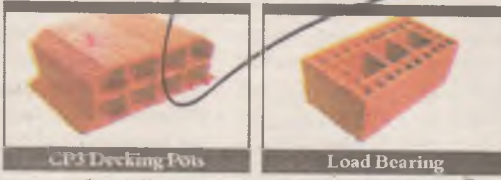


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No apology over Pentascope

The minister of the Federal Capital Territory, Mallam Nasir el-Rufai, has declared that he takes responsibility for the controversial NITEL/Penterscope management contract and owed no one any apology.

The FCT minister, who was director-general of the

Intercity Bank opens N13bn public offer

By Ahmed I. Shekarau, Group Business Editor

Intercity Bank Plc, yesterday on the floor of the Nigerian capital market, officially floated its offer for subscription, making available 6,968,034,416 ordinary shares of 50 kobo each on offer to the investing public at N1.90 kobo per share.

This development followed the completion board meeting of the bank held at the Lagoon Restaurant, Victoria Island, Lagos, on Wednesday.

This is happening just as the United Bank for Africa (UBA) Plc and Standard Trust Bank (STB) Plc got the Central Bank of Nigeria's (CBN) consent for their merger.

A statement from Intercity also said yesterday that "approvals for the registration and listing of the entire share capital have already been obtained from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Nigeria Stock Exchange (NSE).

According to the statement, the offer is being handled by Investment Banking & Trust Company Limited (IBTC) and Vetiva Capital Management Limited (Vetiva).

The statement added that at the completion board meeting, Alhaji Lamis Shehu Dikko, the Managing Director/CEO of Intercity Bank, said the offer will increase the bank's shareholders' funds as part of efforts to comply with the N25 billion minimum capital requirement for Nige-

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By Hammeed M. Bello, Senior Political Reporter, and Zainab Alimi, Political Reporter

Bureau for Public Enterprises (BPE), when the disputed contract was signed in March 2002, made the declaration yesterday in Abuja at a public hearing held by the House of Representatives committee on communications.

The public hearing was to investigate the circumstances leading to the award of the contract and other related matters and already, about nine billion US dollars

Five feared dead in Makurdi protests

Barely a week after protests following the killing of a 19-year old, Suleyol Hiikyaa, by the police in Makurdi, tension has again returned to the city with truck loads of armed soldiers from the 72 battalion deployed to all strategic locations.

This followed the killing of a commercial bus driver and his passenger, a pregnant woman by the police, an act which sparked another round of protests resulting in the death of no fewer than five persons including a police officer. The AIG Zone 4 also had his car smashed

This incident which began about 7:30 pm on Wednesday, lasted throughout the night and up to about noon yesterday, spilling over to the other major towns of Gboko and Otukpo where several gov-



Gov. George Akume

has been adjudged lost by Nigeria to the contractors with some reports saying the country has so far lost over N105 billion in the shoddy contract which el-Rufai supervised.

Responding to cross examination by the House panel under oath, el-Rufai said the legislators were free to say he was responsible for breaches on due diligence and all anomalies in the award of the contract, but that as far as he was concerned, he did his job well and that earned him promotion to the posi-

tion of a minister. The panel questioned el-Rufai that record showed that Pentascope lacked financial and managerial abilities and did not meet the other criteria for the bid, but that BPE still went ahead and awarded the contract to it, even when two other qualified firms were pre-

- el-Rufai

pared to take the contract.

But el-Rufai disagreed with the panel saying the issue of competence was sub-

jective and added that BPE under him did its best in the

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Former BPE Director General and Minister of FCT, Mallam Nasir el-Rufai (right), NITEL chairman, Tijani Abdullahi (middle) and former minister of communication, Alhaji Bello Muhammed during the public hearing on NITEL/M-tel management contract award to Pentascope, held at the National Assembly complex, Abuja... yesterday. Pix: Felix Onigbinde.

Senators lambast Makarfi

The senate, after a prolonged session of pouring venom on Governor of Kaduna, Ahmed Muhammed Makarfi has resolved that no committee of the upper chamber or its officials should pay courtesy visit on the governor on whatever occasion while noting that

By Isa Sanusi, Political Reporter

Makarfi's berating of the National Assembly on Monday unveiled the hidden agenda behind convening of the ongoing National Political Reform Conference and some senators insisted that the governor should be declared a *persona non grata* in the National Assembly.

Many senators maintained that since condemnation of the National Assembly was

coming from the person of the Governor who chaired the Presidential Committee that streamlined the agenda of the National conference, a thorough investigation should be carried out to uncover the true motive of the conference which many of the lawmakers believe was aimed at undermining the institution of the legislature. Deputy Senate President Ibrahim Mantu who presided over the session said: "Ordinarily we should have

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Grassroot worse hit by FG's reform - ACF

The Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF), said yesterday that President Olusegun Obasanjo's list of the nation's economic reform gains was only correct on paper as it has not permeated down to the common man.

The group's position was delivered by retired Major General Bala Haruna, who led its delegation to the on going National Political Reform

By Habeeb I. Pindiga, Political Reporter

Conference.

Obasanjo had said at the inauguration of the conference last week that the economy has been put on a sound footing through government's reform programmes. He also mentioned some of the gains recorded to include slashed in

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circumstance because the bureau didn't have any road map or a well-defined guideline for the entire process of privatisation. According to him, they took chances and worked on some probabilities or some sort of trial and error.

He also said that the president and the vice president were constantly being briefed at all stages in the contract and they gave the go ahead before the contract was sealed.

He said the board of NITEL should be the ones to be held responsible for not ensuring compliance with the contract terms.

The former BPE boss also revealed that a Nigerian law firm, Udo Udoma and Bello Osagie, participated actively in drafting the contract terms, suggesting that they might have some questions to answer at the investigative panel over the shoddy contract.

An international consultant firm, Pricewater House Cooper, who were consultants to BPE and recommended the award of the contract to Pentascop, was said by the panel to be unprofessional by recommending an inefficient firm, but el-Rufai said they were reputable.

He said the BPE was faced

with the difficulty of awarding the contract to Pentascop or allowing NITEL to continue to run the company at a loss the way it was doing.

According to him, for over 17 years after it was established, NITEL had not been able to pay any dividends to government until the BPE forced it to pay about N3 billion in 2002.

El-Rufai was also accused of having said that no Nigerian has the capability of running NITEL, a statement perceived as unpatriotic, but he responded that what he said, rather, was that no Nigerian in NITEL could manage the telecom company, adding that as a Nigerian, he believes in the country.

Responding to allegations that BPE was unpatriotic for not advertising in Nigeria to give Nigerians the opportunity to participate in the bid, el-Rufai said the bidding was advertised several times but BPE reached the conclusion that no reputable Nigerian was available to take the contract.

One of the allegations against Pentascop was that it was a dupe and was non-existent because records showed it was registered on a public holiday.

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ignored him (Makarfi) but because people suspect the motive of this conference, I think there is more than meet the eye".

The matter was brought up through a motion moved by the Chairman Senate Committee on Information, Senator Tawar Umbi Wada (PDP/Gombe South) and seconded by Senator Ken Nnamani (PDP/Enugu East) in which he tendered and read from a copy of the national daily in which Governor Ahmed Makarfi was quoted as saying the National Assembly has not lived up to public expectations and pointed out that the lawmakers have been wasting a lot of time on "personal struggles for power and influence". Senator Wada then sought leave of the senate to discuss the matter in a closed door session but the lawmakers objected and insisted the matter should be treated openly.

Senator Mahmud Kanti Bello described Governor Makarfi as an agent of confusion saying "the people of Nigeria should watch people like him (Makarfi) who are out to destroy democracy. He must be having a hidden agenda" while Senator Idris Kuta pointed out that "Makarfi should consider himself a failure as 19 Northern governors were planning to pull out of the national conference he doctored" adding that the Governor's quarrel with the senate is an expression of his ignorance.

In his turn, Senator Bassey Ewa Henshaw said Makarfi "must be up to mischief by attacking the senate without any reason" while Senator Iyabo Anisulowo said Makarfi "is

sycophant". Senator David Mark in his contribution noted that "What the governor said is a mere exposure of his ignorance of the workings of this senate. What worries me is the entire motive of his statement. He says we are inefficient because we didn't pass the new revenue formula but we had several religious crises in Kaduna that claimed thousands of lives. Can we on the basis of that say that Makarfi is an inefficient Governor? He has embarrassed his senators."

Senator Sule Yari Gandi on his part said "Governor Makarfi is a political mediocre and the worst PDP governor and is among those pathological sycophants out to derail democracy". The senators took turns in calling the governor names and the senate also resolved to condemn the governor's statement in strong terms.

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reportedly killed. The acting police commissioner, Alhaji Ibrahim Muhammad and the command's public relations officer, Promise Eli said even the state command headquarters was not safe at the time of our call.

Despite the presence of armed soldiers at strategic locations and others on patrol, the situation escalated with several personalities falling victim of the protesters. The Radio Benue general manager, Mrs. Maria Ode, state NLC chairman, Comrade Boga Abuul and some journalists who attempted leaving their respective homes for work, had their vehicles smashed while they fled for safety.

Banks, markets and other business places remained closed for the day even as

The United States Department of State has released its annual country reports on human rights practices in Nigeria. The report ranked human rights and the rule of law in the country very low.

According to the 2004 report, countries like Afghanistan, Iraq and Ukraine have continued to enjoy improved human rights conditions; while Nigeria, North Korea, Sudan and Venezuela have suffered fundamental human rights as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights including freedom of speech, press, assembly, association, religion and movement.

In Nigeria, the report said: "police were unable to control ethno-religious violence on numerous occasions during the year and the government continued its reliance on the army in some cases, while civilian authorities generally maintained effective control of the security forces."

"There were some instances in which elements of the security forces acted outside the law as members of the security forces committed numerous human rights abuses."

It regretted that the states and local judiciary were "significantly" influenced by political leaders and suffered from corrup-



President Olusegun Obasanjo

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rian banks as directed by the Central Bank of Nigeria.

The proceeds of the offer, he said, would provide the bank with adequate working capital, fund the upgrade of its information technology infrastructure and expand its branch network by 30 additional branches.

The bank is currently in-

private residences of police officers sent their families to the state headquarters which at press time, was full with fleeing women and children.

Late yesterday evening, unconfirmed report says three more persons were killed. An eyewitness told *Daily Trust* that two ladies were shot dead in Wurukum and in north bank, a commercial driver returning from the direction of Lafia was also said to have been shot.

Daily Trust learnt that the police carried out a raid of a private secondary school, Gaadi College along Makurdi-Gboko road where a male student was said to have been badly injured.

Although the governor is away for a meeting in Abuja, his officials are said to be in touch with him over arrangements for the imposition of a

US criticises Obasanjo's human rights record

By Reuben Yunana, Senior Reporter and Jibrin Abubakar, Reporter (foreign desk)

tion and inefficiency more than the federal court system.

"Inadequate infrastructure, endemic corruption and general economic mismanagement hindered economic growth. Most of the population of approximately 137 million people is rural and engaged in small-scale agriculture which accounted for only 35.8 per cent of gross domestic product."

"Much of the country's (Nigeria) wealth remains concentrated in the hands of small elite corruption, non-transparency in government, contract malpractices and other practices favoured the wealthy," the report said.

According to the report, the nationwide local government elections held during the year were not generally judged free and fair.

"Security forces committed extra-judicial killings and used excessive force. There were several political motivated killings by unknown persons during the year," the report further said.

At a press conference in Abuja yesterday, the political officer of the American embassy, Russel J. Hanks said: "The US remains

concerned that the Nigerian government's commitment to improving its human rights record remained poor and it continued to commit serious abuses."

Mr. Russel Hanks said although the election tribunal has been reviewing the 2003 presidential election but was often prevented from performing credibly by a lack of cooperation from the executive branch.

"President Bush has been very clear that the promotion of human rights and democracy around the world are a key part of the foreign policy of the United States," he said.

The human rights report has been produced annually for thirty years.

However, presidential spokesperson, Chief Femi Fani-Kayode, has dismissed a statement by the American State Department criticizing Nigeria's human rights track record saying the statement could not be the official position of Washington, stressing that it was the position of a minor official in the embassy.

He described the statement as unfortunate adding that "if it is true that any official at the US embassy really said that, then it would be just unfortunate and

clearly, the individual has not done his homework well he is talking about another country and not Nigeria."

Fani-Kayode said: "It is an incontrovertible fact that there are no political prisoners in Nigeria today and human rights abuses are at the barest minimum. We (the government) have done exceptionally well in this area and Mr. President has everything to be proud of when it comes to such matters."

He stressed that Nigerians need not "worry about the comments of a minor official who is not properly briefed on the true situation of things."

President Bush himself has said that Nigeria has done extremely well when it comes to the sustenance of democracy and the protection of human rights in Nigeria so why on earth should we worry about the comments of a junior official of the embassy? Obviously he is not properly in agreement with his boss," he argued.

On the case of General Musa Bamaiyi, Chief of Army Staff under General Abacha and Al Mustapha CSO to the General, he said it was the courts and not the presidency that is insisting that the duo are not released on bail.

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According to him, the indices did not seem to take care of rising poverty, insecurity, restiveness and other social vices.

Haruna also said corruption, indiscipline and immorality that had eaten deep into the fabrics of the Nigerian society could be attributed to the nature of how "we manage our resources".

ACF, he explained, was committed to the unity of the country.

The position of the Pan-North group came as ethnic unions at the conference yesterday affirmed their loyalty to a united, indivisible Nigeria.

The Yoruba socio-cultural group, *Afenifere*; Pan-Ibo union, *Ohaneze Ndigbo*; Middle Belt Forum (MBF); Yoruba Council of Elders (YCE) and Ijaw National Congress (INC) said they were dedicated to the oneness of the country.

MBF leader, Isaac Shaahu, said they never supported a sovereign conference and that this confab would hopefully address Nigeria's problems.

INC, through its leader, F. J. Williams, while saying that Nigeria must be united, also decried marginalisation, impoverishment and political disempowerment of his people.

On his part, YCE chairman, retired General Adeyinka Adebayo, said the group's purpose was peace, unity and progress.

He apologised to Nigerians for the ignoble role the

"I'll like to apologise on behalf of the military", he said and was greeted with a thunderous applause; but added that the military never ruled the country alone.

Also speaking, Prof Joy Iruku of the *Ohaneze*, stressed the belief of the Igbos in Nigeria's unity, but called for a constitution that will foster durable peace and unity.

Afenifere, however, insisted that Nigeria's unity would continue to be fragile until the nation undergoes restructuring.

Senator Femi Okunnu (SAN), who made the group's position known, said the Yorubas were firm on the nation's unity, but added that all issues constraining the nation's progress must be discussed and addressed.

Such issues, according to Okunnu, include restructuring, true federalism, resource control, presidentialism, religion, among others.

He said any aspect of the mentioned issues that's found to be retarding the nation must be done away with.

Okunnu said contrary to insinuations, nobody believes in Nigeria's unity more than the Yorubas, as he explained that they were the only group that never threatened to secede from the country, "even at the time of utmost provocation."

He said: "For us, the unity of Nigeria is the only area we accept as given," adding that Yorubas would want to see a

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FG abolishes education tax

The federal government has sent to the National Assembly an Amendment Bill seeking to abolish education tax and rechristen the Education Tax Fund established by Decree 7 of 1993, as the Education Trust Fund.

Known as: "An Act to amend the Education Tax Act 2004," the amendment bill, apart from abolishing the collection of the education tax, further seeks to provide alternative sources of funds for the education fund while limiting the intervention of the fund to secondary schools and tertiary institutions in the country.

With the proposed abolition of the education tax, government intends to fund the

By Henry Omonu, Senior Reporter (Education)

Education Trust Fund primarily from the consolidated revenue fund of the federation and from other sources such as donations and grants.

Section 5, sub-section 3(A) of the Amendment Act states that "there shall be credited to the fund, an amount equivalent to one percent of the consolidated revenue fund of the federation to be appropriated from year to year by the National Assembly."

Also, the Amendment Act states that funding of the fund shall be from "any other sums as may be donated or granted to the federal government from time to time for the development of education."

Such grants or donations, the Act goes on to explain in section 5, sub-section (A) shall be deductible for tax purposes in the following circumstances "for companies taxable under the companies income tax Act, except as the minister of finance may with the approval of the federal executive council, by order in the federal gazette otherwise direct, any deduction to be allowed to any company under this sub-section shall not exceed an amount which is equal to 15 percent of the total profits or 25 percent of the tax payable in the year of the donation whichever is higher."

Next, the amendment Act says the same sub-section shall apply to "companies taxable under the petroleum profit tax act, except as the minister of finance may with the approval of the federal executive council, by order in the federal gazette otherwise direct, any deduction to be allowed to any company under this sub-section shall not exceed an amount which is equal to two percent of the chargeable profits."

While excluding primary schools in the country from attracting funding from the education trust fund, the amendment act says the fund shall commit 70 per cent and 30 per cent as against 50 per cent and 25 percent of its funds to intervention projects in tertiary institutions and secondary schools respectively.



Speaker house of reps, Hon. Aminu Bello Masari (r) and chairman house committee on education, Hon. Garba Shehu Malazu during the public hearing on a bill for an act to establish the Nigeria UNESCO commission, held at the National Assembly Complex, Abuja...yesterday. Pix: Felix Onigbinde.

8 die in Kaduna auto crash

About eight people died yesterday while several others were wounded in a ghastly accident involving a tanker and a bus at Kawo bus stop in the Kaduna metropolis.

An eyewitness, Muhammadu Nasiru, told our correspondent that the accident occurred due to a brake failure when the tanker driver was about to turn into Lagos road.

Mallam Mahammad added that when the tanker driver with registration number XB241KTN Katsina realised that five people have died instantly, he quickly ran to the police post to avoid attack by the angry mob.

Another eyewitness, Mallam Idris Usman, said that some of the victims were youths that are hawking bread and yogurt at the bus stop, adding that one Usman Pastor was also involved.

The eyewitness also told our correspondent that the bus driver with registration number XD 244 DAL Kano, was on his way to Kano from Abuja with passengers who also lost died in the incident.

Mallam Idris added that a nursing mother who was in the bus with her two kids were fortunate as none of them sustained any injury.

When Daily Trust con-

From Aliyu Haruna, Correspondent (Kaduna)

tacted the chairman of the National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers Tanker Drivers (NUPENG/PTD), Comrade Nuhu Muhammad, he said that all those who sustained injuries have been admitted into private clinics, adding that the union will do its best to contact the relations of the deceased so that they would be given a befitting burial.

Comrade Nuhu also confirmed that some of the victims died on their way to the hospital.

FG to raise \$20m for Tsunami victims

The federal government will today at the State House Banquet hall attempt to raise the sum of \$20 million for victims of the December 24, 2004, Tsunami disaster which occurred in South east Asia and parts of Africa.

To this end, a fund-raising dinner has been put in place to be attended by leading individuals, captains of industry, members of the diplomatic community as well as chief executives of multi-na-

By Reuben Yunana, State House Correspondent

tional companies who would be expected to make generous contributions to the cause.

According to the United Nations (UN), the sum of \$10 billion would be collected all over the world for the victims.

It would be recalled that the federal government in January donated one million dollars to the victims as part of its efforts. Over half a million people were affected by the disaster.

As part of the country's efforts, President Olusegun Obasanjo set up a Tsunami disaster relief committee co-chaired by the Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji, Muhamadu Maccido and the primate Church of Nigeria (Anglican communion) Dr. Peter Akinola to raise needed funds for the victims.

Briefing journalists yesterday, chairman of the publicity sub-committee and Kano state governor, Alhaji Ibrahim Shekarau, said the federal government's position was informed by Africa's tradition of love, care, compassion and sharing of pains with the grieving victims.

He explained that all the countries affected by the disaster were members of the G77 of which President Olusegun Obasanjo is chairman.

He said guests of the dinner which number 2,000 have been classed into categories and seating arrangements. These he said are the Diamond category, which would go for N25,000, Gold N150,000 and Silver N50,000.

Alamiyeseigha still under probe - ICPC

The Independent Corrupt Practices and other related offences Commission (ICPC), yesterday told a federal high court in Abuja that it was still investigating Bayelsa state governor, Diepreye Alamiyeseigha over alleged N1.7 billion fraud.

The commission had investigated the governor for allegedly using eight ghost companies in the execution of contracts at the Niger Delta University (NDU).

The commission gave the names of the fake companies as A&M, Investment Ltd, Multitude Nig. Ltd., Graceland International Ltd, Brits Investment Ltd, Vinny Investment Ltd, Jawis Nig Ltd, March Nig Ltd and Niger Delta Wetland Centre.

However, the governor approached the federal high court Abuja for an order of madamus compelling ICPC to make available to him a copy of its investigation report to assist in the battle against corruption in his state. But the commission in a reply to the

By Kemi Ogedengbe, Judicial Editor

request told the court that "if any report would be made available to the governor, certainly investigations must be concluded for the report to be fair. Further investigation is still required.

ICPC's counsel, Mrs. A. Fatunde, said that an affidavit sworn to by one O.O. Kehinde and A. Abdulsalam, revealed that the investigations which produced the existing report was preliminary and not conclusive contrary to the claim of the governor.

She described the motive of the governor as unreason-

able and dishonest," "Why did the state government come to the court with only the affidavit supporting the application and not the whole processes. What sort of assistance does the applicant (governor) want from the court, she asked.

"It is not for the applicant to dictate how his matter should be handled by the commission. There is no public duty on the commission to assist the applicant. It is for the ICPC to determine the assistance mode. The motive of the governor is unreasonable," she noted.

Saraki, son sue newspaper for libel

Former Senate leader in the second republic, Dr. Abubakar Olusola Saraki and his son Dr. Bukola Saraki have slammed a N600m libel suit against Mentmore publishers limited, publishers of the National Mail newspaper.

The Waziri Ilorin is claim-

From Abdulrazaq Adebayo, Correspondent (Ilorin)

ing N100m from the newspaper for the publication in the Mail edition of Jan. 10-16, 2005, while Dr. Bukola Saraki is claiming N500m for a publication titled "Bukola Saraki in messy mass transit scam," dated January 17-23, 2005.

Joined in the suit filed by Alhaji Yusuf Fali (SAN) and Mahmud Gafar Ayodele at the high court, Offa and Ilorin respectively are Messrs Femi Ige, managing director and editor-in-chief of the National Mail and Taofik Abdullahi, the correspondent of the newspaper.

The senate leader is also seeking an injunction restraining the defendants and their agents from further writing, printing or circulating any libel against the plaintiffs pending the hearing and determination of the suit.

On his part, governor Saraki in his suit filed by Yusuf Ali (SAN), alleged that the story published by the National mail portrayed the plaintiff who is the governor of Kwara state as a thief and exposed him to public ridicule, odium and contempt and is generating rumours and disquiet among the citizens of the state and prayed the court to restrain the defendants from further publishing the stories.

Jigawa pays N642m to contractors

Determined to ensure the completion of all ongoing projects in the state stipulated in the contractual agreements signed between contractors and the state, the Jigawa State government has released N642m to contractors handling the construction of roads across the state.

Handing over the cheques to the contractors, the state commissioner for Engineering, Alhaji Aminu Yanleman, charged the contractors to ensure completion of the roads as agreed in the agreements.

He said the decision of government to release the payment is to see that all the ongoing roads are completed as part of government's pledge to roads in all nooks and crannies of the state.

The commissioner added

From Hassan A. Karofi, Correspondent (Dutse)

that N380m was given to handling the Kanya-Baba Ringin-Dutse road.

Additionally about N35m was equally released for the Gwwam-Fagam road while N37m and N96m was given for the Jahun-Linjingu and Garki-Danzomo road respectively Yanleman who also gave a cheque of N80m and N6m to Inji Konsult and Polycon for the Turabu-Gidan Mutuadaya and Sule Tankarkar road, urged them to execute the roads qualitatively.

Meanwhile, a consultancy service for the 200 kilometre Hadejia-Birnin and the 70 kilometre Hadejia-Gari roads have been signed to pave way for the beginning of construction work.

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A cross section of women delegates during the sitting of the National Political Reform Conference held in Abuja yesterday. Pix: Kennedy Egbonodje

Resource control South-South people are ingrates — Ex-gov

Former governor of old North-western state and delegate to the national political reform conference, Alhaji Usman Faruk, says that the people of the Southsouth clamouring for resource control are not fair to the North as northerners shed their blood to protect the oil wealth in the area for the entire country.

Faruk, who was speaking in Abuja yesterday, said during the civil war (1967-70), northern soldiers laid down their lives to protect the South south from incursions of the Ibo secessionists.

He said that it amounts to ingratitude to deny any section of the country benefits from petroleum resources.

Reacting to calls for resource control by some delegates at the conference, the former police commissioner said: "I am in support of resource control generally by any state as long as it is not being taken to a dangerous level to the extend that it interferes with federal performance.

"For example, supposing we now go to war with Cameroon over Bakassi, after Nigeria must have fought and liberated Bakassi, one year after they turn round and say the oil resources in their land belongs to them. So

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what will be the point for northern troops to go to war with Cameroon over Bakassi when they would not be allowed to enjoy resources from the area?

"As a former governor during the civil war, I think we have learnt our lessons, because we have liberated oil producing areas of Rivers, Bayelsa and Cross River states with the blood of thousands of northerners. I challenge everybody to go to Port Harcourt and Calabar military cemeteries; he will find that 99 per cent of graves bear northerners' names. You can hardly see any other grave except that of Isaac

Boro. Yet years later, they are threatening us with resource control. Northern troops will never allow this again.

Faruk said since all abandoned property in other parts of the country had been returned to the Ibos, the Southsouth people should also return such property to the original owners.

"In view of this situation where people of these states are calling for resource control, in the interest of reconciliation, I call that the abandoned property belonging to Ibos which (then Head of State, General Yakubu) Gowon decreed that should be kept by the Niger Delta people should now be returned to the Ibos."

Traditional rulers seek constitutional role

The six traditional rulers at the on going national political reform conference were unanimous yesterday that the institution should be given constitutional recognition and functions for the overall good of the country.

The royal fathers were the Emir of Gombe, Alhaji Shehu Usman Abubakar; Tor

Tiv, Dr. Alfred Akawe Torkula; Emir of Yauri, Dr. Zaiyanu Abdullahi; *Obi* of Onitsha, Igwe Alfred Achebe; *Amayanabo* of Bonny, King Edward Pepple; and *Olowo* of Owo, Oba Olateru Olagbegi.

Speaking at the resumed debate on the presidential inauguration speech, the six royal fathers decried the neglect of the institution, and canvassed a constitutional role.

Torkula said the traditional institution would be of immense benefit to the nation if some powers were granted it.

He also spoke about the need to ensure the unity of Nigeria, adding that one of the major challenges facing the confab was to evolve ways to address poverty.

Both Abubakar and Achebe agreed that there was mutual distrust between the various sections of the country and called for a stop saying that Nigerians must learn to trust each other despite their differences.

More delegates call for referendum

Delegates yesterday insisted that recommendations of the national political conference should not be taken to the National Assembly but should rather be subjected to a referendum.

Contributing to the debate on President Olusegun Obasanjo's speech, the delegates said sovereignty resides in the people and not in the legislature, adding that the confab report should be taken to them for final decision.

Former minister of mines and power in the second republic and leader of the Alliance for Democracy (AD) delegation, Alhaji Mohammed Ibrahim, said "I urge strongly that after all our deliberations, we must submit our report to the people for referendum (SAN)."

Others who spoke in favour of a plebiscite include Comrade Shehu Sani, Senator Femi Okorunmu and Chief Afe Babalola.

Sani argued that the confab was an equivalent of the sovereign conference that the civil society had been agitating for, adding that nobody should be allowed to tamper with its recommendations.

He suggested also that

the confab admit as working documents, some of the articles produced by the civil society in agitating for a conference.

Hassan, on his part, had called for a credible electoral system and the abolition of the local government joint account.

...it's unconstitutional

Member of the House of Representatives from Niger state, Alhaji Shehu Ibrahim Kagara, says that calls for a referendum on the report of the national political reform conference were misguided as the constitution has no such provisions.

Kagara said in a statement in Abuja yesterday that only the National Assembly has powers to enact laws for the country, hence there will be no need for a referendum on recommendations of the confab.

Responding to comments by some delegates that the National Assembly was not competent to consider their report, Kagara said the confab is trying to go beyond its brief. He said this was one of the fears of many Nigerians about the conference.

"Why should a delegate say that the conference report should not come before the National Assembly? Who has the powers to make

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laws?" he queried.

Kagara also criticised those who said the legislature is comprised of selected people, saying some members of the confab were merely courting mischief.

He, however, expressed confidence that the conference may still be beneficial to the country, as, according to him, a gathering that includes such eminent Nigerians cannot be entirely fruitless.



Rev. Mathew Kukah

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Why ANPP attends confab, by Etiebet

Chairman of the All Nigerian Peoples Party (ANPP), Chief Don Etiebet, says that the party is attending the political reforms conference despite challenging President Olusegun Obasanjo's electoral victory because the president is still operating within his 1999 electoral mandate.

Etiebet said his party is not by participating in the conference, recognising the president on account of the disputed 2003 elections, explaining that since the court has ruled that there must be no leadership vacuum, ANPP is relating with Obasanjo as a person elected in the 1999

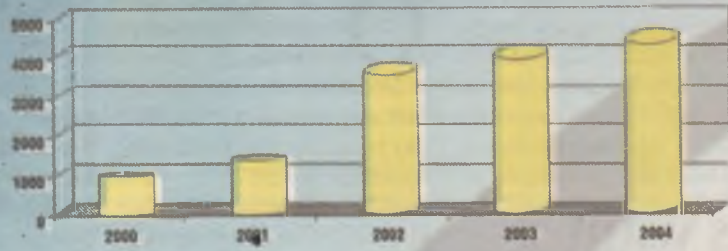
polls. Speaking on behalf of his party delegates at the resumed debate on Obasanjo's inaugural address, the chairman said somebody asked him whether his presence at the confab was an indication of giving away his party's struggle against the president and that he replied thus: "Obasanjo is on the mandate of the 1999 election because the constitution said some one must remain there until another person is found to replace him and nobody has yet been found."

Etiebet said his party was of the opinion that every other thing beside the nation's unity should be put to critical appraisal at the confab.

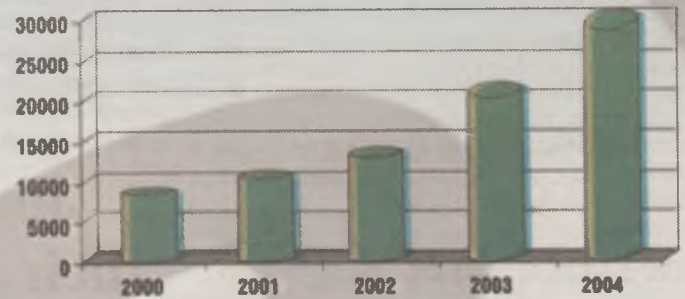
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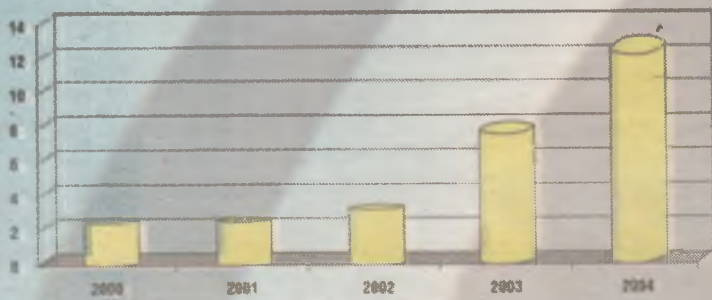
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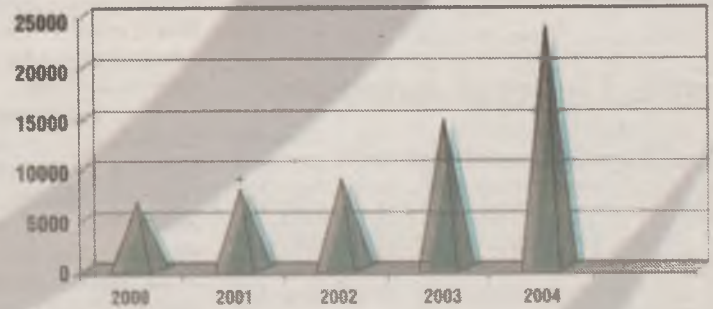
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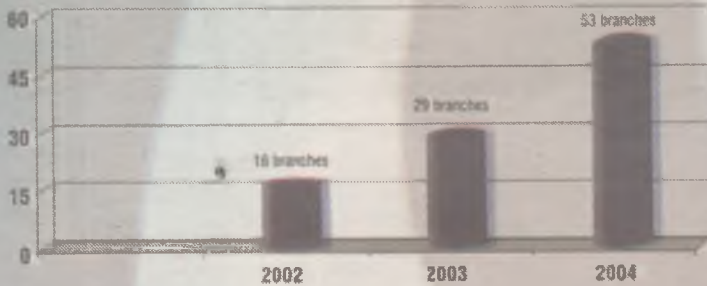
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With Emmanuel Bello

Sule Katagun continues sidon look policy

The silence of deputy chairman, Sule Katagun, is growing by the day. The man literally stops breathing when he climbs the podium. Already, many theories are emerging as reasons for his sustained silence. The most famous is that the man has nothing to say especially as he's as recycled as the rest of the delegates. Another school of thought says that the old civil servant is completely miffed by the array of brains around him. Escorted between a much talked about Supreme Court judge and the nation's most powerful people, Katagun is said to have been stupefied into silence. Yet, others insist that the man is only giving the typical answer Malam el-Rufai proposed for...

When an Emir can't find his voice

Why a state will make a traditional ruler head of its delegation is still baffling some observers. First, royal fathers are steeped in the art of inaudible speech and they are experts in slow motion walking. So, when this powerful emir who led his state delegation rose up to talk, it was a miracle the microphones could pick his mutterings. At the end of the day, delegates and members of the press heard snippets of a speech that was otherwise laced with ideas. Next time, speak up your highness. After all OBJ said we should not be afraid to talk!

Haba! Imo state head of delegation

He is another reverend gentleman, Imo state's head of delegates. When he stood up to talk, expectations were high, but he disappointed all and sundry when, instead of clearly articulating his state's position, he veered off into a wearying speech. His colleagues literally forced him back to his seat.

Good one, General Adebayo

He won't be voted man of the year by any standards, but retired General William Adebayo drew applause when he asked Nigerians to forgive the military. He said that soldiers and politicians are responsible for destroying the country. This was also the opinion of NUJ President, Smart Adeyemi, who in a fit of anger, pointed at all present and said "all these people here are to blame for our problems." He was dead right! And William's apology came in good time.

Tea breaks and the delegates

They just love their tea. The morning break is from 11 o'clock, lasting 30 minutes. The ritual is repeated at 4 p.m. Interestingly, the first time Justice Tobi introduced the idea, most of the delegates booed the idea strongly you'll think he insulted them. Now, these breaks are the best part of the whole proceedings. Discussions go on from 9 a.m. to 11, and you can tell our distinguished delegates are bored by then. During the tea breaks, old friends and colleagues meet each other and strategise on matters not necessarily always confab related.

We showed them!

"We showed them! We told them we can do it!" was the happy chant of the women delegates at the confab who gathered round Mrs Efe who spoke for them yesterday. Her delivery, filed with all the fury of a hurt woman touched on issues like the marginalisation of the over 65 million women in Nigeria. She decried all the obnoxious policies that has put women down over the years and concluded with a clarion call for women emancipation. It was a fiery speech coming from a live Amazon. She was cheered and even given a standing ovation by some of the men. Later, women gathered to chant the "we don show dem" song. Talk of girl-power!

FCT delegates demand state status

Delegates from the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), have demanded the status of a state to end what they said was marginalisation of the territory in the scheme of things. Leader of the FCT delegation, General Bagudu Mamman, said though the territory was the third most populous, FCT has no structure of government. He said FCT indigenes suffer seeking admissions to tertiary institutions and had to adopt other states to get federal scholarships and be recruited into the ministries.

By Habeeb I. Pindiga, Political Reporter

Mamman also said the territory is marginalised in federal appointments, as it is not being recognised in ministerial and other nominations.

"These are areas we believe should be critically looked into. There's no part of the country that should be left out," he said.

According to Mamman, FCT residents would want to see a situation where they would go to the polls on gubernatorial election days.

Lagos state delegation the on going national political reforms conference yesterday asked the conference to prevail upon President Olusegun Obasanjo to release withheld local government funds.

Leader of the delegation, Alhaji Femi Okunnu (SAN), who delivered the Lagos state position, said even though the Supreme Court has judged in favour of the state, government was yet to make the funds available.

"We call upon this conference to join Lagos state and the Supreme Court to urged Mr President to obey the rule of law so that anarchy and totalitarianism will not envelope Nigeria, this land of our birth, whose cracking infrastructure we have been asked by the president to rebuild.

LG funds: Lagos takes case to confab

By Habeeb I. Pindiga, Political Reporter

"This conference should urge the president, the first citizen of the land, to obey the judgement of the Supreme Court and release immediately to the Lagos state government all statutory allocations due to local governments in the state. Failure to do so will make all our deliberations at the conference meaningless as the rule of law will not form part of the fabric of a new Nigeria we are about to build," he said.

"What the president is expected to do constitutionally, I submit, is to respect and obey the judgement of

the Supreme Court which held that the creation of new local government, councils by Lagos state is valid in law,

and the election to the local government councils was valid and that the president has no power to withhold statutory allocations from the federation account to the local government councils."

Adamu Chiroma warns against extension

By Habeeb I. Pindiga, Political Reporter

One of the elder statesmen to the national conference, Alhaji Adamu Chiroma, has warned that any extension of the 90-day period for the confab will lead to its failure.

Chiroma, who was speaking at the resumed debate on President Olusegun Obasanjo's speech, said the conference should prepare its work so that it ends on schedule.

He said any attempt to seek extension will precipitate agitations and accusations from the public.

"This conference will become suspect if it seeks to stay beyond the three months we are given," he said.

Chiroma advised the conference to limit itself to the documents offered by Obasanjo, explaining that additional documents may not be relevant and may consume unnecessary time.

According to him, some of the documents delegates demanded may be economic rather than political and that since this was a constitutional conference, such materials would not be relevant.

Chiroma also attributed the nation's problems to non-compliance with laws, instead of to a defective constitution.

Journalists want their issues addressed

From Rakiya A. Muhammad, in Jos

Journalists in the country have challenged participants to the on-going political reform conference to ensure issues affecting the fourth estate of the realm are adequately addressed in their resolutions.

This was part of 12-point communiqué issued at the end of a 3-day workshop on "conflict Management and Peace Building" organised by the Plateau state council of the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ) in collaboration with the International Centre for Reconciliation (ICR), United Kingdom.

The workshop urged the Senate to hasten the passage of the Bill on free access to information as the House of Representatives has done.

Proprietors of media houses were also called upon to provide the appropriate insurance cover for journalists, ensure they are given good remuneration to boost morale and provide necessary training to improve professional competence.

The workshop decried cases of intimidation and harassment of journalists and asserted that such should stop forthwith.

Journalists were however advised to uphold the ethics of their profession at all times and use responsible language when reporting on conflicts so as to avoid aggravating the situation.

They were also cautioned to be mindful of the implications of gratifications for their integrity.

The workshop had as



Niki Tobi, Chairman National Confab



Dr Olusola Saraki, a Kwara State delegate (right) discussing with his counterpart, Professor Albert Ogunsola (left) at the sitting of the National Political Reform Conference in Abuja ...yesterday. Pix: Kennedy Ogbonodje.

Women want gender equality

By Aisha Umar, Women Desk

The Coalition of Women Groups rose from a meeting yesterday, urging the women delegates to the ongoing political reforms conference to focus on issues affecting women and ensure gender mainstream in the country.

The women group which comprises civil societies non-governmental organisations (NGO's) and women delegates to the ongoing confab, gathered at the National Centre for Women Development, Abuja.

According to the group...

isers of the meeting, the gesture came was to remind the 30 women delegates about their responsibility to fight for women's rights.

The spokesperson of the women group, Mrs Fumi Balogun, said "the meeting is to build a consensus strategy in order to bring women together under one umbrella.

She added that "we want to ensure that the 30 women delegates are adequately and appropriately representing

country". According to her, issues of residency and indignity were part of the problems women are facing when they marry outside their state.

The participants urged the women to ensure that by 2007, at least five women win the governorship positions in the country.

Earlier, the women delegate had expressed gratitude for the meeting and assured participants that their delegates will support issues concerning women

FOR THE RECORD

We must lay foundation for Nigeria's unity- Gen. Obasanjo

Being text of an address by the head of state general Olusegun Obasanjo to the Constituent Assembly on October 6, 1977.

Mr. Chairman, Your Excellencies, Distinguished Members of the Constituent Assembly, Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is my pleasure to welcome you Mr. Chairman and all members of the Constituent Assembly. This distinguished and august body, composed of men and women, which the common will of the nation has seen fit to elect, and the Supreme Military Council to select in the proportions given in the Decree establishing the Constituent Assembly, is probably the most important gathering that has been convened in over a decade. It is definitely the most historic gathering in terms of constitution making in our country.

We have come a long way from the days of the First Republic with its anxious moments, self-inflicted wounds and the chaos and disorder which brought about its demise. These unfortunate characteristics also spilled over into the Second Republic, and later came to assume well more sinister forms which threatened the very existence of the nation. The hope many of us cherished of a country which was to remain virile, indivisible and sovereign was all but dashed to pieces. It was indeed the will of God, for which the nation must remain eternally grateful, that gave the hope and courage for men of goodwill, foresight, vision and unadulterated patriotism to come together to fight greed, selfishness and dissension and thereby save the nation from destruction. Even now, as I speak, we are still piecing together the near wreck we all but witnessed. As events have repeatedly shown, we are not yet totally out of the woods and every measure must continue to be taken to lay down a firm foundation for the unity and greatness of this nation.

But let me put an end to any speculation that might have given rise to my remarks so far. Let me also hasten to state that I am neither a pessimist nor what we popularly like to term these days 'a prophet of doom'. In my few years in public service, the little experience derived from holding the few posts has been my privilege and lot to serve, coupled with the knowledge and assessment of events common to all of us has made me a realist. And there is probably no greater area or field of public endeavour which can only endure and operate with a fair chance of success in an atmosphere of hard-headed realism as in the area, and on issues, of political nature.

I have just reminded you about the past and the collapse of the First Republic precisely because those elements in our national life which failed us and led to near dissolution of this great nation are once more only a stone-throw away and must be tamed and fresh ideas and approach substituted in their place for the good of all and to serve the national interest in undiluted and unequivocal terms. This is our only guarantee from a slip back to the ways of the past-ways of rancour, blind obedience to sectional doctrine and the complete absence of application of indigenous values in preference for foreign ideology and ideas.

Mr. Chairman, members of the Constituent Assembly, you as those in whom the nation has shown its faith and confidence and with the implicit support of the Supreme Military Council,

do now have a unique and golden opportunity to lay the foundation for the nation's future. Foremost among the ingredients which should constitute this mould is the rendition of an equitable social order with the overall intent of governing the life of our community and its activities. Inter-social, departmental or, on the human level, even personal relationships are some of the elements of details which are encompassed in this overall social order.

In my view, this overall social order is what a constitution is all about. It is the framework within which every nation seeks to operate and conduct her affairs - social affairs, economic affairs, judicial and legislative affairs, and so on. Some may just refer to the whole gamut and range of activities as politics.

Thus constitutions, by their very nature, can never be permanent. At best they serve as guidelines for human societies to use to shape their ways of life. They must thus be firm and unambiguous for all to see and know how they fit in, where and what limited rights, duties and responsibilities are enjoined on them in consonance with the good of all. Constitutions must thus be versatile and yet carry clear-cut provisions which are adequate and commonly understood but sufficiently flexible to accommodate and not hinder genuine nation's interests. A country needs a good and workable constitution that the aspirations of the generality of its people and their divergent differences can accommodate and be made effective. In countries like our own where rapid changes are taking place, and all the time the temptation for an equally rapid turnover changes in the provisions of the constitution, such occurrence must be recognised and checked. The corollary to this is to avoid undue resistance, admitting changes where they are due and desirable in public interest.

At best, however, constitutions like all man-made artifacts are by nature transitory. Like all doctrines and philosophies, they best fulfill the role for which they are intended only when viewed and applied in human terms, with adequate allowance being made for our frailties. Legal minds and authorities on constitution making might agree with this down-to-earth approach and analysis but it is difficult to question its validity in as far as it relates to creating and maintaining sound human relations in a community and diverse as our own. And also when one bears in mind the different traditional backgrounds, not to I talk of the wide divergence in the rate and degree of absorbing what make for progress in modern life and its essential ingredients - in short, the attributes which constitute those values forming a universal or world-wide culture.

The advent of this administration signalled the process of a return to normal administration, from the aberration of military rule with its fast, and at times unconventional means of achieving results in the quickest way. Nigerians have discussed, debated and written about our political programme. It is not my intention to reiterate this in any details here. I believe the Nigerian Armed Forces, the public services as well as the entire nation can claim a modest degree of masses in the achievement we have so far made in implementing the programme the Supreme Military Council designed for a return to all electoral democratic form of government. Your gath-

ering here today is another stage in this process. For the most part, you are here to represent various parts of this great country having been chosen, in the democratic tradition, by your constituents. Understandably, there are also among you men and women of calibre who have been selected, on grounds of personal merit, to join the Assembly as



General Olusegun Obasanjo

full members as given under the decree establishing the Assembly.

Some of those members are citizens who have distinguished themselves in one aspect or another of our national life and have served this nation well in various capacities. Others who have also risen to position of authority or excellence within their respective interests groups are here to represent such interests. The Supreme Military Council is particularly concerned that due regards would be given to cover every aspect of the national life and that all shades of opinion should be brought to bear on your deliberation. Your task which is clearly established and defined is to assist in giving the country a new constitution by deliberating on the draft constitution before you and passing it to Supreme Military Council for promulgating into a law. You will also be required to consider the recommendations of the Technical Committee on Revenue Allocation which will be placed before you as soon as the committee completes its task. Mr. Chairman and members of the Constituent Assembly, you have up to 6th October, 1978 to accomplish this task and heavy responsibilities for the nation. It must however be emphasised that future progress on the speed and despatch with this Assembly performs its duties.

The issues at stake - the type, shape and mode of operations of the future government that will administer the country and guide the national life - that is, the respective ways we will individually seek to comport ourselves and conduct our affairs - are all set out in the draft before you. There is nothing hidden or secret. Some of your fellow citizens, in all walks of life, have expressed views on the draft constitution and most of these as communicated to the Assembly Secretariat are being laid before you here. There are, of course, millions and millions of our countrymen and women who will never express an opinion on these matters. Many are not inclined to comments on such issues as a rule, while many more are permanently engaged in the desperate efforts of making ends meet. We have millions of our country women and women who face a harsh situation almost

fated, as it were, to continue to labour under very primitive conditions of eking a livelihood, with little modern aids, in thick forest zones as in swampy regions and the Sahel. The interest of such people and their happiness must also be taken into account when we compare the views of those who write in the press or talk on the radio and television. You yourself have your own personal and individual ideas about sections of the draft. Those who have made it possible for you to be here today also have their own ideas. You will obviously adopt after discussions the procedures and modalities of work best suited to your circumstances. Strong views, moderate opinion or harsh and uncompromising tirade may be expressed on these floors in common with simple and popular views on different aspects of draft constitution.

All views must, of course, be heard and expressed unhindered. But in the end, Mr. Chairman, the Assembly must formally arrive at some conclusion, a reasonable decision which sums up its consensus. The result will then be that it is the totality of the members of the Assembly who have decided on the issue and not the view of individual members the group, interest or constituency that triumphs in the end.

Our march to political transformation must proceed unhindered, and to date we are abreast of schedule. Any time gained now, should, the Assembly be in a position to complete its assignment before its life expires, should be put to good use. For the next step in the march forward could be quite tricky: old habits only die slowly and new ideas are not always welcomed. The formation of a democratic government presupposes virile

this all important subject. All diversion from it or the consideration of extraneous matters which are not the subject for discussion by the Constituent Assembly should be avoided. The Electoral Regulations Decree which will govern the conduct of the first elections before the departure of the military administration will be promulgated by the Supreme Military Council and will be placed before the Constituent Assembly for consideration as a schedule to the constitution for use in post-military administration elections.

Before I conclude, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of the Constituent Assembly, may I implore you never to deviate from applying the test of common sense to any problem you may come across in the course of your deliberations. Together with this, I would advocate that you should always be guided by humility and the willingness to compromise - the twin attributes all the Africans seem to share. In our zeal and endeavour to advance and catch up with countries in other climes, we must not overlook the contribution our unique character as a people, and the values our tradition and culture hold dear are bound to make on the outcome of these deliberations. The African genius is a child of moderation and restrain not given to unnecessary and excessive intellectual inflexibility. It is tolerant; and is impatient of assuming extreme positions - good or bad; rich or poor; guilty or not guilty. It prefers to arrive at consensus through compromise and conciliation; sharing good and bad; affluence and scarcity; guilt and innocence. The African mind accepts that only God is perfect and that human beings can only give their best and no further.

Mr. Chairman, members of the Constituent Assembly, Your Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, I have great pleasure in declaring open today the 6th day of October, 1977, the session of the Constituent Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

I wish you fruitful deliberations and God's guidance and

The Chairman: Your Excellency, in keeping with well established parliamentary practice, normally at the opening of parliament, after such an illuminating and brilliant but down-to-earth inaugural address, there would have followed a debate by Honourable members on a motion of Thanks to Your Excellency, your gracious address as the Head of the Federal Government. That practice, I fear, must be jettisoned to the four winds of heaven on auspicious occasion, even though the proceedings of our House are to be conducted in accordance with the proceedings of the House of Representatives. Your Excellency will have to be contented with the mere words of that probably expressed in dignified terms from him as the chairman of this Assembly speaking on the behalf of Honourable members.

This is a unique and historic occasion in the history of this great country of ours and, indeed in the life of each and every one of us in the Assembly. This is the first time in the history of this nation when its citizens who have been freely elected in their respective constituencies in orderly but fiercely contested elections have assembled as representatives of their people, solely for the purpose of deciding on the form of legitimate government in terms of a constitutional contrivance that would best cater for the needs, progress and aspiration of their people, and also enable this country to take its rightful place and play its part as an adult in the comity of nations.

As a nation, we have travelled a rather long, tortuous way to this destination where it has fallen upon our lot to be engaged in this enterprise of laying a solid foundation for the election of a legitimate republican democratic government in this country.

The constitutional proposals, the subject of our deliberation, have been widely discussed in the media and throughout the length and breadth of our great country. That is as it should be. Despite that, however, I venture to suggest that members of this

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political parties which take time and effort to form and function well.

I believe also that valuable time will be saved by sticking to your "Term of Reference" as closely as possible. May I emphasise that the purpose of your being here is to discuss the draft constitution already produced by the Constitution Drafting Committee and to come out with your recommendations. These will then be taken to the Supreme Military Council. Thereafter, a decree on the subject of constitution for the Federal Republic of Nigeria will be considered and promulgated to usher in the new constitution.

Your time here is therefore precious and should be devoted to

blessings.

Before I leave, I would like on behalf of the Federal Military Government to take this opportunity to express most sincere apologies for the lapses in the arrangement for accommodating you and looking after your welfare.

Long before now, a lot of thought and effort had gone into the arrangements for your coming to Lagos. As part of our national malaise, we seem not to have been able to make it. But I can assure you that we are all working very hard to provide modest comfort for you, and I have been assured that by the end of the week, you will have modest and decent accommodation.

Thank you. (Applause).

Assembly are here not as delegates with their minds made up and with immutable instructions to vote in a particular way. Rather, they are here as disciplined, mature men and women, proud representatives of their constituencies, fully mandated as leaders in their own right to come here, listen to arguments on the floor of the House, weigh the same very carefully, and then decide on their own responsibilities what is right according to their God given consciences, and in the best interest of this nation as a whole, but without prejudice to the rights of minorities.



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Opinion

Will Dariye ever learn? Confab, media and agenda setting

By Ahmed I. Shekarau

The title of this piece is similar with the caption of the editorial of the *Daily Trust* in its edition of Wednesday, January 19, 2005. In that editorial the newspaper cautioned the Joshua Dariye-led government in Plateau state over the looming danger of allowing controversial German preacher, Reinhard Bonnke to hold a four-day crusade in Jos. The *Daily Trust* warning was informed by three reasons: One, the preacher's crusade came barely six months after a religious upheaval had torn the state apart leading to the proclamation of a state of emergency, and the suspension of the state executive and legislature.

The second reason, according to the newspaper, was the timing of the crusade held concurrently with the Eidel-Kabir celebration by Muslims. Thirdly, and equally important, was the venue of the event - the Jos Race Course Field - where certain sections of the Muslims in the city use as their Eid-prayer ground.

That event had all the potentials of throwing the entire state into another round of bloodshed, given Plateau's unenviable status of a flash point.

But Joshua, who appears to be the most notorious of all the 36 state governors, ignored the newspaper's warning, nay advice from other citizens. His government, in a statement issued some few days after, claimed that the Bonnke Crusade was part of the spirited efforts to cleanse Plateau of blood bath.

Now, exactly 10 months after the attempted genocide on the predominantly Muslim residents of Yelwa in Shendam local government area, which led to the proclamation of Emergency Rule, the governor has again embarked on certain programmes that are likely to jeopardise the fragile peace achieved so far in the state. About two weeks ago, the Dariye administration created a new chiefdom and appointed a new traditional ruler (the Pankwal Bogghom-Chief of Bogghom) for the Bogghom in Kanam local government area. These actions of the government pitched the Bogghom Community against itself, dividing it along religious lines. While the Christians among them Bogghom obviously support the development, their Muslim counterparts vehemently opposed to it.

The Bogghom Muslims argued that the chieftaincy in Kanam area as a whole traces its lineage to the Sokoto Caliphate wherein the Emirate system is firmly rooted, and therefore view the enthronement of the Pankwal as an attempt to balkanise the Kanam Emirate along religious lines. Besides, the oppositionists maintain that the new chief installed is a Tarohman from Gazum area in Langtang North local government.

While this controversy rages Dariye moved another step to create 29 unglorified local government areas in the state. This policy has all the potentials to ignite crises in some parts of the state.

In doing this, the Dariye

local government area, predominantly inhabited by Muslims. This could not have been prompted by any motive other than to further marginalise the minority Muslims in the entire state.

But the most brazen of the Dariye government's insensitivity to the collective interest of the Muslims in the state was shown in the creation of the so-called Development Areas (DAs) in Shendam local government area. Of the two DAs created within that locality, one was Nshar, with headquarters at Lu-Kwapjur, wherein Yelwa town, a populated by over 80,000 people predominantly Muslims, was lumped under.

It beats the imagination of many people who know the area very well why the state government will make such a policy blunder. For those who do not know, it will be instructive to know how these places - Nshar-Yelwa and Lu-Kwapjur are placed in the totality.

Yelwa, as many would recall, is the town predominantly inhabited by Jarawa Muslims, which came under heavy attack in an attempted genocide between 2nd and 3rd of May last year. This attempted genocide was led by a Christian youth militia, mostly from the Gamai tribal group in Shendam local government, joined by other militias from the Taroh of Langtang North and South LGAs as well as the non-Muslim Jukuns from Wukari in Taraba state.

Yelwa is situated about 231 kilometres South-west of Jos, the capital of Plateau state, and about 70 kilometres North-east of Ibi in Taraba state. It has a population of about 85,000 people before the series of sectarian crises that tore it apart since June 26, 2002.

The two others - Nshar and Lu-Kwapjur - are hamlets situated two and four kilometres North and West of Yelwa town, respectively. Each of the two hamlets inhabits not up to 5,000 people. I stand to be corrected by any person(s) who know the area very well on this fact.

Yet, Dariye in his 'wisdom' chose to bring the densely populated Yelwa under these two Gamai enclaves, obviously to please the Speaker of the State House of Assembly, Mr. Simon Lalong and the Long Gamai of Shendam, Mr. Hubert Shaldas, both of whom are of Gamai extraction. The speaker of the State Assembly is a Dariye 'boy'. And expectedly, the governor would want to please him.

The current Long Gamai, on the other hand, appears to nurse a grudge against the predominantly Jarawa Muslims of Yelwa.

As chairman of the traditional council in Shendam local government area, the Long Gamai has the power to approve the selection of any traditional ruler within the locality. However, in October 1996, he imposed Alhaji Usman Abdullahi Tafida (now late) on the people of Yelwa, as their chief. But for want of

petitioned the then state administration, which, after due investigations removed the late chief in March 1997.

This, apparently, Mr. Hubert Shaldas found unacceptable, and this perhaps informed his seeming negative attitude towards the town and its people. For instance, the Long Gamai was reported in the *Daily Trust* of Thursday, April 8, 2004 (barely a month to the attempted genocide on the Yelwa people led by youths from his tribal group), to have said: "How can a people who are settlers be demanding for a first class chief in Yelwa? This traditional chiefdom (referring to the Gamai Chiefdom) has basic rules guiding it."

This reported statement of Mr. Shaldas is, no doubt, informed by the perceived slight on his personality by the protests of the Yelwa people which triumph over his attempt to impose his chosen candidate on them, negating the proper procedure for selecting chiefs among the Jarawa in the town, as well as the approved method of selecting chiefs provided for in the Plateau state gazette.

But this apart, why would Dariye, knowing very well, the volatility of the area, bring the majority Muslims of Yelwa numbering about 60,000 now, under such a small settlement that inhabits less than 500 people today? Perhaps because the Jarawa of Yelwa are by his definition, as with the Long Gamai's, "settlers." But these are people who inhabited Yelwa for over 200 years.

How would the governor promote the personal interests of two individuals at the expense of the unity and harmony of the entire state?

It is indeed amazing that the state governor will preside over such policy blunder. And this prompted many are tempted to ask whether Dariye ever learned anything during the six months of his wilderness as suspended governor of the state.

It is necessary to state clearly here that we, the people of Yelwa, are not in anyway opposed to the creation of Nshar Development Area with headquarters at Lu-Kwapjur. Neither are we saying you must create Yelwa Development Area. No!

However, what we, natives of Yelwa as a people are saying is, don't lump us under the Gamai hamlet of Nshar. Rather, you should leave Yelwa alone, without a Development Area and not part of any one you are creating. We will rather remain where we are than join that unholy marriage that may further jeopardise the fragile peace so far achieved in our community.

We have already registered our protests through the appropriate channels, and are very optimistic that the governor saw our position.

But given the brazen manner in which Dariye disregarded past advice given to him on how to tame the tide of rising sectarian crises in the state, we seize this opportunity to urge all relevant security agencies to be alert, and hold the state governor responsible for any breach of peace arising from the creation of his DAs.

Shekarau writes from

The Nigerian media has never been barren of ideas even if such ideas are formed from gossips, half-truths and blatant lies. In the early eighties the Nigerian Television Authority announced the death of Nigeria's former President, Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe. Some early callers to his Onitsha home ludicrously learnt that he was still alive.

I am going down memory lane to present the case of the ugly performance of our media because of the negative role it seems to be playing in the ongoing National Political Reform Conference, NPRC. No sooner did the President announce the commencement of the conference than some journalists began their speculations on the likely agenda for the conference. One would have expected the Nigerian journalists to focus on analysis of the failures of the previous conferences or dialogues to address the contentious issues of the various regions or zones. I was looking forward to a national conference that will be all-embracing, in terms of composition and accommodation of divergent views, if the media had played its social responsibility role very well. As a consequence of shirking their responsibility, the president and the governors have hijacked what should have been people's conference. The president has over fifty nominees while the governors have six each. Other civil society groups, excepting the Nigeria Labour Congress, NLC have fewer members. Still others, like people with disability and professionals, have no members at all! Yet the outcome of the conference will be binding on every Nigerian or group once the National Assembly ratifies the executive bill on reforming Nigeria.

I wonder why the media is again taking the lead in promoting primordial sentiments of religion, ethnicity and region in the choice of leadership for the conference. It strikes my imagination how a Christian or Muslim chairman will make a difference to the conference or how a secretary from a minority ethnic group will jeopardize the outcome of the conference. But since sentiments lead in our own part of the world, many commentators have since taken over the debate on leadership of the conference, demanding a review such that the national character is reflected in appointment of key officers of the conference.

Known for its sensational reporting, the Nigerian media picked on a genuine complaint by the Chairman of the conference, Justice Niki Tobi and his Secretary, Rev. Father Mathew Kukah to report that the duo had protested to the Secretary to the federal Government, SGF regarding lack of office space and working materials only for Justice Tobi to deny doing any such thing.

By Ibrahim Dan Halilu

"Tobi protest to SGF." Besides negative impression that the report would create both within and outside Nigeria, it also presented the conference leadership as so irresponsible as to protest over office space. One begins to wonder what message the journalists wanted to pass across to its leaders.

When I read some of the reports on the conference I often ask myself, have these journalists really learnt **Use of English** because if they did they should have known the difference between complaint and protest. Any journalist that does not understand the difference between the two words does not deserve to be a reporter, one for a national newspaper for that matter! In fact, if I were his Editor, I would deploy him back to the head office to learn the rudiments of journalism because I believe he will cultivate unnecessary litigations for the publication. But sometimes, it appears that some of the Editors too are interested in sensational reporting because it sells their papers, and only very few victims of such libelous reports care to seek redress. Justice Tobi was just too simple and lenient. Some victims of media misrepresentation have pledged never to give an audience to any Nigerian journalist, and have maintained their stand.

The current subject of debate in media circle and unfortunately amongst the delegates to the conference is the so-called "No-Go-Areas, which is to larger extent the creation of Nigerian media. Like Rev Kukah rightly said in his *The Guardian* interview, our journalists seemed to have been consumed by cynicism. Only cynics will insist that the president had mentioned some untouchable areas. My understanding is that there is a problem of interpretation of the president's speech. The fact that he mentioned some areas, which he presumed Nigerians have built consensus, does not mean the delegates cannot discuss those issues. And he clearly stated in his address that delegates are "free to strengthen, update, and refine these in their recommendation." The only person that could interpret the President's speech as stipulating some "no-go areas" is someone that is favourable to confederacy or secession. It is only those with evil intents that will describe the President's words of caution as prescription of "no-go areas" for the delegates to the national conference.

My advice to the delegates is that they should disregard the media suggestion that no-go areas exist, and proceed with deliberations much so that the Secretary to the conference, Father Kukah has dispel such rumour or claim. If such areas exist Kukah should know better than any one else. The truth of the matter is that all the eight areas mentioned by the

several fine-tuning before we arrive at the current consolidation. All the delegates are favourable to federalism and federal system of government, though some would like to see an improved model that is much similar to the American federalism, which they have named **true federalism**. Others have called it **fiscal federalism**. This is one area in which delegates can update, strengthen or refine as the President suggested in his address.

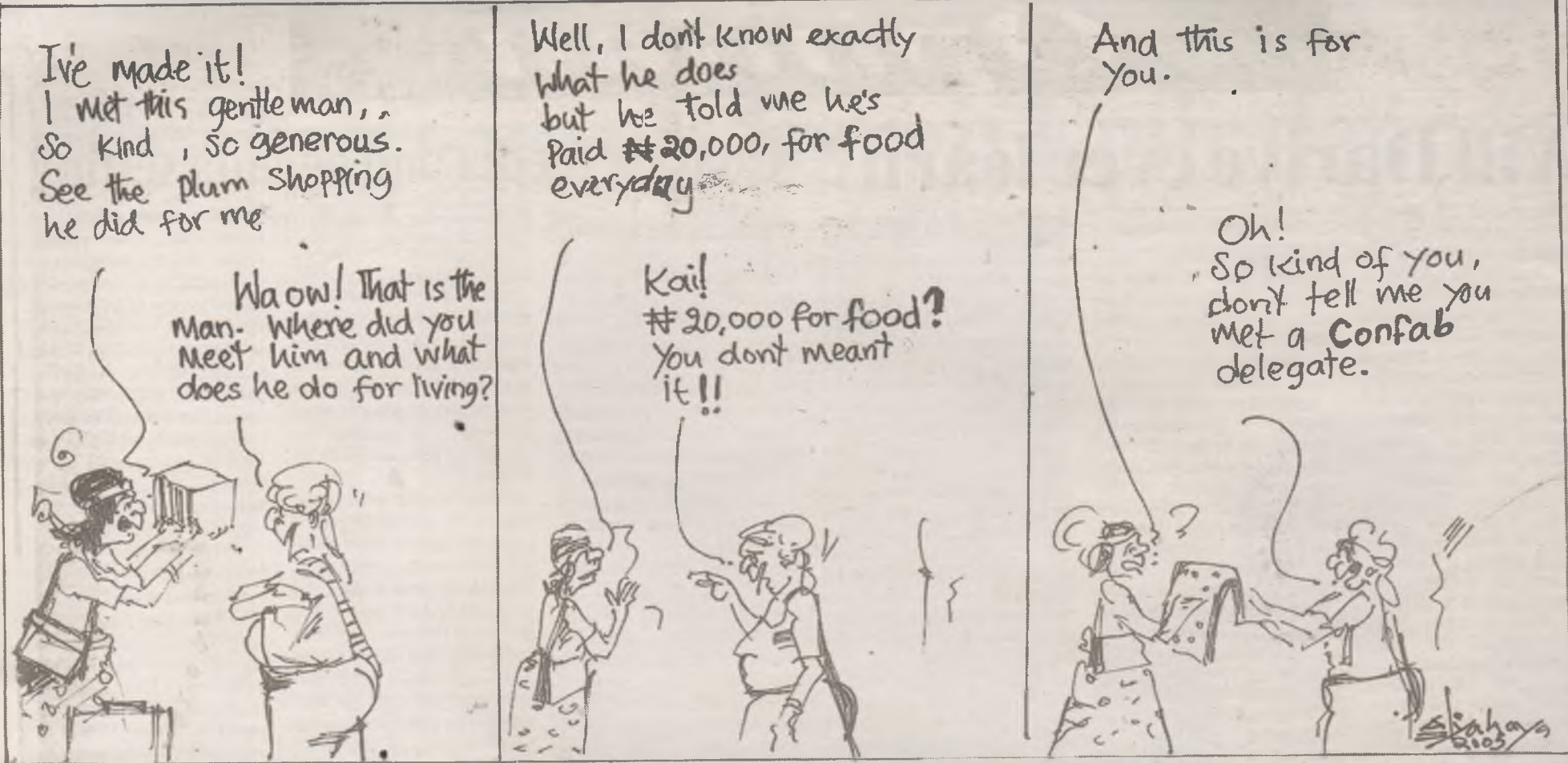
What is wrong with the President urging the delegates to retain and update or refine "The Directive Principles of State Policy" (Chapter Two of the 1999 Constitution) and the Separation of Powers? In case the journalists don't know the import of Chapter Two of the constitution, it is the core value of the Nigerian federation. It is the Nigerian Dream, the expectations that make Nigerians to surrender their sovereignty to elected representatives. Once that portion of the constitution is removed there is no basis for the Nigerian Union.

It must be emphasized that the updating or refining of this chapter is very necessary and significant. The delegates should analyse and assess the contents of that chapter, and determine whether the Nigerian governments at all levels are really keeping faith with the expectations so highlighted. A clause should be inserted stipulating a popular action that the electorate can take against any government that fails to deliver on those expectations.

The inability of any government to deliver on those expectations highlighted on chapter two renders such government unqualified to retain the mandate given it by Nigerians. I recommend that resignation or alternation should be the ultimate recourse for any government that fails in delivering the goodies.

I expect the Nigerian press to dwell more on these issues rather than playing up the issue of conference leadership, remuneration for delegates or the various scandalous activities that some of the delegates may be involved in. The conference should be a serious business that should be given sufficient coverage devoid of undue sentiments and avoidable sensationalism. I also expect the chairman or secretary of the conference to hold a separate pre-conference session with journalists to discuss the codes of reporting on the conference. The journalists union should be involved in developing the codes so that they could sanction their members who breach the codes. The freedom of the press should not be regarded as absolute freedom that gives the press unlimited powers to invade privacy, publish libelous reports, engender violence, and destroy reputation of highly regarded people in the society. The watchdogs too should have a sentinel watching over their activities.

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YOUR LETTERS

Let Gov. Kure render account

The rejoinder by Alhaji Makun Lapai of Kongilla Minna to an article written by one Dzukogi, on the above subject matters really speaks volume about the narrow mindedness of our so-called politicians who are blind to the language of writers.

Just as I do not want to bandy words with Makun, knowing that he is full time beneficiary of the administration of commercial politicians of Niger State, under his kinsman from Lapai, Engineer Abdullahi Kure, who have succeeded in no engineering our beloved state to the least developed state in the country.

One would have expected Makun, who choose on his own volition to pick up the gauntlet, to reel out list of achievements of Kure in the last six years. The sycophant was busy attacking the personality of an innocent Nigerlite for daring to know what is happening with the state allocation from the federation account.

Court jesters and political sycophants have contributed immeasurably to the decadence that has become the order of the day in Niger State today. Good performance and accountability have always been sacrificed on the altar of personal aggrandizement and political greed. Accountability is the hallmark of politics in the world over and the situation cannot be different in our state.

Power they say belong to the people and Kure and his ilk in government should realize they are holding power in trust for the people. When people like Makun out of over zealotness came out to defend their paymasters they

need to be well armed with facts.

Makun did more damage and exposed the ineptitude Kure when the only thing he could lay claim to is Kure giving N20million to Government Secondary School Minna. He failed to explain why 99 per cent of teachers in Niger State public primary schools perched on windows like fowls with no chair and table to work with, while all the pupils in public primary schools in Minna sit on bare floor at this jet age. If he doubts my claims he should ask those who were at the show of shame during the recent visit of the Minister of Education, Prof Fabian Osuji, to public schools in the state.

Perhaps Makun should go to the state library situated 'at his very nose' in Kongilla and see the pile of outdated books and the rot that the place has been turned into.

Most of the roads in several parts of the state are bad. One would have expected that the deplorable state of the roads in Borgu areas begging for the attention of the state government to be a source of concern to all but alas the state governor is more interested in pursuing personal agenda. He sought and got permission to debase the culture and tradition of the people by passing an executive bill to the state house of assembly to add six politicians to the list of five traditional kingmakers empowered to oversee the appointment and deposition of Emir of Borgu. The governor sought for an avenue through backdoor to overturn the ruling of a law court, which he reluctantly obeyed by issuing

Alhaji Haliru Dantoro, who was the choice of the people and that of kingmakers, after a three-year legal battle, which saw to the deposition of the governor's imposed candidate.

Thanks to the intervention and pleas from royal fathers like the Etsu Nupe, the

Oni of Ife, the Emir of Gwandu and the Oba of Lagos among others, after which Kure promised to install the emir. It should be noted that the bill to empower the state to depose the emir had already been passed and the governor will always use same as a sword on Dantoro at will.

Leave Iran's nuclear project alone!

I fully subscribe to the opinions of American wise men such as Henry Kissinger who opines that US must simply get used to the idea of a nuclear powered Iran. It is quite possible for it to do so. Though, admittedly, it would be an extremely bitter pill for the United States to swallow without a stiff resistance. I guess it might even attempt to continuously disgorge the idea from its systems after a tasking swallow.

The world would only take US seriously when it frowns at nuclear proliferation without exhibiting double standards, or even a semblance of it. As the only reigning super power, in its quest to curb proliferation of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction (WMD) in our already-violent and crises prone world when and if it shows the same concern for Israel's nuclear capability, it should be supported.

It is no longer acceptable or even possible to bar other countries from possessing those dangerous weapons based on the flimsy argument that they were rogue states in the judgment of US and other western powers. This is especially so when the same powers are brazenly supporting other favored nations to acquire them.

sible, for example, for anyone with even a rudimentary sense of justice and fairness to expect nations, especially Muslim countries, to sit idly and watch a country, such as Israel, with which they have had long standing mutual hostility, amass nuclear and other WMD and do nothing to seek to acquire same weapons for themselves.

However, Iran has repeatedly said its nuclear project is meant to boost its electricity prowess. It is neither for defensive nor for offensive intentions. It is for economic battle readiness. Is that also dangerous to the so-called International community?

I always wonder why US, Europe and Israel should be rattled over a developing country's attempt to acquire nuclear capability even if it were for hostile intentions. After all, they are more experienced and capable in that arena. They occupy the position of the first world and the most developed nations militarily and economically. Why should they not just take it easy and let Iran be?

As a Muslim, I abhor violence or its instruments, regardless of what others think of Islam.

It is very clear, Muslim nations in the Middle East

The governor, recently declared that he should not be addressed as "His Excellency" but 'Mr. Governor' claiming he wanted to emulate the humility of the late Saadauna, but he should be advised that the Niger State people never cared about what he called himself in as

much as the yearnings and aspirations of the people are met.

What the people of the state want more from Kure is the exhibition of service to humanity, which the Great Sardauna was noted for.

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ately busied themselves with improving the welfare of their peoples instead of trying to acquire weapons, if a brutal enemy with stronger and dangerous weaponry was not installed at their backyard. The vogue internationally is to arm yourself sufficiently to deter others from contemplating unprovoked attacks on you.

It is obvious had US known a defiant North Korea to be a weakling weapons wise, it would have carried out pre-emptive strikes or outright invasion against it under pretexts of regime change or some other hurriedly concocted excuse.

Iran must go ahead with its nuclear energy programme fearlessly whether the West and Israel countenance it or not. Is it not baffling in our world to day that it is your enemy that decides and chooses for you the type of weaponry you should use or even acquire to defend your self against their aggression.

Iran had no recent history of invading or even attack-

ing its neighbours or any other nation militarily even in the face of great provocation. Remember when its immediate neighbour killed scores of its diplomats during the Taliban/ Northern Alliance civil war. Did it not take it calmly and quietly, pointing out that it could not attack its sister Muslim nation?

What of its avowed enemies that cry foul about its supposed "front" to acquire the nuke bomb through the back door? Israel had invaded not only Palestinian lands but it had also seized Egyptian, Syrian Lebanese and Jordanian territories. There is even no need to mention US atrocities over other weaker countries, the latest being Afghanistan and Iraq. It is now menacingly manufacturing excuses to attack and invade Syria to change an unfavoured regime in that Muslim country. How long these cruelties would last, only God knows.

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The National Youth Service Corps 2005 Batch "A" Orientation Programme will commence in all the under listed camps throughout the federation as follows:-

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Swearing -In Ceremony: Monday March 14, 2005.
End of Orientation: Thursday march 31, 2005.

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1.	Abia	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Nsulu Village, Isiala Ngwa North L.G.A
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25.	Lagos	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Ipaja Road, Agege, Agege LGA.
26.	Nassarawa	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, (Former School of Prelim. Studies) Keffi, Keffi
27.	Niger	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, (Former Govt. Sch.) Paiko Minna - Abuja Road, Paiko.
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30.	Osun	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Ede
31.	Oyo	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Isheyin, Isheyin LGA
32.	Plateau	Government Collage, Zaria Road, Jos, Jos North LGA.
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34.	Sokoto	Abdul Rasheed Adisa Raji Permanent Orientation Camp, Birnin Kebbi road, Sokoto
35.	Taraba	Taraba State Polytechnic, Wukari.
36.	Yobe	Yobe State College of Admin. And Business Studies (CABS) Potiskum. Potiskum LGA.
37.	Zamfara	Government Secondary School Tsafe, Gusau Road Tsafe.

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BARRISTER HARUNA ABUBAKAR

**Former Deputy President of the Senate
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*May Almighty Allah in his infinite mercy grant him
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World Report

Indonesian cleric bags two years jail term

Indonesian Muslim cleric AbuBakr Bashir, accused of leading an al-Qaida linked group blamed for bombings across Asia, has been jailed for two and a half years at the end of his trial.

Yesterday, Bashir was cleared of terrorism allegations but was jailed by a five-member panel of judges after being found guilty of involvement in a "sinister conspiracy" behind the 2002 Bali bombings which killed 202 people.

"The panel of judges decided that the defendant, Abu Bakr Bashir, has been legally and convincingly proven of engaging in a sinister conspiracy that led to fire and the death of others," Chief Judge Sudarto

said. The judges said Bashir's words to key Bali bomber Amrozi and Hutomo Pamungkas during a meeting in Solo, Central Java, in 2002, had constituted a conspiracy.

Bashir had told them "I leave it up to you" when he was notified by Amrozi that he and his friends were planning "a programme" in Bali.

The verdict was greeted by shouts of "Allahu akbar (God is greatest)" by his followers inside and outside the court room. The judges were immediately whisked out of the room by police.

More than 800 police officers were deployed around the agriculture ministry complex in south Jakarta where the trial was being held.

It is the second time the man accused of leading the alleged Southeast Asian arm of al-Qaida, Jemaah Islamiyah, has faced terrorism charges.

The white-bearded Bashir, 66, looked frail in court, dressed in his traditional white robe and shawl, a white skullcap and glasses.

Prosecutors had demanded an eight-year prison sentence for Bashir for failing to prevent Jemaah Islamiyah members from carrying out attacks.

The main charge that Bashir and his supporters planned the Bali bombings and the bombing of the JW Marriott hotel in Jakarta in 2003 had been dropped for lack

of evidence.

Prosecutors in their indictment said that as Jemaah Islamiyah chief, Bashir visited one of its training camps in the Philippines in 2000 and allegedly relayed a "ruling from Usama bin Ladin which permitted attacks and killings of Americans and their allies".

Indonesia has come under pressure from the United States and Australia to act against Bashir, and the trial has heard evidence that Indonesia was asked to hand him over to the US authorities.

Shortly before yesterday's court session, Bashir said if he was found guilty it would be a "tyrannical verdict", but he appealed to his followers not to react with violence if he was convicted.

"If Allah decides to free me, then we should not be overly happy but if Allah decides that I remain in detention, if the judges do not free me, we should also not react excessively," Bashir said.

Bashir maintained that US President George Bush, "the enemy of Allah", had pressured Indonesia to jail him to stop him campaigning for Islamic law.

Bashir was arrested a week after the October 2002 Bali bombings and was first put on trial the following year.

Jemaah Islamiyah has been blamed for a series of attacks in the region, including a bombing outside the Australian embassy in Jakarta last September that killed 11 people.



Indonesian cleric Abu Bakr Bashir

Car bomb kills 10 Iraqi soldiers

A car bomb has exploded outside an Iraqi army base in central Baghdad, killing 10 soldiers and wounding 30 others, *Aljazeera* has learned.

Ziyad al-Samarrai, an Iraqi journalist speaking to *Aljazeera* from Baghdad, said a loud explosion rocked the base where US forces were present near al-Muthanna airport on Wednesday.

An Interior Ministry security official, Iyad Hadi al-Maliki, said 10 people were killed and 30 were wounded.

US and Iraqi forces reportedly have cordoned off the area near the airport.

Al-Samarrai said the bomber blew up his car as an Iraqi patrol, accompanied by Iraqi army recruits, was entering the base.

A similar bomb targeted the base a month ago.

Husain Muhammad, a witness who said he was 20 metres from the car that exploded, said: "It was a white Toyota Corolla trying to get inside the Iraqi army base. As he arrived, he (the driver) blew himself up."

"There were two soldiers lifted up into the air and knocked across the street," he added.

The explosion could be heard across the city, and a plume of black smoke billowed into the air. Flames leapt from two vehicles set ablaze.

A concrete wall protected some people from the blast, Muhammad said.

Residents said Iraqi security

forces opened fire after the incident. It was not known what they were aiming at.

US and Iraqi troops blocked roads and sealed off the area after the attack, preventing people from entering. Helicopters hovered overhead.

US Staff Sergeant Michelle Dodge of the 3rd Infantry Division, which is responsible for overall security in Baghdad, said: "There was an explosion but we are still investigating what the source of it was."

Al-Muthanna airport, no

longer used for flights, is home to US and Iraqi military bases.

Another blast an hour later sent a thick cloud of smoke into the sky in southern Baghdad.

Al-Samarrai said the second explosion in Baghdad was not caused by a car bomb.

It was a series of explosions, caused by mortar shells, targeting an Iraqi National Guard camp in al-Dura neighbourhood south of Baghdad, he said.

US and Iraqi forces sealed off roads and ambulances were seen rushing to the site, which frequently is attacked by mortars.

China explosion kills 20 children

A dynamite explosion in a north China village killed 20 primary school children when their classroom collapsed on top of them, state media said yesterday.

The dynamite, stored illegally in a coal mine owner's house in Puxian county, Shanxi province, buried the children and some of their teachers at the nearby school, the *Beijing News* said.

The mine owner was also killed in the blast, the *Beijing News* said.

Explosives or fireworks manufactured and stored illegally kill hundreds each year in China's rural areas.

Six thousand miners died last year in accidents and explosions that made the industry the world's deadliest and forced work-place safety on to the agenda at the annual session of parliament which starts on Saturday.

An official with the county government in coal-rich Puxian said many private coal mine owners possessed large quantities of explosives.

"But it is illegal to keep the explosives at home," he said.

Local police said they were unable to give further details.

The New York-based rights group, Human Rights in China, reported another grisly breach of work-place safety in northern Hebei province where five child factory workers died from asphyxiation caused by a charcoal heater, two apparently inside coffins.

"Due to the substandard conditions in the factory dormitory, five girls were found unconscious from inhaling charcoal fumes at the end of last year," the group said in a statement.

"Sources say that without checking if the girls were actually dead, (the factory owner) put them into coffins for cremation, with the result that two of the girls who were apparently still alive died of asphyxiation", the statement said

World united on Syria, says Bush

US President George W. Bush has said that the world is speaking with one voice in its calls for Syria to end its political influence over Lebanon.

Mr Bush backed calls by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier for Damascus to withdraw its troops.

Ms Rice said on Tuesday that Syria was endangering peace and frustrating regional peoples' aspirations.

Syria's president said troops could be withdrawn from Lebanon within months.

Bashar al-Assad told *Time* magazine that this would depend on the security situation in Lebanon and Syria's own security concerns being met.

Speaking at an event in the US state of Maryland, Mr Bush said the world was "speaking with one voice when it comes to making sure that democracy has a chance to flourish in Lebanon".

"Both of them stood up and said loud and clear to Syria: 'You get your troops and your secret services out of Lebanon so that good democracy has a chance to flourish,'" he said, referring to Ms Rice's and Mr Barnier's joint news conference on Tuesday.

Correspondents say Mr Bush's words amount to Washington's strongest pressure yet on Syria.

Russia has also cautiously backed the call, saying that UN Security Council resolution 1559, requiring Syrian troop withdrawal from Lebanon, should be implemented.

"We all have to make sure that this withdrawal does not violate the very fragile balance which we still have in Lebanon, which is a very difficult country ethnically," Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov told the *BBC's* Newsnight programme.

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Michael Jackson was 'victim of own aids' - Witness

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She told the court in the Californian town of Santa Maria she was hired to "crisis manage" the fallout after the programme was broadcast on television in 2003.

Jurors saw the film, in which the pop star held hands with the alleged victim and admitted sharing his bed with children, on Tuesday.

Ms. Kite suggested Mr Jackson's associates had been intent on launching a smear campaign against the accuser's family after the airing of Martin Bashir's film 'Living with Michael Jackson.'

She told the court that in the aftermath of the broadcast, a Jackson lawyer had told her the boy's mother would be made to look like a "crack whore".

'No specific date for Pope's discharge'

Pope John Paul II's condition continues to improve, Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said in a statement, but gave no precise indication of when he might be well enough to leave hospital.

The spokesman indicated however that it may be some weeks before the pope would be allowed to leave, saying only it was "possible" the 84-year-old pontiff would be discharged before Easter, which this year falls in late March.

"It's possible, but I'm not in a position myself to indicate a date," Navarro-Valls told reporters.

He said John Paul II "daily

follows the activity of the Holy See and the life of the Church" through his contact with "several of his collaborators" who had been visiting him in his suite at Rome's Gemelli hospital.

The pope was rushed to hospital February 24 with a recurrence of acute breathing problems, which doctors alleviated by performing a tracheotomy.

"The health of the Holy Father, John Paul II, continues to improve and show progress. As previously stated, the pope is eating regularly and spends several hours each day in an armchair," Navarro-Valls said, adding that his wound from the throat surgery "is healing".

John Paul II was "actively participating" in daily rehabilitation sessions for his speaking and breathing, Navarro-Valls told reporters.

The spokesman said he would confirm on Saturday whether or not the pope would participate in the Sunday Angelus.

Navarro-Valls added that the next bulletin on the pope's condition would be given on Monday.

Earlier, as if to emphasise the Vatican's business-as-usual approach to the pope's hospitalisation, John Paul II sent a message to a plenary session of the Vatican government.

The message, signed by the pope and dated from the Gemelli, expressed his "devoted closeness" with the participants in the session.

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Africa

Darfur: Janjawid leader exposes Khartoum links

Sudan's government in Khartoum directed and supported ethnic Arab militia attacks on ethnic Africans in Darfur, a top militia

leader has told Human Rights Watch.

The New York-based human rights group said on Wednesday that Musa Hilal,

who has been identified by the US State Department and others as a leader among the Arab militias operating in Darfur, spoke to its researchers

last year.

Sudanese government officials repeatedly have rejected allegations they were linked to the Arab militias known as Janjawid.

A Sudanese Foreign Ministry official, who said he had not read the Human Rights Watch report, said on Wednesday that Hilal must have been misquoted.

The Darfur conflict began after two non-Arab rebel groups took up arms against the central government in a bid to win more political and economic rights for the region's African tribes.

Sudan's government denies that it backs the Janjawid

militias.

No firm estimate of the direct toll of the war yet exists, but it is thought to be in the thousands.

In the videotaped interview, Hilal told Human Rights Watch: "All the people in the field are led by top army commanders."

Hilal, speaking in Arabic, said in the transcript provided by Human Rights Watch: "These people get their orders from the Western command centre, and from Khartoum."

The tapes were made over several hours of interviews with Hilal last September in Khartoum. Human Rights Watch said the release of the tape was delayed for technical

reasons related to translating Hilal's comments and formatting the tape.

Since the United States accused the Arab militias of committing genocide, Hilal has been in seclusion in the capital, under close watch by Sudanese officials, those in contact with him say.

Hilal, from the North Darfur town of Mistiria, recruited, trained and armed militia fighters who called themselves the Border Intelligence Division, accused of the bulk of the atrocities reported in Darfur.

That militia also calls itself the Second Reconnaissance Brigade, or the Quick and the Horrible, say officers of the African Union, a 53-nation

UN backs peacekeepers' retaliation in Congo

The UN Security Council on Wednesday supported UN peacekeepers in the Congo who killed at least 50 militiamen and condemned the earlier slaying of nine international troops.

The soldiers from Pakistan and South Africa engaged in a gunfight with the militiamen, who had attacked civilians on Tuesday in the northeastern Congo region of Ituri.

The battle occurred five days after nine Bangladeshi UN troops were killed in the same area.

In a policy statement read at a public meeting, the council welcomed the action of the peacekeeping mission and its "continued robust action in pursuit of its mandate."

Ituri is one of Congo's worst trouble spots, where ethnic militias have killed 50,000 civilians since 1999—when the current UN Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, known by its

French acronym MONUC, was established.

"The Security Council reaffirms its full support for MONUC and urges MONUC to continue to fulfill its mandate with determination," said the statement read by Council President Ronaldo Moto Sardenberg, Brazil's president.

The UN force in Congo

numbers 16,000, making it the world body's biggest peacekeeping operation.

Militia fighters opened fire on the peacekeepers hunting those responsible for attacks on civilians, wounding two UN soldiers and triggering a fierce battle involving helicopter gun-ships manned by the Indian military, UN officials

Recruitment: UBE State Adviser, Jigawa State

The British Council and its key partners, Action Aid Nigeria and Cambridge Educational, have been contracted to provide management support to the UK Department for International Development's support to Universal Basic Education (UBE) in Nigeria.

The British Council wishes to recruit an experienced Educationalist and /or Project Manager to work as the State Adviser to the UBE project in Jigawa State.

The period of appointment for this post will be two years including an initial probationary period of 6 months. The person appointed will be classified as a consultant to this project and will be paid a daily fee rate to cover all their costs. The Adviser will be based in the state and will work closely with the Project Co-ordination Unit of the State. The person recruited will need to be fully conversant with the education system within Jigawa State.

The person recruited should have the following abilities, experiences and qualifications:

Abilities to:

- Understand the complexities of individual, organisational and institutional change
- Facilitate and plan initiatives effectively and creatively
- Use and evaluate framework planning and a range of other tools as means of clarifying and focusing development initiatives
- Know when and how to use different investigative approaches for project initiatives
- Negotiate and broker processes which enable people and organisations to work more effectively together
- Develop and lead interdisciplinary teams to achieve high levels of performance
- Communicate and present ideas effectively

Experience:

- Consultancy, capacity development and the management of complex development situations involving national stakeholders, funding agencies and technical providers
- Project management of consultancy, training and workshops
- Monitoring and reporting to clients and beneficiaries

Qualifications:

- Postgraduate qualification in education, social development, public administration or management or relevant experience. All applicants should have more than 5 years relevant experience.

All applicants should submit:

- a covering letter identifying their skills and competencies for the posts,
- their CV, a maximum of four pages long,
- an indication of their current salary levels and their expected daily fee rate
- the name and contact details (including email addresses) of two professional referees

Applications for the posts of Jigawa State UBE adviser under this DFID funded and supported project should be submitted to:

UBE Administrator,
British Council, Plot 2935,
IBB Way, Maitama,
PMB 550 Garki, Abuja.
E-mail: ubeinfo@ng.britishcouncil.org or taive.olajide@ng.britishcouncil.org

The closing date for this recruitment will be Friday 25 March 2005.

Please note that recruitment for this post will take place after agreement has been reached with the States.

The British Council is committed to a policy of equal opportunity and is keen to reflect the diversity of the UK society at every level within the organisation. We welcome applications from all sections of the community. We are registered in England as a charity.

Foreign affairs ministry appoints spokesperson

By Elkanah Chawai,
Reporter (Foreign desk)

The minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Oluyemi Adeniji, has approved the appointment of Mr. Suleiman Dahiru as the spokesperson for the ministry.

According to a statement made available to *Daily Trust*, Mr. Dahiru will be the major link between the ministry and the agencies or institutions in the country as well as the media and Nigerian diplomatic missions abroad.

The statement said that the links created by the spokesman would enlighten agencies, media and diplomatic missions on the activities of the ministry and policies of government.



Suleiman Dahiru



COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The House of Representatives Committee on Environment is organizing a National Summit on **Environmental Management in Nigeria**.

The Theme of the Summit is:

REVIEWING NIGERIA ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS WITH A VIEW TO MAKING THEM CONTEMPORARY AND APPROPRIATE (IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT CONSIDERATIONS).

The Following stake-holders are requested to attend the Summit:

- * All relevant Federal Ministries and Agencies
- * All State Commissioners of Environment and Local Government Chairmen,
- * All State Houses of Assembly Committee Chairmen on Environment,
- * All industrialists,
- * Textile Industries
- * Manufacturing Association of Nigeria
- * Chemical Industries
- * Marine Transporters
- * Mining Companies
- * All operators in the Oil and Gas sector.
- * Food and Beverages
- * Major Operators in the Communication Sector
- * Bottling and Brewing Companies
- * Tobacco Companies
- * Private Operators in the Environment Sector.

CHIEF HOST:

The Honourable Minister of the Federal Capital Territory, Mallam Nasir El-Rufai

SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOUR:

His Excellency, The President and Commander – in - Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Chief Olusegun O. M. Obasanjo.

The Summit is scheduled as follows:

Date: 8th - 9th March 2005

Time: 9 : a.m each day

Venue: Le – Meridien Hotel Abuja.

Signed

**Hon. Emeka Atuma
Committee Chairman**

Business Trust

Today's flight schedule

Albarka Air	
Lagos - Abuja	07:20
	10:30
	15:15
	13:00
Abuja - Lagos	8:45a.m.
	11:00
	13:15
	17:00
Maiduguri - Abuja 06:50	
Abuja - Maid.	17:00
Lagos - Yola	1:00 p.m.
Abuja - Yola	14:30
Yola - Abuja	15:30
Yola - Lagos	4:00 p.m.
Chanchangi Airlines	
Lagos - Abuja	8:15a.m.
	11:00a.m.
	12:10p.m.
	4:45p.m.
Kaduna - Lagos	8:30a.m.
P/H - Lagos	9:00a.m.
	4:30p.m.
Abuja - Kaduna	2:30p.m.
Kaduna - Abuja	1:30p.m.
IRS Airlines	
CBQ - Abuja	8:00 a.m.
Abuja - Lagos	9:45a.m.
Lagos - Kaduna	9:30a.m.
Kano - Lagos	7:30p.m.
Lagos - Kano	11:15a.m.
Kaduna - Lagos	11:00a.m.
Lagos - Abu/MM	2:30p.m.
Abuja - MM	1:45p.m.
MM - Abuja	3:45p.m.
Abuja - CBQ	5:15p.m.
Kano - Abuja	1:15p.m.
Abuja - Kano	2:30p.m.
Kano - Lagos	3:45p.m.
Lagos - Kano	6:00p.m.
EAS Airlines	
Lagos - Abuja	8:15p.m.
	11:45a.m.
	5:45p.m.
Abuja - Lagos	10:15a.m.
	7:15p.m.
Lagos - Jos	11:45a.m.
Jos - Lagos	2:30pm.
Dasab Airlines	
Auja - Lagos	8:30 a.m.
Lagos - PHC	10:30 a.m.
PHC - Lagos	12:30 a.m.
Lagos - Kano	2:30 p.m.
Kano - Lagos	4:30 p.m.
Lagos - Abuja	6:30pm.
ADC Airline	
Lagos - Abuja	7:15 a.m.
	12:45 p.m.
Abuja - Lagos	8:55 a.m.
Lagos - Calabar	11:15 a.m.
Calabar - Lagos	7:20 a.m.
P/H - Lagos	9:45 a.m.
Lagos - Sokoto	8:55 a.m.
Sokoto - Lagos	11:55 a.m.

Most airlines operate the same flight schedule on week days.

Finance

Allstates Bank signs N3bn pact with Afreximbank

Allstates Trust Bank Plc has signed a \$20 million Petroleum Import and Invoice



Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Finance Minister

From Bright Ewulu, Deputy Business Editor (Lagos)

Discounting Facility deal with Afreximbank to ring the trade finance lines from the continental institution around more private sector investors.

A statement issued by Olatunde Kazeem, head of corporate affairs of All States Bank said, the latest deal signed in Cairo, the headquarters of Afreximbank pushes total active lines available to Allstates to \$35 million. The bank already enjoys a \$10 million Trade Finance Line and \$5 million Invoice Discounting Facility.

The Managing Director of Allstates Trust bank, Mr. Ebi

Timitimi and the Outgoing President of Afreximbank, Mr. Chris Edordu both signed on behalf of the two institutions and Edordu expressed the hope of actualization stressing his satisfaction with the Allstates Credit Process and Professionalism.

Other officers of Afreximbank present at the occasion include the President designate, Mr. Jean Louis Ekra, the Chief Legal Adviser, Mr. George Elombi; Mr. Francis

Mbrou of Business Development Dept. The Allstates Bank team included the General Manager, Corporate Services, Mr. Tony Okpanachi and the Deputy General Manager, Energy and Structured Finance, Mr. Owens Altraide.

The deal, according to the statement, will enable Afreximbank to share the payment risks (commercial and sovereign) of Allstates and enhance the quality of the risk of the transaction

since Afreximbank's preferred creditor status in the countries where the facility is available reduces the risk of default.

The African Export-Import Bank was established in Nigeria in October 1993 by African Governments, African private and institutional investors as well as non-African financial institutions and private investors for the purposes of financing and promoting intra- and inter-African trade.

Akintola Williams endorses ACB's public offer

Renowned Chartered Accountant, Akintola Williams on Wednesday in Lagos endorsed the 25 billion Ordinary Share Offer of ACB International Bank Plc, saying that the offer price is fair and reasonable.

Speaking at the event graced by a platheora of dignitaries who include former director-general, Nigeria Economic Summit G40, Professor Anya O. Anya, former Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Allison Madueke, former military Administrator, Lagos, Commodore

Ndubisi Kalu, etc. Williams urged Nigerians to support ACB offer to commensurate the founder of the bank.

In his contribution, the managing director of the bank, Mr. John I. Udeka stated that the bank after consolidation would be focusing only on the real sector of the economy for the overall betterment of the nation.

He stressed that ACB is a bank that supports small businesses and that it would continue this policy in order to remain in the growth sector of the

economy.

According to him, the bank aims to expand its branch network in Kano, Sokoto, Ibadan and saying that the aim is to open about 85 of its branches currently under lock and key.

These branches and about 120 real estate structures, Mr. Udeka said gives ACB an edge as these are properties owned by the bank, stressing that it would not need to expand much, financially, to put them in shape.

NAL, brokers woo investors

The managing director of NAL Bank Plc, Mr. Ben Akabueze has called on investors to avail themselves of the opportunities available in the bank's on-going offer.

Speaking at the bank's investors' forum held in Lagos, he stressed that NAL's consistent performance in the nation's financial environment has made it the stock to beat.

According to Akabueze, NAL Bank's consistent dividend payments in the

last 44 years, and its time honoured belief on integrity and accountability should assure investors, that the future is solid with NAL.

In his contribution at the forum, graced by many managing directors of stock broking firms, Mr. Olu Odejimi of Clear View Securities Limited stated that the fact that NAL was the oldest merchant bank in Nigeria before its recent transition to a universal bank, says a lot about its capacity as a bank.

Briefs

Access Bank

Access Bank Plc's network of branches increased last week with the commissioning of its Makurdi Branch by the Governor of Benue state, Mr. George Akume.

The ceremony was witnessed by members of the state executive council, among other personalities.

A release from the bank said, while declaring the branch open, the governor commended Access Bank and its management for their faith and confidence in Benue state, which has been manifested by the location of their branch in Makurdi.

Mr. Aigboje Aig - Imuokhuede, MD/CEO Access Bank Plc, in his remarks complimented the people and government of Benue state for the hospitable spirit displayed in welcoming the bank into their midst

ICAN

The Abuja District Society of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN), has concluded arrangements to introduce a platform known as "monthly professional lecture."

A statement from the Abuja District Society of ICAN, said the platform would afford chief executives of organizations the opportunity to educate the public on their activities.

The platform would also be used to enrich the knowledge of students of accountancy of higher institutions within the district society as most of the students would be invited to the lecture. The maiden lecture will hold on Tuesday, March 8 2005 at Agura Hotel, Abuja.

Intercontinental Bank

The Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) has re-appointed Intercontinental Bank Plc as a revenue-collecting bank as part of the strategic moves to improve revenue collection by the Customs Service.

A statement from the bank said, the NCS had, last September, suspended the licences granted all the banks to collect revenue on its behalf to pave way for the new guidelines and modalities for customs duty collection, which it hopes would improve revenue-collection significantly.

The statement said, in a letter to the bank confirming the appointment, the Deputy Comptroller-General, Tariff and Trade, Mr. S.O. Ogundeji, said the Bank will now be responsible for the collection of customs duties and other statutory levies across the country.

PUBLIC NOTICE

DISCLAIMER OF DR. BISONG A. PETERS



Dr. Bisong A. Peters

NOTICE is hereby given to the Public that the Methodist Church Nigeria, Archdiocese of Abuja, former employers of Dr. Bisong A. Peters whose photograph appears herein enters a disclaimer with respect to him.

The said Dr. Bisong A. Peters who entered the service of the Church as a Medical Officer I on the 1st of March 2004, has been relieved of his job since the 13th of November 2004.

The Church therefore puts the Public on notice that he is no longer in her service and does not know his whereabouts. Any person who enters into any transaction with him does so at his peril.

Signed
Barr. Jonah O. Abari
(Legal Adviser)

Business Trust

INDUSTRY



L-R: Mr Laurent Meffre, Mr Victor Okigbo, Head of Trade Marketing, Market Research & Information and Malam Salisu I. Mohammed, Group Advert Manager, Media Trust Limited at the launching of 2nd phase of British American Tobacco Nigeria's 'Proudly Nigerian Campaign' held last week in Lagos.

Collapsing industries: Emir urges govt intervention

The Emir of Kano, Dr Ado Bayero has called on the federal and state governments to stem the frequent collapse of industries in Kano in particular, and the nation at large. He called on the government to encourage factories that have managed to survive the difficult operating conditions to continue operating.

The emir who was speaking during a visit to African Textile Manufacturing factory at Challawa industrial area, said textile industries have been facing difficult times, as a result of which many have folded up. He, however, commended the management of African Textile Manufacturers (ATM) for sustaining their factory despite the unfavourable operating conditions.

Emir Bayero said: "I commend the ATM and Mr Suhail Akar, the chairman and his lieutenants for keeping the factory afloat which makes it possible for thousands of workers, Nigerians, non-Nigerians alike, to be gainfully employed.

Earlier, the chairman, Mr Akar revealed that ATM is the biggest textile factory now in Kano, employing over 2,000 workers. He lamented the continued problems bedeviling textile industries in Nigeria which have made over 50 textiles to close shop.

He noted that government has been reluctant to

From Musa Umar Kazaure,
Regional Editor (Kano)

provide basic infrastructures such as good roads, electricity, telecommunication and water to the area, otherwise the factories would have been in better position.

He then alerted the emir of the impending danger. "Your Highness, Kano

being Nigeria's centre of commerce cannot afford to allow one of its sources of economic strength to gradually fizzle out. Something must be done, as a matter of urgency, to save the factories from crumbling," he further appealed.

Dr Bayero later commissioned a mosque built by the management of ATM for the use of the communities around the industrial area.

Chamber blames govt for high imports

The Onitsha Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (ONICCIMA) has said that lack of incentives to local industry is responsible for the huge import bills of the country.

The president of the chamber, Mr Emeka Eze, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Onitsha today that Nigerians had the initiative and drive to establish companies that could compete favourably with foreign companies.

Eze said that the local companies could not perform creditably because of the strangulating policies of government.

He said that many local industries had been closed and their owners resorted to the importation of products for survival.

According to Eze, the interest rate charged by

banks is still high and manufacturers are constantly facing poor power supply, inadequate water supply and lack of good roads, especially in Onitsha, the commercial nerve centre of Anambra State.

"Government should be able to provide these facilities for steady business environment so that the country's industries can compete alongside their foreign counterparts," he said.

He said that many factories in Onitsha had collapsed because of high energy cost.

He said that government could encourage the Organised Private Sector (OPS) by ensuring lower interest rate, improved electricity, water supply and good roads as these are the major problems of the industrialists.

Eze believes that if the problem of energy is solved, it will go a long way in solving the problems of the local industries.

He suggested that industrial loans should not be more than 7 per cent in order to encourage people to borrow money from the banks.

The chamber president said that most of the raw materials needed by local industries were not available in the country, and appealed to government to reduce the high tariffs on them.

"I am not saying that everything should be duty free but it should be reduced. This is how China started but today it could compete with the world's best in technology. In China the government will ask you to buy imported goods, but you must pay high duty for it, that is what I expected our government to do instead of outright ban," he said.

From Bukola Oladiji,
Correspondent (Lagos)

SMEs have over the years been bedevilled by several inhibitions, which tend to make their growth perpetually stunted.

According to Molokun, challenges faced by the manufacturing sector include lack of sufficient electricity supply, poor road networks, lack of water supply, insecurity of lives and property and multiplicity of taxes.

'Only 10% of SMEs are into manufacturing'

President of the Institute of Directors (IOD), Benedicta Molokun has said that only about 10 per cent Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Nigeria are involved in manufacturing, whilst the rest are in agriculture, services and commerce.

Molokun made this remark in a speech she delivered which was made available to *Business Trust* in Lagos. She said this lopsided situation is primarily because the manufacturing sector is considered a high risk one.

Molokun stated that the

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Notice of Extra Ordinary General Meeting of Access Bank Plc

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extra Ordinary General Meeting of Access Bank PLC will be held at Lagoon Restaurant, Ozumba Mbadiwe Avenue, Victoria Island, Lagos on April 4, 2005 at 11.00 a.m. to transact the following business:

SPECIAL BUSINESS

To consider and if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as special resolutions:

1. "That subject to any required approval from the regulatory authorities the Directors be and are hereby authorized to take steps as may be necessary to ensure that the Bank complies with the directives issued by the Central Bank of Nigeria in relation to the N25 billion minimum capitalization for banks by the end of December 2005 which steps shall include but not limited to initiating and negotiating the terms applicable to any merger/or acquisition and/or any other business combination or arrangement with any other bank or banks or institution or institutions whether local or foreign".
2. "That the Directors be and are hereby authorized to issue a maximum of 1,000,000,000 Ordinary Shares through a placing out of the Bank's un-issued ordinary shares for the purpose of accommodating subscribers whose applications could not be accommodated during the Bank's Public Offer for Subscription of 3,000,000,000 ordinary shares, upon same terms and conditions as the Public Offer, and that the shares to be issued shall rank pari-passu in all respect with the existing shares of the Bank".
3. "That the Directors be and are hereby authorized to raise funds through long term debt instruments upon such terms and conditions as the Directors may deem fit in the interest of the Bank to accommodate the interest of both local and foreign investors who may wish to invest in the Bank".

PROXY

A member entitled to attend and vote at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting is entitled to appoint a Proxy in his/her stead. A proxy need not be a member of Access Bank Plc. To be valid, the proxy form attached must be completed, signed and deposited at the office of the Registrar, Wema Registrars Limited, 2nd Floor, A.G Leventis Building, 42/43, Marina, Lagos not less than 48 hours prior to the time of the meeting.

Dated this 28th day of February 2005.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

FATAI OLADIPO
Company Secretary/Legal Adviser
Plot 1665, Oyin Jolayemi Street
Victoria Island, Lagos

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INDUSTRY

KACCIMA urges FG to soft-pedal on reforms

The Kaduna Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (KACCIMA) has urged the federal government to soft-pedal on its reform policies to reduce suffering by Nigerians.

Its President, Alhaji Manir Ja'afaru, made the call in Kaduna on Monday while presenting a paper at the close of the 26th Kaduna International Trade Fair.

Ja'afaru said government should be considerate and sympathetic in the implementation of its policies and reforms and appreciate the fact that Nigerians are passing through very rough and tough times.

"KACCIMA is extending

its sympathy to majority of Nigerians who are suffering because of the harsh economic condition which the country is facing today," the president said.

He also appealed to all tiers of government to address the issue of youth unemployment as it was a time bomb that might explode if it was not urgently addressed.

Ja'afaru said a lot had been achieved at this year's trade fair and urged the exhibitors and members of the public to use several business contacts made during the period, to enable them to participate at the fair next year.

He appealed to exhibitors to write to the chamber on

their volume of sales, promotion, the quality of contacts made, the potential or actual investments, to enable it assess the success of the fair each year.

He commended President Olusegun Obasanjo for organising a national political reform conference for the purpose of charting a new course for the progress and lasting unity of the country.

He also appealed to delegates at the conference to have the interest of the country at heart by avoiding any issue that would disintegrate the country.

BAT launches proudly Nigerian campaign

By Salisu A. Mohammed,
Group Advert Manager

British American Tobacco Nigeria launched the second phase of its proudly Nigerian campaign in Lagos.

Aimed at capturing the enterprising spirit of the Nigerian society, the campaign will also acknowledge the largely salient attributes that are unique to the country.

According to the presentation made by Prima Garnet advertising agency on the campaign, various achievements of Nigerians, globally, would be brought to the fore for Nigerians to be proud of their country.

In an address at the occasion, the Managing Director of BATN, Mr Richard Hodgson while strengthening the relevance of the campaign stated that "our campaign focuses on different themes to create variety and colour in order to sustain interest and to ensure long lasting impact of the message on the consciousness of those who share the Nigerian dream with us."

Mr. Hodgson expressed confidence that such initiatives will generate more public awareness about those positive qualities in which Nigeria has an edge.

It could be recalled that the first phase of the proudly Nigerian campaign was launched in 2002.

Minister urges

Nasarawa to export cassava

The minister of commerce, Ambassador A. D. Idris Waziri has urged the people of Nasarawa state to venture into cassava production and exports.

The minister who commended Nasarawa state government for taking the first initiative to organise sensitisation workshop on export trade, spoke when he paid a courtesy call on the governor of Nasarawa state, Alhaji (Dr) Abdullahi Adamu as part of his visit to the state to deliver a keynote address at the sensitisation workshop.

A statement from the ministry said Ambassador

Waziri also urged the people of the state to explore other agricultural products such as sesame seeds, groundnut, cotton, rubber, palm oil etc.

Cassava alone, he said has over 1,000 products and derivatives and can fetch the country over 12 billion US dollars annually.

Responding, the governor explained that Nasarawa state was spurred by the federal government's promotion of non-oil sectors through the federal ministry of commerce. He promised to harness the natural resources bestowed on the state for the benefit of the people.

National institute's alumni holds AGM

The Alumni Association of the National Institute (AANI) will hold its 25th annual general meeting (AGM) tomorrow, Saturday March 6, 2005 at the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru, Jos.

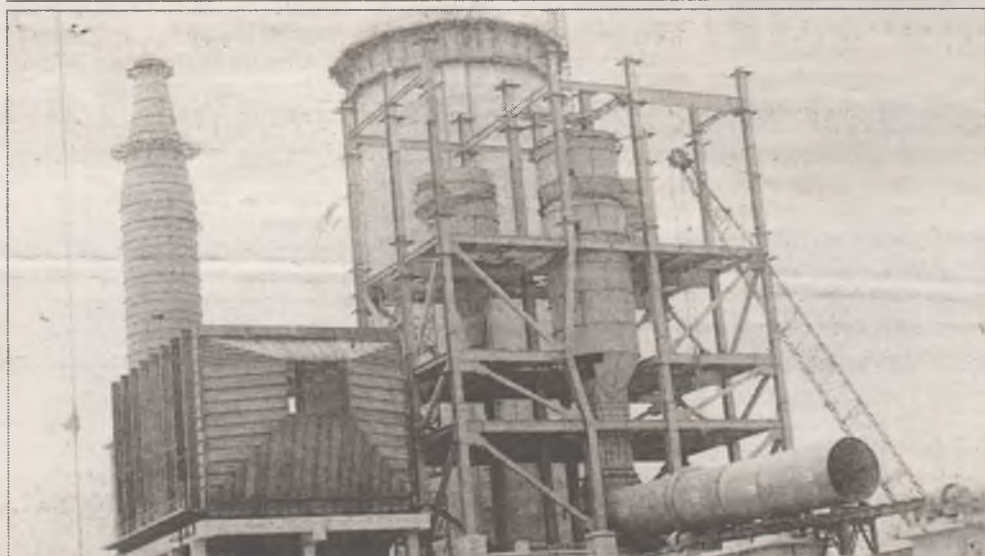
This year's AGM, according to the organisers, is unique because the members of the association will also be electing new executives to run the affairs for the next tenure.

The positions open for the election or re-election

From Bright Ewulu, Deputy
Business Editor (Lagos)

include that of president, vice president, secretary general, assistant secretary general, legal adviser, treasurer and publicity secretary.

AANI members who have indicated interest for the position of president include the incumbent, Alhaji M. Yesufu. Others are Engineer Gambo Umar, Managing Director of Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), Alhaji Jani Ibrahim, erstwhile Managing Director of Nigeria Airways, etc.



The Obajana Cement Factory, said to be the largest in Africa and 3rd largest in the world, being constructed by Dangote Industries Limited (DIL) in Kogi state.
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC HEARING! PUBLIC HEARING!! PUBLIC HEARING!!!

Pursuant to the House of Representatives' resolution No: NASS/CHR/B/VOL.67, the House Committee on Housing & Urban Development is organizing a Public Hearing on violation of National Housing Fund Act 3 of 1992.

AIMS

The Committee at the public hearing is to:-

1. Identify persons and corporate organizations that have defaulted the remittance of contributions to the National Housing Fund.
2. Interact with the stakeholders on how to make the National Housing Fund Act effective.
3. Draw up a legislative agenda/sanction that will ensure strict compliance with the provisions of the Act.
4. Consider any other matters that may be incidental to the operation of the National Housing Fund.
5. The public hearing has been scheduled for 7th to 10th and 14th to 17th of March, 2005

Venue: Hearing Room 1, House of Representatives, National Assembly, Abuja.

Time: 10.00a.m. prompt

OPENING CEREMONY

Monday 7th March, 2005.

Time: 10.00a.m prompt.

CALL FOR MEMORANDA

Members of the public, employers of labour and contributors wishing to provide relevant information on the operation and violation of the National Housing Fund" Act are requested to forward their written memoranda to the Committee.

Such memoranda should be addressed to the Secretary, House Committee on Housing & Urban Development, Committee Room 21, House of Representatives (09-2340571, 09-2341463, 08036547681, 08033271090) or appear in person at the public hearing.

The memoranda should reach him on or before 4th March, 2005.

Signed
Hon Osita Izunaso
Chairman

Business Trust

INTERNATIONAL

World Bank chief wants 'passionate' successor

Outgoing World Bank chief, James Wolfensohn said his successor must be "passionate" about fighting poverty and denied that US Deputy Defense Secretary, Paul Wolfowitz was running for the post.

The 71-year-old, due to step down in June after a decade in office, praised



James Wolfensohn, outgoing World Bank President

Wolfowitz's skills, but said Thursday that a report in the Financial Times was incorrect.

"He's not in the game so far as I know, because he's withdrawn his name," he told reporters when asked after talks in Brussels with EU commission Chief Jose Manuel Barroso.

Asked what skills were needed as head of the Washington-based bank, he said: "I would like to see my successor be passionate on the question of poverty and

on the question of human development."

Wolfensohn stressed that he had great admiration for Wolfowitz. "I actually think he's a very good man," he said. "He does have some aspects of his character which indicate a great interest in development."

But he made light of the FT report that Wolfowitz had, at one stage at least, been a frontrunner to succeed him. "I submitted the name of my son and I think they got it mixed up," he quipped.

Oil prices could hit \$80 in 2007, says OPEC

Prices of crude oil could surge to as high as 80 dollars a barrel within the next two years but such a level would not last long, OPEC acting secretary general was quoted as saying.

"I can affirm that the price of a barrel of crude oil rising to 80 dollars in the near future is a weak possibility," Adnan Shehab-Eldin told Kuwait's Al-Qabas newspaper.

"But I cannot rule out (the possibility) of oil prices rising to 80 dollars a barrel within the next two years," he said on Thursday.

"If the oil price rises to this level for one reason or another for example, interruption of supplies from a producing nation by one to two million barrels a day it is not expected to continue for long," he said.

Shehab-Eldin said a price rise to between 50-60 dollars a barrel for a period of two years or more will inevitably boost investments to increase supplies and lead to a drop in demand, eventually reducing prices.

World oil prices were mixed Thursday after reaching four-month highs in New York and London the previous day amid a rise in US crude stocks and jitters over increased global demand.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for delivery in April, fell 20 cents to 52.85 dollars a barrel in electronic dealing.

It had jumped 1.37 dollars to close at 53.05 dollars a barrel on Wednesday, the highest close since October 26.

In London on Thursday, the price of Brent North Sea crude oil for delivery in April gained 18 cents to 51.40 dollars a barrel.

Shehab-Eldin said it was in the interest of OPEC and other countries not to see "big and surprising spikes in oil prices, but a gradual balance."



Edmond Daukoru, Nigeria's Presidential Adviser on Petroleum

comfortable U.S. gasoline and crude inventories which are about 10 percent above year-ago levels.

But stocks of heating oil are eight percent under last year just as late-winter frigid weather continues to stoke demand in the US Northeast. This is forcing refiners to produce heating oil at a time when they should be boosting gasoline output.

"Cold weather will be around for another few weeks and that only adds fuel to the move up," added Tang.

Members of the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries now appear confident prices will trade in a \$40-\$50 range this year, emboldening dealers to test the cartel's tolerance for \$50-plus prices.

Talk in OPEC of even higher prices could stir fresh speculative buying.

OPEC's acting Secretary-General said on Thursday that crude could spike as high as \$80 a barrel during the next two years, should there be a major supply disruption.

"I can stress that the probability that the price of a barrel of crude rises to \$80 in the near future is a low probability," said Adnan Shihab-Eldin in Kuwaiti newspaper Al-Qabas. "However, I can't rule out the rise of a barrel of oil to \$80 in the coming two years."

Oil's rise has been driven by a fresh influx of both speculative and long-term fund money into commodities, where surging raw materials demand from China and solid growth in industrialized nations have stretched production capacity.

The dollar's sharp fall last week accelerated the inflow as rising energy markets offered a place for speculators to park their cash and OPEC producers were thought likely to pursue higher dollar-denominated prices to protect purchasing power.

The dollar strengthened slightly Thursday as the European Central Bank's widely anticipated decision to keep interest rates steady left financial markets largely unmoved.

The 12-country euro bought \$1.3144 in afternoon European trading following the decision, down from \$1.3171 in New York late Wednesday.

The US dollar also was stronger against other major currencies, buying 104.81 Japanese yen, up from 104.70 yen in New York late Wednesday. The British pound bought \$1.9110, down from \$1.9128 the previous day.

Following the ECB's decision, traders were focusing on what bank President Jean-Claude Trichet would say.

Dollar strengthens slightly against Euro

"The market is interested in whether Trichet will say something that will effectively moderate the hawkish remarks made by senior ECB officials," said Minoru Shioiri, a senior manager of foreign exchange at Mitsubishi Securities in Tokyo.

Until a series of the latest economic data showed a slackening of growth in the euro zone, ECB leaders had made comments suggesting the bank's willingness to take action to contain inflation.

The euro is likely to be sold if Trichet's comments are viewed as moderating that stance.

Analysts have credited

the dollar's recent strength to positive words this week from the US Federal Reserve chairman in testimony to Congress. However, as markets await figures on U.S. non-farm jobs Friday, they warn that Alan Greenspan words alone will not be enough to bolster the dollar.

The euro soared from about \$1.20 in September to an all-time high of \$1.3667 at the end of December, powered by concerns over the US budget and trade deficits. The dollar has since regained some ground, but those worries remain and analysts think the recovery could be temporary.



Roy Craig, (right) and David Kerns (left) adding a section of drilling pipe as they search for oil on a drilling rig owned by Sterling Oil near Zenda, Kansas city.

Halliburton bribery investigation expands

A federal investigation into an alleged \$180 million bribery scandal in Nigeria involving a Halliburton Co. subsidiary and other companies has expanded to examine whether former employees may have illegally coordinated bidding on other foreign construction projects as early as the mid-1980s, long before Halliburton acquired the subsidiary.

If the Justice Department determines US antitrust laws were broken, the government could deny future government contracts to Halliburton engineering and construction subsidiary KBR, which is its largest contractor serving US troops in Iraq, the company said in its annual regulatory filing.

"Based on the information we have today, we do not believe there are any antitrust violations," Halliburton spokeswoman Wendy Hall said in an e-mail Wednesday. "We have updated our disclosure to reflect the facts that we know about the situation. There are still more questions than answers, but obviously we take this investigation very seriously and are doing everything we can to help those who are examining our records."

Justice department spok-

esman Bryan Sierra declined comment

The Nigeria allegations centre on a contract for a \$4 billion Nigerian liquefied natural gas plant awarded in 1995 to TSKJ, a consortium of four partners M.W. Kellogg Co., a subsidiary of Dresser Industries; Technip AL of France; ENI SpA of Italy; and Japan Gasoline Corp.

Halliburton acquired Dresser in 1998 three years after Vice President Dick Cheney began his 1995-2000 tenure as Halliburton's chief executive officer and combined its Brown & Root subsidiary with M.W. Kellogg to form KBR.

The Justice Department, the Securities and Exchange Commission, a French magistrate and Nigerian officials are investigating whether the consortium paid \$180 million in bribes to Nigerian officials from 1995 through 2002. The consortium got other contracts involving the Nigerian plant in 1999 and 2002.

Last June Halliburton fired two consultants, including former KBR chairman A. Jack Stanley, for violating the company's business code of conduct by receiving "improper personal benefits" related to TSKJ's construction of the Nigerian plant.

But the company said in

Tuesday's filing that Stanley and other former workers "may have engaged in (other) coordinated bidding with one or more competitors on certain foreign construction projects and that such coordination possibly began as early as the mid-1980s, which was significantly before our 1998 acquisition of Dresser Industries."

If the broadened probes determine U.S. antitrust laws were broken, any denial of future contracts to KBR could be based on actions of workers a decade or more before they became KBR employees upon Halliburton's acquisition of Dresser.

Charles M. Yablou, a law professor and corporate governance expert at the Cardozo School of Law in New York, said such potential liability comes with mergers and acquisitions. Buyers are expected to conduct extensive due diligence to ferret out such potential problems, "but if you don't know about it, you don't know to avoid the problem," he said.

Halliburton's acquisition of Dresser also brought expensive liabilities from asbestos and silica claims that resulted in a \$5 billion settlement announced in December 2002 and finalized early this year.

...rise to 4-month highs yesterday

World oil prices held firm at four-month highs yesterday as investment fund buying and US refinery outages extended the rally close to last year's all-time high.

US light crude was trading one cent lower at \$53.04 a barrel, posting gains of almost 17 percent in just over three weeks. London Brent crude was up two cents at \$51.24 a barrel, within touching distance of October's record \$51.94.

"We are still seeing speculative funds coming in and buying," an oil trader in London said, noting that the weak dollar was pushing investors to seek returns in commodities.

Refinery problems in the massive US oil market outweighed rising inventories on Wednesday, propelling prices above \$53 a barrel for the first time since October 27 last year.

On Oct. 25 US prices hit an all-time high of \$55.67.

Disruptions at Texas oil refineries included a brief outage at a gasoline unit of BP's big Texas City plant and a fire at Western Refining Co.'s refinery in El Paso.

The market becomes more sensitive to problems with gasoline production in the world's largest energy consumer with the approach of spring, as dealers anticipate rising motor fuel demand for the summer vacation season.

Maintenance restricted US refineries to 89.3 percent of capacity last week, their lowest rate in four months, exacerbating fears that global product supplies could tighten significantly.

"There are big refinery turnarounds in Europe, the United States and Asia so if there's a blip in demand, where are you going to get the supply?," said Colin Tang, an oil trader with Calyon in Singapore.

Prices are high despite



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Meanwhile, the campaign will subsequently hold at the regions in the following order:

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Demolition: Wuse market traders

It was a Wednesday afternoon. The market, filled with sellers and buyers, and many other people transacting numerous other businesses, lawful or unlawful, had as usual spilled the excess to the surrounding road pavements from the stream to the bus stop at the southern side, the bus stop to the overhead bridge on Ibrahim Babangida Way in the west and the overhead bridge to the stream in the north. The sellers, most of them in their shops, many under numerous improvised shades, many just under the sun scattered all over every available open spaces, were selling their wares, from electronics down to chewing gum, selling a bulk of this, a single of that, gaining here, losing there, gaining heavily here, a little there. The buyers were buying the wares, buying a bulk of this, a single of that, buying discreetly here, indiscreetly there, spending more here, less there. All the others transacting other businesses comprised workers managing the market, commercial vehicle operators, food sellers and eaters, load carriers and numerous others selling sundry necessities and services. Activities were taking place in the known tradition of a market. It was marketing as usual.

Little did any of them know that some danger would be lurking somewhere that Wednesday night, waiting for the day to break. Little did they notice any sinister move that would bar them, from that evening, from buying and selling in that market for about a fortnight. Little did the traders know that some of them

By Uthman Abubakar, Senior Reporter (Features)

might not, from that evening, be selling there anymore. That evening the law enforcement agents and personnel of the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA) cordoned off the market and, reportedly, even started removing some structures. They took position there to lay the necessary foundation for a hitch-free operation the following day. The following day, Thursday, 3rd February all the traders woke up to see the market closed. The bulldozers of the FCDA pounced on the market, crushing or removing all structures marked as illegal or squatter. The exercise lasted for about a week. As usual, no prior notice was served the traders whose structures were demolished or removed. Therefore, most of them had their wares destroyed. The market's Reconciliation Committee reportedly put the cost of goods destroyed at about two billion naira as it demanded compensation for owners of legally acquired shops demolished which, it claimed, were not initially marked for the exercise "because they were legally allocated and documents duly issued."

Many of them struggled to pick the pieces by various means. They immediately relocated to the road pavement at the Wuse bus stop, displaying a small quantity of their usual wares and trading with fear. They could be chased out of there any moment.

"I can not see anything good in the demolition," Okechukwu Okorombo, who



A bulldozer loading demolished container-shops into a truck.

sells canvas shoes, recalled. "It is not a good development at all, and I am saying this because of the profound difficulties we are going through after we have been chased out of the market and most of our goods destroyed, looted or burnt. Most of us driven out now find it difficult to feed since our structures were demolished, and even those who still feed with some ease do not feed fine. This is because we are making little or no sales now." Okorombo, who dismissed the possibility of renting any shop anywhere to continue his business in the near future, queried, "without making sales how can you feed? There is no way you can

feed. There are people among us who depend on making daily sales before they feed. I, for instance, have not been feeding well since the beginning of the week because I am not making enough sales." He said he now loses three-quarter of what he used to gain in normal trading days before the demolition of the market.

Yusufu Adamu sells singlet, pants and socks. "You can not expect me to say it is good to be driven away from where you have established your business. So the demolition was not good to us at all. Anybody used to doing business at a place and he is suddenly driven away from

there must encounter a lot of hardships, perhaps, much more hardships than he has ever envisaged." Adamu, who lamented that the sales he now makes on the road pavement does not amount to half of his normal sales at the market, also complained, "By the displacement we have lost

immediately tell you the now," Hamisu Mohammed Buhari, selling electronics, recounted. "As you see here now I am only struggling to recapitalize sufficiently, as soon as I do so I will leave Abuja for good because people like us can not afford staying here." He recalled the

"Recounting his own ordeal, Aliyu shoes, offered, 'I lost two container shops at N100,000 each. I was lucky to have before the demolition started. So, property.'" Abubakar, who pleaded sympathetic enough to consider rendering who lost their goods, said, 'I am anywhere that is better business-wise continue my business.'" He, however, government to allocate a more serene "Government should consider that w everyday," querying, "do they (leaders home and stay with our families with for food for them? Just as the leaders also have big families."

very many of our customers. It is sufficient loss to see your place allocated to you and which you prepared well with all the required facilities, destroyed at once. We have lost a large portion of our business capital and goods which we could not remove before the demolition." He could not immediately say whether he would secure a shop in the market when it is reopened.

"Only God knows the quantity and cost of what I have lost, I can not

he was more at peace than inside the market.

Ibrahim Burhama Isma'ila Sa'adu also electronic gadgets. "I have about N150,000 to demolition. My goods burnt or looted," Burhama recalled, saying, "now I borrowed money from brother to continue business. I am now struggling to recapitalize to leave Abuja. The FCDA task force disturbed us too much difficult for us now."



Confiscated goods being carried away in an AEPB truck.

Pix: Felix Onigbinde.

Traders remember "black" Thursday

According to Sa'adu, "I lost goods worth N40,000," as he recalled almost tearfully, "we have been here for about four years, but we have never been so disturbed. The places that were legally allocated to us have been demolished and we now continue our businesses only with assistances from brothers and friends. The government should please allocate permanent places to us."

Nnamdi Onuba sells clothes. "The demolition was devastating to us because there was no notice," he recalled. "I had a container shop in the market which I rented at N150,000 last year. My relation contributed the money for me to rent it. It has now been demolished. I lost other goods worth about N90,000. To start afresh with this business you see me doing now I had to go and borrow money from my relations." Onuba said he was only managing now, and he has no money to rent another shop and travel to the south to restock, remarking, "I don't even know what to do now."

Kenneth Green sounded angrier: "Look, let me even tell you that we are even angrier that government may not compensate people,"

Abubakar, who sells shoes which I rented out, packed out my goods. I only lost place not property. I pleaded with leaders to be sympathetic enough to consider rendering assistance to those who lost their goods, said, "I am planning to move to anywhere that is better business-wise and more secure to continue my business." He, however, pleaded with the government to allocate a more secure place to traders. "Government should consider that we have families we feed everyday," querying, "do they (leaders) want us to back go home and stay with our families without going out to look for food for them? Just as the leaders have big families we also have big families." He queried further, "Do they want us to go back to our respective states? If we do so we will only go and constitute problems there. So they should have mercy on us."

me selling now on credit in Onitsha to start life afresh. My creditor has been very sympathetic to my plight. He did not give me stringent conditions. He said anytime I sell I can come and collect more." Chukwudi said he does not have enough capital to rent another shop and continue his normal business now. "If I sell these goods now I will like to leave Abuja completely because it has landed me in trouble."

Recounting his own ordeal, Aliyu Abubakar, who sells shoes, offered, "I lost two container shops which I rented out at N100,000 each. I was lucky to have packed out my goods before the demolition started. So, I only lost place not property." Abubakar, who pleaded with leaders to be sympathetic enough to consider rendering assistance to those who lost their goods, said, "I am planning to move to anywhere that is better business-wise and more secure to continue my business." He, however, pleaded with the government to allocate a more secure place to traders. "Government should consider that we have families we feed everyday," querying, "do they (leaders) want us to back go home and stay with our families without going out to look for food for them? Just as the leaders have big families we also have big families." He queried further, "Do they want us to go back to our respective states? If we do so we will only go and constitute problems there. So they should have mercy on us."

Abdullahi Hassan, who relocated to the bank of the stream, sells vegetables. He was more humorous in his contribution. "If I find it difficult to do my business they will also find it difficult to feed. I have to be in business for them to feed. So even if I am affected by the demolition, I don't worry much because people must come looking for me to buy what they will eat." He giggled and continued selling to a lady customer.

So, the traders all recounted their ordeals. Some said they were planning to secure shops and continue their businesses in the market when it reopened. Some vowed not to go back there, apparently, a large section of the displaced traders did not go back there. Many of them wanted to, but could not. Many did not want to, so they did not even make any effort.

querying, "what sort of country is this? How can people feed when their houses and shops are demolished?" He observed, "If people carry gun now you will call them criminals."

Emmanuel Chukwudi, who sells wearing apparels, recalled, "I came to Abuja last year and rented a container shop at this Wuse market at N150,000. Now it is no more. My goods destroyed are worth about N250,000. I collected the goods you see



Unauthorised shops destroyed during the demolition exercise, heaped together.



Wreckage of container-shops demolished by the Abuja Environmental Protection Board.



Mangled container-shops detached from the approved shops by AEPB.

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Ministry of Solid Minerals Development

**Sustainable Management of Mineral Resources
Project**

Credit No: 4012-UNI

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Federal Republic of Nigeria *has received* financing from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of the Sustainable Management of Mineral Resources Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consultant services. **The services include technical assistance for the design and implementation of MSMD's Intra/Extra-net network**. The consulting services shall include: i) assessment of the current ICTE (Information and Communication Technology Equipment) within MSMD and the users needs and constraints for the intra/extra-net network; ii) conceptual design and prototype development of the intra/extra-net network; iii) assistance for the procurement of hardware and software; iv) final development /programming; v) deployment, supervision of installation and performance testing; vi) users training and system maintenance.

The Sustainable Management of Mineral Resources Project now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants must provide the information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc).

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers* (current edition).

Interested Consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours - 0800 to 1600 hours.

Expression of interest must be delivered to the address below not later than 1600 hours on 18th March, 2005.

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THE HOMIE FRONT

Fragments

By Safiya I. Dantiye, Woman Editor

A world without women

Men and women live together to complement each other; women with their soft side and men with their hard side. If I see a construction site or men pushing carts piled high with cartons or bags of rice or grains, I wonder how women will ever cope if there were no men in the world to do the heavy work. And I've been tempted to examine the irony of all female world for a while.

Then out of nowhere, one man told me that if there were no women in the world, it would have been a better place.

According to him, women pushed men into corruption by stealing money, (public or otherwise) because they are materialistic and vain.

He elaborated that women want to wear latest and expensive clothes. This is true, but if your husband can afford them, because if he cannot what can you do about it? Besides, men too wear expensive clothes, shoes and wrist watches, but they see nothing wrong with their 'vanity' because they buy the items themselves, as against women that most often than

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not, rely on a husband, father or brother to provide.

At any rate some women are sharp, and if they have observed that their husbands lavish money on themselves, they will assert themselves by wanting equally good things.

Of course there may be a few cases where men got into corruption in order to please their wives, I told the man, but some men prefer to stash their money away, far from the eyes of their wives and so provide only the basic needs for the family, but not to indulge the wives according to their means.

In fact many wives are not aware of how wealthy their husbands are until they die. Those that can't help it go on shopping spree and are dubbed merry widows.

Thereafter, may be men go into corruption for their own greediness rather than been instigated by their wives.

In any case a world without women is unimaginable; it will definitely be rowdy and rough, because the elements that soften the world are missing.

So instead of the world to be better off without women, it will be unsavory for the men folk. As men do the hard physical work they will miss the women who cook and clean. Some men are careless and throw their clothes all over the place, and they don't mop the bathroom, as such their wives are constantly tidying up after them. One cannot begin to imagine how filthy houses can be without women.

There was one woman who attended university and if she had late lectures, her husband would cook. She said even though she was grateful, she would rather he didn't cook because he would use many pots and bowls unnecessarily. Instead of her to rest since she would not cook, she ended up with a lot of washing-up and putting things into their proper places. This is just occasionally, what if it is permanent? Who would wash-up and keep the kitchen neat for him?

Moreover some men are fastidious, and I wonder who will be at the receiving end of their complain if there are no women, certainly not to their fellow men.

Though the general perception is that men do the hard work, but there are communities where women do the 'donkey' work while the men sit under shade or spend their time in beer parlours. The women are expected to do the men's work and also provide the feminine touch. In the absence of women such men must drag themselves and work.

What do the men feel about a world without women?

UNESCO relaunches 'Women Make the News'

To mark the International Women's Day on March 8, UNESCO's director general, Koichiro Matsuura, is launching for the fourth time the global initiative "Women Make the News".

In a statement made available to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), UNESCO is appealing to all media, producing daily news, to hand over editorial responsibility to women to cast the news on that day.

"Through this initiative, UNESCO emphasises the critical point that the news-room environment is changing in ways that require media managers to recognise the different talents women and men bring to the table," the statement said.

By failing to develop a greater understanding of what women bring to news organisations and by not making full use of their creative potential, intellectual capacities and leadership abilities, media executives tend to deny women

NGO organises workshop for women

By Aisha Umar, Reporter
(Women Desk)

A Non Governmental Organisation (NGO), Women Economic Empowerment Foundation (WEEF), has embarked on a 4-week workshop aimed at enhancing the standard of living in women and youth in the country.

The workshop which was held at Wuse II Abuja, within the week, sensitised women on cake making, design, pastries and home-made juice.

According to the coordinator of WEEF, Mrs. J. Nwanya, the aim of the training was also to lecture women on ribbon craft, balloon design, fresh and dry flower arrangement, fabric work, interior decoration, table decoration, hall decoration and lecture on estimation and costing among other.

Mrs. Nwanya said "apart from craft and cake icing decoration there are a number of basic principles which will help to ensure successful results every time."

She added "even though using good quality equipments and materials are compulsory, but in the training programme, the participants will find sound advice for the skills they want to acquire."

According to her, the training would help the participants to make a cake in order to suit perfectly the person or the occasion for which it has been made.

She further noted that the workshop was divided into two sessions for women and ladies alone, while the other session would include working mothers only.

the right to personal and professional growth.

Through this initiative, UNESCO emphasises another critical point, if women's potential in national development is to be utilised in full, societies need to do away with negative perceptions and attitudes that undermine the role of women in leadership in general, and in the media, in particular.

UNESCO appeals to both print and electronic media executives to double their efforts in the coverage of issues that will increase public awareness on the need to appoint and elect an equal number of women and men in decision-making levels according to the highest professional

standards.

"Women Make the News" seeks to encourage media organisations to promote equal and fair representation of all women by providing equal opportunities and by presenting a diversity of images which reflect more accurately contemporary society.

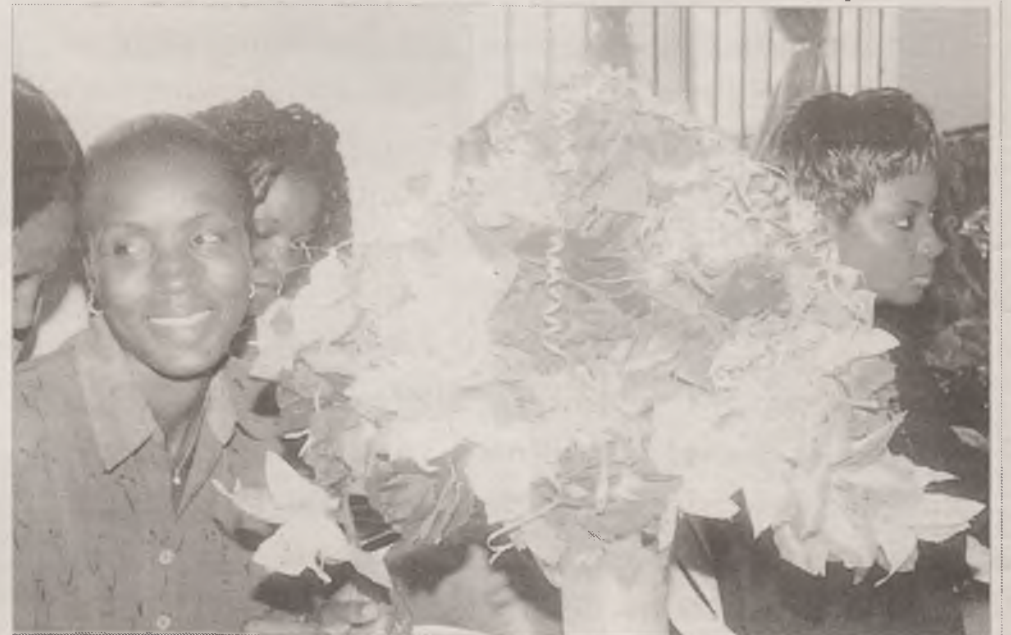
The statement said the initiative aimed at providing a platform for learning from each other's experiences and collaborating to design more effective policies to improve the status of women journalists in media enterprises by restoring core professional values and greater freedom of thought and expression.

"Women and the Media" is a cross-cutting issue that

affects all of the critical areas of concern as defined in the Beijing Platform for Action adopted by the Fourth UN World Conference on Women in 1995 which covered issues such as poverty, economic disparity, power sharing, violence, armed conflicts and human rights to education, health and the environment.

Moreover, a major development challenge regarding the implementation of the UN Millennium Project still remains the achievement of gender equality and women's empowerment.

Media could be instrumental in building the key foundations for moving ahead with the MDG agenda and for launching a renewed forces on its implementation.



A cross section of participants at the workshop

Confab: NAWOJ wants women delegates to canvass for affirmative action

The National Association of Women Journalists (NAWOJ) yesterday in Lagos asked delegates to the national political reform conference to strive to push for Nigeria's adoption of the 'Affirmative

Action.'

The country's domestication and ratification of the protocol, declared during the 1995 Beijing Women's Conference, would ensure that women occupied 30 per cent of elective and appointive positions.

NAWOJ President Toro Oladapo also urged the women delegates to point out that women empowerment did not involve waging war against men but seeking for ways of dismantling the age-long traditional and cultural practices, which had prevented women from realising their full potentials.

Oladapo said, in a statement in Lagos yesterday, that the delegates should ensure that issues on women's rights were properly enforced.

She said women should not allow their poor representation at the conference to dampen their spirit, stressing that any political reform that failed to address the issue of gender disparity was bound to fail.

She urged them to seize the opportunity to educate their male counterparts on the need to put a sizeable number of women in decision making positions.

"The whole world has come to realise that to facilitate development, efforts must be made to mainstream women into developmental programmes," she said.

She contended that the country would remain at her current level of development if women were continuously discriminated against.

Ghanaian beads production skills underway - Reports

A programme designed to create employment for the unemployed women in deprived areas throughout the country is underway.

Organised by Oguns Centre for Beads Research and Beads Museum to alleviate poverty through acquiring skills in beads production, 20 unemployed women will undergo a 19-day training workshop in each of the 230 constituencies nationwide.

At the launch of the programme yesterday, Mr. James K.N. Ogunlade, the founder of the Oguns Beads Museum, told news men that the programme which is under the theme, "Waste to Wealth" is meant to expose the participants to the economic potential of discarded items such as cow horn, broken bottles, sand,

sea shells, seeds, polythene.

According to him, these items which abound in large quantities are in most times not regarded serve as raw materials for beads jewellery.

He said his outfit had recently trained 20 unemployed women in Nugua, and added that the participants were taken through introduction and lecture on beads, basic design on beads carrying, bracelets, necklace, plastic bead making and flower vase made with beads.

He explained that the beneficiary participants would be assisted to market their products and be equipped with simple business and financial management skills.

Mr. Ogunlade stated that the beneficiary participants would also be provided with training materials, equipped and working tools at the end of the training.

THE HOME FRONT

Should men learn how to cook?

Food is an essential part of our life, and every living thing depends on food for survival. But unlike other living things, human beings make use of their common senses and talents in preparing food.

Traditionally, in almost all cultures, it is the women that cook for the family, and as soon as girls start growing, they are groomed to cook, in order to help their parents and for their eventual marriage, substantiating the popular saying that: "A woman's place is in the kitchen."

But in spite of this, some men find themselves in a situation where they have to cook; living alone in a strange town, when their wives travel, or give birth. So should men learn how to cook? The Home Front got people's views about the topic. Some men narrated the ordeal they suffered, because they couldn't cook, while some insisted that men should not learn to cook, because it is a woman's duty.

Excerpts:-
Mr. Ayodele Oni, a staff

By Aisha Umar, Reporter (Women Desk), Ndidiamaka Kanu, Emeahara Nkechi Hope, (Interns)

to take care of themselves without rushing to canteen day and night, pointing out that men who cook very well hardly spend their money in canteens. Mr. Oni admitted that he could cook very well and that when he was in school, he attracted many ladies with his cooking and they visited him to have a taste of it.

Rev. Dr. Akumobi advised that it was necessary for a man to know how to cook because some women could not cook ordinary jollof rice. He said, being the first son in his family, he knew how to cook through his mother, by watching her when she was cooking.

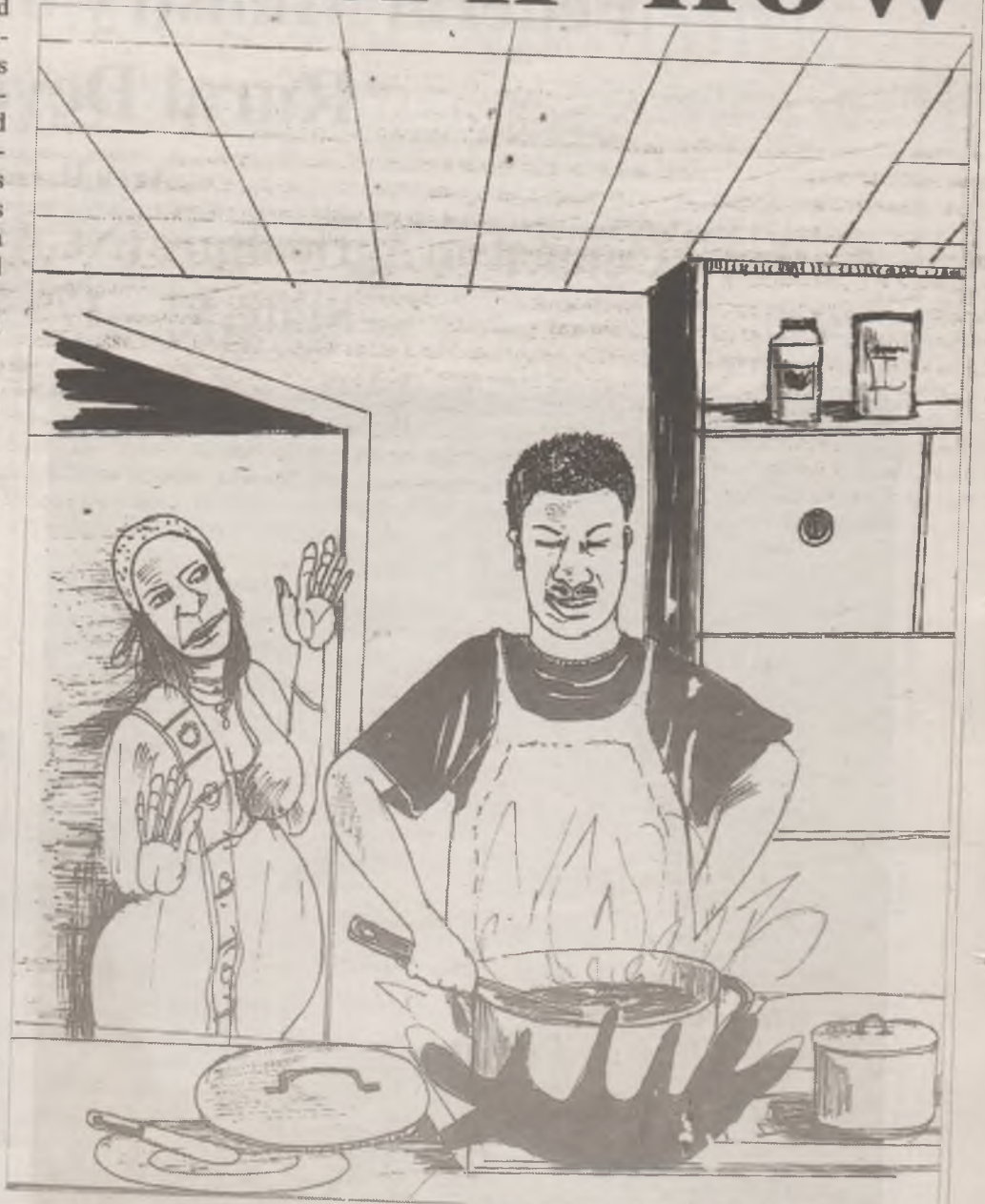
He said cooking should not be one-sided, the two parties should participate in cooking because it helped a lot. Men should know how to cook because as a married man, your wife may be sick or be pregnant and cannot cook. So you can help out.

eating in canteens, and found it very difficult taking three square meals daily. So he decided to invite his sister to come and stay with him and be cooking for him. He was always watching her when she was cooking and he became a good cook. He then called his wife back.

But for Mr. Amadi Chika, a business man, cooking was a pleasure, because he could already cook before he got married, and that now that he was married and the wife can cook, they have made cooking rotational.

Mr. Isika Nwachukwu, a chemical engineer, believed that men should take more interest in cooking, because according to him, when "you are a good cook, you cannot eat any food and it saves you from taking contaminated food." He advised that men should not say that cooking is for women alone, and they should stop feeling that they are beyond going to the kitchen and cooking.

He added that going from one hotel to another didn't help, pointing out that it was a pride for you to eat what you cooked whether it was delicious or not, insisting that cooking helped



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of National Population Commission, said it was good for a man to know how to cook, because sometimes as a married man, you could surprise your wife once in a while by cooking.

He added that, it gives men the chance to be able

Mr. Chinedu Osomadu, a businessman, said when he got married, he found out that his wife could not cook, so he was always complaining.

At a stage, he decided to send her home to go and learn how to cook. After the wife had gone home, he was

to save money.

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Mr. Bola Akintola, a staff of Bwari area council, maintained that he only helped his wife to cook when it was necessary and he didn't make it a point of duty.

He added that he cooks

very well and learnt it from his mother.

But Mr. Thompson Osagi, a civil servant, didn't believe that men should learn to cook. "It is a woman's duty to cook for her husband and not men learning how to cook. When a man tries to cook, I look at it as a man trying to take the position of a woman in a home. Men have their area of concentration in a home, so a man shouldn't in any way try to enter the kitchen for assistance," he insisted.

Mr. Emmanuel Obi, a teacher at Model Primary School, Bwari, maintained that he found it difficult to cook even though he could do it and that cooking should be done by women alone. Even when men know how to cook, it should be done by women, he said. "For example, when my wife gave birth to our second child, my mother-in-law did not come on time, the only thing I was doing for my wife was to

stay with the while she cooked," he explained.

Mr. Patrick Onye, a civil servant, argued that men should not learn how to cook, because to him, it would make them not to appreciate their wives' cooking. He believed that when a man knows how to cook, he will not appreciate his wife's cooking which would cause problem in the home.

Mr. Nduka, a teacher at Model primary school, Bwari, also believed that men should not learn how to cook, but when there was love, the man could help the woman in the kitchen with anything the dishes for her, while she was doing the main cooking.

Mr. Adeniyi Ajai, a staff of JAMB, pointed out that from the outset, women were known to serve or help their husbands; that a husband goes out to get the money for the cooking and therefore they shouldn't expect their husbands to go into the kitchen to cook.

DIARIES

... that need not cost a fortune

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National Council on Agriculture (NCA) 34th Regular meeting, Asaba, Delta State, 9th – 17th March, 2005



MALLAM ADAMU BELLO, FCIB
(*Dan Iyan Adamawa*)

Honourable Minister of Agric & Rural Development

The Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mallam Adamu Bello, FCIB, (*Dan Iyan Adamawa*) is pleased to invite commissioners in charge of Agriculture in the 36 State and the FCT, and all stakeholders in the agricultural sector to the 34th Regular Meeting of the National Council on Agriculture holding at Asaba, Delta State from march 9 – 17, 2005. The schedule of activities is as follows:

*** Wednesday 9th March, 2005:**

Arrival of Officials

*** Thursday and Friday, 10 & 11th March, 2005:**

Meeting of officials chaired by the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Agric and Rural Development.

*** Saturday & Sunday, 12th and 13th March, 2005:**

Secretariat work and facility visit to Agric projects in Delta State by officials.

*** Monday 14th, 2005:**

Launching Ceremony of Delta State "Live and Own A Farm" (LOAF) Project.

*** Tuesday & Wednesday, 15th and 16th march, 2005:**

Council meeting chaired by the Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development.

*** Venue:**

1. **NELROSE HOTEL, ASABA-** Meeting of officials
2. **GRAND HOTEL, ASABA -** Council Meeting

THE REVIVAL OF AGRICULTURE AND ATTAINMENT OF FOOD SECURITY ARE MAJOR ASPECTS IN THE REFORM AGENDA OF THIS ADMINISTRATION. JOIN US AS WE DELIBERATE ON WAYS TO MOVE THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR FORWARD.

Signed:

baba Ijo O. O. O. Ogunkua, OON, mni,
Permanent Secretary



THE PRESIDENCY
IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHITE PAPER ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION
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ALLOCATION OF ALTERNATIVE HOUSING UNITS TO OCCUPANTS OF THE DISPOSED
HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS, REEVE ROAD TOWERS AND LEGICO QUARTERS
ALLOCATION/OFFER TO PURCHASE

Further to our earlier publications and announcements in the print and electronic media, the Implementation Committee wishes to inform all legal occupants of (a) 1004 Estate, Victoria Island, (b) Eric Moore Towers, Surulere, (c) Mulliner Towers, Ikoyi, (d) Awolowo Road Towers, Ikoyi (e) Alagbón Towers (Ikoyi Towers), (f) Bar Beach Towers, (g) Reeve Road Towers Blocks D & E, and (h) Legico Quarters that houses have been allocated to them in Lagos and Abuja for purchase as listed hereunder. The letters of offer have been dispatched to the affected occupants through the Federal Controller of Housing, St. Gregory Road, Onikan, Lagos. The affected occupants are therefore requested to contact the Controller's Office for their letters.

The Implementation Committee is also making necessary arrangements through the Federal Ministry of Housing and Urban Development for mortgage to enable the affected occupants pay for the houses. Information on mortgage arrangements will soon be made available to the allottees.

As contained in the letter of offer, all occupants are expected to vacate their present accommodation not later than 31st March, 2005.

We wish to solicit the co-operation of the occupants to make this exercise hitch-free.

(Signed)

Prof. P.T. Ahire

Committee Secretary

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 5th Avenue, Block 20, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 8, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, D-Close, Block 6, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 Block 1, Flat 6, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
 5th Avenue, A-Close, Block 1, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 141 Road, Block 3, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 10, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 Block 1, Flat 5, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
 141 Road, Block 3, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 Block 2, Flat 3, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
 1st Avenue, D-Close, Block 3, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 5th Avenue, A-Close, Block 1, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 141 Road, Block 7, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 C59, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
 1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 8, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 C22, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
 Block 2, Flat 4, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 8, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 D40, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
 D38, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
 C21, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
 1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 8, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, L-Close, Block 2, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, D-Close, Block 5, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, D-Close, Block 5, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 1, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 B85, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
 1st Avenue, N-Close, Block 4, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, L-Close, Block 1, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 5th Avenue, Block 18, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, D-Close, Block 5, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 D37, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 1, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 C24, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
 1st Avenue, D-Close, Block 5, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 8, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 5th Avenue, Block 12, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 B88, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
 141 Road, Block 3, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 C25, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 10, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 8, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 D39, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
 1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 7, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, L-Close, Block 2, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 10, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 1, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 Block 1, Flat 2, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
 Block 1, Flat 1, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 8, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 Block 1, Flat 3, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
 C129, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
 1st Avenue, D-Close, Block 3, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 B86, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 10, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 5, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 7, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja

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 344 Atake Roli Mercy
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 Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs
 Nigeria Police Force
 Fed. Min. of Lab. & Prod.
 Federal Ministry of Hsg & Urb. Dev.
 Nigeria Customs Service
 Fed. Min. of Educ. (Kings College)
 Ministry of Defence
 Federal Ministry of Health
 NTA
 Federal Ministry of Finance
 Federal Ministry of Health
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 Ministry of Communication
 Ministry of Defence
 Public Complaints Commission
 Nigeria Immigration Service
 Federal Ministry of Health
 Department of Petroleum Resources
 NTA
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 NDLEA
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 Federal Ministry of Health
 NAFDAC
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 Federal Ministry of Education
 Federal Ministry of Justice
 Nigeria Customs Service
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 Nigeria Customs Service
 Standard Organisation of Nigeria
 Federal Inland Revenue Services
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 Federal Ministry of Hsg & Urb. Dev.
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 Ministry of Defence
 Federal Ministry of Works
 Fed. Min. of Agric. & Rural Dev.
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 Ministry of Defence
 Ministry of Defence
 Nigeria Immigration Service
 Fed. Min. of Infor. & Nat. Orient.
 Federal Ministry of Health
 Federal Ministry of Health
 State House
 Federal Ministry of Health
 Federal Inland Revenue Services
 Nigeria Police Force
 NDLEA
 Federal Ministry of Environment
 Nigeria Police Force
 Nigeria Customs Service
 Industrial Arbitration Panel
 Federal Ministry of Hsg & Urb. Dev.
 Federal Ministry of Finance
 Ministry of Defence
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 Federal Ministry of Justice
 Nigeria Customs Service
 Fed. Min. of Sports & Soc. Dev.
 Federal Ministry of Commerce
 Federal Ministry of Health
 Federal Ministry of Justice
 National Planning Commission
 Federal Office of Statistics, Lagos
 National Commission for Refugees
 SON
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 Federal Ministry of Education
 Ministry of Defence
 Federal Ministry of Health
 Nigeria Customs Service
 Federal Ministry of Works
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 Nigeria Customs Service
 SSS
 Federal Ministry of Health
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 Federal Ministry of Education
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 Federal Ministry of Finance
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 B87, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 5th Avenue, Block 12, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 Block 1, Flat 3, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
 C132, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 7, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 B84, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 4, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 4, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 5th Avenue, Block 10, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 2, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, N-Close, Block 1, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, N-Close, Block 7, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, L-Close, Block 10, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 Block 2, Flat 3, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
 D42, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 C134, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 1st Avenue, N-Close, Block 7, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 Block 2, Flat 5, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, D-Close, Block 6, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 4, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 3, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, N-Close, Block 7, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 Block 3, Flat 1, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
 Road 111, A-Close, Block 5, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 2, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 2, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, N-Close, Block 7, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 Block 1, Flat 1, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
 Road 141, Block 10, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, D-Close, Block 6, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, N-Close, Block 2, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 C30, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 C30, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 Road 111, A-Close, Block 5, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 2, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 C29, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 Road 141, Block 2, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 4, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 C28, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 5th Avenue, Block 10, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 C139, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 D43, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 3, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 B56, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 3, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, D-Close, Block 6, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 5, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, N-Close, Block 2, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 C46, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 1st Avenue, L-Close, Block 8, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 5, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 5th Avenue, Block 12, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 B99, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 1st Avenue, 45th Road, Block 1, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 5th Avenue, Block 5, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 C27, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 Block 1, Flat 2, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
 Road 111, A-Close, Block 5, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 5th Avenue, Block 3, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 D44, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 1st Avenue, N-Close, Block 12, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 D48, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 2, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 5th Avenue, Block 5, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 5, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, N-Close, Block 4, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, N-Close, Block 2, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, D-Close, Block 6, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, N-Close, Block 2, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 B89, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 2, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 C26, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 B57, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 1st Avenue, D-Close, Block 7, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, 45 Road, Block 3, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, D-Close, Block 6, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 3, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 C124, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 1st Avenue, D-Close, Block 7, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, L-Close, Block 6, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 5th Avenue, Block 20, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, L-Close, Block 2, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 C125, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 10, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 5, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 Block 2, Flat 4, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
 1st Avenue, N-Close, Block 2, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, L-Close, Block 3, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, N-Close, Block 2, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 4, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, L-Close, Block 1, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 5, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 D47, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 45 Road, Block 3, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 D46, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 B90, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 C127, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 5, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 Block 3, Flat 2, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
 D12, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 3, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 5th Avenue, Block 18, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 2, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 3, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 3, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 C126, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 C128, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 1st Avenue, L-Close, Block 6, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 Block 2, Flat 6, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
 5th Avenue, Block 5, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 5th Avenue, Block 10, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 C109, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 Block 5, Flat 1, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 4, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 C82, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 4, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 C111, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 Block 3, Flat 6, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
 C83, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 1st Avenue, L-Close, Block 4, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, D-Close, Block 7, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 C31, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 4, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, J-Close, Block 2, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 5, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 4, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 Block 3, Flat 3, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
 Block 2, Flat 2, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, D-Close, Block 7, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 Block 5, Flat 2, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
 Block 2, Flat 1, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
 Block 3, Flat 5, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 5, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 C42, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 Block 3, Flat 4, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
 C35, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 C16, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 111 Road, A-Close, Block F, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 C110, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 4, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 5, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 C37, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 D20, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 Block 3, Flat 1, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
 C106, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 4, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 C107, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 3, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 5th Avenue, Block 10, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, D-Close, Block 7, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 Block 4, Flat 2, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
 C108, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 C43, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 1st Avenue, N-Close, Block 1, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, J-Close, Block 3, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 B58, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
 1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 3, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, 45 Road, Block 1, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 3, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
 1st Avenue, D-Close, Block 8, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja

455	(Mrs.) I. I. Ideva	Ministry of Defence
456	Nassir A. M. Lawal	Federal Ministry of Justice
457	(Mrs.) Augusta Maduegbuna	SSS
458	(Mrs.) Maryam Suleiman	NTA
459	Nuru Ibrahim	Federal Mortgage Bank
460	Monilola Abudu Olufunmilayo	Nigeria Customs Service
461	(Mrs.) Theresa R. T. Ojigbo	NTA
462	Supo Babalola	Public Complaints Commission
463	(Miss.) Ogochukwu Ufoegbune	NTA
464	Victor Olusola	Federal Ministry of Education
465	Hassan S. Kazir	SSS
466	Charles Oerhe Ebun-Amu	NDLEA
467	Oke Kehinde Omolola	NDLEA
468	Damboama Baba	OHCSF
469	Mohammed Manga	Nigeria Customs Service
470	Peace Ibekwe Abdallah (Miss.)	Ministry of Defence
471	Stella Omatayo Idowu-Deifa (Mrs.)	Nigeria Police
472	Asanat Iyabo Ipaye	Nigeria Police
473	Adamu Usman	Nigeria Police
474	Beatrice Uzoamaka Nwafor	Nigeria Police
475	Alfred Olukayode Edun	Nigeria Customs Service
476	Ada Nkiruka Okoli	Federal Ministry of Justice
477	Mamudu Rahimat Lametu (Mrs.)	Federal Ministry of Transport
478	Onyia Obiageli	Federal Ministry of Finance
479	Suleiman Kabir M.	Fed. Min. of Sci. & Tech.
480	Musa Kallamu M.	Ministry of Defence
481	Ayinde Ikechi R.	Nigeria Immigrations Service
482	Amiratu Atta (Mrs.)	Ministry of Defence
483	Iya Umar A.	Ministry of Aviation
484	Adebanjo Ayodeji F.	Nigeria Customs Service
485	Anthony Oklobia O.	Ministry of Police Affairs
486	Sule Kareem O.	Nigeria Immigrations Service
487	Gangua H. I.	Federal Ministry of Hsg & Urb. Dev.
488	Eti-Ukwu Anthony	Nigeria Customs Service
489	Ahmed Dahiru Bullar	Ministry of Defence
490	Oyadongha Baiye Oiza	Nigeria Customs Service
491	M. I. Okon	Fed. Min. of Educ. (Kings College)
492	Obi Joseph Chukwukere	FMHUD
493	Okodugha M. Q. Mrs.	NDLEA
494	Dr. Onuekwusi T. U.	Federal Ministry of Health
495	Rakiya Zubairu	Ministry of Defence
496	Uyigbe Aiyela A. B. M. (Mrs.)	NTA
497	Nwoko Joseph Osahaenye	Presidency
498	Okoli O. I. (Mrs.)	Federal Ministry of Education
499	Betty Iheabunike	Nigeria Customs Service
500	Taiye Abdul Imam	NTA
501	Olusiyi Clarice Ifedun Ms.	Ministry of Defence
502	Ogobodo Desmond C.	Federal Ministry of Education
503	Iweriebor Elejo	SSS
504	Abubakar s. Altine	Federal Ministry of Transport
505	Ajuwon T. A. (Mrs.)	Nigeria Customs Service
506	Dada M. O. (Mrs.)	Fed. Min. of Infor. & Nat. Orient.
507	Shaahu R. Terfa	Federal Ministry of Works
508	Adebisi M. O.	Nigeria Customs Service
509	Okunade L. T.	Federal Ministry of Health
510	Zachaeus K. M.	NDLEA
511		Federal Inland Revenue Services

1st Avenue, 45 Road, Block 1, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, 45 Road, Block 3, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 3, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
Block 4, Flat 1, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
1st Avenue, J-Close, Block 3, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, A-Close, Block 7, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, D-Close, Block 8, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
Block 5, Flat 3, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, A-Close, Block 7, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 11, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 1, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
C114, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
D50, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
C113, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
B59, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
5th Avenue, Block 10, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
Block 5, Flat 6, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, 45 Road, Block 3, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, A-Close, Block 7, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 1, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 5, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 3, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 3, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
B60, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
Block 5, Flat 4, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 5, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
C115, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
C38, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 3, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, J-Close, Block 7, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 11, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
Block 5, Flat 5, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, 45 Road, Block 3, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 1, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, L-Close, Block 5, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
5th Avenue, Block 18, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
C142, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
C141, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 1, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
Block 4, Flat 4, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
Block 4, Flat 3, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
Block 11, Flat 2, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
C12, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
1st Avenue, D-Close, Block 8, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 11, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
Block 4, Flat 6, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 11, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
C116, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
C39, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
1st Avenue, N-Close, Block 7, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, D-Close, Block 8, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
B92, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
C112, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
C40, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
Block 4, Flat 5, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
5th Avenue, A-Close, Block 2, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
5th Avenue, Block 20, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja

RELOCATION OF FORMER OCCUPANTS OF MULLINER ROAD TOWER, IKOYI

S/NO	NAME OF OCCUPANT	MINISTRY/DEPARTMENT
1	(Mrs.) Florence C. Okagbue	SON
2	Williams Rosemary	Fed. Min. of Infor. & Nat. Orient.
3	Tobi Edna Deimi	Federal Ministry of Hsg. & Urb. Dev.
4	Mbogu Nwanyize	Fed. Min. of Lab. & Prod.
5	(Mrs.) Ibilola M. Ogundepo	OHCSF
6	(Mrs.) Chioma N. Amajoh	Federal Ministry of Health
7	(Mrs.) Omorogieg A. E. Ileka	Federal Ministry of Education
8	(Mrs.) Ganiyat A. Alabi	Fed. Min. of Agric. & Rur. Dev.
9	(Mrs.) Grace O. Mowoe	Federal Ministry of Justice
10	Isaac R. Famwang	Ministry of Defence
11	Isa Talatu Mako	Nigeria Customs Service
12	Abdul Samira H	Ministry of Defence
13	M. N. Tilley-Gyado	Federal Ministry of Education

PROPOSED HOUSE FOR PURCHASE
5th Avenue, Block 22, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
5th Avenue, Block 22, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
D6, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
5th Avenue, Block 22, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
Road 111, A-Close, Block 5, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
Block 9, Flat 2, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
Block 9, Flat 1, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
Road 111, A-Close, Block 5, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
5th Avenue, Block 22, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
B55, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
5th Avenue, Block 3, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
5th Avenue, Block 22, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, F-Close, Block 1, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja

RELOCATION OF FORMER OCCUPANTS OF AWOLOWO ROAD TOWER, IKOYI

S/NO	NAME OF OCCUPANT	MINISTRY/DEPARTMENT
1	Kio Solomon A.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2	Ososami Comfort M.	Ministry of Defence
3	Suwebat Ajiun K. (Mrs.)	Fed. Min. of Infor. & Nat. Orient.
4	Kuranga Oba Suleiman	SSS
5	Maduekwe Chinyere	Presidency
6	Emmanuel Inemesit	SSS
7	Esue Felicia Elezegbe (Mrs.)	Federal Ministry of Health
8	Udemezue Grace	SSS
9	Adewusi Oluwole A.	SSS
10	Bolanle F. Olobinjo	SSS
11	Simeon O. Omonijo	SSS
12	(Miss.) Ene Grace Ebele	Federal Ministry of Education
13	Odufewa Adeyinka A.	SSS
14	Akindele Samuel Olufemi	SSS
15	Achika Felicia (Mrs.)	Fed. Min. of Educ. (Kings College)
16	Uwaleke Florence	SSS
17	Bassey Joseph	SSS
18	Duvie Ekioja Evarist	SSS
19	Ibrahim G. U.	Nigeria Customs Service
20	Egbedun Funmilayo Suzan	SSS
21	Egbeji Didacus	SSS
22	Immaculata Bassey	SGF

PROPOSED HOUSE FOR PURCHASE
1st Avenue, J-Close, Block 6, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, J-Close, Block 6, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
C51, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
1st Avenue, J-Close, Block 5, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
C52, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
1st Avenue, J-Close, Block 5, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, J-Close, Block 6, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, J-Close, Block 5, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, J-Close, Block 6, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, J-Close, Block 5, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, J-Close, Block 6, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
C50, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
1st Avenue, J-Close, Block 5, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, J-Close, Block 4, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, J-Close, Block 6, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
C130, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
C54, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
B94, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
C53, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
C49, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
1st Avenue, J-Close, Block 6, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
C137, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja

RELOCATION OF FORMER OCCUPANTS OF ALAGBON (2ND AVENUE) TOWERS (BLOCKS A, B & C), IKOYI

S/NO	NAME OF OCCUPANT	MINISTRY/DEPARTMENT
1	Ahmed O. Sulu Gambari	Nigeria Immigrations Service
2	(Mrs.) Mercy Ibrahim	Ministry of Defence
3	(Mrs.) J. O. Garba-Ashiwaju	Ministry of Defence
4	(Mrs.) V. A. Sonariwo	Nigerian Law School
5	Gold Oru	NTA
6	(Mrs.) P. A. Ajanya	Federal Ministry of Transport
7	Akindura F. O. (Mrs.)	Nigeria Customs Service
8	Adebowale Y	Federal Ministry of Hsg & Urb. Dev.
9	(Mrs.) Maureen O. Browne	OHCSF
10	Dr. Christopher N. Agboli	Fed. Min. of Infor. & Nat. Orient.
11	Mr Adamu Kazir	Nigeria Customs Service
12	Fakrocha Meruyu	OHCSF
13	Diran Onifade	NTA
14	Mohammed Babandede	Nigeria Customs Service
15	(Miss.) Ilemi Okoka	FRCN
16	Mohammed B. Ibrahim	Fed. Min. of Sci. & Tech.
17	Mariam Usman Oyeleke	OHCSF
18	Alh. Y. Abdullahi	Federal Ministry of Transport
19	Abdulmumin Bako	Nigeria Customs Service
20	Dimka Victor D.	Nigeria Customs Service
21	Bello Onilenla Tunde	Ministry of Federal Capital Territory
22	Mohammed Kalu	Ministry of Defence
23	Ogbue Nnamdi A.	Federal Ministry of Aviation
24	Usman Maidama	Nigeria Customs Service
25	(Mrs.) Jacinta O. Amusa - Eke	Ministry of Defence
26	Charles I. Okoro	SON
27	(Mrs.) Susan Eyum Giwa	Nigeria Customs Service
28	Abiodun F. Salami	Fed. Min. of Sci. & Tech.
29	Dr. T. Edem	NIA
30	Abubakar Ladan	Nigeria Customs Service
31	Chukwudebe Okoh	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
32	(Mrs.) Bolatito A. Laditan	Ministry of Defence
33	Tahir Mohammed I.	Nigeria Customs Service

PROPOSED HOUSE FOR PURCHASE
5th Avenue, A-Close, Block 2, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
5th Avenue, A-Close, Block 2, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
Block 2, Flat 3, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
Block 8, Flat 3, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
D8, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
D23, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
5th Avenue, A-Close, Block 2, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
D3, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
Block 7, Flat 4, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
Block 2, Flat 1, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
C56, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
C57, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
Block 2, Flat 2, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
C60, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
C9, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
Block 8, Flat 1, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
5th Avenue, A-Close, Block 2, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
Block 4, Flat 1, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, H-Close, Block 1, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
C58, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
C48, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
5th Avenue, A-Close, Block 22, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
D11, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
C61, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
5th Avenue, A-Close, Block 2, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
Block 8, Flat 2, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
C62, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
Block 3, Flat 3, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
Block 4, Flat 2, Bonny 'B', CITEC Site, Gwarinpa, Abuja
C63, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
Block 8, Flat 4, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
C23, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
C65, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja

RELOCATION OF FORMER OCCUPANTS OF BAR BEACH TOWERS, VICTORIA ISLAND

S/NO	NAME OF OCCUPANT	MINISTRY/DEPARTMENT
1	Adedoyin Moradeyo	Federal Ministry of Hsg. & Urb. Dev.
2	Egbeyemi Jokotade O.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
3	(Mrs.) Bakrin Esther Olushola	Federal Ministry of Education
4	Akinbisehin Soledayo R.	Nigeria Police
5	Enwezenor F. C. (Mrs)	Nigeria Customs Service
6	(Miss.) Mamven M. Elsie	Ministry of Aviation
7	Waziri Sanni A.	NDLEA
8	Tajudeen Atanda Akinlolu	Federal Ministry of Hsg. & Urb. Dev.
9	P. Idornigie	Federal Ministry of Justice
10	Igwe Cordelia	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
11	T. A. Musa	Nigeria Customs Service
12	Agnes Alami Akagu	Fed. Min. of Agric. & Rural Dev.
13	(Mrs.) Jummai Damisa	Nigeria Immigrations Service
14	M. A. Adebayo	Federal Ministry of Finance
15	O. K. Johnson	Federal Ministry of Hsg. & Urb. Dev.
16	(Mrs.) E. D. Akpaoko	Federal Ministry of Hsg. & Urb. Dev.
17	Okolo Cynthia Adaora	OHCSF
18	Egbuna Patricia Awele	Ministry of Defence
19	Omughelli Imodu	Nigeria Police
20	Olumuyiwa Idowu	Federal Ministry of Hsg. & Urb. Dev.
21	Sanvala Varzoa Shimbura	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
22	Ogbonna Chukwudi G.	Nigeria Customs Service
23	Tukur Mustapha Njidda	Nigeria Immigrations Service
24	(Mrs.) Mary Gwamkat Garba	Nigeria Customs Service
25	Feyisola Bodele Adesunloye Moore	Fed. Min. of Agric. & Rural Dev.
26	Dauda Ashigye	Nigeria Customs Service
27	(Mrs.) Hauwa-Kulu Akinyemi	Fed. Min. of Sports & Soc. Dev.
28	(Mrs.) Rosemary Emeokokon	Federal Ministry of Education
29	Azubiike Nonyelum Ifeyinwa (Mrs.)	Federal Ministry of Health

PROPOSED HOUSE FOR PURCHASE
1st Avenue, B-Close, Block 5, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
C90, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
1st Avenue, B-Close, Block 4, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
C91, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
C102, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
1st Avenue, B-Close, Block 2, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
C101, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
Block 6, Flat 3, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
1st Avenue, B-Close, Block 4, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
B95, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
Block 6, Flat 4, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
C88, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
C95, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
Block 7, Flat 1, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
1st Avenue, D-Close, Block 8, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, N-Close, Block 1, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, B-Close, Block 5, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
C97, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
C99, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
1st Avenue, B-Close, Block 5, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, N-Close, Block 1, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
C87, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
C100, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
C93, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
1st Avenue, B-Close, Block 2, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
C94, CITEC Estate, Mbor, Abuja
1st Avenue, B-Close, Block 5, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
Block 7, Flat 2, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
1st Avenue, B-Close, Block 2, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja

31	Mowah edgar
32	(Mrs.) Bridget Ojoku
33	Mrs. Karal
34	Khobe Kato Mazwai
35	Oloya Anthony Chudi
36	Danikoro N. N. Ezekiel
37	(Mrs.) Christiana R. Adamu
38	Abdumageed Yabagi I.
39	Abdulkadir Tijani Bappaye
40	N. J. Okaka-Egbuna
41	(Mrs.) Obajimi Gloria Abimbola
42	Adesoye Olufemi Gabriel
43	(Mrs.) F. Hajju Abdulkadir
44	Ucha Nwoga (Mrs.)
45	K. N. Abuah
46	Aureolu Umar Farouq
47	Dr. Dick Ezobbe
48	Odita Alex Omearazu
49	Maryam M. Zurni
50	Adelunji Julius Babatunde
51	Dr. (Mrs.) Iromatu O. Felicia
52	Taninu Alhaji
53	Mrs. A. W. Ediae

RELOCATION OF FORMER OCCUPANTS OF ERIC MOORE TOWERS, SURULERE (BLOCKS A, B, C, D, E, & F)

S/NO	NAME OF OCCUPANT
1	Mrs. F. I. Nwosu
2	(Mrs.) Iyabo O. Alabi
3	Achi Emmanuel Anthony
4	Sajou Joseph Joda
5	Ekaette Ekaaba O.
6	Fayemio Bukola Opeyemi
7	Anuforo R. Chirao
8	Jonathan Chima Onyeri
9	Fabi Toyin Folami
10	(Mrs.) Theresa D. Akpan
11	Mika Aniefok Bessey
12	Dideno-Sogun N. Y. O.
13	Olubodun J. Adagboro
14	Arogundade Rasheed
15	Emmanuel Olanrewaju Uwallo
16	Jaji O. Komisola
17	Okobionun Olusegun Vama
18	Idris Olubola Musa
19	(Mrs.) Stella Uchenna Majekwu
20	Victoria Ubana
21	Alkan Omoabio Udeme
22	Titus Mordakai
23	Dr. Arogundade R.
24	Omodami Adamola Isaac
25	Razaq Olajiwola Ojo-Osi
26	(Mrs.) M. O. Oshembor
27	Dr. Nicholas Ohaya
28	Olanbigbe M. Adeyemi
29	Wushishi Lami A
30	(Mrs.) Patricia Bechukwu
31	Damiris Ma'Aj
32	Augusta Osemone
33	Ekaize Evaristus O.
34	Yusuf Lateef O.
35	Oche Clement E.
36	Ishwale Omochalawa
37	Oluwami Adanika Oladayo
38	Maxim Agbola Alakija
39	Sulaiman Alhaji Isa
40	Awasen Alimzila

MINISTRY/DEPARTMENT
Federal Ministry of Arts & Culture
Ministry of Police Affairs
Nigeria Customs Service
Nigeria Police
Ministry of Federal Capital Territory
Nigeria Immigration Service
Ministry of Defence
Federal Ministry of Works
Federal Ministry of Hsg. & Urb. Dev.
Ministry of Defence
OHCSF
Federal Ministry of Education
Federal Ministry of Hsg. & Urb. Dev.
LUTH
Federal Ministry of Culture & Tourism
Ministry of Commerce
Federal Ministry of Hsg. & Urb. Dev.
Federal Ministry of Environment
Federal Ministry of Environment
Nigeria Immigration Service
Fed. Min. of Labour & Prod.
The Presidency
Federal Ministry of Health
Federal Ministry of Hsg. & Urb. Dev.
Federal Ministry of Hsg. & Urb. Dev.
Federal Ministry of Health
Ministry of Defence
Nigeria Customs Service
Ministry of Defence
Federal Ministry of Culture & Tourism
Presidency
Federal Office of Statistics
Federal Ministry of Finance
Nigeria Immigration Service
Public Complaint Commission
OHCSF
Federal Ministry of Hsg. & Urb. Dev.
SON
Presidency

PROPOSED HOUSE FOR PURCHASE
1st Avenue, N-Close, Block 2, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, J-Close, Block 4, Flat A, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
C74, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
D21, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
C138, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
C75, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
1st Avenue, J-Close, Block 4, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
Block 6, Flat 2, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
B93, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
1st Avenue, J-Close, Block 4, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
C17, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
C73, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
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1st Avenue, L-Close, Block 4, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, L-Close, Block 8, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
D22, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
1st Avenue, J-Close, Block 5, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, L-Close, Block 4, Flat F, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, J-Close, Block 4, Flat C, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
1st Avenue, L-Close, Block 4, Flat E, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
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Block 5, Flat 3, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
C13, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
Block 5, Flat 1, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
5th Avenue, Block 18, Flat B, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
C79, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
C70, CITEC Estate, Mboru, Abuja
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Block 5, Flat 4, Fed. Hsg. Estate, Abesan IV, Lagos
1st Avenue, L-Close, Block 4, Flat D, Fed. Hsg. Est., Gwarinpa, Abuja
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3	Shehu Sule Alhaji
4	Fagbeyiro Pius Okabode
5	Suleiman Abbas Onimisi
6	Bosah Cordelia Uchenna
7	Onubogu Ekaoma
8	Ralph Ayodeji Kolawole
9	Akinsomun Festus Olu
10	Njoku Banaventure
11	Ngwu Chiamasaotata
12	Boyllia N. Binga
13	Oketayo Ovhon Nelson
14	Oyeyele Emiloje
15	Samuel A. B. Olayode
16	Nathaniel Huen

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Block 4, Flat 3, Fed. Hsg. Est., Abesan IV, Lagos
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2	Eunice Rotimi Lawal
3	Abubakar Maidawa
4	Ondessi Tina
5	(Mrs.) Omwukoro Chinyere
6	Bernadette Olorun
7	Alhaji Boyi Aminu
8	Timothy A. Bakare
9	Iwediwo Patricia
10	Godwin Odim N.
11	Badru Eliazoon
12	Alexander Ogunla
13	Amina Mohammed Abdurraheem
14	(Mrs.) Ogulike Celestina
15	Oshiru Ismaila
16	(Mrs.) R. E. Odioso
17	(Mrs.) Oluwase Caroline
18	Maria Oluwo
19	Ogundare Michael
20	Akinjaya Bolanle T.
21	Shuaibu Mohammed
22	Peter Ocho
23	Madunuba Obiageli
24	Owa Emilian Bisi
25	(Mrs.) F. I. Omotosho (formerly Durosinni-Eti)
26	(Mrs.) Ajoku M. Uchechukwu
27	Muhammed Awalu Giade
28	Obeloni Mba
29	Lilika Isah Mohammed
30	(Mrs.) Agnes Emmanuel
31	Ayo Grace Isanga
32	Ahmed Mohammed
33	Theresa Tyosusue T.
34	Nitose Martha Effiong
35	Audu Johnson
36	(Mrs.) Uche C. Maria
37	Abu Josephine
38	Uba Musa Abubakar
39	(Mrs.) G. Ima Oguna
40	Ulusawa Odinokachi
41	Saliyu Florence Adesayo
42	Garba Mohammed
43	(Mrs.) F. Ninka Nyananu
44	(Mrs.) F. E. Anokwu
45	(Mrs.) Omotara Ezekiel
46	Mary C. Oloru
47	Adeyemi Gboyega S.
48	Wong Ekogor Livinus
49	Apeli Innocent S.
50	Agbonla Bolanle F.
51	(Mrs.) Caroline O. Bamidele
52	Ibrahim Tukur
53	A. Onyachere
54	Oluwatunmbayo Keshinro
55	(Mrs.) F. Obiageli Ogbodo
56	Mbilatan Ndubuisi
57	Ishaga Saidu
58	Ori Adesoji Olanrewaju
59	Igbinedion Cecilia
60	Agbaosi Biodun
61	Oyewole Folashade Taiwo
62	Saliu Akanbi
63	Ayodeji Y. Yahaya
64	Ali Ibrahim
65	(Mrs.) Augustina Aninye
66	Osokipitan Taiwo Sunday
67	Michael Otiwa Otiye
68	Bamgbaiye Jimoh K.
69	(Mrs.) Veronica C. Mbatia
70	(Mrs.) Monica U. Ogozo
71	(Mrs.) Maryam A. Saliyu
72	Lawal M. Gino
73	(Mrs.) C. Ederibhalo
74	G. Plus Udoh
75	Samsi O. Olanrewaju
76	Falunbi S. Michael
77	Bachor Freeman
78	(Mrs.) Joy Ege
79	(Mrs.) Ederibhalo

RELOCATION OF FORMER OCCUPANTS OF LEGICO QUARTERS, VICTORIA ISLAND

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Federal Ministry of Works
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Ministry of Internal Affairs
Fed. Min. of Agric. & Rural Dev.
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Ministry of Defence
Federal Ministry of Works
Federal Inland Revenue Services
Ministry of Defence
Fed. Min. of Agric. & Rural Dev.
Nigeria Customs Service
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Federal Ministry of Hsg. & Urb. Dev.
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Federal Ministry of Commerce
Federal Ministry of Works
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Federal Ministry of Education
Federal Ministry of Hsg. & Urb. Dev.
Federal Ministry of Justice
Ministry of Defence
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Federal Civil Service Commission
Federal Ministry of Health
Federal Ministry of Works
Ministry of Defence
Federal Ministry of Environment
Federal Ministry of Finance
Federal Ministry of Hsg. & Urb. Dev.
Federal Ministry of Education
Nigeria Immigration Service
Ministry of Defence
Federal Ministry of Hsg. & Urb. Dev.
Fed. Min. of Agric. & Rural Dev.
Ministry of Defence
Federal Ministry of Works
Court of Appeal (Judiciary)
Fed. Min. of Agric. & Rural Dev.
Federal Ministry of Works
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Nigeria Prisons Service
Presidency
Federal Ministry of Works
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APPRECIATION



Bauchi State Governor, Adamu Mu'azu (left) and his Delta State counterpart James Ibori set for the commissioning of some projects as part of Adamu's two-day visit to Delta State

The two day State Visit undertaken by me and members of my delegation to your State, Delta the Big Heart, has afforded us the opportunity of seeing first hand the gains of Democracy achieved under your leadership in Delta State. We have seen the record of consistent growth and responsiveness in addressing the problems of Development in all strata's.

While we salute your courage, in executing projects which have direct bearing on the lives of your people, I wish to record our gratitude and appreciation, particularly, to your Excellency for extending such an invitation to me in particular and the people of Bauchi State in general. This gesture has certainly opened a new chapter in the relationship between our two States which is the beginning of understanding and mutual cooperation that will lead to greater prospects for our people.

We also extend our appreciation, to the entire member's of your State Executive Council, the State House of Assembly, Our loyal Party men and women, Local Government Chairmen, our Royal Fathers and all the stakeholders, particularly the School Children that defied the sun to welcome us whole heartedly. Our appreciation also goes to the media, and the entire good people of Delta State for a wonderful, historic, memorable and certainly, unforgettable visit to Delta - the Big Heart.

May Almighty Allah, grant us the power and ability to reciprocate this brotherly reception. May He also build a bridge of understanding and peaceful coexistence between our people through this type of fraternal exchanges. May it lead to the creation of a new bond of brotherhood across the length and breath of this country where a new Nigerian whose culture is the acceptance of a national feeling of being a true Nigerian anywhere he finds himself.

Your Excellency, once more accept our sincere, humble and affectionate appreciation and goodwill on this historic display of solidarity, love and genuine brotherhood.

Signed

**AHMADU ADAMU MU'AZU
EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, BAUCHI STATE**

ABUJA TRUST



Traders boarding a lorry going out of Karmo Market, which holds every Tuesday.

Pix: Felix Onigbinde.

Plateau fraud: Woman gets bail

An Abuja Chief Magistrates' Court has granted bail to Josephine Williams, who is standing trial for allegedly duping the Plateau State government of N10 million.

The accused, who is a resident of Number 696, Ubiaya Crescent, Garki, Abuja, was arraigned on a four-count charge of criminal conspiracy, attempt to commit an offence, cheating and impersonation.

She was said to have conspired with others still at large, to forge a Corporate Affairs Commission's registration form in the name of "Gede International."

Prosecuting police officer, DSP Ibrahim Bako, earlier told Magistrate Othman Musa that the accused falsely presented herself as a representative of "Gede Foundation."

Gede Foundation is a NGO founded by Mrs. Jamila Atiku, wife of Vice President Atiku Abubakar.

Bako said the accused pre-

sented themselves as agents of the organisation to Governor Joshua Dariye and officials of the state government, soliciting for assistance.

The prosecution said that the accused forwarded a letter purportedly signed by Mrs. Atiku, requesting for financial assistance for the said foundation.

He claimed that the governor approved N10 million for the organisation, which the accused dishonestly received on behalf of Mrs. Atiku.

According to him, the case was reported by one Mr. John Dara'a, a protocol officer to Dariye on February 1, 2005.

The prosecution said the accused's action caused a wrongful loss to the state government and a wrongful gain to themselves, adding that the action contravened the penal code.

When the case was first mentioned on February 21, 2005 the accused pleaded not guilty to the charges and ruling on defence counsel's application for bail was reserved till last Wednesday.

In his ruling, Magistrate Musa granted the accused bail in the sum of N5 million, with a surety in like sum and adjourned the case to April 12, 2005 for hearing.

Deaf protest non-inclusion in confab

The National Association of the Deaf today staged a peaceful protest over their non-inclusion as delegates at the on-going National Political Reform Conference.

The protesters numbering about 100 stormed the International Conference Centre, venue of the conference to lodge their complaints.

However, stern looking policemen at the entrance prevented the protesters from entering into the premises instead allowed two of them inside to speak with the principal officers of the conference.

Some of their placards read: "Mr. President, appoint our representatives to the

conference", "Over two million deaf Nigerians demand Justice" and "All we are saying let there be justice and fair play."

Speaking through an interpreter, the national president of the association, Mr. Jonathan Tinat, said that the association frowned at the non-inclusion of their members in the conference in spite of their numerical strength.

"In the conference, we have the blind, the physically disabled but not a single deaf person," he said.

Tinat said that the association had written a petition to President Olusegun Obasanjo, the National As-

sembly, the chairman of the conference, Justice Niki Tobi and Prof Jerry Gana among others but did not receive any response.

However, one of the physically disabled delegates to the conference,

Miss Olanike Akinbola, said the deaf were represented at the conference.

"They are not left out of this arrangement as their interest is being protected," she stressed.

When contacted, the sec-

retary of the conference, Rev. Father Matthew Kukah said: "I have nothing to say on the matter".

Meanwhile, the protesters have vowed that they would not leave the vicinity until their demand was met.

FCDA inaugurates c'ttee to investigate Wuse Market

The FCT administration has inaugurated a seven-man committee to dig into the root cause of the proliferation of the old Wuse Market, identify individuals or organisations involved and recommend punitive measures.

Inaugurating the committee on Wednesday in his office, the co-ordinating executive secretary, FCDA, Engr. Sani Alhassan, stated that the issue of attachments into the original numbers of the designated shops kept re-occurring because culprits were not dealt with.

Engr. Alhassan disclosed that it is very necessary for rules to be followed in an organised society and maintained that the demolition of attachment at the old Wuse Market was not done to make life uncomfortable for residents.

He added that the demolition of old Wuse Market and Bakassi was a serious attempt in sanitizing markets in the FCT.

The committee members drawn from the non-governmental sector, EFCC, Nigeria police, ALPDC, Department of Development Control in the FCDA, had Kosamat Bolaji Amibolowo as the chairman. The committee has two weeks to

By Nasir Imam, (Property & Environ Editor)

complete its assignment.

The chairman of the com-

A new sector commander has been appointed for the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) Federal Capital Territory command.

The new sector commander, Mr. Jones Agwu, deputy corps marshal, was until his present appointment the sector commander in

charge of Imo State. He assumed duties on February 23, 2005 and promised to reposition the FCT command through intensive and aggressive public enlighten-

described those affected by the demolition exercise as those who refused to heed the warning of the authority.

FCT gets new FRSC boss

By Benjamin Auta, Crime Reporter

charge of Imo State.

He assumed duties on February 23, 2005 and promised to reposition the FCT command through intensive and aggressive public enlighten-

ment aimed at sensitising road users on new traffic laws.

Mr. Agwu appealed for support and cooperation from the motoring public so as to enable the command to provide better service to FCT residents.

Meanwhile, the state chairman of the motorcycle transport union of Nigeria (MTUN), Mr. Obi Nwaogwugwu, has pledged to cooperate with the FCT command of the FRSC in sanitising the operations of commercial motorcycle operators within the territory.

He made this remark when he paid a courtesy call on the new FCT sector commander in his office.

Mr. Nwaogwugwu, who was accompanied by members of his union, said that he will in collaboration with the command ensure better conduct amongst motorcycle operators.

He appealed for more training and retraining of his members by the FRSC in addition to the continuation of the weekly public education programme being organised by the FCT command.

In his response, the New FRSC commander, warned that the act of indiscipline and traffic violations by motorcycle operators saying that the full weight of the law will be brought to bear on defaulters.

Residents flee Karmo as demolition begins

Residents of old Karmo, a suburb of Abuja are fleeing the area following a warning demolition exercise last Saturday and the impending threat of full fledged demolition by the authorities of the department of development control of the FCDA.

Our correspondent who was there observed that although some houses have been pulled down they were meant to serve as warning. It was also observed that many houses yet to be demolished have been abandoned.

According to Madam Rosemary Okeke, a resident, her family that has lived in Karmo for over thirteen years have to relocate on time to protect their property.

She revealed that her husband had travelled to his hometown to prepare for their relocation ahead of the demolition of their house.

By Maimuna Yusuf
reporter, Abuja

Another resident who is an auto mechanic, Mr. Titus Silas, whose house is attached to his spare parts shop was pulled down said that thousands of people have moved and more are still moving before the demolition proper would begin. He revealed that he has been able to secure accommodation at Kubwa with his family.

The demolished areas looked more like a scene of a natural disaster with heaps of pulled down structures making movement of vehicles impossible except motorcycles.

When our correspondent visited Karmo on Wednesday many were seen watching and discussing in groups while others still remain in their shops many of whom have already moved out their properties.

EKO TRUST

Lagos commuter buses as vehicles to death

By Olumide Bajulaiye.
Correspondent, Lagos

These are certainly not the best times for commuters in Lagos.

Apart from having to contend with high transport fare, most vehicles that ply the metropolis are in a sorry state. They are unkempt, with wooden seats devoid of upholstery; conversion of 14-seater bus to 18 thereby forcing commuters to sit in fours and fives on seats meant for three and four passengers. Some even council the booths thereby clustering and making it extremely uncomfortable for them to enjoy their money.

Most of the buses lack basic internal body upholstery, even shock absorbers, and could force a pregnant woman into premature labour. Some are no less than incubators. They have no proper ventilation coupled with suffocating fumes emanating from aging engines.

A ride in some unpainted 12-seater buses from Ketu to Ogba would be quite revealing. There are some with either leaking roofs or floorboards that allow mud into the vehicles while in motion. Besides, unpadded sharp edges are common in these moving contraptions and have thrown many commuters into unnecessary expenses and embarrassment of having to mend their clothes after a bitter encounter.

Left with an alternative, most commuters would do without such vehicles. This is the view of Idris Suleiman, who says he boards such vehicles either due to haste or for lack of alternatives. Although the bus operators are not oblivious of the situation, but it appears they are helpless.

Sarafa Abdulahi, who has been in transport business in Lagos in the last 10 years, says the vehicles are a true reflection of the state of Nigeria's economy. "The system is bad," he said, adding that he would not encourage his brother or son to join him in the business because "it is not encouraging at all".

Abdulahi says there is no money in the business especially in Lagos State. His reasons are not far-fetched. According to him, "instead of spending the money made on the vehicles or your family you spend it on people introduced into the system. They call themselves Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA); some call themselves task force, some council officials; and more recently some say they are Kick Against Indiscipline

(KIA)".

He alleged that these people extort money from them in the guise of working for government. He also alleged that the reduction of bus stops from one place to another is part of the antics to extort money from commercial bus operators.

Abdulahi accused the police of harassing commercial bus drivers, saying, "any little thing, they'll tell you to go and pay N5,000 or N10,000.

Babatunde, the usual cost of getting these papers are between N2,000 and N3,000 to renew their particulars, "but now if you want to renew your papers and you don't have N15,000 to N20,000 forget it."

Babatunde is not the only one complaining, Chukwudi, who has two vehicles plying Ojota and Ikeja, says he is wasting between N5,000 and N10,000 on Lagos State government through LASTMA, VIO, the police and the task force.

Chukwudi said initially bus

government is addressing the situation from all angles. Ogundeji revealed that the government is working to put up a light train transport system so that less people would depend on road transport, adding that the state is also working with private investors to explore the vast waterways, which have access to almost all major centers in the state, so as to get more people to travel by boats.

Ogundeji also said the state house of assembly had last year passed a bill sponsored

by the executive, barring individuals from participating in transport business in the state.

The bill according to him, states that, "only corporate organisations would henceforth be allowed to run transport business in the state. Pursuant to the bill, the image-maker said, to be qualified to run transport business in the state, such person will have no less than 50 high capacity buses to ensure that he is able to say that vehicle numbers so, so and so be-

ryday looking so rickety and unkempt? Some parts even break and fall on the highway."

He warned some category of individuals, who introduced new vehicles on the roads with planks and metals as seats, which can even cause injuries to unsuspecting commuters, adding that the situation is so terrible that if such a vehicle mistakenly hits anything and one hits any parts of his body against the iron such person could be bed-ridden for life.

The state government, he said, has already registered seven corporate organisations to bring in high capacity vehicles in addition to existing ones. According to him the state is working to inject over 4,000 high capacity buses into the system.

The attainment of the scheme, he stated, would restrict smaller vehicles to inner routes, which would be inaccessible to the big buses.

He observed that this arrangement would compel prospective investors in the transport sector to go into a co-operative.

They must according to him, be able to send a list of vehicles registered in such co-operative after which they would be certified by relevant authorities to have met the minimum standards.

He also warned that the state would soon move against the conversion of vehicles designed for luggage into transport buses and that the ministry will also not approve any vehicle that lack proper ventilation.

Ogundeji said even though the state government has the political will to clampdown on vehicles that are not road worthy, it is however, restrained by lack of alternatives, saying that an alternative should be able to set standard.

He said some of the rickety vehicles are still plying the roads because of shortage of personnel to arrest them.



A molue bus skidded off the highway along third mainland bridge

Pix: Oladipolu Odunewu

Where are we going to get the money? How many passengers do we carry in a day and how much are we making in a day? That is why we cannot maintain our vehicles."

Babatunde is another bus driver who blamed the hike in the cost of renewal of relevant papers and driver's licenses. According to

operators were coughing out between N100 and N500 for traffic offences, "but now when they catch you they take you to mobile court and when you get there it is N10,000 and above. So, how much am I making in a day? Some owners of these vehicles feed about 10 to 15 family members daily," he said.

He added that charges have

now been introduced for obtaining route numbers, which was hitherto free.

Meanwhile, as commercial bus operators continue to portray the state as uninterested in the plight of the masses, Segun Ogundeji, public relations officer, ministry of Transportation believes otherwise.

According to him, the state

longs to company A or B.

"Not for one person to get some money; buy a bus and become a transporter. He does not even have a workshop for maintenance of the vehicles. Perhaps he does not even know what to do with the money, otherwise how do you explain a vehicle that is bringing in money eve-

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PUBLIC NOTICE

DIVINE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the above named organisation has applied to the corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part C of the companies and Allied Matters ACT 1990

THE TRUSTEES ARE

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| (1) Apostle John Okon | (2) Elder Bassey Essem |
| (3) Rev. David Ekpot | (4) Pastor Emmanuel Okon |
| (5) Rev. Mother Grace Usen | (6) Pastor Anthony Usen |

Any objection to this application for registration should be forwarded to the Registrar - General, Corporate Affairs Commission Wuse Zone 6 Abuja within 28 days of publication.

Signed

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KANO TRUST

How billboards mutilate Hausa language

By Musa Umar Kazaure,
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Advertising a product or service is an essential part of marketing strategy in the manufacturing and business sector. The idea is to sell the product or service to potential customers, especially the unwilling who needs a little persuasion to patronise the product or service.

The aggressiveness of advertising agents has also led to the introduction of 'catchy' and 'convincing' messages in the local vernacular languages to get to those who can only read in their languages, hence we hear Yoruba, Hausa and Igbo Jingles in radio and television. The latest vogue now is to produce billboards in these languages to reach the targeted audience or segment of the public.

But some of these billboards in Kano not only debase the Hausa language but also misleading potential customers if not insulting them and their culture. *Kano Trust* went round Kano metropolis to sample some of the billboards produced in Hausa language and discovered that most of them are either written by non-Hausa persons or translated literally by somebody who does not understand the Hausa language and its culture.

Take for example a family health billboard on AIDS, which reads: "Yana da daraja ku dakata. Ku kama

kanku. D'aukan ciki kafin aure ko kuma kama cutar k'anjamau zai b'ata rayuwar ku." (Emphasis mine). Instead of "Yana da kyau ku daina," *daina* meaning stop it, but *dakata* was used, which means pause, and by extension, you can continue again later. And look at the way 'daukan ciki' and 'kanjamau' were written with an apostrophe separating the first letters, which completely changed the meaning of the words.

Kano Trust also came across a motorcycle billboard along Murtala Muhammed Way, which reads, "Sabon Mai Sankin Tattali, Mai inganci do dogaro, Mai sankin sarrafawa." (Emphasis mine). When I asked a Hausa man who was passing by what he understood by *Mai sankin Tattali*, he simply replied, "That is not Hausa".

Another billboard from family health on Water Guard says: "Yana gyara ruwa *domina* sha." (Emphasis mine). I checked the Hausa dictionary of Skinner and the 'Bibisanci' collection of Hausa words and their translation compiled by BBC Hausa Service, but the closest I see to that Hausa word *domina* is *damina*, which is the rainy reason.

Perhaps the one that has caused a lot of uproar in Kano to the extent that the Emir of Kano himself was

said to have expressed concern was that of Globacom "San'u da Zuwa". Although it has been torn down after persistent complaints from the Hausa community in Kano, the new ones posted across the metropolis have not done justice to the Hausa language either. Take for example the one that says: "Mai gida da kainsa." (Emphasis mine) and the next one to it that reads: "Mai su gari." (Emphasis mine). Someone inside the Globacom office told *Kano Trust* that the translations were done by a lady from Edo State who is said to have lived in the North for a long time.

But one of the chief operation officers in the Kano Globacom office, Mr. Malek, told *Kano Trust* recently that the billboards are not done by the Globacom company, but contracted to an advertising agency. He added that the attention of the advertising agency has been drawn to the errors, and that is why the one with the "San'u da Zuwa" was pulled down and corrected. He stated that the mistakes were genuine mistakes not meant to insult the feelings of anybody or tribe in Nigeria.

But the reaction of Kano people who pride themselves as speaking the 'Standard Hausa' is that of outrage and condemnation.

Mallam Gausu Ahmad of the Department of Mass Communication, Bayero University, Kano said those billboard advertisements are a slap on the face of any Hausa man. Said he: "It is an insult to Hausa people to allow their language to be murdered the way it is being done by the Lagos advertising agents. How can you bastardise the language of a person and expect that person to patronise your product. The problem is the Lagos advertising agents take the northerner for granted, thinking whether you advertise or not, they will buy, but what they don't realise is that the average northerner is educated and will boycott such product or service and go for another substitute."

Malam Abdulkadir Yakasai, a veteran journalist, said unfortunately for the product or service sellers, they don't know the damage such advertisements are doing to their marketing effort otherwise they will sue such advertising agents for negative advertising. He added, "I bet you that you will not see a single Yoruba advert in Lagos, or Oyo, or Ogun with such unwanted words because they give it to professional Yoruba writers to edit them. Why then can't they come up North for such vetting of their write ups or messages before they go to print them? Another thing is

that the advertising business is dominated by the Yorubas, I know of only one Hausa man in the APCON for example. So they take Hausa advertisement for granted and get anybody who can speak Hausa among them to do the translation, which at the end will have negative effect on their products."

Mallam Kabiru Musa is a third year Hausa student in Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto and his reaction is that a movement for the protection of Hausa language against abuse should be formed right away by students studying Hausa language in universities across the North.

The objective he said is to campaign against any product or company that murdered Hausa language in its advertisement, adding that they have already started discussing the formation of the movement at the Hausa Student Society level.

"If they will take the trouble to ensure that the English advertisements are free of error, then they should do the same for all the other languages they use in advertising. Why downgrade our language at the expense of a foreign one," Mallam Kabiru queried.

When contacted the deputy chairman, Northern chapter of Outdoor Advertising Association of Nigeria, OoAN, Chief Eshiebor, said the problem is not deliberate

but an oversight. He said that there some people who claim to be indigenes of the North who are not professional translators, and these are the people doing the translations for most of the advertising agents in the South.

Chief Eshiebor, who is also the chief executive officer of Nationwide Advertising Limited with headquarters in Kano, said what should be done is to encourage the Lagos-based advertising agents to use professional translators when they have Hausa billboards to produce, adding that they could as well liaise with recognised and registered agencies in the North in getting their messages translated instead of relying on the half-baked translators in the South.

He added: "I think they should just learn to cooperate with their colleagues in the North and that is why we belong to the same association", even where they don't want us to handle the job hundred percent, that aspect of the translation could be handed to us so that we get professionals to do it for them because that is what we do here in such cases of translating an advert message into Hausa language."

Chief Eshiebor hoped that the issue of murdering Hausa language in billboard advertisement would be tabled for discussion at the national meeting of the association by the northern chapter.



News Focus

Why Kure wants Borgu Emir deposed

The about two thousand people capacity L-shaped zinc-roofed canopy stood innocently at the centre of the well graded expanse of land laying at the left hand side of the main road at the outskirts of Dogon Gari village about three kilometers to New Bussa, waiting to wear all other necessary paraphernalia for the ceremony that caused its erection. The ceremony is the presentation of the staff of office of the new Emir of Borgu, Alhaji Haliru Dantoro, scheduled for Saturday, 19th February, 2005.

The Niger state government had given its nod to the date and had approved a budget of N30 million for the successful organisation of the ceremony out of the N44 million proposed by the emirate council. Preparations for the ceremony had continued apace on its own behest, particularly since the beginning of the coronation month. Invitations had already been sent out, as pleasure advised, all over the country and abroad.

Within the country, the vice president, Atiku Abubakar, all past presidents and heads of state, serving state governors, leaders of state and federal parliaments, Emirs, Obas, Obis, Chiefs and most other traditional rulers of notable domains, statesmen, top notch politicians, federal and state parliamentarians, diplomats, business magnates and other leaders of various callings had been invited and were, therefore, expected to witness the ceremony. From across the boarder, the immediate neighbours of the Borgu community, the Parakou and Nikki communities in neighbouring Benin Republic, had indicated their willingness to attend the ceremony. The people of Borgu, already in jubilant mood since the announcement of the coronation date, were looking forward to seeing Governor Abdulkadir Kure present their dear Haliru Dantoro with the staff of office as a first class Emir.

Alas! The state government announcement came on the state radio on Saturday, 12th February, exactly a week to the coronation day, that it had been postponed indefinitely. Reasons for the postponement reportedly included: the emir, appointed since 15th May, 2004, does not attend meetings of the state council of chiefs, he caused a new flag to be flown

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at the Borgu palace without the approval of the state government and that his official car was wearing the official Coat of Arms before he was formally presented with the staff of office. They also allegedly included security reports that the occasion, which might bring together General Yakubu Gowon, Vice-President Atiku Abubakar, General Muhammadu Buhari, a substantial number of the state governors, most notably, Bola Ahmed Tinubu of Lagos and a couple of others, was also intended to allegedly serve as a platform for the subsequent formation of a new political party strong enough to replace the ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) or to hatch a political treachery to facilitate the removal of President Olusegun Obasanjo "by some peaceful and widely acceptable means" so that Atiku completes the tenure. These were naturally followed by numerous other allegations which were mainly inferred from the political problems and legal battles that trailed Dantoro's selection by the Borgu kingmakers five years ago.

"The entire Borgu community was completely devastated. The occasion we all had loved to witness eluded us and it is an understatement to tell you that we were completely traumatised. We have not overcome this emotional state yet," the Borgu palace spokesman, Rabi Abdulhameed, complained.

The sudden indefinite postponement of the coronation is only one of the many traumatising events which Senator Dantoro himself and all those wanting to see him wielding the first class Emir staff of office and those supplicating for him could by now have got used to after a five-year experience. It may be the last. It may not be.

The matter could be described as a clash of principles and politics or a prolonged vengeance or any other form of relationship that portrays yet-to-fathomed animosity between two individuals. It is widely alleged to be an old problem between Dantoro and General Ibrahim Babangida.

It is all said to have started during the politics of the botched third republic. A qualified candidate for the Niger north senatorial seat was being sought. The then military president, General



Niger State Governor, Abdulkadir Kure

Ibrahim Babangida, is said to have persuaded the then Governor Musa Inuwa of Niger state to field "my friend". Alhaji Haliru Dantoro, said to be resident in London then, was immediately invited home to contest the election on the platform of the defunct National Republican Convention (NRC). He won. It is said that unknown to him, his "president friend" had something up his sleeves. He wanted him in the senate as one of the strong instruments he would use allegedly to actualise his ambition of metamorphosing into a civilian president, which he was allegedly said to be incubating and for which he was systematically honing his strategies.

Immediately after the annulment of the Saturday, June 12, 1993 election, which the late Moshood Abiola was widely believed to have won, the then military president, Ibrahim Babangida, allegedly called Senator Dantoro and asked him to "work on the senate" for him to facilitate the metamorphosis, allegedly saying that he had already secured the endorsement of the House of Representatives. Babangida is alleged to have told Senator Dantoro that he had already lodged some money for him in his Barclays Bank account to help him "buy" the support of the senate.

Soon after that, "principled" Dantoro is said to have gone to the late General Shehu Musa Yar'Adua, then the strongman and ace holder of the defunct Social Democratic Party (SDP) and re-

vealed all his discussion with the president to him. The late general is said to have asked Dantoro if he could say so in the presence of him and the president, which he said he could. Immediately, the duo of Yar'Adua and Dantoro, accompanied by senators Bola Ahmed Tinubu, Rasheed Ladoja, Abu Ibrahim and Chief Tony Aneni were said to have secured audience with the president when Dantoro recounted the discussion in the presence of all of them. Senator Dantoro is even said to have told the president there and then that they would not endorse his perpetuation in power in any form, claiming that they loved him and would, therefore, want to see him live longer, so they would not advise him to insist on his metamorphosis, fearing that the June 12 political unrests could claim his life. The meeting is said to have ended with the utterly disappointed and angry president directing the then two political parties, NRC and SDP, to produce an interim national government within 24 hours. A meeting was immediately fixed for Port Harcourt and with the help of Alhaji Isiyaku Ibrahim, Chief Ernest Shonekan was chosen from an array of personalities. However, according to sources, it took the persuasion of the then British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher for Chief Shonekan to accept the headship of the interim national government.

Consequently, General Babangida, is said to have reported Dantoro to General



Emir of Borgu, Haliru Dantoro

Muhammadu Gado Nasko and the then Minister of State for Finance Alhaji Abubakar Muye allegedly vowing to take vengeance. He allegedly waited for the best opportunity to do that for seven years. He found it on 9th February, 2000.

The emir of Borgu, Alhaji Musa Mohammed Kigera III, had died on 3rd February, 2000. On 7th February, Governor Abdulkadir Kure directed the then chairman of Borgu local government, Barrister Aliyu Warra, to convene a meeting of the remaining three out of the five Borgu king makers, the Waziri of Borgu, the chief Imam and *Ba Karabonde* (the head of the original inhabitants), to select a new emir. The king makers met on 9th February and unanimously selected Alhaji Haliru Dantoro as the new Emir of Borgu. Allegedly acting on the instructions of General Babangida as the voice behind the throne, Governor Kure did not approve Dantoro's appointment. He instead reconstituted the council of king makers to include the Madawaki of Borgu and the Garkuwa of Borgu to complete the normal five. It was to meet on 12th February to select the emir. On 11th February Dantoro sought an injunction from the New Bussa High Court restraining the council from meeting. The meeting, however, still held where the Madawaki and the Garkuwa voted for Alhaji Isiyaku Jikantoro, the then Niger state commissioner of Lands and Survey, the Waziri voted for Alhaji Zakari Mo-

ammed while the chief Imam and *Ba Karabonde* voted for Alhaji Haliru Dantoro. The government endorsed Isyaku Jikantoro.

From then on Dantoro was plunged into a legal tussle, moving from the New Bussa High Court through Minna High Court, Bidda High Court to Suleija High Court which, with Justice Ahmed Bima as presiding judge, delivered judgement in favour of Dantoro on 11th September, 2000, which implied that the state government would have to reinstate him immediately.

Immediately after the judgment, that same day, the said-to-be aggrieved Niger state government applied for stay-of-execution on the same judgment in the court that delivered it. The court did not grant it. The government then proceeded immediately to the Abuja Court of Appeal for the state of execution of the lower court judgment. The Court of Appeal instead merged the application for the stay-of-execution with the main case and gave it an accelerated hearing. It delivered judgment in favour of Dantoro.

The Niger state government, alleged to be determined to ensure that Dantoro never became the Emir of Borgu, appealed immediately to the Supreme Court of Nigeria, which delivered judgment on Friday, 14th May, 2004 in favour of Dantoro. The following day, Saturday, 15th May the state government gave him his appointment letter as the Emir of Borgu.

News

Road dualisation: Affected residents assured of compensation

The Ekiti state governor, Mr. Ayo Fayose, has assured those whose properties were affected by the on-going dualisation of major roads in Ado-Ekiti, the state's capital, of adequate compensation. Speaking during a tour of projects sites in the state, Mr. Fayose said it was imperative for some landed property to give way if Ado-Ekiti should wear a new look.

He promised to allocate buildings that will be constructed at the second phase of the state's housing scheme along Ikere Ekiti road to those displaced as a result of the dualisation.

On the claim of the opposition party, the Alliance for Democracy (AD), that most of the roads that Governor Fayose claimed to have constructed were actually started by former Governor Niyi Adebayo, Fasoye said he decided to complete some of the abandoned projects by the former government because of his belief in continuity.

Meanwhile, the national Old Students' Association of the Olivet Baptist High School, Oyo, has expressed happiness over the impressive

**From Femi Oladipo,
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performance of Governor Fasoye who is a member of the body. In a letter written by the national president of the association, Dr. Ayo Ojo,

which was addressed to Governor Fasoye, the body considered it as privilege and unique to have produced two governors at a time, including that of Oyo state, Senator Rasheed Ladoja, who is also an alumni of the school.

Boni, Alamiyesiegha hold secret talks with Yar'adua

The governors of Adamawa and Bayelsa states, Boni Haruna and Dieprieve Alamiyesiegha respectively, on Monday arrived in Katsina to hold private talks with Governor Umaru Musa Yar'adua of Katsina state.

The two governors, who touched down at the Katsina airport a few minutes past noon, were received by their host and ushered into the Katsina state government house, where they held private discussions.

The meeting, held behind closed door, lasted for an hour. When confronted by

**From Lawal Ibrahim,
Correspondent (Katsina)**

newsmen on the agenda of the meeting, Governor Dieprieve said they were in Katsina to see their brother and colleague. On whether the meeting could be linked with 2007 presidential race, Governor Boni Haruna of Adamawa state said: "Don't put words into our mouth. We are not here for politics."

The two governors paid a courtesy visit to his royal highness, the emir of Katsina, Alhaji (Dr.) Muhammadu Kabir Usman, before leaving for their respective states.

Immigration boss urges posted officers on resumption

The comptroller-general of the Immigration, Mr. Chukwura Joseph Udeh, has ordered all posted immigration officers to report to their new postings or face severe disciplinary action.

The comptroller-general gave the warning when he released the posting of 734 officers and men of the Nigerian Immigration Service.

In a statement signed by the new immigration public relations officer, Mr. Patrick A. Sessi, the comptroller said, "The era where officers spend all their working lives in a particular location is over. From now on, officers' staff order will be a continuous exercise in line with the posting policy of the service."

Mr. Udeh said officers must brace up to new challenges and realities by reporting to their various postings and re-dedicating themselves to their duties. He advised all zonal and state comptrollers to ensure strict compliance and moral disciplinary action to

**From Ruby Rabl'u,
Defence Correspondent**

officers who failed to report to their new stations.

He said the officers should not view their posting as

punitive measure, but rather regard it as a means to sharpen their perception of reality as well as enhance their understanding of the job to enable them to deliver better services to the nation.

Traditional rulers mobilise communities for census

From Hassan A. Karofi, Correspondent (Dutse)

Traditional rulers and politicians in Jigawa state have started campaigns aimed at mobilising communities to participate fully in the on coming national headcount expected by December, this year. *Daily Trust* gathered that politicians in the state have been organising such rallies in their communities to canvass for full participation of people in their various areas.

Launching this year's (1426 AH) *zakkat* distribution at Danfunan, the emir of Dutse, Alhaji (Dr.) Nuhu Muhammadu Sanusi, called on the people of the area to participate fully by ensuring that their areas were demarcated and counted during the national headcount exercise.

He told communities in his emirate that the census is a veritable exercise that decides who gets what in the national scheme of things and called for strict participation.

In his campaign exercise, Senator Mohammed Kiri-Kasamma enjoined his community to ensure their full participation, warning that anybody who failed to participate was automatically denying themselves their fundamental rights.

The campaign, which attracted all elected representatives from Jigawa east senatorial zone, was equally attended by all party chairmen from local, ward and state levels.

The senator explained that for the community to have all the necessary social infrastructure, such as hospitals, roads and others, it was imperative for them to participate, stressing that the exercise was meant to bring development to the people and their communities.

He urged all the elected representatives from the area to mobilise their communities to ensure that all their wards participated to prevent anybody from being left out, explaining that the national census was not aimed at tax collection, but to ascertain how best to provide social infrastructure to the people. He used the occasion to urge the communities to ensure peaceful co-existence, and respect for the leaders to



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***His Excellency, Alhaji A. A. Kure FNSB**
Executive Governor, Niger State

On behalf of all your friends of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the North Central Zonal Headquarters, Lafia, take this opportunity to felicitate with you, our dynamic and result-oriented very supportive colleague, the Executive Governor of Niger state, **ENGR. ABDUKADIRE A. KURE** on the occasion of your 49th Birthday.

Your Excellency, we, your friends of the North Central Zonal Working Committee appreciate your unending support to us in moments of difficulties since we were elected. We take this opportunity to acknowledge that, without your timely financial and moral support we could not have been able to successfully hold our historic Zonal NEC meeting at which Senator (Dr) Ahmadu Ali emerged the new National Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party at 11.23pm on March 1, 2005.

We thank Allah for your life and hereby acknowledge your well documented life of humility, transparency, love for justice coupled with the unending fear of Allah and the fairness you have always manifested in your dealings with all human beings.

We your friends of our great party in the North Central Zone shall continue to Pray to Allah to consistently give you good health, wisdom and the ability to continue to successfully rule the people of Niger State in peace and harmony until 2007. We wish you many more years of useful, productive and result oriented leadership to the people of Niger State until 2007 and Nigerians as a whole after May, 2007. Amin.

Dr. Akpenlamben Godwin Dabo'Adzuana
Assistant National Auditor, PDP
(On behalf of Committee of Friends)

Inside Politics

No self-succession scheme will succeed in Nigeria – Mamman Danmusa

Alh. Mamman Abubakar Danmusa, a former Deputy President of the senate and chieftain of the people's Democratic Party (PDP) in Katsina state somehow has a soft spot for the course charted by the ANPP presidential candidate, General Muhammadu Buhari. (Rtd) He also has a mistrust for president Obasanjo, warning that Nigerians should not allow Obasanjo to twist the national dialogue for his third term ambition. Danmusa who has hitherto maintained a low political profile has opened up in this interview with our Katsina state correspondent, Lawal Ibrahim on my topical issues.

Excerpts.

Sir, you have maintained a rather low profile politically. Could it be due to your loss of confidence in the current democratic system?

No, I am still in politics, but (you know) what I don't have interest is to contest any election.

Certainly, the way how politics is being practiced in Nigeria today is not the way civil societies and other nationalists who have fought to force the military out of power bargained for. They bargained for a country where the resources of the people will be used for the greater majority of Nigerians at least for Nigerians to start having hope that with perseverance and hard work they can be what they want to be in their own country. But as it turns out Nigeria has never earned more money than it has been earning since 1999 to date, but there was no time in Nigeria's history when people are suffering so much insecurity and so much hunger and poverty than what we have today. The politicians in power really have turned deaf ears to the problems of the common man. That's really the complain one hears about the political set up. So the best solution is to be inside and try to possibly bring a change in the system.

As a former legislator, a constitutional lawyer and a politician, what is your view about the on-going national political reform conference?

Well, certainly every reasonable Nigerian would want a national conference, to discuss and agree on very important national issues, because our constitution was handed over to us by the military, it not really democratically drafted. There are so many areas that need to be amended because the federal government has so much power that the states are almost rendered as beggars. Also, the provision

of local governments is not well defined because the state governors do not allow the local governments to run as efficiently as they should, to make impact on the lives of the common man at the grassroots. Of course, there are some areas that need to

be addressed which make the national conference almost a necessary. But having said this, I think the national dialogue is an after thought by Obasanjo. We all know how he vehemently opposed it before, on the ground of existing national assembly elected by the people and who are to undertake whatever amendment that is required.

But you see he became a later combat because that was not his original views. Again, even the way these delegates were now nominated was so undemocratic because the national conference of Abacha was much more democratic than this conference. But one will hope that the delegates will discuss and arrive at very important decision which will effect not what the incumbent government wants them to arrive at but what they really feel best for the Nigerian people. I have no doubt this conference is an after thought by president Obasanjo and whether he will succeed in manipulating the delegates to arrive at a pre-conceived decisions only time will tell. However, with the right caliber of people some of the states have nominated, I think the federal government will have a tough time and my only appeal is for delegates from the north to have a common stand. I know during Abacha conference, the north had a common agenda which it was able to some extent sell to the rest of the country. I hope with most delegates coming from other states who are very articulate, I believe they will be able to do their best to protect the interest of their people not to really dance to the tune of the federal government.

It is understood that Katsina state was somewhat democratic in the selection

"History is full of examples of Nigerian leaders who try as much as they could to perpetuate themselves and the result is always a failure. Gowon was a war hero, he promised to hand over power in 1976 and then in 1975 he said it was not feasible and by 29 July 1975 he was no more in power. Again the NPN after the federal election and a moonlight victory could not sustain the government by 31st December 1983, it was then no more. Buhari the something, because people believe that certain measure were too harsh. So also our maradona, Babangida, he dribbled Nigerians for a long time but when the time came he had to step aside, the same with Abacha with all the planning. So in Nigeria a dictator may succeed for sometime but he cannot last."

of its delegates. Are you satisfied with the caliber of people that emerged?

The reality is that people who the government of the day wanted to invite were invited, I don't know what their definition of the stakeholders is but I think it

should be somebody who really has something at stake on the things to be discussed and your point should have been some of the stakeholders were invited and they decided this and this should go but I think that is not democratic because other stakeholders did not even know. What about the other political parties, that are not even represented, and women who were also not invited; are they not all stakeholders to issues that revolve around the general interest of Katsina state?

Another fear about the



Alh. Mamman Abubakar Danmusa

conference is that its outcome may be manipulated to provide a platform for Obasanjo's third term bid which he has repeatedly denied. Do you think Nigerians should believe his denial for the third term?

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out and to warn General Olusegun Obasanjo that it is too dangerous for him to attempt to do this. He should not allow himself to destroy all that he established as a statesman and he should not listen to those people who destroy through their selfish advice to those in power, because even if he does he will not succeed. History is full of examples of Nigerian leaders who try as much as they could to perpetuate themselves and the result is always a failure. Gowon was a war hero, he promised to hand over power in 1976 and then in 1975 he said it was

sometime but he cannot last.

The possible emergence of Atiku and IBB as presidential candidates is casting to the background that some people even see him as a non-issue in 2007. Do you agree?

Well, I think anybody who sees Buhari is a non issue or will be a no issue must really have his head examined by a psychiatrist. Buhari cannot be a non issue. Buhari may perhaps not have political power for sometime to come because of the present political situation, but the revolution which is going on under Buhari leadership more especially here in the core north really anybody who ignores Buhari does so at his own risk. Buhari cannot be ignored by anybody. Buhari is a movement! Yes, he may not have money, he doesn't have that clout but he has ideas which are very relevant to the society and majority of his audience are young people who are yearning for responsible, trustworthy leadership and Buhari has the patience to wait like Nelson Mandela who waited for nearly 27 years. So really he does not join politics just because he wants to capture power. People requested Buhari to come forward to join politics to salvage this country and he responded. One good thing is that whether Buhari succeeds in getting power ultimately or not is not the issue but what he stands for. Mahatma Gandhi had never ascended to power in India but even today Indian leaders derive their support from the principle established by him. So it is not the question of power, because I know for a fact that Buhari more especially in this part of the country is trying to change the perception of the young generation about leadership and to some extent really he

legacy he is leaving behind. Just like president Jimmy Carter of US, he was not the best president when he was president but he became the best president out of office because he engages in so many noble projects possible influence on mankind all over the world. I believe the legacy Buhari will leave in this corrupt ridden society will be there for fair minded people to judge.

It is rather ironic that you, a chieftain of People's Democratic Party (PDP) is sympathetic to the cause of ANPP's presidential candidate. Why is that so?

Because I believe in him, I believe in Buhari the mere fact that I am in the PDP does not mean that I will just go along with whatever the leadership of the party says. I always speak my mind. What I told you is what I believe.

How hopeful are you for Nigeria's future in view of the circumstances we are all in politically, economically and socially?

Well, we have the potential to be great, there's no doubt about it. God in his infinite wisdom has blessed us with so many things he did not bless many nations with. In some cases yes it's the leadership, but there are also many situations where the followership is also a problem. So all of us, the leaders and the led, we must really re-orient ourselves. We must really be disciplined, we must imbibe the culture of hard work and perseverance, and we must believe in ourselves and then set out for work and be our brother's keepers. We should shun away from that attitude copied from the Europeans of this nuclear family orientation and revive the good old values of extended family that will help us reduce tension, hate and crime within the society. If we are our brothers' keepers there's no way someone will connive with your brother to harm you or wish you bad luck. Since people work hard and believe in God and also put into practice the teachings of their religion, certainly the society will automatically change. We have potentials all we need is to re-invent ourselves. South Korea is less endowed and by 1960 after the Korean civil war the country was completely devastated but with right leadership under General Pak, it started with nothing but with those attributes I have mentioned, they are now one of the industrialized nations of Asia.

So we should not lose hope we should have faith in ourselves. We should abandon this idea of getting money through dubious means and once we do that, I believe Nigeria within the next five years will be a nation to be envied.

is succeeding. Perhaps, now people because they have money or have connection to the power that be, may succeed for sometime from stopping Buhari but not all the time and whether Buhari really succeed or not that will not be the issue but what

Going by the experience during General Sani Abacha era, Nigerians should not believe Obasanjo that he has no hidden agenda for the third term. They should be on the look out, they should use their experience gained during Sani Abacha to watch

believe that certain measure were too harsh. So also our maradona, Babangida, he dribbled Nigerians for a long time but when the time came he had to step aside, the same with Abacha with all the planning. So in Nigeria a dictator may succeed for

Inside Politics

Atiku's AD gamble

The emerging complexities and heightened intrigues in the political terrain may have turned some politicians into endangered species. Vice President Atiku Abubakar whose 2007 presidential ambition is increasingly being threatened by the unabated intrigues in his ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), obviously belongs to this category of politicians.

With the recent seizure of PDP's machinery by President Olusegun Obasanjo who apparently has an axe to grind, with his deputy, Atiku is said to be tinkering with the idea of defecting to the Alliance for Democracy (AD) with a view to contesting the 2007 presidential election on the party's platform.

Although there have been denials of such plans by Atiku's aides, indications are that the Vice President may eventually have no choice than to quit PDP and berth his political ship elsewhere, in order to secure a presidential ticket, if the situation in the party remains the same.

Thus, his alleged consideration of AD as the next place to go is quite understandable. Apart from being one of the parties that are really on the ground, his long-standing political ally, governor Bola Ahmed Tinubu has since been preparing a soft-landing for the vice president in AD in case he is left with no choice than to defect to the party.

Towards this end, Tinubu has ensured that he drags Atiku to major quasi-political functions in Lagos where AD stalwarts would be in attendance, thereby creating room for political fraternization. This explains, for instance, why the vice president stormed the coronation ceremony of Oba Rilwan Akinolu of Lagos with all the paraphernalia of his office in 2003.

Even during the launching of the autobiography of the national vice chairman of AD for the southwest, Alhaji Olatunji Hamzat last November, Atiku was ably represented by the former managing director of Habib Bank, Akin Kekere-ekun, who donated a huge amount on his behalf and showered tantalizing encomium on Alhaji Hamzat, apparently to garner political favours.

In addition to creating opportunities for Atiku to intermingle with AD stalwarts, Governor Tinubu himself seems to be in a position to decide who gets what ticket in the party.

Since the PDP routed AD in the South West during the 2003 polls, Tinubu has emerged as the de facto leader of the party, being the only AD Governor who survived the PDP onslaught.

Having become the sole

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Lagos

financier of AD subsequently, Tinubu had hijacked the party machinery at the national level and installed the former governor of Osun State, Chief Bisi Akande as the party's chairman against the wish of some *Afenifere* conservatives who preferred Senator Mojisoluwa Akinfenwa.

Although the chairmanship of AD is still a subject of legal tussle, indications are that the matter will be resolved in favour of Akande whom the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has implicitly recognized as the party's chairman.

Thus, with the AD under Tinubu's indirect control and the governor's continued loyalty to the vice president, securing the party's presidential ticket may not prove too difficult for Atiku if he so wishes eventually.

However, the irony of the whole matter is that Tinubu himself is said to be nursing the ambition of defecting to the PDP so as to actualize his dream of becoming the Senate President in 2007.

Although the governor has categorically denied ever planning to make such move, recent revelations by Senator Musiliu Obanikoro who defected from AD to PDP along with other AD bigwigs last December indicated that the governor's denial may have been an after thought.

Senator Obanikoro had alleged that when he met Governor Tinubu in Saudi Arabia during the 2004 lesser Hajj, Tinubu had advised him not to cross over to PDP in a hurry so that the governor, Obanikoro himself, and other AD stalwarts in Lagos State could defect together to the ruling party as a team later.

Obanikoro explained that he didn't heed the governor's advice because he realized that Tinubu was just going to use him and others as a bargaining chip to achieve his own end.

Indeed, not a few watchers of the emerging political development in the country believe that Tinubu's belated denial of his plans to defect to PDP may have been informed by Atiku's loss of the control of the party to President Obasanjo.

With the induced resignation of Chief Audu Ogbah as PDP Chairman and President Obasanjo's seeming determination to flush out other Atiku loyalists from sensitive party and government positions as part of the game plan to thwart the Vice President's 2007 presidential ambition, it is obvious that Atiku has finally lost out in the PDP power play.

It was probably when Tinubu saw that his godfather in the PDP has lost considerable ground in

rate of defection of AD stalwarts to PDP in the state is anything to go by.

House of Assembly are said to have concluded plans to make the same move soon.

remaining in the PDP. All he has to do to bounce back to reckoning, they say, is to reconcile with President Obasanjo who seems to hold all the aces.

Even so, indications are that whosoever bears PDP's



Vice President Atiku Abubakar

the party, that he decided to shelve his carpet-crossing ambition.

Now, guaranteed as Atiku's securing of AD's 2007 presidential ticket may seem; the move will not go unchallenged. Some *Afenifere* top notchers who are believed to be working for the former military president, Ibrahim Babangida would leave no stone unturned to ensure that the move is thwarted.

Babangida himself is interested in occupying the presidential seat come 2007 and he is also exploring the possibility of running on the platform of AD if the PDP or the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) proves a hard nut to crack.

Former secretary to Babangida's military government and AD/ANPP Flag bearer in the 1999 presidential election, Chief Olu Falae is said to be the ex-military leader's liaison officer in *Afenifere* LAD.

Still, even if Atiku succeeds in securing AD's presidential ticket for 2007, the party may not be of any electoral value to him. Currently, AD is a disorganized and crisis-ridden party whose chieftains are still at loggerheads with one another.

Apart from the Lagos branch of the party, which still has some semblance of vibrancy, other branches of the party are virtually dead. Since the humiliating defeat it suffered in the hands of PDP in 2003, the party has been in disarray so much that the possibility of its regaining control of the South West is very remote.

In fact, Lagos which is the only surviving AD state is likely to be seized by the PDP in the 2007 election if the high

At a PDP rally held in Lagos last December, no fewer than 40 AD chieftains in the state switched over to the PDP. Many more of them, including fifteen members of the state



Governor Bola Tinubu of Lagos State

Against this background, it doesn't seem politically wise for Atiku to seek the presidential seat on AD's platform. Political pundits believe he is better off

Presidential flag will emerge the nation's president in the 2007 polls. Incumbency factor and the party's alleged rigging prowess will work for its candidate.

2007: IBB loses supporters to Marwa in Keffi

The former zonal secretary of IBB Project 2007 in Kebbi State, Alhaji Umaru Alwasa has decamped from the newly formed umbrella campaign organisation of IBB, Nigeria Project 2007, to Marwa 2007.

Alhaji Alwasa, who decamped to Marwa 2007 with hundreds of his supporters, said it was crystal clear to the decampers that former President Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida was not interested in becoming the nation's president in 2007.

"In nearly 10 months of my being with IBB Project 2007, jointly founded by myself and a handful of concerned and dedicated political associates in Kebbi state, I found that it is very difficult to be convinced that IBB will contest the 2007 presidential elections.

"In fact, uptill this moment, he (IBB) has not formally declared his interest to contest the 2007 presidential elections. Therefore, I and my teeming supporters resolved to decamp from Nigeria Project 2007 to Marwa 2007," he said.

In a press statement and made available to *Daily Trust*, Alhaji Alwasa said that the decampers decided to join Marwa 2007 because of the outstanding leadership qualities of the former Lagos state military administrator, Brigadier-General Muhammadu Buba Marwa (rtd.).

"Marwa's existing records of generosity and his philanthropist potentials in development of Nigeria are

great. Marwa proved to be a true Nigerian with nationalistic attitude and approach and can be readily acceptable by all.

"His vision and mission are closely related to that of the present administration. Hence, he is very likely to continue with

the work of President Olusegun Obasanjo.

"Marwa's presidential candidature proved to be youth-friendly. It is on record that Marwa is not known to have offended any ethnic group or tribe," he said.

Marwa's presidential bid gets the blessing of Katsina Emir

The presidential aspiration of Albarka Airline Chairman and former Borno and Lagos states military administrator, Brigadier-General Muhamma-du Buba Marwa (rtd.) over the weekend received a moral boost with a ringing blessing and prayers from the Emiro of Katsina, Alhaji (Dr.) Muham-madu Kabir Usman.

The presidential hopeful, who paid a courtesy call on the Katsina monarch had his

aspiration blessed by the emir who said that God was always with people like Marwa who have good intentions and always assisting their fellow human beings.

The emir, who described his relationship with General Marwa as "long standing and cordial", expressed confidence that the Albarka Airlines boss would always meet with success in all his undertakings "because he is a person who wishes his fellow Nigerians well."

Praying for the success of Marwa's political aspirations, Alhaji (Dr.) Muhammadu Kabir Usman urged him to direct all his prayers and hopes to God and continue on his noble cause of being his brothers/sisters' keeper unsolicited as he has been doing for years.

"Good intentions and deeds to fellow mankind will no doubt meet with God's blessing and I have no doubt that God will bless your endeavours, whatever they may be with success. I wish and pray for you success in your political aspirations," said the emir.



Brig.-Gen. Muhammadu Buba Marwa (rtd.)



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His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Jigawa State Alhaji (Dr.) Ibrahim Saminu Turaki wish to on behalf of himself, government and the good people of Jigawa State thank the following for their contributions and solidarity during the conferment of the Honorary Doctorate Degree of Doctor of Science (Dsc) by the University of Jos on the 12th of February, 2005.

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SPORTS

'Architect of Total Football,' Rinus Michels, dies at 77

Rinus Michels, the Dutch coach who invented the concept of "Total Football" and earned the nickname "The General", died on Thursday, the Dutch soccer association KNVB said. He was 77.

Michels was recently admitted to hospital for heart surgery. Michels died at around 0400 GMT in a Belgian hospital, KNVB spokesman Frank Huizinga said. "He was one of the best coaches we had in history," Huizinga said.

Michels, named Coach of the Century by world governing body FIFA in 1999, played 269 matches as a centre forward for Ajax in the 1940s and 1950s and won five caps for the Netherlands. He scored 121 goals in all.

After his army service he became a sports teacher before embarking on a career as a coach.

He started coaching Ajax in 1965 and by 1971 they were European champions for the first time, beating Panathinaikos of Greece in the final at Wembley.

At the heart of that side was Johann Cruyff, and after Michels left for Barcelona later in 1971 he returned to Amsterdam to sign the great forward for the Catalan club.

In 1974 Michels led the Netherlands to the World Cup final, where they lost 2-1 to hosts West Germany in Munich.

After further stints at Ajax and Barcelona, where he won the Spanish League championship in 1974, he moved to the Los Angeles Aztecs from 1978-1980 then onto Cologne from 1980-1983, before finishing his club coaching career with Bayer Leverkusen in Germany in 1989.

He will be best remembered as the architect of "Total Football" — in which every outfield player felt comfortable playing anywhere on the pitch.

He lived for soccer and even at an advanced age still went to matches, basking in the spontaneous applause from a Dutch public that remained loyal to its hero.

He was born Marinus Hendrikus Jacobus Michels on February 9, 1928 in Amsterdam near the Olympic Stadium in the year of the Olympic Games there.

He started his career as a player for Ajax, aged 18, on June 9, 1946 against ADO of the

Hague, scoring five times in a match which the Amsterdam club won 8-3.



From left to right Bobby Charlton, Giancinto Fachetti and Rinus Michels. Michels, the coach who invented the total football played with such verve by Ajax Amsterdam and Holland, has died aged 77.

Van Basten mourns father of Dutch football

Marco Van Basten has described former Ajax and Netherlands coach Rinus Michels as the "father of Dutch football" and said his death on Thursday was an enormous loss to the game.

Now coach of the Dutch national team, Van Basten was a player under Michels when the Netherlands won the 1988 European championship.

"The passing away of the grand old man of the training camp, the father of Dutch football is an enormous loss for the football world, Van Basten said in a statement released by the Dutch football association (KNVB).

"Michels was someone who had all the qualities of a top coach," Van Basten, who scored a memorable volleyed goal in the 2-0 win over the Soviet Union in the 1988 European championship final, also said Michels was a great motivator and a tough but humorous man.

Captain of that title-winning team Ruud Gullit said: "he was a personality in all respects.

"For him you wanted to give everything. He was a warm and

humorous man," Gullit, now coach at Feyenoord, told Dutch News Agency ANP. Michels, who also led the Netherlands to the 1974 World Cup final, died in a Belgian hospital on Thursday morning. He was 77 and had undergone heart surgery.

Real outgun Betis to close the gap on Barcelona

Real Madrid closed the gap on leaders Barcelona to six points at the top of the Primera Liga on Wednesday when they out-gunned Real Betis with a 3-1 win at the Bernabeu.

Betis were the better side for much of the first half, but an opportunistic strike from Michael Owen and a thunderbolt from fullback Roberto Carlos put Real 2-0 up at the break.

Midfielder Edu pulled one back for the visitors with a sharp strike on the turn early in the second half, but centre back Ivan

Helguera snuffed out any hopes of a comeback when he looped a header over keeper Antonio Doblaz two minutes later.

Barcelona, who were held to a 0-0 draw at home by city rivals Espanyol on Tuesday, lead the standings with 59 points, Real follow on 53, a distant 10 ahead of in-form Villarreal.

Manuel Pellegrini's side climbed into third thanks to a 2-1 win at home to relegation-threatened Real Mallorca, Uruguayan striker Diego Forlan snatching a late winner to take

his tally for the season to 16.

Earlier Sevilla and Valencia fought out a dramatic 2-2 draw that kept the teams in the hunt for the Champions League places.

Sevilla striker Julio Baptista, who had equalised when he cracked home a penalty midway through the second half, missed a golden opportunity to seal victory when he skied another spot kick over the bar just six minutes from time.

Valencia, who got off to a winning start under new coach

Antonio Lopez with a 2-1 victory over Betis at the weekend, were also left ruing their bad luck when they had a late goal controversially disallowed for a foul.

The result left Sevilla fourth in the standings, level on points with Villarreal and one ahead of champions Valencia.

Visitors Betis should have taken the lead in the second minute at the Bernabeu when winger Joaquin danced through the Real defence but then dinked a weak lob straight into the hands of keeper Iker Casillas.

Nine minutes later England striker Owen squirmed his way past two defenders to poke the ball under Doblaz after Santiago Solari had cut a pass into the area.

Casillas made several top-drawer saves to keep the dominant Andalucians at bay, before being forced to leave the pitch with what appeared to be a groin injury early in the second half.

The pressure was relieved on Real, though, when the referee awarded them a controversial free kick 10 metres out from the goal after defender Luis Fernandez was adjudged to have given a back-pass to keeper Esteban just before the break.

Roberto Carlos celebrated his 300th league appearance for Real by firing an unstoppable thunderbolt high into the net.

Owen spurned two good chances to extend Real's lead after the break, slicing one shot over the bar and then scuffing a follow up into the arms of the keeper.

Betis looked as though they might stage a comeback when Edu stepped round two defenders to fire home past reserve keeper Cesar, but Helguera destroyed their hopes when he restored his side's advantage two minutes later.

The home crowd were unsatisfied, however, and Ronaldo was greeted with a chorus of jeers when he failed to convert several late chances to extend Real's lead.

Formidable Pizarro fires Bayern into cup semi

Peruvian international striker Claudio Pizarro scored four goals as Bayern Munich crushed ten-man SC Freiburg 7-0 to book a place in the semi-finals of the German Cup.

The victory keeps Bayern on course for a historic quadruple with the German powerhouse wrapping up the League Cup in pre-season, sitting joint top of the Bundesliga and going strong in the last sixteen of the Champions League after beating Arsenal 3-1 in the first leg.

Bayern edged Freiburg 1-0 in the league on Saturday but there was nothing close about this match as Felix Magath's side netted five times in the first half with Pizarro scoring three of them.

Munich are 31 points better off in the Bundesliga than relegation-threatened Freiburg and it

showed as Pizarro scored twice in the first ten minutes.

The Peruvian star completed his treble in the 39th minute curling a precise right-footed effort into the bottom corner.

After the break Bayern took their foot off the gas but Pizarro was hungry for more and netted his fourth of the match on the hour mark.

"I scored five in one game back in Peru but this is the first time I have scored four in Germany," said Pizarro.

German international captain Michael Ballack, back after two weeks on the sidelines, marked his return with a 27th minute strike and Dutch international Roy Makaay was also on target after 34 minutes.

On the stroke of half-time, Freiburg defender Youssef Mohamad then picked up a straight red card for tugging back

Makaay and Freiburg's ten remaining players trudged off 5-0 down at the interval.

After Pizarro's fourth goal Iranian substitute Vahid Hashemian completed the scoring in the 76th minute with a rare goal before the final whistle arrived to the delight of Freiburg's downtrodden players.

"You could see the players were really enjoying themselves," said Magath.

"It was good for us to have such a comfortable game as we have big games against Werder Bremen and Arsenal coming up."

Bayern, 11-time cup winners, join holders Werder Bremen, Bundesliga co-leaders Schalke 04 and outsiders Arminia Bielefeld in the hat for Sunday's draw.

In the past seven seasons only three teams - Bayern, Schalke and Bremen - have won

the German Cup and the odds are on one of those lifting the cup again on May 28 in Berlin



Pizarro



Michels

Sports

Decree 101: NASS to expunge any addition on Bill

The National Assembly has promised to resist any attempt by the executive to make any change in the decree 101 amendment bill submitted to the Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Mr. Akin Olujimi for drafting.

Chairman, House Committee on Sports, Honourable Sirajo Dambatta told *Trustsports* that they expected from the sports ministry the amendment bill that was seen and approved by FIFA.

He added that any addition to the statute will be expunged by the lawmakers to forestall another crisis.

"The Federal Executive Council (FEC) would make necessary amendment on the bill but it would not change

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the contentious areas, as that would incur the wrath of FIFA. However, National Assembly will not allow that to happen so that it will not take us back. We would punch out any area that goes against FIFA regulation in the bill. We would only pass what will be good for the country and what FIFA will approve," he said.

The House Committee gave the Sports Minister, Col. Musa Mohammed a week to ensure that the bill to replace the obnoxious decree is drafted by the Attorney General.

He further stressed that the lawmakers wonder why the bill has not been drafted months after it was approved by the FEC, adding that the

labour bill was drafted and passed within few days.

"The sports minister knows the problem just like the Attorney General and

other Nigerians, we did not give them any time frame but our committee will sit next week to discuss the issue because it's very crucial.

"We hope the sports minister will prevail on the Attorney General to draft the bill hastily considering its importance, if the labour bill

can be drafted and passed within few days why not this bill which will prevent Nigeria from being banned by FIFA," Dambatta said.



Chairman, House Committee on Sport, Hon. Sirajo Dambatta, right, explaining the lawmakers position on Decree 101 amendment bill to sports journalist in Abuja. He said the National Assembly will expunge any addition made to the Bill that contravenes FIFA's regulation.

Kwara Utd spends N11.5m on players' transfer

Premier League contenders, Kwara United FC of Ilorin has spent about N11.5 million as sign-on fees on 10 new players recruited to reinforce the club this season.

The chairman of the club, Dr Ayo Bello, disclosed this today in Abuja while presenting a cheque for N900,000 to the family of United's late coach, Raymond Ogusi.

Bello stated that the club got the players from Iwuanyawu Nationale FC of Owerri, Enyimba FC of Aba, Jigawa Golden Stars of Dutse, Sunshine Stars of Akure, Bayelsa United and others.

"We are raising a completely re-packaged team and our focus is to play good football. We will thank God if we are able to earn a continental ticket," Bello said. Commenting on soccer hooliganism, he said that two soccer fans were arrested and charged to court for allegedly forging tickets and using fake identity cards at the Ilorin Stadium.

"We have outlawed hooliganism at the stadium

because we learnt some bitter lessons from our relegation in the past," he said.

Earlier, Bello remarked that the late coach who died in a ghastly motor accident after leaving the team for Kogi United, was disciplined, gentle and calm.

"I would have been happier to present the cheque to Raymond personally but God loved him more and took him away," he said.

Consoling the wife of the deceased who collected the cheque, Bello stated that two other people made desperate efforts to grab the money without due process.

Responding, Mrs Nkem Ogusi thanked the management of both Kwara United and Kogi United clubs for their assistance to the family. She promised to use the money to fulfill some of the wishes and aspirations of her late husband.

WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

CAF to monitor four high risk Venues

Four venues considered by the Confederation of African Football (CAF) as high risk will be closely monitored by the continental soccer ruling body during the dual World Cup and Nations Cup qualifiers on the weekend of March 25 to March 27, CAF said on Wednesday.

In a communique issued after a seminar on security held in Cairo on Monday, CAF said security officers would be deployed to Congo Democratic Republic, Mali, Senegal and Cameroon.

Congo DR will host Ghana, Senegal are home to Liberia, Cameroon entertain

Sudan and Mali face Togo. CAF reiterated that it would send its security officers to matches "considered high risk by FIFA and CAF".

The soccer body sent a joint inspection team to the four countries for an on-the-spot evaluation of the "sporting infrastructure" in January 2005, and the team made recommendations to the national associations of the respective countries.

Participants in the seminar discussed stadium capacity, ticketing, management of visiting supporters and searching of spectators.

They expressed

satisfaction with the organisation of the seminar, which was conducted by FIFA officials, Mr. Walter Gagg, the Director of Security and Stadium and Gordon Savic, FIFA's Head of Competitions Services.

The participants said the experienced gained from the seminar would assist them in the performance of their duties.

Gagg stressed the need for adequate security to be provided for the qualifiers, adding, however, that soccer violence was not peculiar to Africa but was also found in Europe and Latin America.

Declaring the seminar

open, CAF Secretary-General Mustapha Fahmy noted that security was important for "a good competition", adding that FIFA and CAF were committed to the provision of adequate security to avoid what he described as "some regrettable incidents" which occurred during the last round of the qualifiers.

Fahmy congratulated CAF general co-ordinators, who acted as security officers during CAF Champions League matches last season.

FIFA-CAF security officers, who attended the seminar were drawn from CAF panel of co-ordinators. They were selected in December 2004.

They are Bolaji Ojo-Oba, Bahhou Mohamed, Magassouba Souleiman, Ridha Kraiem, Dr Adnan el Guindy, Viken Djizmedjian, Mark Gleeson, Nicholas Musonye and Abel Mbengue.

Below are a list of stadia tragedies: March 1946 FA Cup Bolton Wanderers v Stoke City, 33 deaths (Stampede), May 1964 Match in Lima Peru v Argentina, 318 deaths, June 1968

Match River Plate v Boca Juniors in Buenos Aires, 74 deaths (asphyxia), January 1971 Celtic v Rangers, 66 deaths (stampede) October 1982 Moscow, Loujniki stadium, 340 victims (stampede), 11 May 1985 Bradford, (fire) 56 deaths, 29 May 1985 Brussels, Heysel Stadium, Champions final, Juve v Liverpool, 39 deaths (stampede, asphyxia).

Fasuba wants govts to assist local athletes

Olusoji Fasuba, a member of Nigeria's 4x100m relay quartet who won a bronze at the Athens Olympics has called on the

federal, state and local governments to assist home-based athletes to enable them continue to improve themselves.

"If athletes are left on their own like we are gradually heading for, they will be compelled to abandon athletics and move on to other endeavours," he told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Lagos on Wednesday.

Fasuba warned that if the current trend where the local governments and the state AAA's were virtually not holding any competitions was not immediately arrested, most present-day athletes may soon become irrelevant.

"I hear the AFN zonal meets are now being restricted to under-23 athletes. That means that the home-based athletes have just two competitions before Mobil. And some athletes need to do about five competitions before they can peak in a season, correcting their mistakes and improving as they go along.

Just two competitions will not do it." Fasuba also said that home-based athletes might not pose any serious challenge to the foreign-based athletes at this year's Mobil championships, if these developments were allowed to stand.

"How can you restrict the zonal meets to under-23s? That means you are unwittingly encouraging the athletes to be age-cheats because it is just not easy for home-based athletes to find competitions for themselves. And that is certainly not be good for Nigerian athletics."

He pleaded with the Sports Minister, Col. Musa Mohammed, to redeem the pledges he made to Nigerian athletes, on behalf of the government, both at the Olympic training camp in Germany and after the men's relay teams won bronze medals in Athens.

NIPOGA: Bauchi Poly inaugurates publicity c'ttee

Federal Polytechnic, Bauchi, host of the 13th edition of the all Nigeria Polytechnic Games NIPOGA Tagged "Bauchi 2005 has constituted a 9-man publicity sub-committee headed by the HOD Mass Com dept of the polytechnic. Auwal Bala Aminu.

Inaugurating the sub committee, the Rector Saidu Ibrahim Jahun charged the committee to ensure that there was a successful game because according to him the whole thing is a media event urging them to immediately swing into action to publicise

From Tashikalmah Hallah,
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the game.

Saidu Ibrahim Jahun, who is the president of NIPOGA, assured that the polytechnic will do everything possible to ensure that the committee did not fail in its assignment calling on the members to justify the confidence reposed on them by the poly adding that they were selected based on their merits as individuals and the reputation of the organisations they represent in Bauchi.

While wishing the members well the rector urged them to

be considerate of the budget of the entire games which is scheduled to hold in September of this year with all the polytechnics in the participation.

Other members of the committee are Zailani Bappah of New Nigerian Newspapers; Umar Sa'id SWAN Chairman, Bauchi; David Ayodele of FRCN; Abba Abdulmumuni of NTA Bauchi, Ishola Micheal Adeyemi of Nigerian Tribune and a representative each from Bauchi Radio Corporation and BATV as well two representatives from the polytechnic.

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Ending the culture of official impunity

There is a vital and urgent need to build democracy by combating the climate of impunity and wanton violence against the person and property of the individual in Nigeria. On Wednesday 23rd Thursday 24th, February 2005 residents of two rows of flat on Road 335 in Gwarinpa Housing Estate were given less than 24-hours notice to pack out. The order came from the Federal Housing Authority and was punitively enforced with wanton destruction of personal belonging. Police enforcers threw people's properties from windows and balconies on upper floors. Those that were breakable were severely shattered; while partitions put up by residents were smashed. A PDP politician from Delta State who held a flat in the complex was lucky to have his television set and laptop computer saved by good neighbours. A woman who had recently had twins could not contact her husband who had traveled, and when a family in a row of flats which was not affected offered to hold her and her property, the rampaging officials would not allow it.

The block of flats had been built by a contractor for the Federal Housing Authority. The FHA was, allegedly, not satisfied with the quality of work done and would not accept the houses. The contractor had, since 2001, gone to court while renting out the flats to desperate clients. There is speculation that the contractor may have been hit by the brutal evictions of his clients because of his political activities. Among other things, he is understood to be one of those in court against the Governor of Delta State over allegations of previous conviction for theft by a court in Bwari.

Whatever the reasons for the assault on these innocent clients, the incident showed the desperate absence of the 30 political parties in the daily lives of ordinary Nigerians, beyond the few hours it takes for those who stand in queue to vote once every four years. There was absence of local party workers to mobilize the residents against wanton Police thugery; no local party functionaries to call on higher party cadres to intervene with higher officials; and hold individual Police and FHA officials accountable for acts of vandalism and possible theft. In short, there was nothing to show that the hustle and bustle about the Political Reform Conference at the International Conference Centre nearby was not yet again another jamboree in a militaristic polity. There were no angry fingers of democracy to point into the eyes of a culture of official impunity.

The point must be emphasized over and over that the culture of democracy is more than big *agbadas* and *babanrigas* and high architectures of headties on politicians. It must mean concrete freedoms for ordinary citizens, including freedom from wanton official insults, humiliations, brazen theft and violence. Malam Nasir el-Rufai as the host of the FCT owes these residents of Gwarinpa a hearing. They may not have voted him to office, but they voted for his boss. That alone gives them claims to the legitimacy of his powers. Decent, law-abiding Nigerians lost properties which they had earned with much sweat. Nigerians who had purchased shelter and some level of certainty for the wellbeing of their families were booted out in the manner the racist police of apartheid South Africa were most practiced in. This show of raw official impunity must be brought to an end by remedial action which wins back pained hearts and minds for faith in democracy as a culture of governance.

OBJ: One more example

By Adagbo Onoja

President Obasanjo and the Chairman of the National Conference are making an interesting but misleading analogy about the fate of Nigeria. For the President, discussing the dissolution of Nigeria is a no-go area for the delegates. The Conference Chairman, on the other hand, assures that, in the event that such a discussion occurs, he would vacate the Chair and, hopefully, the protagonists would get the message. Very fine and even re-assuring patriotism but...

Implicit in these assurances is an assumption that those who may, for whatever reasons, want to challenge the Nigerian state, are still rational actors by then. That they are purposeless mischief-makers who do not really have a reason to revolt. Finally, the President and the Conference Chairman failed to reckon with the reality of private sector imperialists, warlords, oil or diamond princesses and private security companies, and how prepared these new forces and factors are willing to assist those who are ready to abstract ethnic, regional, religious and other inequalities by obliterating the dynamism of these inequalities and giving them cultural or counter-cultural character. In this way, they escape defining inequality or domination or neglect as universal categories but as something peculiar to them and whose resolution lies in pulling out. They want to pull out not to resolve the said inequality but prosecute a mode of accumulation related to control of peculiar resources. So, most of the politics of pulling out are not open to rational analysis which will get any message by vacating the Chair or because the President has said so. In deeply divided societies like ours with a long history of fractious elite and the existence of vengeance seeking groups, these wars have been correctly understood to be political projects aimed at capturing state power for rent-seeking territorial fiefdom of warlords. There is a consensus that these conflicts are archetypal resource wars in which diamond or oil or any other profitable mineral can inspire warlords to use any available fighting forces circumscribed by their poverty rather than their ethnic origin, the object of the wars being not to for one side to win but to "engage in profitable crime under the cover of warfare."

Perhaps, his military background and possibly a certain confidence in the country's military capability might have inclined the President to reckon with some of these threats and their bearers as rascals but in the context of the politics of 2007, his own (mis) handling of things so far and the level of hopelessness in the country, these are things to worry about.

Of course, there would be no basis for such worries if Nigeria had a functional ruling class with a consensus on power. Although the Nigerian ruling class has, comparatively, been a better manager of federalism in Africa, there are too many signs that the *ancien regime* has crumbled. It was finally beheaded in 2003. President Obasanjo's tendency is trying to become the dominant expression of the Nigerian ruling class but his group has so many rough drivers that the federal car is more certain to crash than arrive safely. And even if it arrives safely, it would be so damaged that there would be no buyers, both at home and abroad. I would cite just one example.

It is now no longer news that the President wants to go full throttle in taking over the PDP. In this last lap, there would be any niceties about taking over the party any more. It would just be taken over, not only by imposing a retired general on the party but including complete subordination of the party. I have absolutely nothing personal against the incoming general but the point against this grain of militarization of public life is the basic unsuitability of a military person for the job of party Chairman particularly when the President is not only a retired general himself but also one that has not transformed at all from the command ideology. The political party, on the other hand, is the archimedean lever for the 'revolution' in all cases, radical or conservative. It is really where the power lays hence the President's desire to control it. But the take over in this case is not going to be like Nkrumah and Nyerere and Awo combining the presidential and Chairmanship powers of the parties and governments they ran. This is the point that the President and his ideologues like Sidi H. Ali have not appreciated. And contrary to the analogy that the President wants to take control of the PDP to prevent it from going down, the President has always wanted to control the party, since 1999.

Kenny Martins told the interesting story of how they told Obasanjo that since Awoniyi did not want to take any appointment in 1999, chairmanship of the PDP would be a fitting tribute to his facilitation efforts. OBJ, according to him, said that the problem was that Atiku did not want Awoniyi as party chairman. When Atiku was asked why he was against Awoniyi, he expressed surprise at how they came by such impression. So, the guys concluded that the problem was with the President.

It was later that information filtered out that the President or some new philosopher king had concluded that it was unstrategic to leave the party in the hands of an Awoniyi or any of those old technocrats, that their mastery of government meant that the party would always flank the Presidency in these matters. This narrative is not one of sympathy for Chief Awoniyi but illustration of the working of the mindset that unless the President is controlling the

party, the government is not safe.

At the rate he is going about it-throwing Audu Ogbeh out of PDP Chairmanship, calling a National Dialogue and being associated with engineering claimant ethno-regional militancy with stiff rhetoric on being the next to produce the President, the question has to be: what exactly could the President want and why could this not be very obvious popular democratic alternative that all of us can proudly push with him?

PDP as a party is worth mourning. The coalitions that came together to give it life had a discourse of power along a nationalist, democratic stream of consciousness. They were not against capitalism nor even anti-imperialist but they were also not agents of imperialism in that sense.

Their discourse of power was an inclusive system of power capable of mitigating the ethnic sense of alienation that had been fuelled particularly by the annulment of June 12 presidential election and the subsequent political temperature. They sought to undermine tendency differences in favour of a mega coalition of petty bourgeois nationalists capable of undermining military rule which they had begun to see as their real enemy given the personal and group privations they had suffered since 1983-detention, seizure of property, disqualification, divorce from politics and being painted as the sole bearers of corruption.

They subsequently agreed even before the party had been formed that their Presidential candidate would come from the Southwest. There were pockets of internal opposition to this but a bulk of the federating tendencies was basically agreed on power shift. The military clan had their own plot but if there had not been this decision, the militicians would not have succeeded in parachuting Obasanjo.

The ruling class in any polity is rarely radical but as the greatest stake-holders in the system, they can be trusted in most cases to know the value of compromise, concession and accommodation for the purposes of political peace and stability.

If ever proof of this is needed, the case of the NPN in 1978 should suffice.

This was the party that developed the strategy of zoning. When the party came up with zoning, which is underlined by the same logic as in rotation, students of Nigerian politics, both the conservatives, the old and the new left came to the conclusion that it was within the logic of a political project.

According to one of the left scholars then, the logic of the political project of the NPN was a clarion call for all fractions of the bourgeoisie to come together in order that ALL in the class might partake of the cake. Zoning/Rotation was then analyzed as the development of a national system for the distribution of the national cake. In other words, it was an attempt to rationalize and systematize accumulation, thereby reduce the conflictual dimensions of that process which had made 'democracy' impossible. It has become a tolerable though bourgeois pragmatism. So much so that radicals at the 1995 constitutional conference had to mellow in their opposition to rotation, something they had hitherto considered backward.

The danger in this toying with the party should be very obvious. In every society, there are certain people who are not allowed to rule unless they are groomed. They are not allowed to rule because to rule means to control the state. The state, in whichever tradition of reasoning you look at it, liberal or radical, is the guarantor of the good life. Good life is not used here to mean enjoyment but the security of society as a whole. Therefore, so much attention is paid to the recruitment of those who rule, in terms of their preparation in life to preside over the administration of the good life. Society is right to ensure that people with deep-seated grudges do not take power or that if, by some failed permutation they do get into power, the damage can be contained.

There is nothing undemocratic about this since democracy, understood flatly like this, can spring rascals into power. Since it is society that pays dearly for such as in Germany and Italy under National Socialism and fascism respectively, it is up to society to watch out for such individuals or groups. It is only a political party that can do this through a system of selection, recruitment and political education. A lot of the parties we have had after the mid eighties have not been able to do this basically because of the environment in which they operated. But this was the case before then.

Thus, in spite of the ethno-regional character of political competition since independence, leaders have always been carefully chosen in Nigeria. Even in 1998, the ruling elite across the regions acted deliberately on this. They might have been calculating regional and particularistic interests but the selection of OBJ was a ruling class decision in terms of who, on account of pedigree, can hold the state. It was not for OBJ to protect northern or any other interests as is flimsily interpreted in the media. It is not for nothing that OBJ gets angry whenever it is suggested that he wants to balkanize the country. He does not see himself playing that card arising from certain orientation although he does things that could end up producing balkanization in spite of himself. Like taking over the party at a time the country is in need of a platform headed by a core professional politician whose moral credentials, personality and finesse will offer some hope as well as political skills in mobilization and conscientization of the populace with, at least the rhetoric of hope, if not populist or nationalist consciousness.

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