I formerly known as **AISHA MUSTAPHA MUSA** now wish to be called and addressed as **AISHA MUHAMMAD KANAWA** all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

AMOS: I formerly known as **AKAWU DANJUMA** now wish to be called and addressed as **AMOS HABILA** all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

ABDULKARIM: I formerly known as **ABDULKARIM AHMAD GWARZO** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABDULKARIM AHMED** all former documents remain valid. my date of birth was wrongly captured as 14/5/1985 the correct date of birth is 14/5/1992 Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

MERCY: I, formerly known as **MERCY AKOH**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MERCY ELE OJO ACHIMUGU**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

ENESI: I formerly known and called as **OZAVINOVI JOHN SUNDAY**. Due to changed to **MUSLIM** by faith. Now wish to be known and called as **ENESI AHMED OZAVINOVI**. Former documents remain valid. The Nigeria Correctional Service, and general public to take note.

HAUWAU: I, formerly known as **HASSANA IBRAHIM**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HAUWAU ALIYU**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

GARBA: I, formerly known as **LAWAL GARBA ABUBAKAR**, now wish to be known and called **GARBA LAWAL**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

FATIMA: I formerly known as **AMATULLAHI SULAIMAN** now wish to be called as **FATIMA ABDULLAHI** all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

RADIYA: I formerly known as **JAMILA MAHMUD** now wish to be called as **RADIYA ABDULLAHI ADAMU** all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

GARKE: I formerly known and addressed as **GARKE BAWA** now wish to be known and called as **GARKE BAWA KATO** all former documents remain valid **FIRST BANK**, all concern Authorities and the general public should please take note

FATIMA: I, formerly known as **FATIMA AMINU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA AMINU IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

ROSE MARY: I, formerly known as **OLUWABANKE ROSAMARY HASSAN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ROSE MARY OLUWABANKE HASSAN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ROSE MARY OLUWABANKE CHUKWUDI**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

TONGRIANG: I formerly known as **TONGRYANG DAWAK SATSIM** now wish to be called and addressed as **TONGRIANG KWOM CHICHIRANG** all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

Addition of name, I, formerly known as **ROSELYN NWOSU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ROSELYN CHI ZOBA NWOSU**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

MOHAMMAD: I, formerly known as **IBRAHIM BABALE SULEIMAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **MOHAMMAD IBRAHIM SULEIMAN** all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD: I formerly known as **MOHAMMED USMAN LAWAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUHAMMAD USMAN** all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

MURTALA: I formerly known as **MURTALA ISAH** now wish to be called and addressed as **MURTALA ISAH ABDULLAHI** all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

AUGUSTUS: I Formerly known as **AUGUSTU D S MAZA** Now wish to be called and addressed as **AUGUSTUS DOMINIC** All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

IDRIS: I Formerly known as **IDRIS SHUAIDU** Now wish to be called and addressed as **IDRIS SAIDU UMARU** Correct DOB is 01/Feb/1992 and Issue my New Driving License All Former documents remain valid Authority concern and the General public to please take note

UWANNA-WISDOM: I, formerly known and addressed as **WISDOM-UWANNA STELA BAMIDELEOLA ELYZEE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **UWANNA-WISDOM STELA BAMIDELEOLA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

PAUL: I, formerly known and addressed as **GODWIN JUDE RICHARD**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **PAUL JUDE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ODEYALE: I, formerly known and addressed as **ODEYALE OLUSHOLA ISMAIL**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ODEYALE OLUSHOLA SAMUEL**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

TIJANI: I, formerly known and addressed as **TIJANI HAMDAD**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **TIJANI AHMODU SULAIMON**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and general public please take note.

ALUFUO: I, formerly known and addressed as **OSUORJI PATRICIA CHINYERE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ALUFUO PARICIA CHINYERE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

JAMES:- I formerly known and addressed as **FRANK ARNOLD**, now to be known and addressed as **MR. JAMES THOMAS MUYIWA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public should take note.

OKOH: I, formerly known and addressed as **OKOH FRIDAY**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OKOH RAYMOND CHIEGINE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

PETER: I, formerly known and addressed as **PIERRE BANGOBI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **PETER BANGOBI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OLANREWaju: I, formerly known and addressed as **ADEBISI OLALEKAN ABIODUN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OLANREWaju AJAO ABIODUN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AKUNNA: I, formerly known and addressed as **ARINZE PERPETUA IJEOMA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AKUNNA PERPETUA IJEOMA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and general public please take note.

ISSA: I, formerly known and addressed as **ISSA MUHAMMAD OLAMILEKAN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ISSA UMAR OLAMILEKAN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OLAYEMI: I, formerly known and addressed as **ONIFADE OLUBUKOLA JUSTINA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OLAYEMI OLUBUKOLA JUSTINA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OSEMEN: I, formerly known and addressed as **Mrs OSEMEN ETHEL OKONJI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Miss OSEMEN FAVOUR AFAMA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADETAYO: I, formerly known and addressed as **AREMU OMOLOYA JUMOKO**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADETAYO MARY AYOMIKUN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

BAKARE: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss OLOYEDE OMOLAYO DORCAS**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs BAKARE OMOLAYO DORCAS**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

IFEANYI: I formerly known and addressed as **Nwaokoukwu Dominic ifeanyi**, now wish to be known and addressed as **Nwokeukwu Dominic ifeanyi**. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

MEMINAT: I formerly known and addressed as **akindele Felicia kikelomo** now wish to be known and addressed as **olayele Felicia meminat**. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

AMOS: I formerly known and addressed as **THERESA ASIBONG ETENG** now wish to be known and addressed as **THERESA JESAM AMOS**. Due to change in marital status. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

OJUGBELE: I formerly known and addressed as **Akanji motunrayo Temitope** now wish to be known and addressed as **ojugbele motunrayo Temitope**. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH That my correct name is **ISHOLA RAMOTA ENIOLA**. That my name was wrongly written on my BPN as **SOLA MUYIBI RAMOTA** instead of **ISHOLA RAMOTA ENIOLA**. That my correct date of birth is 20th day of March, 1980. That my date of birth was wrongly written as 25th day of August, 1980 on my BVN instead of 20th day of March, 1980. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and general public please take note.

JOSEPH: I, formerly known and addressed as **OGUNDEYI GBENGA MATHEW**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **JOSEPH GBENGA MATHEW**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

LASISI: I, formerly known and addressed as **Mrs JIMOH BUSHIRAT AMOKE (NEE ONIYIDE)**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs LASISI BUSHIRAT AMOKE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ANIEFON: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss ANIEFON AUGUSTINE AKPAN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs ANIEFON JOSEPH UDOM**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OJO: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss ADEYANJU TAYO CHRISTIANAH**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs OJO TAYO CHRISTIANAH**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OLAWALE: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss AKINSIDE ABOSEDE OMOLARA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs OLAWALE ABOSEDE OMOLARA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OMIRANTI: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss MAKANJUOLA EUNICE OLUWAKEMI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs OMIRANTI EUNICE OLUWAKEMI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADEBOYE: I, formerly known and addressed as **ADENIJI ADEDAYO ZAINAB**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADEBOYE ADEDAYO ZAINAB**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

FAROMBI: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss OJO COMFORT GBEMISOLA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs FAROMBI COMFORT GBEMISOLA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AMODU: I, formerly known and addressed as **ABRAHAM SAMUEL**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AMODU ENEJO SAMUEL**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

SHOBOWALE: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss TAIWO ABIODUN AYOMIKUN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs SHOBOWALE ABIODUN AYOMIKUN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OSIADE: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss ANIMASHAUN ISLAMAT ABIODUN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs OSIADE ISLAMAT ABIODUN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

FASHANU: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss AKINYELE OLUYOMI OLUFUNLOLA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs FASHANU OLUYOMI OLUFUNLOLA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

WAHAB: I, formerly known and addressed as **FRANCIS IFEOLA OLANREWaju**, now wish to be known and addressed as **WAHAB FOLAWIYO OWOSHILE**. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

IDOWU: I, formerly known and addressed as **AREMU AMUSA IDOWU**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **IDOWU AMOS OWOYEMI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ANIFOWOSE: I formerly known and addressed as **MOSES TEMITOPE MARGRET** Now wish to be known and addressed as **ANIFOWOSE TEMITOPE MARGRET**. All former documents remain valid, General public kindly take note.

TOHEEB: I formerly known and addressed as **FOLARIN OPEYEMI TEMITOPE** Now wish to be known and addressed as **FOLARIN TOHEEB OPEYEMI DAMILARE**. All former documents remain valid, General public kindly take note.

OKORO: I formerly known and addressed as **Egbewe Ngozi Anthonia** Now wish to be known and addressed as **Okoro Ngozi Anthonia**. All former documents remain valid, General public kindly take note.

HARRISON: I, formerly known and addressed as **HARRISON PEACE MMAUFAN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **HARRISON PEACE UMOH**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and general public please take note.

IBRAHIM: I, formerly known and addressed as **ABRAHAM BECKY OMOSI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM BEKISU OMOSI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and general public please take note.

JOY: I, formerly known and addressed as JOY MOMOH. Now wish to be known and addressed as JOY MOMOH SHEDRAC. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

GBONIKERE: I, formerly known and addressed as OLORUNFEMI OJO. Now wish to be known and addressed as GBONIKERE JOHN OJO. All former documents remain valid. Technical College Ado Ekiti, Ekiti State and General public please take note.

KUJIMIYO: I, formerly known and addressed as KUJIMIYO ADEDAYO. Now wish to be known and addressed as KUJIMIYO IBUKUNMIDE ADEDAYO. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OMERE: I, Formerly known as EZEKIEL OMERE now wish to be known and addressed as EZEKIEL OMERE ALEKUFO. Date of birth: 22nd November, 1985. All former document remain valid, public to take note.

MUSA: I, Formerly known as MARYAM MUSA ABUBAKAR now wish to be known and addressed as MARYAM MUSA ASHANGBO. All former document remain valid, public to take note.

I WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED SAIDETU ALIKALI NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESS AS ABAYAWO SAIDETU GENERAL PUBLIC TO TAKE NOTE.

ADAMU: I, formerly known as ADAMU ABUBAKAR now wish to be known and addressed as ADAMU ABUBAKAR BARDE. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

FATIMA: I formerly known as GADAYYA ALIYU DOB 1-1-1991, now wish to be known and addressed as FATIMA IBRAHIM DOB 1-1-1985. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

HUSSAINI: I formerly known as HUSSAINI ILIYA SARAW, now wish to be known and addressed as HUSSAINI ILIYA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

HAJARA: I formerly known as HAJARA ABBA, now wish to be known and addressed as HAJARA ABBA BELLO. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SAURI: I formerly known as MODU SAURI BUKAR, now wish to be known and addressed as SAURI BUKAR DAURA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

UMAR: I formerly known as MODU MODU, now wish to be known and addressed as UMAR MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ALI: I formerly known as ALI MUHAMMED, now wish to be known and addressed as ALI MUHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

KIME: I formerly known as ALLI MUHAMMED KIME, now wish to be known and addressed as MOHAMMED MALLAM KIME. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ZULAIHA: I, formerly known as ZULAIHA ABDULFATAH now wish to be known and addressed as ZULAIHA ALKASIMU. All former documents remain valid. And my correct DOB is 06-02-1992 not 01-01-1993. General public should take note.

LAWAN: I, formerly known as ABDULAZIZ ABDULLAHI LAWAN now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULAZIZ LAWAN. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

ABDULLAHI I formerly known and addressed as HADI RABIU now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULHADI ABDULLAHI. All former document remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note please.

JIBRIL: I, formerly known as ABDULKADIR JIBRIL now wish to be known and addressed as JIBRIL ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

DAHIRU I formerly known and addressed TAHIRU ABBA now wish to be known and addressed as DAHIRU MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and General public to take note.

HARUNA I formerly known and addressed as MOHAMMED MALLAM HARUNA now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMED MALLAM HARUNA. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

ABUBAKAR I formerly known and addressed as AUVAL ABUBAKAR now wish to be known and addressed as ANAS ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

AJI I formerly known and addressed as HARUNA TELA AJI now wish to be known and addressed as AUDU TELA AJI. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

ADAMU I formerly known and addressed as HASSAN ADAMU KAFURU now wish to be known and addressed as HASSAN ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

ABBA I formerly known and addressed as BUKAR ALHAJI ABBA now wish to be known and addressed as ABBA ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

ADAMA: I formally know as ADAMA AHMED and now want to be called as ADAMA AHMED FALI. All former documents remain valid. General Public should please take note.

MUSA: I formally known as ADAMU MUSA HASSAN now want to be called as ADAMU MUSA. All former documents remain valid. General Public should please take note.

ABDUL-AZIZ: I formally known as BULAMA MAI USMAN now want to be called as ABDUL-AZIZ MUSA. All former documents remain valid. General Public should please take note.

MALO I formerly known and addressed as MARY LAWI now wish to be known and addressed as MARY LAWI MALO. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

GIDEON: I, formerly known as GIDEON LAMEMI MALLAN SARI now wish to be known and addressed as GIDEON LAMEMI. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

AHMAD I formerly known and addressed as AHMED ISA now wish to be known and addressed as AHMAD ISA MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

NAJA'ATU: I formerly known as NAJA'ATU USMAN now wish to be known as NAJA'ATU USMAN JIBRIN. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

MUHAMMAD: I formerly known as BAANA ALHAJI BULAMA now wish to be known as MUHAMMAD MAINA. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

ABUBAKAR I formally known as ABUBAKAR ALMUSTAFA now wish to be known and addressed as ALMUSTAPHA ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

IBRAHIM: I formerly known as DANYERWA ABDULAZIZ I, now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULAZIZ IBRAHIM DANYERWA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ADAMU: I formerly known as USMAN BUKAR now wish to be known and addressed as ADAMU USMAN. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

JAWA I formerly known and addressed as IBRAHIM ABUBAKAR now wish to be known and addressed as IBRAHIM ABUBAKAR JAWA. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

MATORI: I formally known as RUQAYYAH MUHAMMAD BOSE, now wish to be known and addressed as RUQAYYAH ABUBAKAR MATORI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

MAIKANO: I formally known as AHMED BALA, now wish to be known and addressed as AHMAD MAIKANO. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ALHAJI: I formerly known as MOHAMMED MAMMAN now wish to be known and addressed as ALHAJI MOHAMMED MAMMAN. All former documents remain valid. ECO BANK PLC, FCMB LTD And General Public Should please take note.

GONI: I formerly known as MUHAMMED ABUBAKAR SADIQ now wish to be known as GONI MODU BAMA. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

ALIYU: I formerly known as Aliyu Maiwake Now wish to be called and addressed as Aliyu Muhammad. All former document remain valid. Authority concern and general public to take note.

GADAFI: I formerly known as Gadafi Abubakar Now wish to be called and addressed as Gadafi Abdullahi. All former document remain valid. Authority concern and general public to take note.

MBEREKPE I formerly known and addressed as MBEREKPE JOBEZ AUSTEN now wish to be known and addressed as AUGUSTINE CHUKWUNYEREMUNNWA MBEREKPE. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

USMAN: I formerly known as USMAN ABUBAKAR ALIYU now wish to be known and addressed as USMAN ALIYU. All former documents remain valid. General Public Should please take note.

MASU: I formerly known as MASU'AZU GARBA now wish to be known as MASU GARBA. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

MUSA: I formerly known as MUSA IBRAHIM DANKO, now wish to be known as MUSA IBRAHIM DANKO. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

ALHAJI: I formerly known as FOKKI FOKKI now wish to be known as ALHAJI FOKKI. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

- TIJJANI: I formerly known as TIJJANI ALHABIB now wish to be known as ALHAJI ALHABIB ADDARIS. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

MUSTAPHA: I formerly known as ABDULLAHI TIJJANI now wish to be known as MUSTAPHA TIJJANI. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

MRS. DEBORAH: I, formerly known as MISS. DEBORAH AMINADOKI, now wish to be known as MRS. DEBORAH IPALIBO DAVIES. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MRS. UCHECHI: I, formerly known as MISS. UCHECHI JOY AJERO. Now wish to be known as MRS. UCHECHI JOY OBIDI. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MRS. CHINYERE: I, formerly known as MISS. CHINYERE COLETH EKWEM. Now wish to be known as MRS. CHINYERE COLETH PHILIP. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MRS. BLESSING: I, formerly known as MISS. BLESSING ADAKOLE. Now wish to be known as MRS. BLESSING NWEOMABUGO IKORO. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MRS. IFECHI: I, formerly known as MISS. IFECHI ITANG NWACHUKU. Now wish to be known as MRS. IFECHI ITANG FRANKLIN-EGBUNEFU. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

IDISI: That I was formerly known as MISS. AMAECHI ADANMA SANDRA. Now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. IDISI ADANMA SANDRA. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, OLUWALE, JOSEPH TOLU: That during my BVN enrollment my name was captured as OLUWALE TOLU (where JOSEPH was omitted, instead of OLUWALE, JOSEPH TOLU. That I want to add JOSEPH in my BVN, and re-arrange my name as OLUWALE JOSEPH TOLU. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

NUATE: That I was formerly known as GOODNEWS DUMKA. Now wish to be known and addressed as NUATE CELESTINE GBORO. That my date of birth was wrongly written as 4th MAY 1955. My correct date of birth is 2nd MARCH 1948. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

STANLEY: That I was formerly known as MRS. KAMALU, ELSIE ANARIOCHI. Now wish to be known and addressed as STANLEY, ELSIE ANARIOCHI. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

WILLIAMS: That I was formerly known as CHINEDU PAUL. Now wish to be known and addressed as WILLIAMS PAUL CHINEDU. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

IKE: That I was formerly known as OKORO LOUIS. Now wish to be known as OKORO IKE. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

CHINAZA: I was formerly known as CHINAZA SOPHIA EMEKA. That I now wish to be known as CHINAZA EMEKA UZOIGWE. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

OMEIZA: I was formerly known as OMEIZA JAMES DAVID. That I now wish to be known as OMEIZA JAMES ADEIZA, that my correct date of birth is 16th NOVEMBER, 2002. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

AIDAMS: I was formerly known as AIDAMS EYO BASSEY. That I now wish to be known as AIDAMS TALENT BASSEY. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ANYANWU: I was formerly known as ANYANWU MIGHTY JUSTICE. That I now wish to be known as ANYANWU MIGHTY VICTORY. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME: I, RAYMOND OKIM OJONG, wish to correct that my name was wrongly written on my BVN as RAYMOND AGBIJI OJONG instead of RAYMOND OKIM OJONG. That my correct name is RAYMOND OKIM OJONG. All documents bearing the above names remain valid. The general public should please take note.

GUSOROCHI: That I was formerly known as HAPPINESS CHINAZA IGBUDU. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as IGBUDU HAPPINESS GUSOROCHI. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

VICTORIA: I was formerly known as MISS. VICTORIA OGECHI OKPULOR. That I now wish to be known as MRS. VICTORIA OGECHI SALAMI. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

GIFT: I was formerly known as IGWE GIFT WOLU. That I now wish to be known as GIFT EKENE OMEAKU. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ANADI: That I was formerly known as EZENJIAKA CYNTHIA OGECHI. Now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. ANADI CYNTHIA OGECHI. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

IBIFURO: That I was formerly known as CHRISTOPHER IBIBA ODEH. Now wish to be known and addressed as IBIFURO IBIBA BRIGHT. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, ASOGU EMMANUEL OHAERI: That during the opening of my Bank Account, my name was wrongly written as ASOGU PROMISE EMMANUEL instead of ASOGU EMMANUEL OHAERI. That my correct name is ASOGU EMMANUEL OHAERI. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

JOSHUA: That I was formerly known as IDONGESIT FRIDAY UMOH. Now wish to be known and addressed as JOSHUA FRIDAY UMOH. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

UMOH: That I was formerly known as MISS. INIOBONG MFON JACOB. Now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. GODSTIME JOSHUA UMOH. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

BLESSING: That I was formerly known as UBILE FAITH EVANS. Now wish to be known and addressed as BLESSING FAITH EVANS. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

MATTEW: That I was formerly known as AHUKANNA NANCY UCHE. Now wish to be known and addressed as MATTEW NANCY UCHECHI. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as MUHAMMAD BUHARI Now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD BUHARI SOKOTO. All former documents remain valid. Unity bank, Uba bank and General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as LUBA ADAMU Now wish to be known and addressed as LUBABATU ADAMU KAMBA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as ABO UMAR WITH D.O.B 23-08-1988 Now wish to be known and addressed as JIBRIL BASIRU WITH D.O.B 11-04-1989. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as MURTALA ALIYU Now wish to be known and addressed as MURTALA ALIYU DUHUWA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as OKAFOR OLUCHI VIVIAN Now wish to be known and addressed as VIVIAN OLUCHUKWU OKAFOR. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as BILYAMINU SANI ABUBAKAR Now wish to be known and addressed as BILYAMINU ABUBAKAR SANI. All former documents remain valid. Gt bank and General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as ABIGAIL DAVID SYLVESTER WITH D.O.B 2-8-1989 Now wish to be known and addressed as ABIGAIL DAVID SAIDU WITH D.O.B 2-8-1990. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as IMRANA SABO Now wish to be known and addressed as IMRANA SABO YABO. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as ABUBAKAR MUHAMMAD SANI Now wish to be known and addressed as ABUBAKAR MUH'D SANI. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as DAVID EZEKIEL Now wish to be known and addressed as AMAO DAVID TOPE. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as ABBAS ALIYU DANGI Now wish to be known and addressed as ABBAS ALIYU ABBAS. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

I, MODU KURA BULAMA, Umarari Area Bolori II word, Maiduguri, Borno State, wish to inform the general public of the loss of original certificate of occupancy No: B0/6756 Situated at Pompomari Residential Layout, Maiduguri bearing the name of **ALHAJI MUSTAPHA BUKAR KUSUMI** covering plot No: 71 in BOTP/61 been holder. The document got missing as result of insurgent invading my house at Umarari Area, Bolori II word Maiduguri. I wish to apply for a replacement copy of the certificate of Occupancy No:B0/6756 bearing the name of **ALHAJI MUSTAPHA BUKAR KUSUMI**. The management of Nigerian Police Force and the general public should take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT LOSS OF DOCUMENT: ON 05/01/2021 AT ABOUT 1400HRS ONE MUSA INUWA KUBO 'M' OF POMPOMARI HOUSE ASSEMBLY QUARTERS AREA MAIDUGURI CAME TO THE GRA POLICE STATION AND REPORTED THAT HE LOST HIS DOCUMENTS 1. MSC GEOGRAPHY IN RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY UNIVERSITY OF MAIDUGURI 2. ALLOCATION LETTERS OF PLOT NO: B0/6334 PLOT NO: 189 ON B0SA/181 AND B0/62919 PLOT NO: 184 AND 186 ON B0SA/179 SITUATED AT NJMITLD. HENCE REPORTED. ACTION: THE COMPLAINANT WAS ADVISED TO GO TO COURT OF LAW AND SWEAR TO AN AFFIDAVIT. GENERAL PUBLIC AND CONCERNS AUTHORITIES SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF NIGERIA, STATE OF NIGERIA, PROBATE DIVISION

WHEREAS the person/persons whose names are set out in the first column hereunder died intestate on the date and at a place stated in the said column, AND WHEREAS the person/persons whose addresses claimed relationship to the said deceased is/are set out in the second column hereunder have applied to the High Court of Justice Katsina for a grant of "Letters of Administration" of the personal property of the said deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the "Letter of Administration" will be granted to such person/persons unless "NOTICE TO PROHIBIT" the grant thereof is filed in the Probate Registry, High Court of Justice Katsina within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notice.

DECEASED:	APPLICANT FOR GRANT:
LATE IBRAHIM LAWAL OF SAFANA LOCAL GOVT DIED ON 3/11/2019 AT SAFANA	ZAKIYU IBRAHIM THE SON OF THE SAID DECEASED

DATED THIS 5TH JANUARY, 2021.

AT THE PROBATE REGISTRY, HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, KATSINA. KADIR SHUAIBU PROBATE REGISTRAR

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DECEASED:	APPLICANT FOR GRANT:
LATE WADA TALARA OF SORBE, KAFIR LOCAL GOVT DIED ON 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2013 AT SAUDUKARABIA	IDRIS KYIO OF DANTYINRE TOWN, KAFIR L.G.A THE BROTHER OF THE SAID DECEASED

DATED 5TH JANUARY, 2021.

AT THE PROBATE REGISTRY, HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, KATSINA. KADIR SHUAIBU PROBATE REGISTRAR

Sex party: Kaduna govt, restaurateur bicker over demolition

From Lami Sadiq and Mohammed Ibrahim Yaba, Kaduna

Kaduna State Urban Planning Development Agency (KASUPDA) on 31st December 2020 demolished the building housing the Asher Kings and Queens Restaurant located at Sabon Tasha, Kaduna, based on police claims that it was the venue for an alleged sex party that has gained wide publicity.

Even though the event did not take place, KASUPDA had stated on its Twitter handle that the alleged event showcased a high-level immorality that negates the state's socio-cultural, religious and traditional values and beliefs, adding that such immorality was partly the reason why the state has been bedeviled with security challenges.

The allegations, according to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the restaurant, Aisha Mercy Yakubu were false. She had accused the police of not only arresting and parading her staff for a crime they did not commit but for also demanding N100,000 from her to bail them.

Yakubu also accused KASUPDA of pulling down the building without prior notice, saying she had lost goods worth N32 million to KASUPDA's hasty decision,

which also caused her to miscarry a pregnancy.

Daily Trust reports that KASUPDA on Tuesday made a U-turn on why the building was demolished and admitted that it erred in its earlier statement released through its Twitter handle.

The agency said the building, housing Asher restaurant, had been demolished because checks from government records showed that it had neither a valid title nor development permit.

KASUPDA Director-General, Ismail Umaru Dikko told journalists that as soon as due diligence revealed the illegal status of the building, there was a need for enforcement action without the notification requirements that the law compels for holders of valid title and development permits.

Daily Trust reports that by this, the DG implied that only holders of valid titles and development permits were entitled to the notice spelt out under the Kaduna state Regional and Urban Planning Law No. 31 of 2018, which gives KASUPDA its mandate.

Though the state government declined to answer questions from journalists, Daily Trust reports that Section 60 (1) of the Regional and Urban Planning Law states that the KASUPDA

shall have the power to serve on a developer a demolition notice if a structure erected by the developer is found to be defective as to pose danger or constitute a nuisance to the occupier and the public. Section 60 (2) states that it has the power to demolish any structure or development erected without permission, while 60 (3) states that notice served pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall contain a date not later than 21 days on which the Authority or Board shall take steps to commence demolition action on the defective structure.

According to the agency, the illegal status of the building was a separate matter from the trigger event, the planned unlawful gathering. Dikko said violations of a set of rules and regulations may lead to a focus on the status of compliance with other laws and regulations.

Though Ms Yakubu had confirmed to Daily Trust that she was a mere tenant in the building, efforts to reach the owner of the building was not successful.

No illicit activity around Asher restaurant – Residents

Residents of Sabon Tasha yesterday told our correspondent that no illicit activity had taken place around Asher restaurant since the business commenced in 2020. The residents however said

the demolition of the building, which housed the restaurant maybe political as the CEO of the restaurant is married to a chieftain of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the state.

A resident of the community, who declined to be named, said there was no way Asher restaurant was the venue for the immoral event, adding that, "we have all seen the flyers that circulated and there was nowhere it was indicated that Asher restaurant was the venue."

"The police are to blame for this mix up because KASUPDA was working with what the police said. The police wanted to impress the government so they paraded innocent people and accused an innocent person without investigation. They called it a hotel but everyone knows that it is not a hotel, it is a restaurant," another resident, living close to the demolished building, told our correspondent.

Kaduna State Police Command, however, maintains that it paraded all the people involved in the sex party scandal including Yakubu's staff.

Political opponents whose houses were demolished

This is not the first time Kaduna State Government has found itself in the eye of the storm concerning the demolition of private

properties.

The state Governor, Malam Nasir El-Rufai, had, in the past, explicitly or impliedly used KASUPDA to demolish several properties, some of which many alleged to be for political vendetta.

In 2017, the state government's bulldozers brought down the home of a former North West Vice Chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC), late Inuwa Abdulkadir located along Yakubu Avenue within the GRA in Kaduna.

Abdulkadir was hinted to have been backing the then APC 'Akida group,' one of the three factional groups of the ruling APC in the state.

Later in February 2018, KASUPDA's bulldozers turned on No. 11B Sambo road, the resident of the then senator representing Kaduna North, Suleiman Hunkuyi, which was used as a secretariat of the then factional political group.

The aggrieved senator had openly blamed El-Rufai for the demolition, but KASUPDA swiftly replied that the demolition was part of its operations across Kaduna metropolis in compliance with its mandate.

While Hunkuyi's home has been turned into a public park to provide a green area and a serene place for recreation, the former abode of the APC North West Chairman remains partially demolished since the controversial exercise.

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LEGAL NOTICE IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF NIGERIA

WHEREAS the person whose names and address are set out in the first column hereunder died intestate on the date and place in the said column; AND whereas the person whose address (s) are set out in the second column hereunder claimed the relationship to the said deceased and has applied to the above court for a grant of "LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION" will be granted to such person unless notice to PROHIBIT the grant thereof is filed in the probate Registrar High Court of Justice Kaduna State within TWENTY ONE DAYS (21 DAYS) from the date of publication of this NOTICE.

SCHEDULE:-

NAME AND ADDRESS OF DECEASED	NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT
LATE SAMSON AKINGBADE OF CREATIVE ASSOCIATES ABUJA WHO DIED ON THE 13TH DAY OF APRIL, 2019 AT GENERAL HOSPITAL, MINNA.	MRS MOHAMMED IKRADE BASHOAT AND STEPHANIE OGBURN OF NO. 15, SAPE CRESCENT BAKING, KADUNA.

Dated ...3rd ...day of March, 2020

Signed:
Probate Registrar

LEGAL NOTICE:

IN THE HIGH COURT PROBATE REGISTRY WHEREAS the persons whose names are set out in the first column hereunder died intestate on the date and place in the said column; AND WHEREAS the persons whose names and addresses appear below in the second column (herein-after called the claimants) claim relationship to the deceased persons named opposite in the first column and have applied to High Court of Justice, Jigawa State for the grant of "Letters of Administration" of the personal properties of the said deceased.

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DECEASED	APPLICANTS
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MOHAMMAD KABIRU OF NPF JIGAWA WHO DIED ON THE 8/6/2018 AT HOSPITAL.	DIBANYO MUSA OF BILLIRI, GOMBE, THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATOR
TIJANI MOHAMMED JABO OF JIGAWA POLY. WHO DIED ON THE 18/5/2020 AT G.H. HADEJIA.	MOHAMMED MOHAMMED OF HADEJIA. THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATOR.
AHMED SULEIMAN OF NPF JIGAWA WHO DIED ON THE 10/11/2020 AT HOSPITAL.	BASIRU MIKHAIL OF B/KUDU. THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATOR.

DATED 1st JANUARY, 2021
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE JIGAWA
(AISHA AHMAD BABURA ESQ.) AG. PROBATE REGISTRAR

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This is to inform the general public of the loss of Original Documents: 1. House Document (Kano State Housing Corporation) with Ref. No. K.SHC/EST/WLR/WR-23, 2. National Identity Card etc., Belonging to ALIYU NUHU NAIBI, of Kaura Namoda Local Govt. Area of Zamfara State of Nigeria. The said VITAL ITEMS which were under his possession got lost on 28th day of October 2019.

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6 die, 9 injured in accident involving Dangote truck

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

Six persons yesterday died while nine others sustained injuries in a crash involving a Dangote truck and a Toyota bus around car park 'C' on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway.

It was gathered that the accident occurred around 11:53 am on Tuesday when the driver of the over-speeding

truck, marked FZE 376 DI, lost control of the wheels and hit the bus with registration number ZUR 843 XA, from the rear.

No fewer than 20 people were reportedly involved in the accident, out of which 16 were male adults, three female adults and one male child.

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) Sector Commander in the

state, Ahmed Umar, confirmed the incident to newsmen in Abeokuta, the state capital.

He explained that five male adults and one female adult were killed in the accident while seven men, one woman and one male child sustained injuries.

Umar said the driver of the truck tried to escape but was apprehended

and taken to MTD Redeemed Police Division, Mowe.

The sector commander disclosed that the injured victims were taken to Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital (OOUTH) and Idera Hospital in Sagamu while the corpses of the deceased were taken away by their family members for Islamic burial rites.

Borno, Lagos donate to ex-servicemen's fund

From Misbahu Bashir, Maiduguri & Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos

Borno State Government yesterday donated the sum of N10 million to retired military personnel and families of soldiers who died in active service.

The state governor, Babagana Umara Zulum, announced the donation after being decorated with the ceremonial armed forces remembrance emblem logo in Maiduguri by the Chairman of the Nigerian Legion, Borno State Chapter, Col. William Mamza (rtd).

Granting a request by the legion, Zulum directed the Ministry of Agriculture to liaise with its officials to identify specific areas the government can support the ex-servicemen's desire to reactive a farmland allocated to them in the 1940's.

At a similar event in Lagos, the state Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu, donated N5 million to the ex-service men's appeal fund.

Sanwo-Olu noted that all sacrifices made by members of the Nigerian Armed Forces in keeping the nation united would continue to be recognised and honoured by the state government.

He assured that the state government would not relent in supporting family members of ex-service personnel who died fighting for Nigeria's unity.

The Deputy Commandant General of the Nigerian Legion in Lagos, Colonel Fola Akande, said the fund would put smiles on the faces of over 2,000 beneficiaries of the Legion's yearly empowerment programmes.



■ From left: Sen. Aishatu Dahiru Binani; NDE official, Mohammed Hassan Turaki; Hajiya. Hauwa Koma and Laraba Haruna (beneficiary) during the empowerment of 1,667 constituents in Yola.

COVID-19: Edo records 5 deaths, 113 recoveries

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

Edo State has recorded five deaths and 113 recoveries from the resurgence of COVID-19 pandemic since December 1, 2020.

The state's COVID-19 Incident Manager, Dr. Andrew Obi, disclosed this yesterday in Benin

during a briefing of the state's Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) chaired by Governor Godwin Obaseki.

"Edo State has recorded 234 cases of coronavirus since December 1, when the state government started tracking the second wave of the

pandemic. In that time, the state government has had a fatality rate of two percent and a case positivity rate of 23.1 percent.

"We have a total of 121 active cases, with 113 recoveries. Unfortunately, 5 persons have died from coronavirus since the

second wave of the pandemic in the state," he said.

He stressed the need for residents in the state to take the second wave of the pandemic seriously, even as he said the rate of positive cases since the start of the year were worrisome.

Oyo, Kaduna flag off FG's 774,000 public works scheme

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan & Mohammed I. Yaba, Kaduna

Oyo and Kaduna State Governments yesterday flagged off the extended special public works programme.

The programme was launched by the federal government to engage 774,000 selected unemployed Nigerians to execute carefully selected projects across the 774 local government areas in the country. It will last for three months, from January to April 2021.

In Ibadan, the Minister of State for Labour and Employment, Mr. Festus Keyamo, who was represented by Ajao Olufemi, said the federal government would closely monitor the implementation of the programme to ascertain the efficient utilisation of every resource committed to it.

In Kaduna, the Minister of Environment, Dr Mohammed Mahmud, said each participating local government would identify its preferred projects and will be responsible for ensuring that they are executed as planned.

Similarly, NDE State Coordinator, Sani Maiwada, tasked the beneficiaries to be committed to the job they will be assigned.

He listed the jobs to include roads maintenance, drainage clearing and maintenance, vegetation control, and irrigation.

Senator empowers 1,600 in Adamawa

By Amina Abdullahi, Yola

Senator Aishatu Dahiru Binani, who represents Adamawa Central in the Senate, has provide skill acquisition training to over 1,600 people in her constituency in Yola.

The beneficiaries were trained on different entrepreneurial skills after which they were empowered with working tools and cash.

The lawmaker, who spoke at a ceremony in Yola on Tuesday, said the gesture was to make the beneficiaries self-reliant

to enable meet their financial obligations.

"In almost all cases, you will find that each beneficiary will employ at least one or two persons, thereby reducing the rate of unemployment.

"It is our hope that we will

continue to attract more of such interventions to our people through the constituency projects intended for the benefit of our people," she said.

She urged her constituents to adhere strictly to COVID-19 safety guidelines.

Minor, 2 others docked over motorcycle theft

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

A 16-year old minor, Ogunleye Korede, and two others, Olayinka Ayomide and Omoyeni Diya, have been arraigned before an Ado-Ekiti magistrate court for allegedly stealing a

motorcycle.

Police Prosecutor, Mr. Johnson Okunade, told the court yesterday that the trio, on December 25, 2020, at about 0600hrs at Shepherd Omisanjana area, Ado-Ekiti stole a motorcycle, valued at N380,000, belonging to one Hammed Ojo.

He said the offence was contrary to and punishable under Section 390 of the Criminal Code Cap 16, Vol.1 Law of Ekiti State of Nigeria, 2012.

The defendants pleaded not guilty and through their defense counsels, prayed the court to grant them bail.

The magistrate, A. O. Oyebanji, granted bail in the sum of N50,000 each and one surety each in like sum, who must also provide a landed property within the court's jurisdiction.

Oyebanji later adjourned the matter to February 11, 2021, for hearing.

Father nabbed for allegedly raping daughter in Ogun

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

Police in Ogun State have arrested a 45-year-old father, Akanji Oluwaseyi, for allegedly raping his 13-year old daughter.

It was gathered that the suspect was arrested after a complaint from the victim, who reported at Obantoko Divisional headquarters, Abeokuta, on the 30th of

December 2020.

The victim reportedly told police officers that her dad had visited the shop where she is a learning tailoring and requested that the mistress permit his daughter to help him fetch water at home.

According to her, when she was done fetching the water, the father suddenly grabbed her and forcefully had carnal knowledge of her.

The police spokesman, Abimbola Oyeyemi yesterday told newsmen in Abeokuta, that on the strength of the report, the DPO Obantoko Division, CSP Sunday Opebiyi, quickly detailed his detectives to the man's house where he was promptly arrested.

"He initially denied the allegation but when he was confronted by the victim, he

became dumbfounded," he said.

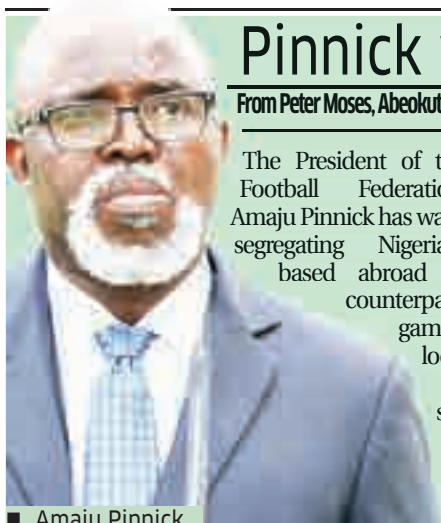
Oyeyemi said the Commissioner of Police, Edward A. Ajogun had ordered the immediate transfer of the case to anti-human trafficking and child labour unit of the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department (CIID) for further investigation and prosecution.



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■ Amaju Pinnick

Pinnick warns against segregating foreign, local league players

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

The President of the Nigerian Football Federation (NFF), Amaju Pinnick has warned against segregating Nigerian players based abroad from their counterparts playing games with the local leagues.

Pinnick said this after he performed the official

foundation laying ceremony of Ogun FA House in Abeokuta, Ogun State recently.

According to him, players based abroad are all Nigerians and there is no need to segregate them from local players, saying exceptional players from the local leagues would always get the national team call-up.

"The players from abroad are all Nigerians and please don't try to separate players playing abroad and home.

"If players in domestic league are doing very well the coach will give them a call - up. Part of the contract (of the coach) is to go round the country and

see the best players, every coach wants to win and they need good players, don't let us try to separate players playing abroad and here," he said.

On the ongoing Nigeria Professional Football League (NPFL) in the wake of the second wave of COVID-19, Pinnick said steps and consultation will determine the next line of action on the league.

"We will look at things before we can take steps on the league that just resumed. We are following global standards because they are playing football globally amidst COVID-19.

"We can't keep keeping our youths at

home, COVID is about life and living," he added.

The NFF said further that the Ogun Football House will help to discover talents from the grassroots and keep data of players discovered.

Meanwhile, Governor Dapo Abiodun has expressed his government readiness to partner with the Nigeria Football Federation on youth sports development.

According to the governor, the state is committed to sports growth as a way of empowering the youths and making them useful to themselves and also boost the economy of the state.

CAFCL: Enyimba seek decisive redemption against Al-Merreikh

By Olusola 'Jide @jide_olusola

Two-time CAF Champions League winners, Enyimba will today seek to redeem their battered image when they battle Al-Merreikh of Sudan in the second leg at the Aba Stadium.

It will be recalled that the Sudanese took the Nigerians to the cleaners with a 3-0 victory in the first leg with Saif Terry scoring all three goals.

Enyimba will need to score at least four unreplied goals to see them qualify for the money-spinning group stage of the competition, while a loss will see them drop into the playoff round of the CAF Confederation Cup.

A 3-0 victory for Enyimba after 90 minutes would take the tie straight to a penalty shootout, but if Al-Merreikh scores just a goal, the Aba Warriors will need five goals to make it to the next round.

Speaking with the club's media officer, Zazi Bariza, he said the boys are motivated to overturn the deficit today and move to the next round.

"The boys believe they are not out yet. They thrive with the optimism and belief that they can make it to the next round," he said.

Speaking further, the club expressed its disappointment



■ Action between Enyimba and Al-Merreikh during the first leg of the Champions League Round of 32 in Sudan

at their opponents who claimed the hosts are employing underhand tactics to demoralise them ahead of the game while urging CAF to stand a stand against such developments.

It will be recalled that the Sudanese side arrived Nigeria on Sunday through the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja and departed for Aba, the venue of their encounter with the two-time African champions, by road.

However, the visiting side

was said to have reported Enyimba to the Confederation of African Football (CAF) over their refusal to provide a flight for the team to Aba from Lagos.

"On our side as a club, we are deeply disappointed by the statement from the Sudanese. When we went to Sudan, we were well received and we made it very clear and open that we were appreciative of the reception with the promise to reciprocate.

"When I heard the statement, I was alarmed as

it was detrimental to African football and I think CAF should take a stand as these stories that are coming out from African football flagship competition," he said.

This will be the second time the Nigerian side will be looking to overturn a deficit in Champions League.

Enyimba suffered a 4-1 loss away to ASEC Mimosas of Ivory Coast in a 2002 qualifier and a 3-1 home victory was insufficient to avoid elimination.

Youths should embrace sports, not drugs - Karate President, Agara

From Ibraheem Hamza Muhammad, Lafia

The Nigerian youth have been advised to shun drugs consumption and abuse but should embrace sports to be famous, self-reliant, fly Nigeria's flag and become role models.

National President of the Karate Federation of Nigeria, (KFN) Mr. Silas Ali Agara made the appeal in Nasarawa State.

He said that, "It is high time for parents and guardians to entice their kids and wards to embrace sports to be fit and have brighter future than to engage in the illicit act of drugs abuse.

"The youth should understand that drugs abuse leads to health related issues, like mental retardation amongst others.

"It is better to choose sports, make friends, be a sports ambassador, sign big contracts from clubs and endorsements and be a role model instead of having mental retardation and be a prisoner." He said.

Agara said sensitising the youth to choose sports and shun drugs is the responsibility of every good citizen in the mainstream and social media alike.

He said it is interesting to have teenagers and youth representing their schools, local governments, state and even the country at various sporting events.

Buhari mourns volleyball federation ex-chair, Aderinokun

By Muideen Olaniyi

President Muhammadu Buhari has mourned journalist, poet, author and sports administrator, Otunba Eddie Aderinokun, who passed on January 3, 2021, aged 80.

President Buhari, in a statement issued by his spokesman, Femi

Adesina, condoled with the family, friends, the media, and sporting fraternity.

The President urged them to strive to keep Otunba Aderinokun's memory alive.

Buhari saluted the more than 60 years of vibrant journalism practice by Aderinokun, which saw him rise to

the editorship of the then reputable Daily Express Newspaper, and his contribution to literature through many books, particularly on poetry.

"Also unforgettable are his footprints in sports development, particularly volleyball, where he made his mark as a very successful Chairman of the Nigerian Volleyball

Federation," President Buhari said.

The President also hailed the fact that Aderinokun, as President of Nigeria League of Veteran Journalists, shared his wealth of experience, and guided younger professionals on the path of ethics and good conduct, adding that all these would be recorded in his favour by posterity.

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2021: An agenda

“Wood already touched by fire is not hard to set alight”. African proverb

The year 2021 is very likely to be one with the dubious distinction of entirely carrying over the problems of the year before it, and doing so in considerably worse conditions. Its outlook is likely to disappoint millions who think the year 2020 was the modern world's worst nightmare. It was the beginning of a nightmare, but 2021 is very likely to bear the major imprints and character of 2020.

If humanity is to make 2021 better than 2020, it will have to prepare well to deal with the impact of COVID-19 as it caught a completely unprepared world. The global community and all nations have to improve responses to the pandemic and adjust to its impact on social and economic relations, as well as prepare to deal with a phenomenon that will remain with mankind for the next few years. In addition, routine life has to be sustained, albeit in a new context that will show the normal in a substantially different form. The most successful strategy for all nations will be designed by an informed understanding of new challenges, identification of realistic priorities and mobilisation of resources to achieve them.

For Nigeria, the year will be difficult. The combination of a depressed economy, the impact of the virus on social relations, lives and livelihood; insecurity and governance challenges should demand a regime of disciplined and focused policy initiatives, management of resources and innovative approaches to dealing with major problems in familiar and new contexts. At all cost, the temptation to run the economy and basic governance policies along familiar lines should be avoided. Strong political will, fresh ideas and a sense of urgency and mission are needed by leaders to pull the country through a period that could worsen the precarious state of the nation's political economy. These will be some of the issues that should be prioritised.

1. Governance and administration.

President Muhammadu Buhari's disposition and approach to governance is central to the success or failure of the nation to avoid deeper crises. The quality of his administration particularly in the areas of security and economic management will need to be substantially improved. It cannot improve unless he assumes firmer control over the decision-making process, a willingness to address obvious challenges, replace personnel and policies that require changing to improve effectiveness and accountability, and an awareness of his place in history. He has two years to turn

the tide of decline and hopelessness that are becoming the hallmarks of his administration. Legislators at the federal level will need to raise their levels of accountability to the people they represent and utilise their powers to improve the quality of governance.

State governors and legislators still have huge powers and resources to make real difference in the lives of citizens. They should lead with a new sense of purpose and re-order their priorities to address poverty, insecurity and development of social and economic infrastructure. All leaders should attach great emphasis on restoring the trust and faith of the people in governance institutions and authorities. The fight to limit the damage of the virus cannot be won unless citizens are involved in a context that makes them willing stakeholders. All governments must assume direct responsibility and deploy resources towards fighting this pandemic and mitigating its damaging consequences on the population.

2. Public spending, managing the economy

The design of federal and state 2021 budgets does not suggest an awareness of the need to operate outside the old normal. Substantially, all budgets have followed traditional patterns, except for noticeable increases or reductions reflecting anticipated revenues. The federal budget in particular sustains its fiction around anticipated revenues and the crippling tendency to allocate resources in a manner that guarantees that they will not be released or used productively if released. All budgets need to be re-visited with the objectives of establishing priorities that are informed by current and future realities.

Key concerns should be sustaining basic economic activities, mitigating the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic (including the provision of preventive and curative support for all segments of the population), providing support to the most needy, building of social and economic infrastructure and payment of wages. Executing or supporting the fight against pervasive insecurity should be a national priority that should be supported with substantial resources. The federal budget, in particular, should substantially improve allocations to defence and security, education, poverty mitigation, fighting the scourge of the virus and funding vital infrastructure. The scope available to the private sector to contribute to the design of basic economic policy should be improved. Sustaining current employment levels and regular payment of wages is vital. Management

of anti-poverty programmes needs to be made more transparent and accountable. Close attention should be paid to food security because of its relationship with insecurity.

3. Security

The threats to state and citizen security have been increasing, and they will become worse in 2021 as armed criminals take up more space from the state. The leadership of defence, security and public safety institutions have proved incapable of stemming the tide, and the clamour for major changes at leadership levels of these institutions will intensify. President Buhari should accept to undertake large-scale changes in the management of security and public safety institutions not only because there are good reasons behind the demand, but because this is vital to re-engineer public faith and confidence in them. Funding and expansion in numbers and capabilities, as well as, reforms should be accorded the highest priority, and the current allocation in the 2021 budget should be improved. Policing has been made worse by the effects of the #EndSARS protests, and it is vital that its most important challenges are addressed with minimum delay. Constitutional amendments should be put in place to provide for regional and state police.

The fight against Boko Haram has taken another major casualty from Nigeria: its territorial integrity. Regional cooperation in this fight should be re-invented, and the administration should re-assess border security and the movement of persons and weapons into the country as a matter of great urgency. The single-track strategy of fighting the nation's multiple threats needs an informed re-assessment. Options which exist in dealing with threats and conflicts should be explored. Banditry, in particular, has a potential for being productively engaged, and the insurgency itself needs to be re-assessed in terms of the degree to which it is amenable to a political resolution.

4. Education

Federal government's universities have gone through a routine, painful ritual during which a largely indifferent government and universities that are run by inept labour unionists rather than academics flex muscles over money. This edition of the ASUU strike is over, but universities are unlikely to resume full activities without substantially compromising the safety and health of their communities. Education as a whole requires huge investment in technology to prepare it to operate under the demanding conditions of the pandemic. Funding of universities also needs massive and sustained improvement, which should start from 2021. A critical segment of young Nigerians' only access to an uncertain future is public university education. The nation must improve funding and quality of the education available to its young population if it is to reduce the rising tide of bitterness and alienation among its future generation.

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Antetokounmpo shines as Milwaukee beat Pistons



■ Giannis Antetokounmpo

Two-time NBA Most Valuable Player, Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 43 points to help the Milwaukee Bucks to a 125-115 win over the Detroit Pistons.

The 26-year-old scored 30 of the Bucks' 67 first-half points before a superb late block and put-back basket to end the Pistons' comeback hopes.

“The block and put-back was big,” said Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer.

The Bucks now have four wins, while the Philadelphia 76ers lead the Eastern Conference on six wins and one loss.

All five Philadelphia starters reached double figures on Monday as they beat the Charlotte Hornets 118-101.

McLaren driver Norris tests positive for COVID-19



■ Lando Norris

McLaren driver, Lando Norris has tested positive for COVID-19 and is now self-isolating, his Formula One team said on Tuesday.

McLaren said in a statement that Norris had returned a positive result on Monday in Dubai, where he is on a holiday before the team's training camp.

Norris, 21, said that he took a COVID-19 test after losing his sense of taste and smell.

Norris is the fourth F1 driver to test positive for the novel coronavirus after seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton, Mexican Sergio Perez and Lance Stroll of Racing Point (now Aston Martin) returned positive tests last season.