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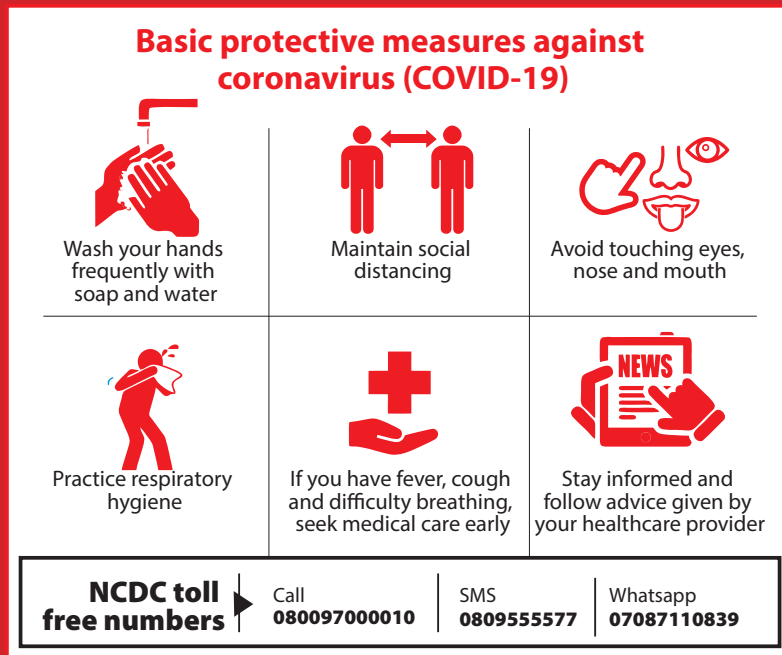
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SOKOTO SUNNY 34 MAX 17 MIN	IBADAN PARTLY CLOUDY 38 MAX 22 MIN
KADUNA SUNNY 35 MAX 17 MIN	MAIDUGURI SUNNY 34 MAX 15 MIN
ENUGU PARTLY CLOUDY 38 MAX 22 MIN	P/HARCOURT PARTLY CLOUDY 29 MAX 18 MIN
JOS PARTLY CLOUDY 31 MAX 14 MIN	
LAGOS PARTLY CLOUDY 34 MAX 24 MIN	

(Temperature in centigrade)

Basic protective measures against coronavirus (COVID-19)



Wash your hands frequently with soap and water

Maintain social distancing

Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth

Practice respiratory hygiene

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

Stay informed and follow advice given by your healthcare provider

NCDC toll free numbers

Call 080097000010 | SMS 0809555577 | Whatsapp 07087110839

AFRICAN SAYINGS >>

One day the monkey will go to the market and it will not come back

(Nigeria)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

FOOD FOR THOUGHT >>

If we try, we may still fail. But if we do not try, we cannot possibly succeed



- Christine Milne

PHOTO OF THE DAY >>



A view of a refugee camp after heavy rain caused flooding. Torrential downpours flooded 110 tented camps, where 50,000 civilians live near the border with Turkey Idlib, Syria

Photo: Anadolu Agency/Getty Images

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ENUGU	5:41	12:45	3:59	6:25	7:30
KADUNA	5:38	12:46	4:00	6:28	7:33
KANO	5:33	12:41	3:55	6:24	7:29
KATSINA	5:35	12:47	4:01	6:32	7:37
LAGOS	5:56	1:03	4:17	6:43	7:48
MAIDUGURI	5:16	12:24	3:38	6:06	7:11
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SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna

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OPEN	1.42	31.00	0.71	2.00	6.70
CLOSE	-0.10	-1.80	-0.04	-0.10	-0.30
CHANGE	-6.58	-5.49	-5.33	-4.76	-4.29

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NEWS

How gunmen abducted ATBU professor in Zaria

From Isa Sa'idu & Aliyu Babankarfi, Zaria

● Killed son, shot nephew

Daredevil gunmen Sunday night stormed Kuregu area, Wusasa, Zaria, and abducted the Head, Department of Agricultural Protection of the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University (ATBU), Bauchi.

Daily Trust gathered that the abductors invaded Professor Aliyu Muhammad's house at about 10:30pm and whisked him away after killing one of his sons and shooting his nephew, a secondary school student, in the stomach.

Professor Muhammad is also the traditional titleholder of Wazirin Wusasa and is one of the prominent personalities of the area and Zaria at large.

Eyewitnesses, including a younger brother of the victim, Kabiru Muhammad Danlami, told our correspondents that he was with the victim before the incident discussing the planned reopening of the universities in Nigeria.

Danlami added: "I am a lorry driver. So, we had arranged with the prof. that I would be the one to take his loads to Bauchi as schools resume today (yesterday). When we finished our discussion, I left for my house when I heard the boys sitting at the gate of the prof.'s house shouting Barayi, Barayi (thieves, thieves). Thereafter, sounds of gunshot rent the air."

He said there were police personnel on patrol at the area at the time of the incident, but could not stop the abductors.

"The policemen present tried their best, because they exchanged fire with the abductors. However, it was obvious that the police could not stand the firepower of the gunmen. They therefore retreated. Before other security agents arrived, the gunmen had finished executing their nefarious acts," he said.

When contacted, the spokesman of the Kaduna State Police Command, ASP Abubakar Jalige, said he was out of town, but promised to confirm on his return.

My father was planning to go back to ATBU Monday - Son

According to his son,



■ Professor Aliyu Muhammad



■ Mai Anguwa of Kuregu



■ A wall riddled by bullets at the professor's house

Dr. Khalifa Usman Aliyu, Professor Muhammad was planning to leave for Bauchi yesterday morning before he was abducted Sunday night.

Dr. Aliyu said the kidnappers ambushed his father when he came out from his room to tap up his car glasses.

Speaking with our correspondent at Professor Muhammad's residence, Dr. Aliyu said the abductors came at about 10:30pm Sunday night and moved straight to the professor's compound after firing several shots to scare away residents.

He added: "I came back to the house about three minutes before the abductors attacked. When I returned to the house, I met my younger brother and his friends at the gate. I went inside and met my father, Professor Aliyu Muhammad, in the compound. He told me

that he came out to tap up the glasses of his car.

"I left him there, but instead of going to my section, I went to the main house. About three minutes after, I started hearing gunshots from all angles. One of my brothers alerted us that the gunshots were from abductors. We all ran for our dear lives. I scaled the fence from the main house. Later, I called my brother, Mubarak, to confirm what was happening. He told me that they had taken our father and killed my other brother, Abdulaziz Aliyu, 17, a secondary school student. They shot him in the stomach."

According to Aliyu, after the abductors had succeeded in picking up Professor Muhammad, they broke into the main house where they met a nephew of the

professor, Abubakar Kabiru, whom they shot when he attempted to run.

"Later, I returned to the house where I realised that the abductors had riddled my car with bullets, perhaps, thinking that I had hidden inside. I managed the car like that to take my two brothers, who were writhing in their own blood, to the hospital. Before getting to the hospital however, Abdulaziz gave up the ghost, while Abubakar will undergo surgery today (yesterday)."

According to Aliyu, the abductors were yet to contact the family, but confirmed that they came on motorcycles.

The ward head of Kuregu (Mai Anguwa), Alhaji Muhammad Ahmad Amfani, said one of the sons of the abducted professor called him to inform him that the abductors were at the house.

"The security men came,

but could not get any of the abductors because they had already left. My appeal is for all residents to continue to be praying and we should be vigilant. We must know the people living with us and around us. It is no time now to trust anybody, but we shouldn't take laws into our own hands."

Kaduna State government last night confirmed the incident in a statement by the state's Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan.

The government said the abduction in Wusasa was among three most recent armed attacks recorded in the state, in which four persons were killed.

Daily Trust reports that kidnapping in the ancient city of Zaria is becoming a recurrent decimal. Within the last four months, several incidences were recorded and out of which three incidences involved lecturers of Nuhu Bamalli Polytechnic, ABU and



■ Dr. Aliyu



■ Residents lamenting the incident at the abducted professor's house



■ President Muhammadu Buhari signs the MoU for the 2nd review of the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM). With him are Vice President Yemi Osinbajo; President of the Senate, Ahmad Lawan; Imo State Governor, Sen Hope Uzodinma and Chairperson APRM National Governing Council, Sen Abba Ali, at the Presidential Villa Abuja, yesterday

Photo: Felix Onigbinde

Resumption: Schools differ on COVID-19 protocols

By Fidelis Mac-Leva, Chidimma C. Okeke, Sadiq Isah, Adam Umar & Olayemi John-Mensah (Abuja); Jeremiah Oke (Ibadan); Victor Edozie (Port Harcourt); Misbahu Bashir (Maiduguri); Peter Moses (Abeokuta); Bassey Willie (Yenagoa); Haruna Gimba Yaya (Gombe); Hameed Oyegbade (Osogbo); Ibrahim Baba Saleh (Damaturu); Iniabasi Umo (Uyo); Hope Abah Emmanuel (Makurdi); Christiana T. Alabi, Risikat Ramoni & Yvonne Ugwuezuoha (Lagos); Raphael Ogbonaiye (Ado-Ekiti); Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu & Richard P. Ngbokai (Kano)

As public and private schools across the country resumed classes yesterday for the second term 2020/2021 academic session, there was a low level of compliance with COVID-19 protocols, *Daily Trust* reports.

The federal government had announced that schools should resume on Monday, January 18, 2021, after consultations with relevant stakeholders and having taken appraisal of the situation.

It said schools must ensure the compulsory wearing of face masks by all students, teachers, and workers and that temperature checks and hand washing facilities must be at strategic locations in all schools.

However, some parents and bodies, including chairmen of various chapters of the Academic Staff Union of Universities, ASUU, had expressed concerns over the resumption of academic activities on January 18, saying the institutions were not ready for safe reopening.

Visits to some schools across the country by our reporters yesterday showed that the COVID-19 safety protocols were mostly observed in the breach.

While some appreciable level of adherence to the COVID-19 protocols was observed in private schools, they were majorly defied in public schools.

Oyo

In Oyo State, for instance, teachers and students, especially in public schools, shunned the COVID-19 protocols.

Our correspondent reports that though the state government had ordered schools to resume last week Monday, the level of compliance of public schools with the preventive measures was very poor.

Some private schools were, however, seen enforcing compliance as they turned some students back home for their failure to put on their facemasks.

It was observed that though many of the schools placed buckets of water in the front of their building, many students refused to wash their hands.

Similarly, students of public schools at Oba Akinbiyi Model School and some of

their teachers were neither wearing nose masks nor putting on face shields.

Rivers

Rivers State public primary and secondary schools were not observing the COVID-19 protocols, our correspondent reports.

It was gathered that even though the state government provided COVID-19 safety gears such as washing hand buckets, pupils and students of the schools were not making use of them.

At the St. Andrew's State Primary School, Diobu, Port Harcourt, our reporter observed that all the four schools lumped together at the expansive schools' premises had washing hand buckets positioned at the entrance but pupils were not washing their hands before entering their classes.

At State Model Primary School, Churchill Road, Port Harcourt, our reporter noticed that the entire school had only one hand washing bucket positioned at the school entrance but pupils failed to wash their hands before gaining entrance to the school premises.

Our reporter learnt that the task force had visited many schools in the state to ensure COVID-19 protocols compliance.

Borno

Schools in Borno State reopened yesterday but most students failed to comply with the infection prevention and control measures.

Our correspondent observed that while most of the hand-washing stations in the schools were not functional learners were allowed into schools without nose mask, water, soap, and hand sanitizers were not available in most schools visited.

Commissioner of Information, Home Affairs, and Culture, Babakura Abba Jato, said that ministries of health and education were working to enforce all COVID-19 protocols in schools.

The Principal, Government Secondary School, Zajiri, Maiduguri, Usman Mansur Kyari, said school reopening was safe and consistent with measures put in place by the government and that stricter enforcement of COVID-19 safety measures would start when all the students returned and lessons commenced fully.

Partial compliance in Ogun, Bayelsa, Gombe, Yobe

Students of schools in Ogun, Bayelsa, and Gombe and Yobe states yesterday resumed academic activities for second term 2020/2021 session.

Our correspondent who visited some schools in Abeokuta, the state capital, observed that hundreds of students were seen at the entrances of their school premises with some of them not

complying with the COVID-19 protocols.

Students without face masks were prevented from entering the school premises.

It was also observed that while schools made arrangements for hand washing, social distancing was not observed even as the majority of the schools visited did not provide infrared thermometers for checking the temperature of the students as directed by the state government.

Similarly, most of the schools visited in Bayelsa State partially complied with COVID-19 protocols; while some had hand washing equipment, they failed to observe proper physical distancing.

At St Jude Girls Secondary School, Amarata, Yenagoa, every safety device was seen at the gate, but a female teacher directed our reporter to the State Ministry of Education or Secondary Education Board because they were not allowed to grant press interviews as civil servants.

Some private schools along Ebis Mechanic Road, said they were trying their best to adhere to the government safety protocols but declined further comments.

Also, in Gombe State, our correspondent reports that students and teachers were partially observing the COVID-19 protocols. In some of the schools visited there was strict adherence to the guidelines, while others failed to observe them.

At the Jalo Waziri Junior Secondary School, the students were strictly observing the safety protocols right from the school gate by washing hands and no student was allowed entry into the school premises without wearing a face mask.

However, in the primary section of the school, there was no observance of social distancing.

Benue

In Benue State, resumption in many public schools was scanty while their private counterparts were populated with full compliance with safety protocols/measures against COVID-19.

The management of some of the schools visited, however, claimed that the government planned to make further provision for their safety in line with the rules against the disease.

At the Government Girls College, Makurdi, staff members were seen going about their duties, with most of them without facemasks.

In Lagos and Osun, students defy protocols outside school premises

Majority of schools in Lagos and Osun states adhered to the COVID-19 protocols while in school premises but shunned them outside.

At Agidingbi Senior Grammar School, Lagos, there were measures including

provision of wash hand basins with soap and sanitizers at the entrance as well as in front of the classrooms. There was also, temperature check with the infrared thermometer at the school entrance while only 30 students are allowed per class in order to ensure the social distancing protocol.

It was, however, observed that majority of the students only masked up when they were within their schools' premises.

Similarly, the pupils seen in the streets of Osogbo in Osun State were not using nose cover and they were seen playing and hugging with disregard to COVID-19 social distancing warning.

Parents express fears

Our correspondent reports that some parents in Lagos yesterday expressed their concern over the school resumption.

A Lagos-based parent, Olajide Alex-Oni, expressed worry over the school resumption. Olajide who took to his Twitter handle to express his concern said he was displeased with the arrangement he saw when he took his children to school on Monday.

Another parent, Aramide, said, "My children are staying home at least for this week or even next. I can't control their actions in school and neither do I trust their caregivers and teachers to be particular about them."

The Chairman of the Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB), Wahab Alawiye King, however, reassured parents about the safety of their children and wards. He insisted the state government has ensured some measures are put in place for the safety of the kids.

Compliance in FCT, Ekiti, Kano, Akwa Ibom

Our correspondents report that schools in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Akwa Ibom, Kano, and Ekiti states kept to the COVID-19 guidelines and protocols.

In the FCT, schools that complied with the COVID-19 protocols include Government Science Secondary School (GSSS) Abaji and Kubwa III Model Primary School where buckets of water and liquid soap were provided at each block of classrooms, in addition to two others stationed at the school gate.

Also, the staff members of the schools were seen wearing face masks, while some parents/visitors who came to the school were stopped at the school gate and ordered to wash their hands before they entered the school.

Also, in Kano State, primary, secondary and tertiary education institutions resumed on Monday with general strict compliance with COVID-19 protocols in some of the schools visited by our correspondent.

Uproar as Akeredolu asks herdsmen to leave Ondo

From Bola Ojuola (Akure),
Abbas Dalibi (Ibadan), Abiodun Alade,
Adelanwa Bamgboye (Lagos),
John C. Azu (Abuja), Dickson Adama
(Jos) & Clement Oloyede (Kano)



■ Governor Rotimi Akeredolu

Governor Rotimi Akeredolu yesterday directed all herdsmen to vacate the Ondo forest reserves within the next seven days. The ultimatum will lapse on Sunday, January 24.

In his verified Twitter handle, Akeredolu also banned night-grazing and movement of cattle within the cities and highways in Ondo.

Some analysts and legal practitioners who spoke to Daily Trust described the statement by the Ondo governor as contradictory, insisting that he was indirectly asking herders to leave the state, which is against the Nigerian Constitution.

However, others supported the governor saying he has the right to ask questionable characters to leave.

But the Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN) in Ondo said what the governor posted on his Twitter handle was different from what they discussed during their meeting with him yesterday.

Its chairman, Alhaji Bello Garba, told one of our correspondents that they held a meeting with the governor during which he admonished them to work with security agencies in exposing criminals.

"We are not aware of any order from the governor directing our people to vacate Ondo forest reserves because during our face-to-face meeting with him yesterday, he did not say anything like that," he said.

According to the Miyetti Allah leader, "The governor summoned a meeting with us, the Fulani leaders and those representing farmers to discuss security issues. He said farmers and herders live in the forests and that is where criminals live.

"He said we should expose criminals who are kidnapping people for ransom. The governor also asked us to ask our people to desist from night grazing or moving our cattle on the highway. This is all I know," Alhaji Garba said.

Also, one of the national leaders of Miyetti Allah said the directive by Akeredolu will not stand because it was a constitutional matter.

The official, who does not want his name mentioned, said the federal government must speak out before the issue degenerates to something else.

The expulsion came less than a week after a leading thug in Oyo State, Sunday Igboho, asked the Fulani to leave the State.

However, efforts to get clarification from those speaking on behalf of the Ondo governor on the vacation order were not successful.

The Commissioner for Information and Orientation, Mr Donald Ojogo, said he cannot talk about it adding that

the governor is a lawyer and a Senior Advocate of Nigeria.

Spokesman for the governor, Segun Ajiboye did not pick his calls. When contacted to comment on the matter, the Executive Secretary of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Tony Ojukwu, said, "When last I checked, there is still freedom of movement in the constitution. Unless there is a law authorizing this directive, if it is disobeyed, how will it be enforced?"

"We are a country of laws bound by the constitution and people should desist from making statements that cannot be justified by the law or the constitution. I don't have the facts and I am only commenting purely on the law and the rights in the 1999 Constitution," he said.

What Akeredolu said

The Ondo governor yesterday attributed kidnapping and other nefarious acts in his state to the activities of "some bad elements masquerading as herdsmen."

While saying the decision to ask them to leave was taken based on security documents, Akeredolu said the resolution was a decisive action that will restore peace and order in the state.

According to him, "Today we have taken major steps at addressing the root cause of kidnapping, in particular, and other nefarious activities detailed and documented in security reports, the press and debriefings from victims of kidnap cases in Ondo State.

"These unfortunate incidents are traceable to the activities of some bad elements masquerading as herdsmen. These felons have turned our forest reserves into hideouts for keeping victims of kidnapping, negotiating for ransom and carrying out other criminal activities."

In light of the foregoing, Governor Akeredolu highlighted the following orders:

1. All forest reserves in the state are to be vacated by herdsmen within the next 7 days with effect from today, Monday 18th January, 2021.

2. Night-grazing is banned with immediate effect because most farm destruction takes place at night.

3. Movement of cattle within cities and highways is prohibited.

4. Under-aged grazing of cattle is outlawed.

"Our resolution to guarantee the safety of lives and property within the state shall remain utmost as security agencies have been directed to enforce the ban.

"In its usual magnanimity, our administration will give a grace period of seven days for those who wish to carry on with their cattle-rearing business to register with appropriate authorities," the governor said.

Daily Trust reports that the governor did not give more details on how herders would register, and whether after they register, they could access the forest reserves.

It was also not clear whether the Ondo State Government was planning to establish ranches.

Gov has duty to safeguard lives but... - Lawyers

Dayo Akinlaja (SAN) lauded the governor's directive to insecurity in the state, noting that the major aim of the government is to ensure security and welfare of the people.

"There is nothing unconstitutional about the directive. I can't say I am privy to the reason behind the directive, but I think it has to do with the fact that the forests are infested with criminals and kidnappers. So, let the innocent ones come out so that the government can clear the forest of the evil ones. Thereafter, the innocent ones can go back," he said.

Also responding, Paul Ananaba (SAN) said it was a delicate decision for the state government to make because on one hand, as the elected governor of the state, he has a duty to protect the lives and property of the citizens, and on another hand, he has no right to "chase Nigerians out of any part of the country."

A top constitutional lawyer, who asked not to be named, said while the governor's action may be seen as controversial, he said under the Land Use Act, governors have the locus standi to give directives on the use of lands in their territory.

"This is why you see governors giving orders for a raid on criminal hideouts and in fact, ordering the demolition of

such places," he said.

However, another senior lawyer, Aminu Gadanya, who is also the Chairman of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) in Kano State, said the provision of the Land Use Act can never supersede that of the constitution, which guarantees freedom of movement.

He said it is a settled matter of law that where a provision of an Act is in conflict with a provision of the Constitution, that of the Constitution will take pre-eminence.

"By the provision of Chapter 4, Section 41 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, he (Akeredolu) does not have the power to issue that ultimatum. It is a breach of their (herdsmen) constitutional right. Because by the provision of that section of the Constitution, they (herdsmen) can move freely and live at any place they wish. He cannot curtail that freedom," he said.

He said even when the governor was acting on security reports, as stated in this instance, "I am sure they (criminal elements) are not the majority because there are surely those Fulani herdsmen that have been living there for several years. In my personal opinion, he cannot out rightly say he has given the entire herdsmen ultimatum to leave that forest."

On his part, Barrister Lawan Ishaq said, "The excuse that some governors in the South West are advancing that Fulani are behind most kidnappings in that area is a lame excuse just to give a dog a bad name in order to hang it.

"While I am not excusing all Fulani herdsmen as innocent - surely like any other people, there are bad eggs - saying they are solely behind kidnappings and other nefarious criminal activities is insincere. Banning them from any section of their own country is a very dangerous precedence, which shouldn't be allowed to go scot-free."

Chief Adegboyega Awomolo (SAN), on his part, said, "Maybe people want Akeredolu to go and negotiate with bandits who are also Boko Haram like what the governors of Zamfara and Kaduna did."

A political analyst and lecturer in the Department of Political Science, Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Dr Aminu Hayatu, told our correspondent that while it is not a new thing when talking about settlers/indigene problems, "it will be uncivil for any part of the country to make attempts to give an ultimatum to anybody to leave a particular place."

He said as, against arbitrary orders, governors should always refer the matter to the judiciary so that "a position would be taken as to what is the position of law on such matters of contention."

Daily Trust recalled that in a similar controversial move, Benue State Governor, Samuel Ortom, banned open grazing in the state in 2017.

The law was signed on May 22, 2017, and came into effect in November of that year, generating heated debate in the polity.

Alaafin assures Fulani of safety

Elsewhere, the Alaafin of Oyo, Oba Lamidi Olayiwola Adeyemi, has assured Fulani communities in Oyo State of safety just as he berated the activities of the Amotekun Corps saying "they are doing the job God doesn't like."

The Alaafin stated this while receiving the leadership of the Fulani herdsmen in his palace on Sunday.

Daily Trust reports that there has been controversy about Amotekun following allegations of abuse of human rights by some members of the corps in Oyo State.

The issues surrounding Amotekun's modus operandi appear more disturbing in Oyo State, where the operatives are said to be wielding dangerous weapons, including guns, during their operations.

Reacting to the disturbing trend and the attack on a Fulani settlement in Ibarapa Central Local Government Area of the state, Alaafin said, "A lot of people in Yorubaland do not know that Fulani are different from one another: there are those into trading, and also those settlers that are into cattle rearing and also those that roam about from Niger, Burkina Faso; this set also trouble the Fulani in our midst, they are a problem to all of us including the Fulani.

"The word Fulani is like saying Yoruba, if an Ekiti man does something wrong, they will say Yoruba. If Lagos man does something, they will say Yoruba," Alaafin said.

The royal father also criticised the mode of operations of Amotekun Corps saying "there is no way they can operate without the cooperation of other security agencies.

"Amotekun cannot work successfully without the DSS, Police, VGN and including that of Miyetti Allah," he said.

The royal father also said that the Amotekun operatives have been killing police asking further, "When did you hear that VGN of Fulani kill police?"

"The Fulani amidst us can identify whoever is coming to do evil because we have them among us that can differentiate the Fulani from Kano and other parts of the country."

He added, "Let your mind be at peace. I will talk to the governor on your behalf because he wants to know the truth.

"Amotekun that are going about with gun are doing the job not given to them, Amotekun are doing the job God doesn't like. Because they are in uniform does not mean they can terrorise the community by collecting money from citizens, but I've not heard that the Fulani VGN or Miyetti Allah living among us ever collected money from anybody," he said.

COVID-19: We opposed Jan 18 school resumption - FG

By Abbas Jimoh

The Federal Government yesterday said it was against the resumption of schools on January 18.

At the briefing of the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19, the Minister of Education, Adamu Adamu, said the Federal Government did not agree with the states on the resumption date.

Adamu, who noted that the PTF would monitor the COVID-19 situation on a daily basis, said the school resumption could be reviewed again.

"We sat down, looked at the figures and we took the decision that schools should not open. Unfortunately, we have to state this because it is supposed to be a collective decision, but you must understand that the

- Cooperate with us or face second lockdown, PTF warns Nigerians
- says govt will approve only safe vaccines

schools we're talking about, the Federal Government has only about 100 out of thousands of schools.

"The schools are under the jurisdiction of states and just as the PTF was unanimous in saying that schools should not open, states were unanimous that schools should open. So, we have to compromise and as PTF we shall monitor what is happening on a daily basis. There could be some review again", Adamu said.

It would be recalled that last Thursday, the spokesman of the Ministry of Education, Ben Goong, had said in a statement that "after extensive consultations with relevant

stakeholders, including state governors, commissioners of education, proprietors and heads of institutions, staff unions and students, the consensus of opinion is that the resumption date of 18th January should remain."

The Secretary to the Government of the Federation and PTF Chairman, Boss Mustapha, also said the school resumption would be reviewed due to rising daily numbers of infections and the challenges of case management, especially the shortage of oxygen.

Mustapha warned Nigerians to cooperate with the PTF to avoid a second lockdown in the country.

He said: "The pandemic is raging and all tiers of government and citizens must keep their hands-on-deck. We're in a difficult situation in which a balance must continue to be struck between lives and livelihood. We're considering all options while hoping that broad cooperation will be received. We must do everything possible to avoid a second lockdown in Nigeria."

He said the PTF was proceeding with the next phase of the approved presidential sanction against all in-bound international travelers that failed to undergo the day-7 post arrival test.

He said the PTF would

ensure that the vaccines to be approved would be safe and effective.

"We must however work together as foot soldiers in the vaccine advocacy so that we can eliminate the pandemic. The PTF wishes to emphasize that the success of our national response shall not depend on vaccines alone. Rather, compliance with the non-pharmaceutical protocols must remain top on our individual priorities."

He said the PTF had authorized the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control to immediately implement the 450 tests per local government area plan nationwide.

Jonathan chairs 18th Trust Dialogue on restructuring

By Idowu Isamotu

Former President Goodluck Jonathan will today in Abuja preside over the 18th edition of the annual *Daily Trust* Dialogue, whose theme is on the hotly debated issue of restructuring of Nigeria.

Three key personalities to speak at the event, which will be moderated by renowned media entrepreneur and founder of Daria Media, Kadaria Ahmed, as: an elder statesman and Afenifere Chieftain, Chief Ayo Adebajo; the immediate past President-General of Ohanaeze Nd'Igbo, Chief John Nnia Nwodo, and a renowned political scientist and former chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission, Prof. Attahiru Jega. The event, with the theme "Restructuring: Why? When? How?" will hold at the NAF Conference Centre and Suites, Ahmadu Bello Way, Kado, Abuja, as from 10am.

Expected to grace the occasion are leaders of prominent socio-cultural and political groups in Nigeria such as the Afenifere, the Arewa Consultative Forum, the Ohanaeze Nd'Igbo, the North Central States Peoples Forum, the National Council of Traditional Rulers of Nigeria, the Northern Elders Forum, the National Council of Women Societies, the National Youth Council of Nigeria, among others.

Other dignitaries expected at the Dialogue include serving and past state governors, serving and former ministers, lawmakers, chairmen of the major political parties in the country, members of civil society organisations, development partners and diplomats.

A statement yesterday by the Acting Chief Executive Officer of Media Trust Limited (publishers of *Daily Trust* and other titles), Nura Mamman Daura, said, however, that, "unlike in other years, this year's Dialogue would have a mix of physical and virtual convergence, due to the inevitable restrictions imposed on physical human interactions by the COVID-19 pandemic".

It said only 50 participants, including the chairman of the event, the guest speakers, the moderator and a few other invited guests would be physically accommodated at the venue; while majority of participants and guests are



■ Former President Goodluck Jonathan

encouraged to join remotely through the following webinar link: https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/WN_b-W7SigrTu-nQq4XY8-QWw.

It said the event would be broadcast live by the organisers' media partners-Arise TV (DSTV Channel 416; GoTV Channel 44; Sky Channel 519; Freeview Channel 136); AIT (DSTV Channel 253; GoTV Channel 93; Sky Channel 454; and StarTimes Channel 494; and would be live streamed on Trust TV as well as the *Daily Trust's* social media channels.

The annual *Daily Trust* Dialogue is part of Media Trust Limited's contributions to stimulating discussions by Nigerians and fellow Africans towards enhancing national, and indeed, African integration and cohesion crucial for sustainable socio-political growth and economic development of Nigeria, and the African Continent at large.

Since 2002, Media Trust has hosted the annual public lecture series to discuss topical issues on various aspects of governance.

The series of Dialogues had been attended by past Heads of Government, the leadership of the National Assembly as well as captains of commerce and industry, aside members of the

diplomatic corps.

The *Daily Trust* Dialogue had equally been graced at different times by eminent personalities from across Africa, including Mr. Festus Mogae, former President of Botswana; late Flt. Lt. Jerry Rawlings, former President of Ghana; and Dr Salim Ahmed Salim, former Prime Minister of Tanzania. Others are late Mrs. Winnie Mandela of South Africa's anti-apartheid struggle; Dr Mo Ibrahim; and Mrs. Samia Nkrumah, daughter of Late Dr Kwame Nkrumah.

Brief on the *Daily Trust* Dialogue

The Annual *Daily Trust* Dialogue is our newspaper's contribution to stimulating discussions by Nigerians as a catalyst for enhancing national integration and sustainable socio-political and economic development of our country.

It has also become a forum where sons of Africa meet once a year to discuss issues that concerns the continent. Our publishing company which is based in Abuja gives extensive coverage to African issues and considers this symposium as its contribution to the search for useful social, economic and political ideas

for the advancement of democracy in Nigeria and Africa as a whole.

As the event continues to gain prominence and recognition across the country, it has become a veritable platform for the aggregation of views that will enable the national leaders to take policy decisions for good governance.

Some of the previous dialogues have been on the following topics:

Challenges of Democracy in Africa.
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Corruption: The Trouble with Nigeria
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Others guests from around Africa were Mrs. Winnie Mandela of South Africa's anti-apartheid struggle; Dr. Mo Ibrahim of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, and Mrs. Samia Nkrumah, Parliamentarian and daughter of the late Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, Ghana's former President and reputable pan-African nationalist.

It draws a large audience, ranging between 750 to over 1000. Students, politicians, foreign diplomats, entrepreneurs usually attend this event, depending on the topic and the speakers' profile. Hence, it has a great value proposition for corporate sponsorship and brand enhancement.

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Zulum pays thank-you visit as Borno gets federal Polytechnic after 45 years ...Minister says soon, Borno will get federal COE

Borno State Governor, Prof Babagana Umara Zulum, on Monday paid a thank-you visit to the Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu, following President Muhammadu Buhari's approval for the establishment of a federal polytechnic in Monguno, the most populated town in the educationally disadvantaged Northern Borno where education is at a low ebb.

Until Buhari's approval, Borno had, since its creation in 1976, remained one of the few states which neither had a federal polytechnic nor a federal college of education. The Ramat polytechnic in Maiduguri is owned and funded by the state government; while severe efforts and appeals by successive administrations in Borno,

for the federal government to takeover the Ramat polytechnic had not been successful.

Similarly, existing colleges of education in Maiduguri and Biu are owned by the state government even as appeals for establishment of a federal college of education in Borno also did not materialize.

The University of Maiduguri was the only federal tertiary institution sited in Borno by federal administrations. Across Nigeria's 36 states, majority have in each of them, at least a federal university, polytechnic and college of education. Whereas Borno is 45 years old without these sets of federal institutions, some states created years after Borno have since combined the three.

Determined to claim Borno's entitlement, Governor Zulum, a university professor and former rector of Ramat Polytechnic, launched an aggressive lobbying of the federal government towards the establishment of a federal polytechnic and a federal college of education in Borno State, arguing on basis as of fairness and making reference to the havoc inflicted by Boko Haram on education across the state.

Northern Borno in which a federal polytechnic will now be sited, is rated the most educationally backward in Borno State.

Professor Zulum could not hide his joy when he met the Minister of Education at the Federal Secretariat in Abuja. The governor commended

and thanked President Buhari for approving the new polytechnic.

The governor we also full gratitude to the Minister of Education for recommending the approval as well as for his compassion towards Borno.

The minister informed Governor Zulum that in addition to the federal polytechnic, Borno would soon have a federal college of education like it is across most of the 36 states.

Zulum was accompanied to the minister's office by the Chief Whip of the House of Representatives who is representing Monguno, Matte, and Nganzai Federal Constituency of Borno State, Barister Mohammed Tahir Monguno; the governor's Chief of Staff, Professor Isa Hussaini Marte and some commissioners.



■ Photos from yesterday's visit by Borno Governor, Professor Babagana Umara Zulum, to the minister of education, malam Adamu Adamu. Zulum was accompanied by the chief whip, House of Representatives, Mohammed Tahir Monguno, the governor's chief of staff, Prof. Isa Hussaini Marte, some commissioners and other officials... at the federal ministry of education in Abuja.

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University Kano and former Chairman, INEC



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In compliance with the PTF's guidelines on Covid-19 protocols, we are limiting the number of participants to be physically present at the venue of the Dialogue to 50. This will include Chairman of the event, guest speakers, the Moderator, and a few invited guests.



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Time: 9.00am

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9 foreign nationals rescued from bandits in Katsina

From Tijjani Ibrahim, Katsina

Nine kidnap victims of Niger nationality were rescued by Katsina State Government on Monday from their captivity.

The rescued persons, who include four women, four men, and a toddler said they were kidnapped from Bima, a village in Maradi, Republic of Niger, about nine days ago.

Speaking with pressmen at the Katsina Government House when he received the freed captives, the state Governor, Aminu Bello Masari, said the feat was made possible due to the continued efforts of his administration in collaboration with the security agencies and other stakeholders.

"The last time I spoke with you, I told you the effort being made by the security agencies and Katsina State Government to secure the release of all those that are kidnapped in Katsina State.

The last time we had about 144, then when I was in Abuja, additional 37 were released and sent to their home state of Zamfara, and today we have nine who were kidnapped from Niger republic," the governor said.

He added that the released persons would be examined by medical experts after which they would be handed over to the Nigerian authorities through the Nigerian Immigration Service.

Masari maintained that the state was not into any dialogue with the bandits, but still utilising the same

window and the same actors used in securing the release of Kankara schoolboys.

"The army, the air force, the police and other security agencies are still in operation on the frontline and on the part of the gunmen, they are also still striking, which is to tell you that we are not into any peace deal with them," he said.

One of the victims, Issofou Ali, said 10 of them were abducted from the village, one of which is a Nigerian and she had already negotiated her way out through the payment of ransom, while they were chained as they spent nine days in captivity.

He said apart from the persons, animals were also rustled by the gunmen who invaded the village around 11 pm last week Saturday.

143 communities in Southern Kaduna displaced by insecurity - SOKAPU

From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka, Kaduna

The Southern Kaduna People's Union (SOKAPU) has disclosed that 143 communities across local government areas in Southern Kaduna have been completely displaced over insecurity on the area.

Addressing a press conference yesterday in Kaduna, President of the union, Jonathan Asake said over 160,000 persons, mostly women and children, now living under very harsh and dehumanising conditions devoid of food, medication and other necessities of life.

He further noted with alarm that Southern Kaduna people have had to cough out over N900 million from January to December 2020.

"We feel gravely concerned, particularly with the spate of insecurity that has ceaselessly engulfed the nation, especially in communities across the Northern and Middle Belt Regions.

"Nigeria as a nation is seriously undergoing severe security challenges whereas terrorists who pose as Boko Haram, bandits or kidnapers continue to unleash premeditated and unprovoked attacks on our people and turning our communities into rubbles of devastation and desolation.

"The incessant kidnappings, gruesome massacre and displacement of indigenous people from their homes have continued unabated. Presently, in most of our communities across the 12 local governments of Southern Kaduna, there are reported cases of daily abductions on the road, farms, homes, markets and worship centres where victims have gone through unimaginable torture and

relations forced to pay outrageous sums of money as ransom."

He added, "It is against this backdrop that the Christmas homily by the Catholic Bishop of the Sokoto Diocese, Dr Matthew Hassan Kukah, serves a timely wake-up call on the national leadership to confront the monsters of destruction that are committed to the annihilation of our communities.

"This is not the first time patriotic citizens and statesmen have raised their voices of concern to draw the attention of our leaders to the need for confronting these security challenges that seek to destroy our nation, which appears to have always fallen on deaf ears.

"All that Bishop Kukah is accused of saying against this government had been said by some other people in a more critical manner but never attracted a barrage of condemnation and threats.

"We note that the Sultan of Sokoto, prominent emirs and the Northern Elders' Forum (NEF) had condemned President Buhari over his dismal performance in tackling insecurity in the country, with NEF calling on him to resign.

"The anger and threats that are being issued against the revered Bishop was never served on the Sultan, emirs and NEF, which clearly shows the discriminatory posture of this government."

He then called for the arrest of those who threatened Bishop Kukah and be made to face the full wrath of the law adding, "For the Islamic group that issued out a threat and an ultimatum on the Bishop, we must warn here that nobody has a monopoly of violence and nothing should happen to Bishop Kukah."



■ Governor Aminu Waziri Tambuwal of Sokoto State (right) handing a souvenir to the new Air Officer Commanding (AOC) Ground Training Command Nigerian Air Force, AVM Idi Amin (left), during his courtesy visit to Government House, Sokoto, yesterday

FUTA deputy registrar attacked by bandits dead

From Bola Ojuola, Akure

A Deputy Registrar with the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA), Dr Amos Arijesuyo attacked by bandits on Saturday along Ilesa-Akure road is dead.

Dr. Arijesuyo was a Deputy Registrar and Head, Guidance & Counselling Unit, Students Affairs Division of the school until his death.

He was said to have died on Saturday, January 16th of injuries from the gunshots wound he suffered when his private vehicle was attacked along the Ilesa-Akure Road that fateful day.

According to a statement signed by the Deputy Director, Corporate communications of the school, Mr. Adegbenro Adebajo and made available

to *Daily Trust* yesterday, the sad incident occurred in the evening of Saturday, January 16, 2021.

The statement read, "Dr Arijesuyo was returning to Akure from a trip to Ibadan when his vehicle ran into an ambush laid by unknown gunmen who were operating on the road around 5.30 PM.

"The bandits shot sporadically at the vehicle targeting the five occupants. Unfortunately, some of the bullets hit Dr Arijesuyo and the driver. The driver managed to drive the vehicle away from the scene of the attack and concerted efforts were made to seek immediate medical help.

"However, Dr. Arijesuyo succumbed to the fatal injuries from the gunshots,

he suffered during the hellish encounter while the driver is recuperating at a hospital.

"The University condemns in the strongest terms this senseless attack that has led to the untimely death of an erudite University administrator and counsellor per excellence. Dr Arijesuyo's death is a big loss to FUTA, the academic community in Nigeria and beyond.

"It is a death that should not have happened in the first place. It is the hope of the management, staff and students of FUTA that security agencies will go after the evil men who carried out the dastardly act and make them face the full weight of the law and just recompense for their heinous crime", the statement said.

Female kidnapper, 3 others arrested in Kano

From Abubakar Muhammad Usman, Kano

A female kidnapper along with two men have been arrested by Kano Police command, for allegedly kidnapping a child of Galadanchi ward head, Ado Sunusi, in Gwale Local Government, Kano.

After the police traced the car in which the boy was abducted, they arrested the driver at Beruit Road, in Kano.

It was through him that the whereabouts of the women were revealed, and it was learnt that the women is the leader of the gang.

The Kano Police Command revealed that they surrounded a house in Jaba community of

Ungogo Local Government where the suspected kidnappers were arrested.

Three men and a lady were arrested during the parade but the two of the three suspected kidnappers were indigenes of Zamfara state.

After investigation carried out, it was realised that the woman rented the house from a caretaker at the rate of 600,000 in a year.

The woman told police that she started kidnapping people after her husband was killed in Zamfara.

The Kano police PRO, Haruna Abdullahi Kiyawa, had not responded to phone calls or reply a message sent by our correspondent.

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The Architects Registration Council of Nigeria (ARCON) was set up in 1969 to determine what standards of knowledge and skill are to be attained by persons seeking to become members of the Architectural profession and raising those standards from time to time as circumstances may permit in all its ramifications by the Architects (Registration, Etc) Act A19 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004.

The Architects Registration Council is conducting a professional evaluation programme- Architects Professional Competency Evaluation (APCE) for eligible candidates towards full licensure to operate and practice as full licensed architects within the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

In order to re-engineer the profession of Architecture and raise the standard of training, the Architects Registration Council of Nigeria (ARCON) would undertake a single and unified qualifying programme known as Architects Professional Competency Evaluation (APCE). All prospective candidates qualified to participate in this programme are hereby advised to contact the Registrar, Architects Registration Council of Nigeria (ARCON).

I. REQUIREMENTS:

1. Minimum of two years supervised post-qualification practice **between date of graduation as indicated on post-graduate certificate Monday 23rd December, 2019.**
2. Prospective candidates with foreign qualifications must ensure that their degrees qualify for full registration by the professional regulatory body in the country of origin.
3. Prospective candidates in all cases must be Nigerians and must be currently resident in Nigeria, currently and fully involved in the practice of Architecture under the supervision of an architect who is financial and fully registered to practice architecture in Nigeria with a **minimum of five (5) years post-registration experience. Projects supervised under this category must be post registration of the supervisor.**

2. **METHOD OF APPLICATION-** Applications must fall under only ONE of any of the categories as stated below:

a. FRESH APPLICATIONS

Programme Date Wednesday 14th to Saturday 17th April, 2021.

1. Download and fully fill the **ARCON APCE Application Forms for Fresh Candidates** from the ARCON website- www.arconigeria.org.ng
2. Recent coloured passport photograph taken against a white background scanned and affixed against the application form. Also attach this passport separately while submitting.
3. Scanned copies of all relevant educational certificates. All applicants must have their certificates sighted, endorsed and sealed by a member of current ARCON Council:
 - i. WASC/WAEC or equivalent certificates. **Statement of results are not accepted.**
 - ii. B.Sc./B.Tech /B.E.S. (Arch) and M.Sc./M.Tech/M.E.D (Arch) or their equivalent degrees. **Statement of results are not accepted.**
 - iii. NYSC Participation or Exemption certificates.
4. Affidavit for discrepancies in names or other particulars (if any) on certificates.
5. Attach current practice license(s) of your supervisor/supervisors
6. Non-Refundable Application fee of ₦2,500:00 (Two Thousand Five Hundred Naira only). This is not the programme fee. Only eligible candidates will be allowed to pay for the Programme Fee.

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4. Appropriate Programme Reference fee- refer to ARCON Application Form/002 website for details.

3. PRE – LICENSURE SEMINAR

There would be a mandatory pre – licensure seminar for applicants on the 15th February, 2021. Candidates are to note that **attendance at this seminar is mandatory and a prerequisite for the programme.** The course outline includes portfolio generation, oral presentation of projects etc. All candidates who applied for this programme are to **COMPULSORILY** attend on payment of non-refundable fee of ₦20, 000:00 (Twenty Thousand Naira only). This is not the programme fee.

All payments should be made to the Architects Registration Council of Nigeria (ARCON) account with the Central Bank of Nigeria after generating your RRR number for payment through the Remita platform www.remita.net

4. CLOSING DATE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS

All completed application forms should be received not later than **Wednesday 10th February, 2021 and submitted as both hard AND soft copies.**

1. Hard copies to be delivered to the ARCON secretariat:
The Registrar
Architects Registration Council of Nigeria (ARCON)
Abuja Address
NULGE HOUSE
26 Ajose Adeogun Street,
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2. All soft copies to be sent to apce2.0@arconigeria.org.ng. Soft copy submissions are mandatory.

Signed.
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REGISTRAR, ARCON



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2. Candidates who graduated from Nigerian schools with unaccepted degree nomenclature in Architecture.
3. Candidates with **HND/PGD/M.SC/M.Tech** from unaccredited programmes.

In view of the regulatory power conferred on the Council by the Act, applications are invited from graduates of Architecture, who fall under any of the categories stated above to be pre-qualified for their professional examinations leading to registration through the ARCON Regularisation Programme (ARP).

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Application Forms can be downloaded from the ARCON website www.arconigeria.org.ng and all completed application forms returned to: arp@arconigeria.org.ng with the following:

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2. 2 recent passport photographs taken against white background
3. Photocopies of educational certificates
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NEWS

We have storage facilities for COVID-19 vaccines-FG

By Abbas Jimoh

Executive Director, National Primary Health Care Development Agency, Faisal Shuaib, says the first set of COVID-19 vaccine is that of Pfizer-Biotech and nRA vaccines.

He said the ultra-cold chain facilities required for the vaccine storage are available at the National Strategic Cold Store of the National Primary Health Care Development Agency.

Speaking at the briefing of the PTF on COVID-19 in Abuja yesterday, Shuaib said: "I make particular reference to those reports that claimed that we're going to waste the 100,000

doses because we do not have any ultra-cold chain equipment.

"Pfizer has also informed us that the COVID-19 vaccine can be stored for five days at plus two to eight degrees outside of ultra-cold chain, which is suitable especially at low level.

"This means that the ultra-cold chain storage is only required at the national level and six zonal stores where the vaccines can be stored for longer period, the vaccines then will be transferred to lower levels using dry ices in isolated dry thermals when they are ready to be deployed."

"There currently seems to be growing vaccine hesitancy and this is largely

caused by misinformation leading to mistrust, doubts, suspicions and conspiracy theories. We urged the public to disregard such representation from unverified sources and listen to the medical experts for confirmed information.

"Furthermore, any vaccine coming to Nigeria will be tested by NAFDAC and certified safe for human use before it's administered. We'll like to assure all Nigerians that this verification exercise will also be applicable to the COVID-19 vaccine and NAFDAC will continue to monitor the efficacy of the vaccine even after its administration to ensure proper documentation of any side effects," he said.

COVID-19: We'll take a stance Wed - Govs

By Muideen Olaniyi

The 36 governors of the federation may finally come up with a definitive pronouncement on the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic in the country after its 23rd teleconference meeting scheduled to hold tomorrow.

A statement yesterday by the spokesman of the Nigeria Governors'

Forum, Abdulrazaque Bello-Barkindo, said the impending pronouncement by the governors might be necessary because they were "alarmed by the intensity of the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, and Nigeria's tardy commencement of inoculation that is sweeping through countries globally".

He said the meeting

by the governors, which would be the first this year, was fixed to find the way forward for the country and will as usual, be virtual, in conformity with the COVID-19 protocols.

He said the Governors' PTF Committee, headed by Delta State Governor Ifeanyi Okowa would brief the forum on what it needed to know on the vaccines and the way forward.

Unilorin researchers recommend pineapple for COVID-19 management

From Romoke W. Ahmad

A team of researchers at the University of Ilorin has established the capacity of bromelain derivable from pineapple fruits in the management of COVID-19 cases.

Head, Department of Physiology, university of Ilorin, Prof. Bamidele Victor Owoeye, disclosed this during presentation a publication titled "Bromelain Reduced Pro-inflammatory Mediators as a Common Pathway that Mediate Antinociceptive

and Antianxiety Effects in Sciatic Nerve Litigated Wistar Rats".

It was co-produced with Mr Ahmed Olalekan Bakare, a PhD candidate at the University.

Owoeye said the study, conducted at the university and derived from the doctoral thesis of Bakare, had shown that pineapple fruits could be more beneficial to the body especially in the treatment of pain resulting from nerve injuries called neuropathic.

He said it was clear that while bromelain, derived

from pineapple fruits, could relieve the pain from nerve injuries, it also nourishes the injured nerves thereby helping to minimise the injury.

He said it was the intervention of Prof. Yakubu, which eventuated in the waiving of the charges for the publication "that is now attracting the attention of the global scientific community as a work that has the potential of addressing many health challenges particularly the ravaging coronavirus pandemic."

15 million Nigerians use hard drugs -FG

By Abbas Jimoh

The National Drug Law Enforcement Agency has put the number of hard drug users in the country at 15 million.

NDLEA newly appointed chairman, Brig-Gen Mohammed Buba Marwa (rtd), said this in Abuja yesterday when he assumed duty.

He warned drug barons and traffickers to quit the illicit trade or face hard times.

He said: "This

development where drug use has eaten very deep into the nation's social fabric. Over 15 million Nigerians of all ages are now hooked on drugs.

"It is the task of NDLEA to stop all this unacceptable nonsense of drug abuse in Nigeria. Together, by the grace of God, we'll resuscitate and reposition NDLEA to full active life, to be effective, respected and feared by the concerned criminals. Nigeria is the only country we have; we cannot fold

our arms. We can, will, and must eliminate the drug scourge."

He said the NDLEA would be overhauled and expanded in line with the Presidential Committee for the Elimination of Drug Abuse (PACEDA) recommendations, existing financial constraints, and the authorisation of the appropriate superior authorities.

Marwa, who had till last December chaired the PACEDA.



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2021 budget of continuing unrealism!

There is so much talk about restructuring, zoning the next presidency, or even breaking up the nation as a solution to Nigeria's problems that people appear to have taken their eyes off the ball. The next presidential election is three years away and the imperative problem is financial not political restructuring. In order to fund the 2021 Budget's N5.2 trillion deficit President Buhari intends to sell off or concession government-owned properties and non-oil assets in addition to borrowing more money from the World Bank, the Islamic Development Bank and countries like China and Brazil. As usual there are no concrete plans as to how to repay this money. While most parents save money and assets to bequeath to their children, Nigerian governments consistently mortgage the nation's future so that instead of inheriting assets future generations of Nigerians will inherit only massive debts! Spending is easy while revenue generation is difficult.

Government's habitual over-optimism in revenue projections gives the impression that there is plenty of money to spend whereas in reality there isn't. Bearing this in mind it's pertinent to ask why such large amounts are required in the first place. The Budget contains ridiculous items like SUVs for chief executives, repetitive annual purchase of computers, catering equipment and new top of the range vehicles, fancy office buildings for agencies that can function effectively without them, international and local travels even in this age of internet meetings, banqueting, entertainment as well as a plethora of unnecessary "capital expenditure" items which add no productive capacity to the economy.

The Executive isn't alone in failing to cut its coat according to Nigeria's cloth. While the Judiciary is underfunded, a recurring feature of the Presidency and the Legislature is their extravagance at the expense of the ever increasing number of citizens living below the poverty line. A cursory look at details of the 2021 Appropriation Bill affirms that despite the nation being in dire economic straits their profligacy knows no bounds. Quite rightly there is serious concern over federal government's consistent borrowing to fund budgets. The 2021 budget designed to be implemented against a backdrop of a global economic crisis and domestic impact of COVID-19 is somehow expected to accelerate the pace of Nigeria's economic recovery, promote economic diversification, enhance competitiveness, ensure social inclusion and deliver on the goals of the Nigeria Economic Sustainability Plan (NESP).

The truth is that all these goals are unachievable without accepting the fact that government has an abysmal track-record on delivering services which the private sector can provide more efficiently, and they must cease attempting to do that which the markets are better able to accomplish. Also worthy of note is that the majority of economic and policy analysts agree that government is too big and unwieldy and there is the need to reduce the size of its bureaucracy whose recurrent expenditure consumes over 70 per cent of the budget.

Quite ridiculously the 2021 budget seeks to expand bureaucracy and shows no indication that government understands that the world is going through a fundamental change. It contains no big ideas which demonstrate comprehension of the challenges or opportunities. Instead it is business as usual where good money is thrown after bad ideas. The current worldwide "Fourth Industrial Revolution" is being driven by technologies which change the way the world operates: Artificial Intelligence, advances in

telecommunications, enhanced computing power and interconnectivity of electronic devices, 3D printing, self-driving vehicles, and a shift towards carbon neutrality.

While the 2021 budget acknowledges that Nigeria is developing a new economic plan, there is no evidence that it is guided by lessons learnt from the implementation of earlier plans. There is little evidence of any Impact Assessment on any previous economic plans. Although security is one of the three promises President Buhari's government made to Nigerians the budget is incomprehensibly silent on the cost of the war on Boko Haram. In addition to having no positive effect on the lives of citizens there is a seeming insensitivity towards continuously burdening citizens with raised taxes and tariffs without any reduction in the exorbitant cost of governance. Increasing taxes is completely unjustifiable in a situation in which Transparency International asserts that treasury looting, massive corruption, and numerous fraud cases are still commonplace.

The 2021 Appropriation Bill continues the same pattern of behaviour of ever increasing government expenditure combined with continuously under-performing revenue. This type "deficit budgeting" and "planning" will no doubt lead the nation back into a debt crisis and the need for further "creative" financing measures. The nation needs big ideas in order to change the trajectory of the economy but there are no big ideas in this budget. Nigeria can only survive through making the economy more productive, not mere political restructuring. All hope of turning its economy around and building a country that improves the quality of lives of its people lies in sensible budgeting.

The truth is 2021 budget is simply old wine in a new bottle. It displays no understanding that the world has changed and that the nation's problems have intensified. Humongous sums being voted for comfort of leaders is not the way forward. There is neither over-arching economic philosophy nor development agenda. The only conclusion which can be reached from the lack of big ideas on how to fix youth unemployment or prepare the nation for the already-commenced fourth industrial revolution, lack of emphasis on the role of the markets in addressing economic challenges, is that the 2021 budget is impractical and not implementable.

If history is anything to go by, revenue projections will be impossible to achieve. Overly optimistic revenue projections are part of a continuing pattern of false optimism which has put the nation deep in debt and in dire financial straits. The 2021 budget is merely a continuation of a pattern of "cut and paste" budgeting and spending that can only ultimately end in a bankrupt federal government. It's long past time when government should consider limiting its role to creating the enabling environment for private sector participation and regulating the delivery of the services rather than seek to borrow and invest unprofitably. The truth is that the solution to the nation's problems lies in economic, not political policy. The reality on ground is that nothing will improve as long as ill-considered budgets continue to be the order of the day.

Future governments must ensure that subsequent budgets are guided by big ideas based on rigorous, evidence-informed debates, not simply "cut and paste" estimates. Cynics claim that the most difficult part in producing Nigeria's annual "cut and paste" budget estimates is thinking up a name! The 2021 Budget, tagged "Budget of Economic Recovery and Resilience", should have been called "Budget of Continuing Unrealism".

Late Col Aminu Isah Kontagora: The Administrator who loved Kano

By Dr. Sule Ya'u Sule

The death, last Monday, of Colonel Aminu Isah Kontagora (rtd.) has robbed Nigeria of a quintessential public administrator, a cultured and brilliant military officer who contributed a lot to the physical development of Kano State as well as its human resource. The urbane and sophisticated officer also impacted the career of those of us privileged to serve under him in various capacities, for which I remain eternally grateful. I join other Nigerians in praying for the Almighty to forgive his shortcomings and grant him *Aljannah Firdausi*. May Allah grant his immediate family and dependents the strength to bear the loss.

Colonel Aminu Isah Kontagora served as Military Administrator of Kano State from September 1998 to May 1999. It was during this period that our paths crossed. It was a routine posting during the Military era. After General Sani Abacha's death, some military

In the short period he served in Kano, Colonel Isah Kontagora worked assiduously to improve on what he met on the ground. He listened attentively when senior civil servants were offering their opinion on matters of state. He consulted widely before making decisions. He was authoritative as you would expect a senior Military officer, but he listened to all and took expert advice from the civil servants

administrators were swapped, which saw Colonel Dominic Oneya moving to Benue State and Colonel Kontagora coming to Kano. For those of us who served under Colonel Oneya, we did not know what to expect from the new Military Administrator. But we did not have to wait too long before we came to understand his personality, leadership qualities, and management style.

Colonel Aminu Isah Kontagora loved Kano and the people of the state. He pushed ideas on how to improve public infrastructure. He respected the institutions, especially the traditional institution and the civil service. He was a very meticulous and well-trained officer who expected everyone to imbibe the self-discipline culture without the fear of working under a military regime. He was a disciplined but compassionate human being and a very considerate administrator who looked out for the wellbeing of those working under him.

On arrival in Government House Kano, Colonel Aminu Isa embraced us and gave us the confidence to continue with our duties as if nothing has changed. But he knew

everything and everybody and must have commissioned some advanced intelligence on some key staff before his arrival. I was rattled when he called me one day.

"Sule, I can see why they call you Oneya Boy, but from now they will address you as Kontagora Boy." Then I said to him, "I do not understand this statement, sir." He replied, "When I came, I was brainwashed into thinking you were Oneya's boy because of the loyalty and zeal you used in carrying out your duties. Now everyone that sees how you work with me will certainly be addressing you as my boy." For me, it was an affirmation of a boss' confidence in my work and loyalty. I owed that to him, my state, and my career.

As Chief Press Secretary, my work brought me even closer to the Military Administrator. I had direct access to him at any time of the day, during, and after office hours. My interactions with him revealed his inner thoughts about what he thought about Kano, the people, the future of the state, and the country. He was very patriotic and optimistic. He was very respectful, and it is easy to relate to him because he was very approachable.

Before his arrival, we heard stories from other states about their administrators' behaviour, but Colonel Isah Kontagora had a 'civilianized' heart; he trusted the Government House staff and expected everyone to put in their best at all times without being reminded.

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Twenty-one years after leaving government house Kano, we remain in touch and arrange for his accommodation any time he or any member of his family was visiting Kano to pass a night.

He will always call to find out about the situation around my boss His Excellency Senator Ibrahim Shekarau as he gets updates from the senator's platform.

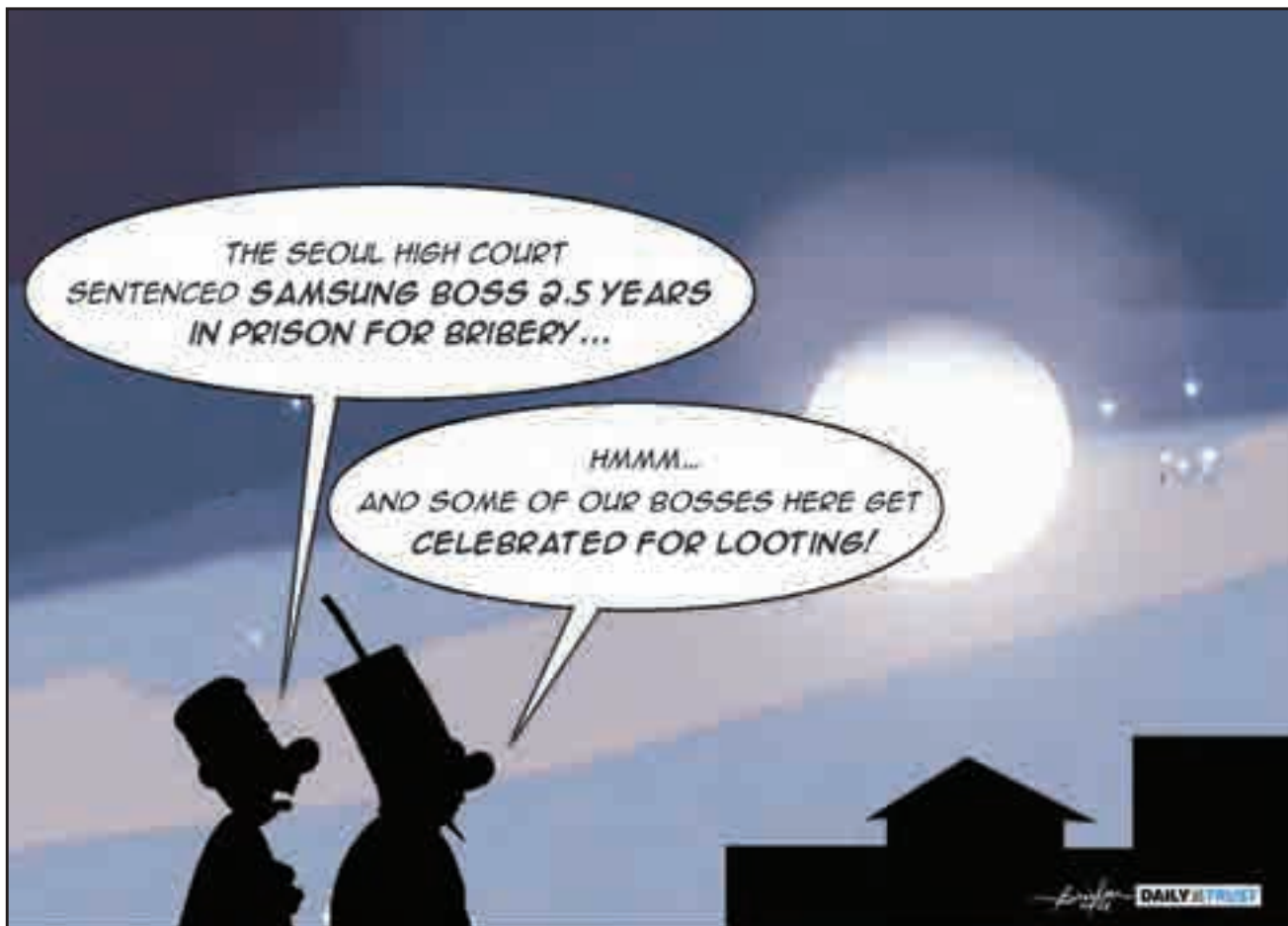
As a final tribute, I recollect one final legacy of kindness that Colonel Kontagora left for all of us, his personal staff. Toward the end of the administration after the election of a civilian government in 1999, he gathered all of us - military, SSS, police, and civilians - and told us, "Look, by the time we (the military) leave, this incoming civilian government will never work with you. So please, before we leave, each of you civilians should tell me his preference of where to work, and each military personnel should tell me where to repost him". He facilitated all our preferences and got some jobs in other places for some others. Only a kind and considerate boss would do that for those who served him even when he owed them no obligation to do that. These are some of the memories I recollect while serving under this distinguished and outstanding Military Administrator. Adieu, Colonel Aminu Isah Kontagora.

Dr. Sule wrote from Kano

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CARTOON by AKILA JIBRIN



Damaturu-Maiduguri road: Who will stand for UNIMAID students?

The news for the reopening of schools, including universities in the country, is as one of the best news received by students and their parents, after months of staying at home. However, for students of the University of Maiduguri (UNIMAID), the development came with mixed feelings - excited to go back to school and the fear of Damaturu-Maiduguri road, the only way linking Maiduguri to other states of the federation.

Almost all the roads linking the Borno State capital with other states are not accessible, due to the activities of insurgents. They include the Maiduguri-Damboia road, which is still considered a 'no go' area as a result of the activities of Boko Haram insurgents.

The Madagali-Buniyadi road used by those coming from Adamawa axis is also not secure. Thus, the only option left for returning students is the horrible Damaturu-Maiduguri way.

In February last year, Boko Haram insurgents ambushed motorists and passengers at Auno village near Maiduguri, killing about 40 people.

On January 2nd, 2021 it was reported that more than 50 motorists,

and passengers including a United Nations humanitarian worker, were abducted by suspected terrorists along the deadly Maiduguri-Jakana-Damaturu highway.

It is sad that despite the horrific incidents that happened and are still happening on the road, the authorities have not come out with any action to secure students who will be plying the road to go back to the institution.

Many parents and guardians may stop their children from going back in view of the terrible incidents occurring on the road. Withdrawing students from the university at this time is indeed a great setback to the education sector in the country.

The university is the largest institute of higher learning in the North East. Therefore, any action that will be taken on this road will determine the fate of tertiary education in the entire region.

In order to guarantee the safety of both staff and returning students, the federal government may wish to partner with airlines to airlift them. Staff and students could be asked to gather at Gombe International Airport for the journey to Maiduguri.

If the federal government cannot do that, the North East Governors Forum should adopt that strategy or come up with another solution to ensure the safety of their citizens, because most of the students are from the region.

The affected states may also liaise with troops to be escorting the students from their various states. Security should be beefed up along the way, especially from Benishiekh to Maiduguri including patrolling the road and sometimes, escorting the students.

One of the responsibilities of every government is the protection of lives and properties of its citizens, we therefore expect the government to take all the necessary measures to ensure the safety of all students and staff of the University of Maiduguri as academic activities resume on January 18, 2021.

As a concerned Maidite, it is my hope and prayer that the authorities concern will act accordingly to avoid putting the lives of innocent students in danger.

Tasi'u Dan Hassan wrote from Katsina.

Re: Usman Faruk - the last man standing departs

Thanks for your most beautiful and moving tribute to Alhaji Usman Faruk. I was his lawyer and vetted and worked together with him on all the petitions. I was much younger than him but he always had a smile

for me and was extremely humble.

When I reflect on what he was accused of and the struggles he went through (some of them financial) I testify to the fact that he was a saint compared to the present crop of state

governors. I learned a lot from him. He was always punctual. I also learnt the courage never to give up on my abused rights no matter how aggressive and oppressive my adversaries are and to be patient.

What sank deep into me

about his sterling qualities is that he was never bitter. He never cursed anyone. He was just deeply focused on the infraction of his civil and proprietary rights.

May he be the recipient of Allah's ultimate mercy.

Hussaini Abdulrahman

How not to fight corruption in Nigeria

Since the inception of democracy in Nigeria, the fight against corruption has been on the agenda of all elected governments. Corruption is believed to have been responsible for the economic downturn, poor infrastructure, insecurity and massive unemployment. Despite the amount of money generated from crude oil, mining and agriculture, with potentials to rake in more income from internally generated revenue, government has not been able to meet up with its responsibilities of providing infrastructure, security and social services to the people.

The revenue generated is not properly accounted for and most of it is stolen by officials. The fight against corruption started with the Obasanjo administration. He introduced reforms in governance, which were meant to curtail corruption.

The administration of Goodluck Jonathan also made efforts to fight corruption by establishing structures in the public service to help check it. However, despite these reforms and structures, corruption still holds sway in the public service.

The Buhari administration has tried to implement some of the reforms introduced by the past two administrations such as the use of the Treasury Single Account, BVN, IPPIS but have failed to introduce measures that will address the loopholes in the existing ones.

The current administration's strategy in fighting corruption has been counter-productive. It has deployed more energy on arrest and prosecution, naming and shaming, imposition of executive orders on targets and restrictive economic policies.

This strategy did not only succeed in inducing apprehension amongst well-meaning investors, it also contributed to the worsening economic fortunes of the nation. It left most people in and outside government to identify other secret ways to perpetrate acts of corruption. It also succeeded in getting more persons into the dragnets of the EFCC and ICPC, which increased governments budget for litigation.

Litigation and prosecution of offenders are the last resorts which are implemented with the help of the enabling structures

For Nigeria to win the war against corruption, the approach must be less combative but more preventive. It must be less vindictive but more systematic. It means that the government of the day must identify the leakages within its systems and deploy structural reforms to make it even more difficult for those working for it to manipulate the systems within the structures. The structures should include information sharing. Government must be ready to share information with its citizens on all its transactions. Information sharing helps build trust and confidence in government.

Accountability and transparency must be mainstreamed in all government transactions and this should cut-across all agencies. To be accountable, government personnel must declare their assets openly before they assume office and after every four years in office.

Finally, the structures should eliminate bureaucratic bottlenecks that arrogate undue power to government officials who have interface with the public.

Victor Emejiuwe wrote from Centre for Social Justice, Abuja

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Launch of e-ticketing at railway stations

The introduction of the e-ticketing option on the Abuja-Kaduna railway services has elicited mixed reactions from the commuters and the general public. Last week, there were reports in the media of confusion at the Abuja and Kaduna stations following the launch of the e-ticketing option on the Abuja-Kaduna railway, which was designed to curb identified incidences of sharp practices at the two stations.

The reports indicated that some intending passengers tried to purchase tickets from a website which the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) subsequently declared as fake and should not be patronised by the unsuspecting public. The NRC put out a statement disowning the website and advising intending passengers to purchase their tickets only at the stations. This added to the confusion and the difficulties reportedly encountered by some commuters at the stations.

The confusion that greeted the launch of the e-ticketing service could be attributed to those unsuspecting commuters who purchased tickets from the website in question.

Although the NRC has reported that so far, about 8000 persons have successfully used its portal to purchase e-tickets which they used for their trips on the route, the confusion that followed the introduction of the e-ticketing service would have been avoided if adequate arrangements had been made before hand.

The explanations notwithstanding we believe that the NRC could do with some suggestions on how to further improve the e-ticketing service.

What NRC must learn from this is to ensure it doubles its due diligence in keeping the internal procedure of introducing this necessary step in the running of our railway system to prevent it from being sabotaged. It could well be the handiwork of persons within the system who had knowledge of the impending introduction of the service directing the commuters to the fake website. The NRC authorities should factor in the fact that there are some people within the system who may not be too happy with the introduction of the e-ticketing which effectively puts an end to the racketeering at the stations. Such persons may want to continue to take advantage of commuters who have for long complained and yearned for the e-ticketing option to ease the identified lapses in the purchase of tickets at the Abuja and Kaduna stations.

The NRC also owes it a duty to ensure that the commuters who are after all the ones to sustain the service with their patronage are taken along through adequate publicity and enlightenment on the schedule and process of implementing the e-ticketing option. A situation where the commuters are left largely in the dark about this innovation encourages speculators to take advantage.

It is worth emphasising that the railway infrastructure being built by the government at great cost requires our collective efforts to ensure its success. The e-ticketing being introduced on the Abuja-Kaduna route is in line with global best practices in transportation management. Among other things, it aims at seamless transaction for ticketing and planning of travel at the convenience of both the customer and service provider. The airlines and other services in the transportation sector have long found it very useful in their operations.

With the expansion of the rail infrastructure in the country, the introduction and success of e-ticketing in the railways would open the way for other necessary measures to ensure Nigeria reaps maximum benefits from railway operations. Going forward, in this regard, the goal should be for the government to eventually allow private operators into the rail services in order to offer competitive services to the paying customer.

Accordingly as more and more Nigerians come to use the rail system for their transportation across the country for business and leisure, they would expect value for their money.

This is what the authorities should bear in mind with the introduction of e-ticketing in the railway system.



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Air transmission of coronavirus

By Dr Cosmas Odoemena

As the number of new cases of COVID-19 — and deaths continues to increase in Nigeria, and elsewhere in the world, it's time to review how this disease is transmitted. Even among those that seem to observe the safety protocols, there have been infections.

Initially, the consensus was that the disease is spread by droplets that don't go beyond six feet.

But as scientists began to beam more light on the virus, they found compelling evidence that the spread of the virus cannot be explained by droplet infection alone.

After some scientists mounted pressure on the World Health Organisation (WHO), it accepted that indeed the virus could also be spread by aerosol, but that it could only occur in nebulisation, intubation and other medical procedures that can generate aerosol. And it added half-heartedly, that, "Further studies are needed to determine whether it is possible to detect viable SARS-CoV-2 in air samples from settings where no procedures that generate aerosols are performed and what role aerosols might play in transmission."

Following this, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) published on its website that the virus could be spread in the air, but removed it almost immediately, saying, it was "posted in error".

But transmission of this virus could be occurring by aerosol more than we are aware and more than the health organisations are willing to accept.

When we cough, sneeze, talk, breathe or sing, we normally release droplets, which are tiny particles of fluid, as well as aerosols, which are tinier particles of fluid in the air.

A peer-reviewed paper published in Scientific Reports by researchers working at the University of Nebraska discovered the new coronavirus in aerosol samples collected in the hospital room of COVID-19 patients.

One other study published in Sustainable Cities and Society was of a patient who had recovered from COVID-19 in an ICU, and had tested negative. Surface and air samples were collected in the ICU. The results from all surface samples tested negative, while that for air samples tested positive for SARS-CoV-2.

The WHO calls a "droplet" a particle bigger than five microns and added that these droplets don't go beyond one metre. The CDC uses two metres. Droplets move through the air and fall, while aerosols hang in the air longer.

From physics, a five-micron droplet usually takes about 30 minutes to drop to the ground from the mouth of an adult who is of average height. During that time, the droplet can move many metres on an air current. Droplets released when we cough or sneeze also go much farther than a meter.

For aerosols to leave where they are produced, they have to navigate through the air, and anyone close by can get infected.

Ponder the case of a restaurant in Guangzhou, in southern China, early in 2020 where one person who had COVID-19 infected nine other people who sat at his table and two other tables further from him.

Yuguo Li, a professor of engineering at the University of Hong Kong, and his colleagues studied a video from the restaurant, and in an article published last April, did not find any evidence to show close contact between those at those tables.

Droplets could not have explained the transmission based on the distance they could travel, at least not for those at the other tables, because it's expected that droplets would have reached the ground.

Those other tables were at a corner that had poor ventilation and the air-conditioner drove air towards them. Interestingly, no staff member, or those beyond the air-conditioner got infected.

There was another incident where one person was believed to have infected 52 of 60 people at a choir practice in Washington, US.

Dr Linsey C. Marr, a professor of civil and environmental engineering, one of the 239 scientists who wrote an open letter to the WHO to take the airborne transmission of the virus seriously, and his colleagues looked at what happened in that choir gathering and published a preprint then, and settled that the transmission was largely due to aerosols.

Those who attended the choir event observed the safety protocols, including avoiding handshakes, avoiding hugs and used hand sanitisers which reduced the risk of transmission through direct contact. It was noted that the room had poor ventilation and the rehearsal lasted up to 2.5 hours which is considered long for a pandemic period.

Some researchers argue that because the virus is found in aerosols, it does not mean there is long-range transmission.

The WHO, and perhaps those other scientists, are falling back on a démodé definition of airborne transmission, where the virus needs to travel very far. It does not have to move through alleys, over mountains, oceans, and forests before it is called airborne transmission. Absence of evidence is not evidence

of absence. When it comes to human life, it's better to assume the worst case scenario.

The Infection Control Expert Group (ICEG) in Australia will be updating its advice on airborne transmission of the virus, especially from hotel quarantines to the community, more so with the entrance of the highly infectious UK COVID-19 variant.

The Nigeria Center for Disease Control (NCDC) cannot continue to play catch up, or "follow follow", as we call it here. Nigeria, and indeed Africa, should lead the world when it comes to infectious disease. Even the world agrees we have the experience.

While we wait for the health agencies to get their acts together, the key to being safe remains keeping a safe distance. One metre may not be enough. Two metres is just fine, but staying further is safer.

Mask wearing remains a game changer, if only everyone will agree to wear it. For healthcare workers, it might mean the minimum type of mask to be worn should be an N-95. Where that is not available, double-masking with the surgical mask might help.

While lockdown remains the most effective way of stopping the virus in its track, its effect on the economy is heavy. But if people can avoid any form of gathering or clustering, it will go a long way towards stemming the tide. Gatherings, especially in an enclosed place, have a higher risk of generating aerosol transmission. For the avoidance of doubt, gatherings include parties, night clubbing, weddings, naming ceremony, chieftaincy title ceremony, protests, political events, NIN registration, church and mosque worship and so on.

Doors and windows should be open as much as possible. The dampers in air-conditioning units should be adjusted. If possible the filters should be upgraded. Portable air cleaners can be used, germicidal ultraviolet technologies installed to kill or remove virus particles found in the air.

If you are 40 years old and above and you have comorbidity, you are to take extra precautions. Fewer children contract the virus, but they can transmit it to adults. It's going to be very tricky as schools resume. Perhaps hugs should be avoided.

While the controversy over vaccines lingers, eat healthy meals and add fruits to boost your immunity. Avoid stress and worry as much as possible, because they lower your immunity. Seek medical and psychological help early. The virus may be in the air, hope too is in the air.

Dr Odoemena is a medical practitioner, Lagos (@cuzdetriumph)



NIGER STATE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

THE DEMAND NOTICE OF PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING GROUND RENT ON ALL CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCIES AND NEW DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES IN THE URBAN AREAS OF THE STATE

As part of the effort of the administration of Alhaji Abubakar Sani Bello, the Executive Governor of Niger State, to reposition the land administration system in the state and ensure orderly development of our settlements, the general public, especially holders of Niger State Certificate of Occupancy and those that owned properties in the state, are reminded that payment of annual Ground Rents falls due on the first day of January of every year without demand as contained on their Certificate of Occupancy. This is in compliance with provisions of Section 28 of the Land Use Act.

The state government is requesting all holders of Niger State Certificate of Occupancy to come forward and pay ALL their outstanding Ground Rent on or before the 9th of February, 2021. The proof of payment should be presented to **Niger State Geographic Information System (NIGIS)**, c/o Niger state Ministry of Lands and housing, off Ladi kwali Road, Minna.

Failure to comply will compel the State Government to take necessary action. This may include legal action, sealing of business premises (as the case may be) and/or revocation of the Certificate of Occupancy.

All Outstanding payments, due to Niger state government, are to be paid into the following account:

Name of Account: Niger State Internal Revenue Service
Bank Name: **First Bank**
Account Number: **2026999065**
Sort Code: **011162526**

Demand notices for all Certificates of Occupancies, with total outstanding payment, can be accessed on NIGIS website: www.nigisservices.com or you can call 08024505605 for further clarification.

In furtherance to the commitment of the State Government to ensure compliance with all provisions

of the Land Use Act and Niger State Development Control Laws, the general public is hereby NOTIFIED that:

- i. All property owners, especially in our urban centers of Minna, Suleja, Bida and Kontagora, that illegally converted the uses on their Certificate of Occupancies without the consent of the Governor to regularize their title within three (3) Weeks of this NOTICE or face full legal action to restore the property to its approved use.
- ii. All owners of undeveloped plots, within our urban areas, are hereby given 'NOTICE' to commence development within three (3) months of this publication or the Government would be left with no option other than to revoke such subsisting interests and reassign it to a more serious developer.
- iii. All private estate developers, operating within Niger State, must henceforth apply and obtain approval from the government for any private layout or estate with more than 15 plots of 450sqm before commencing ANY form of advertisement, sales or development on the site. Non compliance with this order will attract appropriate sanctions, which shall include, revocation of the title, refusal of building permit, demolition or prosecution.

Niger state Government wishes to use this medium to request all those who are yet to collect their signed Certificate of Occupancies to cross-check with Niger State Geographic Information Systems (NIGIS) with a view to collect them and/or update their records. Failure to collect the C of Os within Three (3) Weeks of this NOTICE may attract penalty and/or outright cancellation.

For further clarifications, please call Niger State Geographic Information Systems (NIGIS) on 08024505605 or log on to NIGIS website at www.nigergis.com or contact Niger State Internal Revenue Service.

BARRISTER MOUKTAR IBRAHIM NASALE
HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER,
NIGER STATE MINISTRY OF LANDS AND HOUSING,

BUSINESS

CBN EXCHANGE RATES

	US DOLLAR	Pound STERLING	EURO	YUAN/ RENMINBI	RIVAL	CFA
Buying	379	514.22	464.57	58.57	101.02	0.69
Central NGN	379.5	514.90	465.07	58.65	101.15	0.70
Selling NGN	380	515.58	465.69	58.73	101.29	0.71

COMMODITIES PRICE (Jan. 18, 2021)

CRUDE OIL BRENT	\$56.36
GOLD	\$1,848.88
SILVER	\$25.43
NATURAL GAS	\$2.70

BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES

	Dollar	Euro	Pound S.
BUYING	N460	N560	N620
SELLING	N470	N573	N630

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

Nigeria lost at least 3.1 million barrels of crude worth about \$200m (about N76.3 billion) in 2020 due to activities of pipeline vandals and crude oil thieves.

This figure is contained in a report released by the Nigerian Navy, which x-rays some of its operational activities in 2020.

A barrel of crude oil currently sells for 50 dollars per barrel at the international market.

The report also revealed that the country also lost slightly above one million metric tons of Automotive Gas Oil (AGO), 2.6m litres of premium motor spirit (PMS) and 3.6m litres of Dual Purpose Kerosene (DPK) between January and December 2020.

In the report, the Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Ibok Ete Ekwe-Ibas noted that 339 pirate attacks were recorded in the Gulf of Guinea and out of which 214 of the attacks as well as 107 activities of sea robbers occurred within the nation's territorial waters in 2020

The CNS noted in the report that, although there was a slight increase in 2020 piracy attacks within Nigeria Maritime Environment (NME) but that, more than 70 per cent of the attacks were unsuccessful due to Nigerian Navy robust surveillance system and response capability.

Ibas also noted that a total of 982 illegal local refineries/refining sites were

Crude worth N76bn lost to pipeline vandals in 2020



deactivated with about 487 suspects arrested.

Stating further he said in the area of illegal bunkering, the Navy denied crude oil thieves a total of 3,136,877 bbls crude as well as over 7,167,831 litres of different petroleum products among others, all worth billions of naira.

"Various naval operations in 2020 led to the arrest of a total of 593 vessels/trucks/

barges/boats suspected of committing various infractions within the maritime domain. The breakdown includes 87 vessels, 43 barges, 57-speed boats, 393 destroyed wooden boats, 13 trucks and 16 impounded vehicles.

"13 of these vessels are already forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria while others are handed over to various prosecuting agencies for jurisdiction.

CBN to release 300,000 metric tons of maize Feb

By Chris Agabi

The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) says it will release about 300,000 metric tons of maize into the Nigerian market from strategic anchors under the Anchor Borrowers' Programme (ABP).

The release, expected in February 2021, according to the National President of the Maize Association of Nigeria (MAAN) Alhaji Bello Abubakar, should drive down the cost of maize from the current N155,000 per metric ton and consequently impact feed price.

With the release, it is expected that the price of maize in the Nigerian market will drop significantly, thereby increasing demand for the produce and ultimately enhancing the gains of maize farmers.

Prior to the CBN and Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) collaboration, President Muhammadu Buhari had approved the release of 30,000 tons of maize from the National Strategic Grain Reserve to support the Poultry Association of Nigeria (PAN) at a subsidised rate.

Alhaji Abubakar attributed the current shortfall in the quantity of maize available in the market to include insecurity around the major maize producing belt of Niger, Kaduna, Katsina, Zamfara and part of Kano state. He also said there were middlemen and others who hoard the grain.

Abubakar also said over 200,000 farmers have been given credit to produce over 25 million metric ton of maize in the 2020/2021 planting season.

Commenting, Mr. Ayodeji Balogun of AFEX, attributed the hike in price to the cash-flow problem of farmers which has compelled them to resort to collecting cash from buyers ahead of production and resort to side-selling, especially across the borders to neighbouring countries due to higher prices.

Buhari to inaugurate Oil & Gas Centre Jan 21

By Simon Echowofun Sunday

President Muhammadu Buhari will on January 21 inaugurate the National Oil and Gas Excellence Centre (NOGEC) Lagos to boost operations in the nation's petroleum sector.

Mr Paul Osu, Head, Public Affairs, Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR), made the announcement in a statement issued on Monday in Lagos.

The Director of DPR, Mr Sarki Auwalu, who is the chief host for the virtual event, said the centre was structured to drive the three-pronged objectives of safety, value and cost efficiency which are critical for oil and gas industry stability, growth and sustainability.

"The integrated centre will also entrench Nigeria's status as regional leader and position the nation for significant global impact in the provision

of value-added services and breakthrough solutions for the industry in years and decades to come," he said.

Auwalu said the NOGEC complex was structured to house the various flagship centres in order to comprehensively cover key areas of the industry.

He said the centre would leverage industry technical experts, Alternative Dispute Resolution practitioners and resources of the National Data Repository (NDR) to provide fair and balanced resolutions of industry-related disputes from an informed position.

"The centre will significantly reduce the cost of training and capacity building which is often associated with international travels by utilising both local and international subject matter experts (SME) to deliver world-class training in-country," he also noted.

Petrol price rose by 14% in December – NBS

By Francis Arinze Iloani

The average price paid by consumers for premium motor spirit (petrol) increased by 14 per cent in December 2020 at N165.70 per litre from N145.35 it sold per litre in December 2019.

The Petrol Watch report released by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) showed that petrol price decreased month-on-month by -0.94 per cent, from N167.27 per litre in November, 2020 to N165.70 per litre in December 2020.

The report showed that states with the highest average price of petrol were Abia (N176.19), Kwara (N172.43) and Kebbi (N169.92).

The states with the lowest average price of the PMS were Kaduna (N155.00),

Katsina (N160.25) and Bauchi (N162.57).

Meanwhile, a separate report on Liquefied Petroleum Gas (cooking gas) showed that the average price for the refilling of a 5kg cylinder increased by 0.12 per cent month-on-month and decreased by -3.41 per cent year-on-year to N1,949.75 in December 2020 from N1,947.47 in November 2020.

The report showed that states with the highest average price for the refilling of a 5kg cylinder for cooking gas were Bauchi (N2,489.12), Borno (N2,396.69) and Adamawa (N2,392.88).

On the opposite, states with the lowest average price for the refilling of a 5kg cylinder cooking gas were Enugu (N1,563.75), Imo (N1,678.89) and Oyo (N1,691.67).

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

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NEWS

FG unveils car made by 30-year-old Nigerian

By Zakariyya Adaramola

The Minister of Science and Technology, Dr. Ogbonnaya Onu, has unveiled a car built by Mr Auwal Hassan, a 30-year-old Nigerian inventor.

Speaking in his office in Abuja on Monday, the minister called on youths to be innovative in producing goods and services that are usually imported, saying that would improve the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), create employment and reduce imports.

Dr. Onu reiterated the commitment of the ministry in partnering and supporting young innovators.

In his remarks, Mr Hassan solicited for the cooperation of the ministry in developing more automobiles and other engineering feats such as the production of helicopters.

He said the vehicle has a speed capacity of 50 kilometres per hour, a five gear transmission and six horsepower engine speed.

Director General of the National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure (NASENI), Prof. Mohammed Haruna, said the locally produced car was assessed by his agency, adding that they will work closely with the innovator in improving the standard and quality of the car.

Mining Cadastral positioned to issue mineral titles – DG

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

Director General of the Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office (MCO), Engr. Obadiah Simon Nkom has said the Agency has been positioned to address challenges related to administering Mineral Titles.

Engr. Nkom said this when a delegation from the Premium Times Newspaper, led by its Publisher Mr. Dapo Olorunyomi, paid a courtesy visit recently to the Agency in Abuja.

In a statement, Nkom noted that the agency has beaten the COVID-19 pandemic by its earlier migration to an online system.

“Already we are migrating to the internet where applicants can access it with their applications from any part of the world and our Zonal offices have been equipped and ready to start operational activities,” Nkom stated.



■ A car manufactured by a 30-year-old Nigerian, Auwal Hassan, displayed at the Federal Secretariat in Abuja, yesterday.

Photo: Zakariyya Adaramola

Stock market loses N39bn as week begins

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

At the close of trade on the floor of the Nigerian Stock Exchange, the equities market lost N39.6 billion with the market capitalisation reducing by the figure to 21.5 trillion.

The NSE All-Share Index declined 23 basis points (bps) to close at 41,082.38

points following profit-taking in Flour Mill (-5.5 per cent), FBNH (-3.9 per cent) and Dangote Cement (-1.0 per cent).

As a result, the year to date return fell to two per cent while activity level was mixed as volume traded rose 10.8 per cent to 738.5 million units while value traded fell 34.8 per cent to 4.2bn.

The most traded stocks

by volume were Univinsure (51.8m units), Transcorp (43.1m units) and FBNH (39.8m units) while Zenith (820.1m), Guaranty (422.0m) and Access (303.0m) topped by value.

Performance across sectors was mixed as 3 indices gained, 2 lost and one closed flat.

Investor sentiment as measured by market

breadth weakened to 1.7x from the 3.4x recorded previously as 35 stocks advanced against 21 decliners.

An analyst at Afrinvest commented thus: “In the next trading session, we expect to see investors take profit. However, we are optimistic that the market will close on a positive note this week.”

Sanwo-Olu woos investors for \$2.2bn opportunities

From Abdullateef Aliyu & Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos

The Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu yesterday urged private investors to invest in the state, saying Lagos has over \$2.2 billion partnership opportunities for them.

He said the investment opportunities include transportation infrastructure (\$1.141bn), environment (\$381.3 million), health (\$375.3m), Rebuild Lagos (\$181.6m), shoreline protection of Lagos lagoon coastline (\$82.5m), and education (\$54.8m).

Sanwo-Olu spoke during a webinar on Investment Opportunities for the

UK Business Community in Nigeria organised by the Institute of Directors (IoD-UK).

The governor also said the state was “ready for all forms of mutually beneficial businesses and partnerships.”

He said Lagos is largely driven by small businesses and daily wage-earners, stressing, “We need to look at the economic side while keeping with all the COVID-19 protocols.”

“For us, yes, we understand we need to listen to the science, the health experts but we also have an economic side to it. Lagos is driven largely by small businesses, daily wage earners,

very micro-small enterprises and we do not have a functional, a very robust social intervention scheme, we do not have a strong registry of individual national IDs.”

According to him, the mission of the state is to eradicate poverty and promote economic growth through infrastructure renewal and development.

“We believe that if we solve our infrastructural challenges, the turnaround time, the cost of doing business, the waiting time on our road, on our street, we will be able to give our people a lot more economic empowerment,” he said.

‘Pricing of natural gas can drive investments’

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

The Nigerian Gas Association (NGA) has said that a consensus on a pricing framework will go a long way in attracting growth investments in the gas industry.

The group disclosed this during a recently held webinar, which had the key stakeholders in the global and local industries present.

The delegates affirmed that gas policies in the upstream industry, including asset renewals, should guarantee the viability of gas projects to balance the government’s revenue targets and commercial interest of investors.

They noted that the prevailing transitional pricing regime should be short-tenured to enable early migration of transactions to full commercial liberalisation and allow competition to address concerns of affordability.

The delegates further argued that the government should consider the use of

direct subsidies to stimulate industrial growth rather than introduce pricing systems that distort market operations.

They also posited that liquidity issues that hamper returns from the power sector be speedily resolved to address legacy debts and facilitate full recovery of gas revenues from the Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry (NESI).

The President of NGA, Mrs. Audrey Joe-Ezigbo, explained that the true wealth of Nigeria as a nation is not in the abundance of gas resources, but rather in how extensively the nation is able to apply it towards value-added processes in various sectors, such as residential, commercial, industrial, petrochemical, power, agricultural, transportation, and others as highlighted by her.

The Country Chair of Shell companies in Nigeria, Mr Osagie Okunbor, who was represented by Mr Taaj Shobajo noted that achieving consensus pricing will help in attracting growth investments, secure project funding and sustain supplies.

Chevron, Bayelsa community differ over oil spill

From Bassey Willie, Yenagoa

Chevron Nigeria Limited (CNL) and its host communities have differed on leaks reported at Funiwa Oil Fields operated by the oil firm off Bayelsa shoreline.

Fishermen operating near the Atlantic Ocean coastline had on Sunday reported an oil leak suspected to be from the Funiwa Fields.

While the fishermen from CNL’s host community at Koluama in Southern Ijaw Local Government Area pointed accusing fingers at Chevron, the oil firm denied the allegations.

Reacting to this, Esimaje Brikinn, General Manager, Policy, Government and Public Affairs, at Chevron, said in an email response that there was no oil leakage from its operations in Bayelsa.

“Chevron Nigeria Limited (CNL), operator of the joint venture between the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC/CNL JV), confirms that there has been no oil spill incident at any of its facilities in Bayelsa State,” he said.

However, Chief Young Fabby, a community leader in Koluama 1, said on the telephone on Monday that

the denial by Chevron was merely a ploy to evade liability for the leak and associated pollution.

He said that Chevron had deployed several helicopters to apply chemical dispersants to dissolve and breakdown the oil deposits on the water surface without the knowledge of stakeholders in a bid to cover up the spill.

When contacted, the Director General, National Oil Spills Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA), Mr Idris Musa, said the Agency would dispatch its officials to the Funiwa Field to ascertain the source and cause of the leak.

NEWS

Kano secures N10bn CBN fund for ailing industries

From Clement A. Oloyede, Kano

Kano State has secured N10 billion intervention fund from the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to revive industries that were affected the most by the coronavirus pandemic.

The Director-General of Kano Investment Promotion Agency (KANINVEST), Hajiya Hama Ali Muhammad, revealed this yesterday at a sensitisation meeting on the Kano Turnaround Project.

She said the fund was an

initial intervention from the apex bank with a promise of more funds for ailing industries through the project.

The project is collaboration with the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN) and LINKS, a FCDO-supported programme.

She said her agency (KanInvest & Diaspora) is attracting new investments and retaining the current ones by providing adequate aftercare measures.

Hajiya Muhammad said forms for indication of interest would be available

up to February 25 after which there will be one-on-one interactions with the industries.

President of MAN Engr. Ahmed Mansur said almost 50 per cent of companies have either reduced operation or shut down completely because of the COVID-19 pandemic. He noted that the intervention project would help MSMEs to reactivate and transform to a healthy condition.

Governor of Kano State Abdullahi Umar Ganduje charged the beneficiaries to ensure they judiciously

utilised the loans, stressing that the era when company owners collected loans to buy cars or marry wives was over.

Also speaking, the Emir of Kano, Alhaji Aminu Ado Bayero, called on marketers in Nigeria and abroad to cooperate with the government in ensuring the success of the programme.

"We want to assure the government of the support and cooperation of the emirate council on anything that has to do with the development of our state and the country at large."



■ Minister of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, Sadiya Farouk, with a beneficiary of the N20,000 Special Cash Grant for Rural Women at the Fulani settlement of Hutawa near Birnin Kebbi, Kebbi state yesterday.

FG gives 247 women get N20,000 grant in Kebbi

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

The Minister of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, Sadiya Umar Farouq, has launched the Federal Government Special Cash Grant for Rural Women at the Fulani settlement of Hutawa near Birnin Kebbi with about 247 women benefiting.

The women under the umbrella of Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN) are to receive N20,000 each to improve their economic wellbeing.

The Minister who visited the Fulani settlement located on the outskirts of Birnin Kebbi at the weekend

expressed happiness at the economic empowerment training being given to the Fulani women by the Kebbi state government.

She said, "I am delighted to see that these Fulani women are being taught the modern methods of yoghurt production using cow milk. This will go a long way in empowering them to be self-reliant and able to provide for their families.

"I enjoin all the Fulani women who have received this training by the Kebbi state government to put it to practice as this will also improve the economic status of not just the women but the state and country at large".

Among the recipients is 65 year-old

Baba Hauwawu who could not contain her excitement when she was presented with the cash by the Minister.

She expressed gratitude to President Muhammadu Buhari for the Grant and said that she will use the N20,000 to start a Fura business.

"May God bless and keep Baba Buhari for giving me this money. Now I will go and buy Fura and also start a cattle rearing business".

The programme has so far been launched in 16 states. They include Plateau, Sokoto, Imo, Ebonyi, Nasarawa, Kebbi, Katsina, Bauchi, and Taraba. The rest are Ekiti, Ondo, Adamawa, Gombe, Kano, Jigawa and Zamfara states.

Dangote completes Nigeria's longest concrete road

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

The Dangote Group has completed Nigeria's longest rigid pavement located in Kogi State.

It is the first of its kind, top engineers say, in a statement from the company on Sunday.

The 43km Obajana-Kabba road constructed by Dangote Industries Limited (DIL), is described by motorists as the country's most strategic highway that is aiding travellers between the North and the South.

A statement from the Corporate Communications Department of the group said: "Concrete roads last longer than asphalt roads and do not have potholes. They do not require frequent maintenance as asphalt

roads do. They save fuel for motorists and protect tyres from wear and tear."

Olatunbosun Kalejaiye, the Project Director, said the rigid pavement of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project has been completed while the shoulders are being dressed.

The Site Engineer, Samuel Obosi assured that the dual carriageway will be durable and less susceptible to potholes and repairs like asphalt roads which will also crash the rate of road accidents.

Some motorists said it is now one of the busiest roads. "Thank God it is a concrete road. It can withstand any heavy duty vehicle," Alhaji Lamidi Sikiru, a driver said.

John Moses, a member of the National Union of Road

Transport Workers, said his taxi business is booming compared to when the road was in a bad state and barely used.

Spokesman of Apa Bunu Kingdom, Sam Omosayil, commended Dangote Group, saying the road has attracted a lot of businesses along it.

The Bajana of Obajana Land, King Idowu Senibi, described the project as gigantic and the first of its kind anywhere in Nigeria.

Speaking, the traditional head of Akpata Land, Frederick Durojaiye Balogun, said his people are very proud of Alhaji Aliko Dangote, adding that the Dangote Cement, Obajana plant, which is the single largest cement plant in the world, has brought honour and respect to their kingdoms.

King of Okebunku Land

in Kabba Bunu Local Government, Timothy Omonile, commended Dangote and charged other philanthropists to emulate him.

President of Dangote Group, Aliko Dangote, had said plans are afoot to revolutionise Nigerian roads with concrete to cut spending on repairs.

"We are going to be building concrete roads in the country so that anytime we build a road, we do not have to go back to repair after the third raining season, but move on and use the resources to address other pressing needs of Nigeria," he assured.

The Group had commissioned the 26km Itori-Ibese concrete road as a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project.

Reality TV show debuts for SMEs

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

A business reality television show in the United Kingdom and the United States is set to debut in Nigeria to empower Small and Medium-scale Enterprises (SMES) as well as Nigerian innovative entrepreneurs.

While the show is known as Dragons' Den in the UK, it is called Shark Tank in the USA. The Lions' Den will enable entrepreneurs to pitch their businesses or ideas, said Ultima Limited, the promoter and producer of 'Who Wants To Be a Millionaire' and 'Project Fame West Africa'.

According to a statement the sponsors include Ecobank Nigeria, Chapel Hill Denham, Development Bank of Nigeria (DBN) and the Bank of Industry (BoI) as well as a strategic partnership with Lagos State Internal Revenue Service (LIRS).

Budding entrepreneurs seeking investors for their businesses have been urged to register for the initial process of the project which closes in mid-February 2021.

In his remarks, the Managing Director, Ecobank, Mr. Patrick Akinwuntan said: "We have been supporting SMEs because we recognize them as the engine of growth of any economy. And we do know too that the COVID-19 pandemic has spurred growth in entrepreneurship in Nigeria, creating an even bigger market opportunity. This TV show will further create more entrepreneurs."

On his part, the CEO of Chapel Hill Denham, Mr. Bolaji Balogun said, "It is an incredible opportunity to support businesses to upscale by providing access to capital, to mentorship and to networks."

Also speaking, the Managing Director of DBN, Mr Tony Okpanachi said, "This is important to us because the show's objectives align with the bank's mandate of accelerating economic growth and equipping the MSMEs with the needed skills and channels to develop their capacity and productivity."

Oil prices fall on demand concerns

Oil prices edged lower on Monday as climbing Coronavirus cases and tighter restrictions in Europe and China fuelled worries over a slower recovery in fuel demand.

Encouraging gross domestic product (GDP) and industrial production data from China helped to limit the downside to some extent.

Brent crude for March delivery eased 0.2 per cent to 54.98 dollars a barrel, after falling 2.3 per cent on Friday.

Similarly, U.S. oil futures were down by 0.1 per cent at 52.36 dollars after falling more than 2 per cent in the previous session.

The total number of global Coronavirus cases topped 95 million, while the death toll surpassed 2 million.

China reported more than 100 new COVID-19 cases for the sixth consecutive day, while the number of hospitalised COVID-19 patients with serious symptoms in Japan topped 970, marking a record high since the onset of the pandemic in the country.

Portugal imposed a new nationwide lockdown, while the British government announced that it will close all travel corridors from Monday in order to restrict the spread of new Coronavirus variant cases. (dpa/NAN)

CO-CREATED CONTENT

How Quick Response Payment Framework Could Boost Financial Safety, Stability – CBN

The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) is starting this year stronger and better in leveraging on the track records of a buoyant financial system it has been building.

Towards this, the apex bank has rolled out the Framework for Quick Response (QR) Code Payments in Nigeria.

The apex bank emphasized the core objectives of the framework on its twitter handle. It said the regulation is “To ensure the safety and stability of the Nigerian Financial System, promote the use and adoption of electronic payments and foster innovation in the payments system.”

This piece dissects the content and focal points of the framework towards helping the members of the public understand it better for improved results.



■ CBN headquarters Abuja

What is a QR code?

According to CBN, Quick Response (QR) Codes are a kind of matrix barcode representing information presented as square grids, made up of black squares against a contrasting background that can be scanned by imaging device, processed and transmitted by appropriate technology.

These codes can be used to present, capture and transmit payments information across payments infrastructure. The technology further enables the mobile channel to facilitate payments and presents another veritable avenue for promoting electronic payments for micro and small enterprises.

Objectives of innovative framework

The bank said the framework provides regulatory guidance for the operation of QR Code payment services in Nigeria.

It aims to ensure the adoption of appropriate QR code standards for safe and efficient payments services in Nigeria.

The framework therefore stipulates four core points which are, acceptable QR code standards for implementing QR payments; interoperability of QR payments; roles and responsibilities of participants in QR payments; and risk management principles for QR code payments.

Specifications for code implementation

The apex bank in Nigeria said the implementation of QR Code for payments in Nigeria are within some specifications.

These processes include the first being that it will be based on the EMV QR code specification for payment systems.

CBN may also approve the implementation of any other QR Code Standard, provided it meets the prescribed security requirements within the framework, demonstrates interoperability with other existing implementations in the industry and/or cost benefits to end-users (merchants and customers).

The QR Code Payments implementation in Nigeria shall support account, wallet, card and token based QR Code Operations.

Finally, implementation of QR Code for payments shall be based on the Merchant-presented mode (where

merchants present the QR Code for buyers to accept in order to conclude payment transactions) specification, CBN noted.

Why you can benefit from the initiative

According to CBN in the detailed framework document, there are a wide array of participants that could benefit in the process.

They include merchants, customers, issuers (banks, Mobile Money Operators [MMOs] and other financial institutions), acquirers (banks, MMOS and other financial institutions), and payment service providers.

However, before you can benefit, there are certain responsibilities the participants have towards successful implementation of the QR code payments in Nigeria.

For merchants

They shall use and display only approved QR Codes in Nigeria, comply with service agreements executed with the acquirer, cooperate with acquirer to investigate any reported fraudulent transaction, report suspicious use of QR Codes for payments to the acquirer, conform with the rules and regulation of the acquirer, and be guided by the extant CBN Guidelines on Electronic Payments Channels in Nigeria, Guide to charges by banks, other financial and non-bank financial institutions, and other applicable regulation as may be issued by the Bank.

Customers

They shall use QR Code payments applications availed by the issuer and for intended purpose without modifications, at merchant locations/websites/applications.

Consumers shall adhere to all minimum security guidelines as stipulated by the issuer.

They are also required to report inappropriate/unauthorised QR Code Payment transactions on their accounts/wallets.

Issuers (Banks, MMOs and Other Financial Institutions)

These category of users shall provide QR Code Payment application to customers upon request and activation by customer; execute service agreement with their customers; comply with

Card Scheme Rules (where applicable); determine and agree appropriate transaction limits with customers for QR Code Payments based on their customers' risk profile assessment; ensure appropriate configurations on QR Code Payment application that use QR codes for payments in conformity and compliance with requirements of QR Code regulations.

Other responsibilities for them are deploy necessary updates and patches on its QR Code Payment application and ensure the customer is unable to initiate transaction through the older version of the application where the customer fails to apply the update within 14 days of the availability of the update or patch, issuers may induce an automatic update of the customer's application where applicable, provide adequate training, support and security guidelines to customers on the use of QR code for payments; ensure security of QR Code payment application for QR Code payments; resolve customers dispute in accordance with the CBN Consumer Protection Regulation.

The last is that they will be guided by the extant CBN Guidelines on Electronic Payments Channels in Nigeria, Guide to charges by banks, other financial and non-bank financial institutions, and other applicable regulation as may be issued by the Bank.

Acquirers

Those acquiring the technology will be required to execute service agreements with merchants. They will also determine and agree appropriate transaction limits with merchants for accepting QR Code Payments based on its risk profile assessment of the merchant.

The acquirers must ensure appropriate configurations and use of QR codes at Merchant location/website/applications in conformity and compliance with requirements of QR Scheme(s) and QR Code regulations. They will also ensure that appropriate security protocols are applied; provide adequate training, support and security guidelines to merchants on the use of QR code for payments.

Ensure that hardware, software, protocols used for QR Code for payments are in conformity with the requirements of operations of QR Code payments regulations; give merchants

value for QR Code transaction within T+1 or as may be agreed with the merchant;

Be guided by the extant CBN Guidelines on Electronic Payments Channels in Nigeria, Guide to charges by banks, other financial and non-bank financial institutions, and other applicable regulation as may be issued by the Bank.

Other Payments Service Providers (Switches & PSSPs)

These participants shall support processing and settlement for all issuers and acquirers; facilitate interoperability of QR Code Payments for all issuers and acquirers; and ensure full compliance with this Framework and other extant guidelines on electronic payments and transaction processing.

Interoperability of the QR Code payment

All issuers, acquirers, switches, processors and other participants in QR payments in Nigeria shall ensure full interoperability of QR Code Schemes in Nigeria.

Risk management and compliance

There are some risk management principles that guide the operations of QR Code Payments in Nigeria. They include, issuers and acquirers shall clearly define risk management policy and guidelines for the operation of the QR Code Scheme. The risk management guidelines shall include detailed stipulation of the responsibilities of all participants for managing risk.

QR Codes shall, at a minimum, be encrypted (AES) and/or signed; QR Codes Payments applications, updates and patches shall be duly certified by the Payment Terminal Service Aggregator (PTSA).

The Issuers and Acquirers shall agree minimum due diligence guidance for merchant on-boarding without prejudice to the KYC/AML requirements of the Bank; issuers and Acquirers shall ensure that only PTSA certified QR Code shall be utilised; Issuers and Acquirers shall ensure behavioural monitoring and fraud management systems are implemented to prevent, detect and mitigate fraud and money laundering.

Issuers shall have the overall responsibilities for managing fraud risk and shall coordinate all participants towards managing fraud in its scheme; Issuers shall provide quarterly risk management assessment report to the Director, Payments System Management Department.

The risk management assessment report shall include among others fraud report, vulnerabilities assessment and risk mitigating measures introduced.

Concluding on the dispute resolution, the infringement and sanctions available, the apex bank said, “All consumer complaints shall be resolved in accordance with the CBN Consumer Protection Regulation.

“All parties shall comply with the provisions of this framework and other relevant guidelines issued by the CBN. The Bank shall apply appropriate sanctions to any party that fails to comply accordingly.”

NIGERIA STOCK EXCHANGE MARKET CAP ▶ N21,490,651TR (-0.23%) ↓ ALL SHARE INDEX ▶ 41,082.38POINTS (-0.23%) ↓ MARKET TURNOVER ▶ 738,524,833BN SHARES

Monday, January 18, 2021

 274.59 0.02%	 415.97 0.01%	 602.71 -0.62%	 258.32 5.98%	 2,053.33 -0.43%
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NSE GENERAL INDEX

COMPANY NAME	MARKET(NM)	PRICE	CHANGE	TRADES	VOLUME
BANKING					
ACCESS BANK PLC	341,234.17	9.60	-1.03	338	31,825,306
UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA PLC	311,214.73	9.10	-1.62	300	21,527,402
ZENITH BANK PLC	821,018.31	26.15	-0.57	508	31,380,944
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS					
FBN HOLDINGS PLC	262,035.64	7.30	-3.95	299	39,767,470
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES					
MTN NIGERIA COMMUNICATIONS PLC	3,460,267.22	170.00	-	159	470,597
BUILDING MATERIALS					
DANGOTE CEMENT PLC	3,997,703.04	234.60	-1.01	112	1,165,614
LAFARGE AFRICA PLC	386,587.09	24.00	0.84	294	9,405,306
BERGER PAINTS PLC	2,333.08	8.05	-	8	36,762
BUA CEMENT PLC	2,705,761.89	79.90	-	39	289,441
CAP PLC	14,000.00	20.00	-	33	597,131
MEYER PLC	265.62	0.50	-	0	0
PORTLAND PAINTS & PRODUCTS NIGERIA PLC	1,935.93	2.44	-	1	201
PREMIER PAINTS PLC	1,156.20	9.40	-	0	0
EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION					
SEPLAT PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	317,760.06	540.00	-	68	193,176
WASTE MANAGEMENT					
THE INITIATES PLC	462.79	0.52	-	2	2,000,000
AGRICULTURE					
FTN COCOA PROCESSORS PLC	1,584.00	0.72	4.35	47	6,617,514
OKOMU OIL PALM PLC	88,713.63	93.00	-	28	32,132
PRESCO PLC	74,000.00	74.00	-	13	427,419
ELLAH LAKES PLC	8,500.00	4.25	-	0	0
LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC	9,600.00	2.32	9.95	79	8,733,224
DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIES					
JOHN HOLT PLC	194.58	0.50	-	10	502,666
S C O A NIG. PLC	1,903.99	2.93	-	0	0
TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATION OF NIGERIA PLC	43,493.35	1.07	9.18	83	43,145,307
U A C N PLC	24,058.83	8.35	1.21	218	28,079,923
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION					
ARBICO PLC	152.96	1.03	-	1	10,000
INFRASTRUCTURE/HEAVY CONSTRUCTION					
JULIUS BERGER NIG. PLC	30,096.00	19.00	-1.30	47	470,868
ROADS NIG PLC	165.00	6.60	-	0	0
REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT					
UACN PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	14,847.98	0.80	-	64	3,488,316
AUTOMOBILES/AUTO PARTS					
DN TYRE & RUBBER PLC	954.53	0.20	-	0	0
BEVERAGES - BREWERS/DISTILLERS					
CHAMPION BREW. PLC	10,569.82	1.35	-	4	29,291
GOLDEN GUINEA BREW. PLC	829.98	0.81	-	1	3,785
GUINNESS NIG PLC	40,522.08	18.50	-2.63	102	1,581,302
INTERNATIONAL BREWERIES PLC	178,632.76	6.65	-2.21	47	466,519
NIGERIAN BREW. PLC	479,814.12	60.00	-	52	202,416
DANGOTE SUGAR REFINERY PLC	20,035.69	20.50	-1.44	276	5,588,119
FLOUR MILLS NIG. PLC	127,111.77	31.00	-5.49	174	3,329,868
HONEYWELL FLOUR MILL PLC	9,516.24	1.20	-1.64	44	1,965,216
MULTI-TREX INTEGRATED FOODS PLC	1,340.10	0.36	-	0	0
N NIG. FLOUR MILLS PLC	1,320.46	7.41	-	14	113,095
NASCORN ALLIED INDUSTRIES PLC	45,702.81	17.25	-1.71	39	769,205
UNION DICON SALT PLC	2,993.06	10.95	-	0	0
CADBURY NIGERIA PLC	19,627.21	10.45	10.00	96	1,914,781
NESTLE NIGERIA PLC	1,192,947.66	1,505.00	-	44	4,186
HOUSEHOLD DURABLES					
NIGERIAN ENAMELWARE PLC	1,680.31	22.10	-	0	0
VITAFOD NIG PLC	11,445.22	9.15	1.10	73	4,949,073
P Z CLISSONS NIGERIA PLC	20,646.48	5.20	-	30	284,200
UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC	77,270.32	13.45	-	106	977,059
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
ECOBANK TRANSNATIONAL INCORPORATED	120,189.56	6.55	0.77	79	2,885,784
FIDELITY BANK PLC	78,811.45	2.72	-1.81	234	38,129,786
GUARANTY TRUST BANK PLC	990,359.18	33.65	1.82	332	12,530,657
JAIZ BANK PLC	20,035.69	0.68	-1.45	60	3,127,521
STERLING BANK PLC	57,580.84	2.00	-0.50	81	12,644,847
UNION BANK NIG. PLC	164,532.25	5.65	-0.88	55	2,300,274
UNITY BANK PLC	8,182.54	0.70	-	10	445,664
WEMA BANK PLC	27,387.87	0.71	-5.33	58	8,024,893
INSURANCE CARRIERS, BROKERS AND SERVICES					
AFRICAN ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	4,528.70	0.22	10.00	38	19,554,479
AICO INSURANCE PLC	27,288.71	1.32	10.00	68	3,007,915
AXAMANSARD INSURANCE PLC	60,840.00	1.69	5.62	229	38,198,945
CONSOLIDATED HALLMARK INSURANCE PLC	4,067.71	0.38	8.57	10	1,213,404
CORNERSTONE INSURANCE PLC	12,353.15	0.68	4.62	23	666,928
CORONATION INSURANCE PLC	14,395.01	0.60	9.09	69	12,401,144
GOLDLINK INSURANCE PLC	909.99	0.20	-	0	0
GUINEA INSURANCE PLC	1,228.00	0.20	-	26	6,442,086
INTERNATIONAL ENERGY INSURANCE PLC	487.95	0.38	-	0	0
LASACO ASSURANCE PLC	3,588.48	0.49	8.89	77	17,124,182
LINKAGE ASSURANCE PLC	7,500.00	0.75	8.70	6	10,024,218
MUTUAL BENEFITS ASSURANCE PLC	5,139.46	0.46	9.52	41	20,743,658
NEM INSURANCE PLC	23,075.80	2.30	-	14	393,710
NIGER INSURANCE PLC	2,167.05	0.28	7.69	23	6,346,386
PRIESTGE ASSURANCE PLC	6,626.28	0.50	8.00	21	15,482,664
REGENCY ASSURANCE PLC	2,400.75	0.36	9.09	13	4,156,751
SOVEREIGN TRUST INSURANCE PLC	3,182.05	0.28	7.69	4	1,590,994
STACO INSURANCE PLC	4,483.72	0.48	-	0	0
STANDARD ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	2,582.21	0.20	-	0	0
SUNU ASSURANCES NIGERIA PLC	2,800.00	1.00	-	4	55,000
UNIC DIVERSIFIED HOLDINGS PLC	516.46	0.20	-	0	0
UNIVERSAL INSURANCE PLC	3,520.00	0.22	10.00	72	51,788,957
VERITAS CAPITAL ASSURANCE PLC	3,744.00	0.27	8.00	38	20,727,953
MACRO-FINANCE BANKS					
NFM MICROFINANCE BANK PLC	4,024.48	1.76	1.73	19	1,319,936
ABBEY MORTGAGE BANK PLC	6,784.62	1.05	-	3	50,100
ASO SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	7,370.87	0.50	-	0	0
INFINITY TRUST MORTGAGE BANK PLC	5,671.82	1.36	-	0	0
RESORT SAVINGS & LOANS PLC	2,265.95	0.20	-	0	0
UNION HOMES SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	2,949.22	3.02	-	0	0
AFRICA PRUDENTIAL PLC	14,200.00	7.10	1.43	68	1,344,311
CUSTODIAN INVESTMENT PLC	35,291.19	6.00	-	27	1,956,195
DEAP CAPITAL MANAGEMENT & TRUST PLC	300.00	0.20	-	0	0
FCMB GROUP PLC	63,368.67	3.20	-0.93	101	13,654,903
ROYAL EXCHANGE PLC	1,903.79	0.37	8.82	13	1,156,561
STANBIC IBTC HOLDINGS PLC	488,663.89	44.00	-	36	569,997
UNITED CAPITAL PLC	31,200.00	5.20	-1.70	148	7,489,744
HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS					
EKOCORP PLC	2,991.61	6.00	-	0	0
UNION DIAGNOSTIC & CLINICAL SERVICES PLC	1,065.94	0.30	-	4	1,055,000
MEDICAL SUPPLIES					
MORISON INDUSTRIES PLC	494.58	0.50	-	0	0
PHARMACEUTICALS					
EVANS MEDICAL PLC	366.17	0.50	-	0	0
FIDSON HEALTHCARE PLC	5,997.26	4.60	-4.29	23	212,854
GLAXO SMITHKLINE CONSUMER NIG. PLC	8,012.37	6.70	-	115	5,651,653
MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC	6,573.14	3.81	4.96	47	1,304,495
NEMETH INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICALS PLC	3,798.31	2.00	-4.76	58	2,079,815
NIGERIA-GERMAN CHEMICALS PLC	556.71	3.62	-	0	0
PHARMA-DEKO PLC	325.23	1.50	-	1	7,550
COMPUTER BASED SYSTEMS					
COURTAVILLE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PLC	852.48	0.24	9.09	51	17,225,738
COMPUTERS AND PERIPHERALS					
OMATEK VENTURES PLC	647.19	0.22	-	14	4,586,820
IT SERVICES					
CWG PLC	6,413.06	2.54	-	0	0
NCR (NIGERIA) PLC	254.88	2.36	-	0	0
CHAMS PLC	1,408.82	0.30	7.14	72	15,579,622
E-TRANZACT INTERNATIONAL PLC	9,786.00	2.33	-	0	0
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES					
AIRTEL AFRICA PLC	3,201,193.45	851.80	-	25	1,224
ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS					
AUSTIN LAZ & COMPANY PLC	2,192.12	2.03	-	0	0
CUTIX PLC	3,786.84	2.15	2.87	17	1,248,239

COMMODITIES PRICE	PRICE	CHANGE	TRADES	VOLUME
CRUDE OIL (BRENT)				
CRUDE OIL (BRENT)	\$50.87	-	-	-
NATURAL GAS				
NATURAL GAS	\$2.63	-	-	-
COPPER				
COPPER	\$7,764.50	-	-	-
GOLD				
GOLD	\$1,877.59	-	-	-
SILVER				
SILVER	\$25.77	-	-	-
SUGAR				
SUGAR	\$0.15	-	-	-
COCOA				
COCOA	\$1,710.0	-	-	-
LIVE CATTLE				
LIVE CATTLE	\$1.12	-	-	-
COTTON				
COTTON	\$0.76	-	-	-
PACKAGING/CONTAINERS				
RETA GLASS PLC	27,698.45	55.40	-	6
GREIF NIGERIA PLC	349.65	8.20	-	0
AGRO-ALLIED & CHEMICALS				
NOTORE CHEMICAL IND PLC	100,754.14	62.50	-	0
B.O.C. GASES PLC	5,731.69	13.77	9.98	14
PAPER/FOREST PRODUCTS				
THOMAS WYATT NIG. PLC	77.00	0.35	-	0
PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTORS				
11 PLC	89,968.52	249.50	-	20
ARODUA PLC	25,558.88	19.70	-	121
CONOIL PLC	14,572.99	21.00	-	19
ETERNA PLC	6,911.97	5.30	-	16
MRS OIL NIGERIA PLC	4,190.81	13.75	-	5
TOTAL NIGERIA PLC	48,551.62	143.00	-	34
CAPITAL OIL PLC	1,171.51	0.20	-	0
RAK UNITY PET. COMP. PLC	16.99	0.30	-	0
ADVERTISING				
AFROMEDIA PLC	887.81	0.20	-	0
AIRLINES				
MEDEVIEW AIRLINE PLC	15,796.05	1.62	-	0
AUTOMOBILE/AUTO PART RETAILERS				
R T BRISCOE PLC	258.80	0.22	10.00	12
COURIER/FREIGHT/DELIVERY				
RED STAR EXPRESS PLC	3,242.23	3.50	-	11
TRANS-NATIONWIDE EXPRESS PLC	412.59	0.88	10.00	2
HOSPITALITY				
TANTALIZERS PLC	642.33	0.20	-	1
HOTELS/LODGING				
CAPITAL HOTEL PLC	3,407.32	2.20	-	0
KEJIA HOTEL PLC	2,494.56	1.20	-	0
TOURIST COMPANY OF NIGERIA PLC	7,076.28	3.15	-	0
TRANSCORP HOTELS PLC	36,873.10	3.60	-	1
MEDIA/ENTERTAINMENT				
DAAR COMMUNICATIONS PLC	3,240.00	0.27	-	5
PRINTING/PUBLISHING				
ACADEMY PRESS PLC	235.87	0.39	-	11
LEARN AFRICA PLC	817.74	1.06	7.07	19
STUDIO PRESS (NIG) PLC	1,064.85	1.79	-	0
UNIVERSITY PRESS PLC	539.26	1.25	-	8
ROAD TRANSPORTATION				
ASSOCIATED BUS COMPANY PLC	580.20	0.35	-	17
SPECIALTY				
INTERLINKED TECHNOLOGIES PLC	688.80	2.91	-	0
SECURE ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY PLC	1,126.31	0.20	-	1
TRANSPORT-RELATED SERVICES				
GLOBAL SPECTRUM ENERGY SERVICES PLC	3,352.00	4.19	-	0
NIGERIAN AVIATION HANDLING COMPANY PLC				

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How to prevent Preeclampsia in pregnancy

From Nana-Hauwa Sule, Kano

Thirty-six-weeks pregnant Halima Aliyu, accompanied by her mother, went for her routine antenatal check-up. She had a lingering headache from the previous night and thought nothing of it. Unknown to her, there was more to her headache than she thought, she was diagnosed with preeclampsia.

Halima's blood pressure was reading 170/100 and the doctor looked visibly worried. In a matter of minutes, it rose to 180/120. Within seconds her body started to swell.

"All my body was swollen," Halima said, "my mum was crying, everything was happening so fast. They said I had preeclampsia and that they were booking me for a caesarean section immediately."

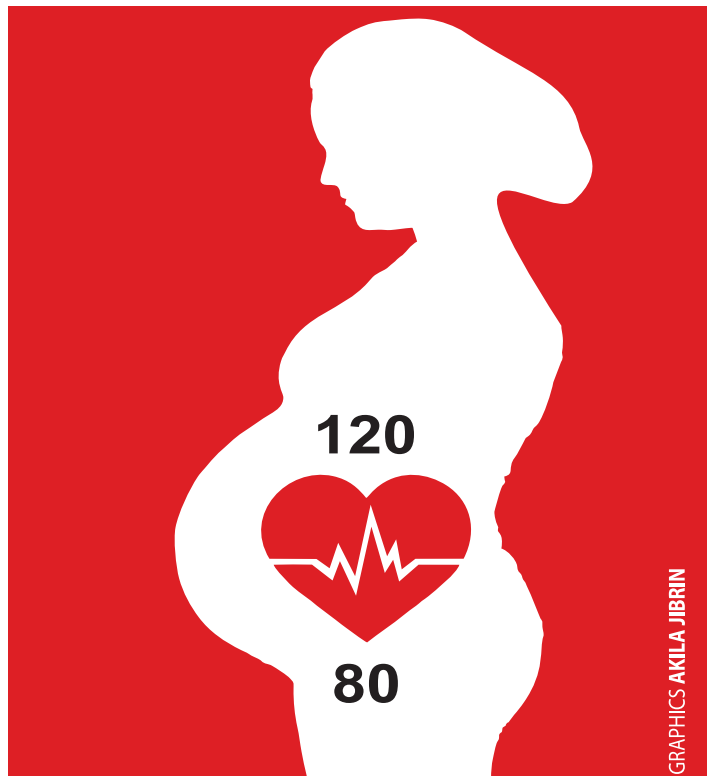
It was her first pregnancy. She recalled being scared and fighting hard not to panic as the doctors informed her that she was to be operated upon. Her blood pressure had hit 200/170 by the time she made it to the surgical ward.

"I called my husband and told him to bring my hospital bag. They were giving me so many painful injections, trying to bring down my blood pressure before operating on me."

Her blood pressure started to drop, still, Halima felt like she had grown to twice her size. Her feet, face and hands had swollen and she was in pain. She could hear how fast her heart was beating against her chest.

"I felt like my heart was going to burst. My head was aching, everywhere was hurting. I started praying to Allah to save me and my baby," she said, shuddering as she recalled the incident.

Preeclampsia is a dangerous



complication that usually occurs in pregnancies that are 20 weeks and above. In rare cases, some women may experience it earlier than 20 weeks.

It is usually determined by the presence of high protein levels in the mother's urine, and very high blood pressure. In its advanced stage, it is called eclampsia and results in seizures, and partial stroke.

According to Dr. Yusuf Habib, an obstetrician and gynaecologist, preeclampsia is one of the hypertensive disorders that occur in pregnant women.

He said some of the symptoms are incessant and throbbing headaches, swelling of the face and feet, unexplained and sudden weight gain and pain in the upper right abdomen but sometimes, there may be no physical

symptoms.

Dr. Habib added that the most distinguishing symptoms are: a blood pressure that is 140/90 or higher and clinical tests showing an elevated level of proteins in the mother's urine.

Why does Preeclampsia occur?

"The complication can happen to anyone, and in fact, there is no known reason why it happens," Dr. Habib said.

However, he said some factors that could predispose one to preeclampsia include: first pregnancies, late pregnancies, pregnancies that are conceived in less than two years or more than 10 years after previous pregnancy.

"Women carrying twins or triplets are also at risk. There is also the hereditary factor because it runs in the family. So, if a woman's mother or aunt had

it, she might have it as well. And also, if a woman has a history of preeclampsia, chances are she might have it again in subsequent pregnancies," he added.

Medical experts say the remedy for preeclampsia, once diagnosed, is immediate delivery of the child. Where the child is below 36 weeks or underdeveloped, doctors may attempt to manage the condition through regulation of the blood pressure and sometimes, administration of steroids to help the baby's lungs develop quickly so that it may breathe outside the womb of its mother.

Preeclampsia could also cause complications for mothers and babies.

Halima was finally delivered of her baby girl, but all was not well with both mother and daughter. Her daughter was born underweight and with jaundice. The baby was immediately transported to neo-natal care, while the mother tried to recover from the surgery and her ordeal.

"I couldn't see for two days. It was only on the second day that I started to see silhouettes of people. For two days I was on my bed, blind, unable to feed myself or my baby," Halima narrated.

She spent the next few weeks in the hospital, watching over her baby.

"Her jaundice was very bad. It was terrible, but we thank God that everything is fine now. The doctor said we were lucky," Halima told *Daily Trust*, cuddling her baby in her arms.

"Everything is fine now, but my blood pressure is still fluctuating. But today, my blood pressure is 120/80 and I am grateful. I could have died, my baby could have died, but we thank Allah.

"I want women to know that there is a thing called

Preeclampsia, and that it can kill. So pregnant women should be very watchful and go to the hospital if they notice anything," Halima concluded. Her daughter is now four months old, and healthy.

Dr. Habib said it was normal for preeclampsia patients to have blurred vision or temporary loss of sight but that it usually resolves itself after the baby has been delivered.

He said, "Mismanaged preeclampsia will become eclampsia and lead to a number of complications, including injury to the kidneys and liver, placenta abruption (breaking away of the placenta from the uterus), convulsions, stroke and even death of the child or mother or both."

The gynaecologist said ultimately, delivery remains the most effective way to remedy preeclampsia or eclampsia. He said symptoms would subside between 48 hours to six weeks after delivery. Barring all other complications, blood pressure will also return to normal, he added.

Dr. Habib advised that women take their prenatal care very seriously.

He said, "We advise women to come in for what we call 'pre-conception check-up', where we run tests and check women for any diseases they may be predisposed to or any complications they may be predisposed to before they conceive. That way, we can prescribe some supplements that may help women prevent complications such as this."

He also advised women to always follow their doctors' advice and check their blood pressure regularly while pregnant.

Hiccups, tinnitus, stammering are bizarre signs of COVID-19 –Doctors

A constant cough, high temperature, thumping headache and a sudden loss of smell or taste are all common symptoms of COVID-19. But what is now clear is that the virus can actually affect the body from head to toe.

Many people complain of confusion and an inability to concentrate, while chilblain-like lesions, dubbed 'COVID toe', are a frequent manifestation, according to medical reports.

And some cases are truly bizarre. Take, for example, a 33-year-old woman from the French city of Strasbourg who was rushed to hospital last year after being found naked in the basement of a building, complaining of hearing voices when there was nobody with her.

She had no history of mental illness and her vital signs – such as heart rate and blood pressure – were fine. But her speech was incoherent and she was convinced the hospital was a castle.

With no signs of cough, fever, breathlessness or tummy upset, she

ticked none of the boxes for COVID-19. Yet she tested positive.

In a report on the case, doctors said the virus had invaded her central nervous system and caused 'multiple neurological and psychiatric consequences'. She was stabilised with anti-psychotic medicine and later discharged.

Tales of rare but serious psychiatric effects have led the UK to set up CoroNerve – a national surveillance programme for neurological complications from COVID-19. Already it has hundreds of examples of UK virus victims who have suffered psychological reactions to infection thought to be due to inflammation in the brain. And several are reported to include psychotic episodes like the case in France.

Surprisingly, speech appears to be one of the first things that can be affected by the virus – albeit rarely. Doctors at a medical centre in Philadelphia were puzzled when a 53-year-old woman turned up at A&E with obvious COVID-19

signs – cough, breathlessness and fever – but also one less obvious symptom.

Overnight, she had developed a severe stammer that meant she struggled to get out any words. The condition lasted more than a week after she tested positive.

Again, doctors suspect the virus managed to cross into the central nervous system, where it attacked the brain cells responsible for controlling speech.

Even hiccups could be a sign that the virus has got into your body, according to a report last July in the American Journal of Emergency Medicine by doctors from Cook County Hospital in Chicago. They treated a 62-year-old man who had been hiccupping for four days but showed no other signs of illness.

When they took an X-ray and CT scan of his chest, they found the characteristic signs of COVID-19 – tiny white patches that look just like ground glass, scattered around the lungs.

The man was kept in for three days,

treated with drugs and then sent home – and it was only when the infection started to clear that his hiccups finally stopped. It is now recognised that COVID-19 attacks the diaphragm, the wall of muscle that controls breathing and which goes into spasm, and the result is hiccups.

Other scientific reports talk of sudden hair loss, ringing in the ears, double vision and even trouble passing urine as possible first signs of COVID-19 infection.

Scientists think it may be because the ACE2 receptor – the target which the virus aims for when it is trying to break into healthy cells so it can use them to reproduce – is found everywhere from the brain, stomach and lungs to the skin, bone marrow and kidneys.

Professor John Oxford, a virologist at Queen Mary University, London, says many viruses would probably have the same variety of effects seen with COVID-19. The difference now is simply the scale of infection.

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HEALTH NEWS

Proper spine alignment during sleep will prevent aches - Experts

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

Experts have advised the public to use quality mattresses and pillows for proper spine alignment during sleep to prevent aches and pains which could be detrimental to physical and mental wellbeing.

The National President, National Association of Orthopaedic Manual Therapists (NAOMT), Dr. Onigbinde Ayodele Teslim, and President, Nigeria Society of Physiotherapy (NSP), Dr. Nnenna Chigbo, gave the advice while briefing newsmen in Lagos.

They urged Nigerians to maintain a healthy sleep culture for better wellbeing, and also recommended brands of pillows, and mattresses, for their quality.

Teslim pointed out that poor ergonomic compliance in most mattresses and pillows result in unhealthy sleep due to bodily aches and pains from using them.

This situation also leads to poor postural alignments and deformities, he said.

The NAOMT president stated also that to maintain spine neutrality, quality pillows should align the neck with other body parts to support good posture.

Teslim, an Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Rehabilitation and Pharmacophysiotherapy at Obafemi Awolowo University, also said that non-usage of pillows during sleep results in uneven pressure distribution in the neck muscles.

According to him, this is why some

individuals may experience neck pain, stiffness and headaches, which affect work performance and economic wellbeing.

In the same vein, Dr. Chigbo said specific cells that help fight infection in the body increase significantly during healthy sleep, and quality mattresses and pillows determine a great deal how well one sleeps, as the body needs to align with them.

Both experts also advised consumers to always replace their pillows every one to two years.



COVID-19 vaccine: FG urged to prioritise people living with NCDs

By Ojoma Akor

People living with Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) have called on the federal government to prioritise them among those to be vaccinated against COVID-19 when the vaccines become available in the country.

They said this is important as they have underlying conditions that make them not only susceptible but also at higher risk of becoming severely ill and dying from the virus.

Non-Communicable diseases are diseases that are non-transmittable, and have no ability to be infectious among people. They are the leading causes of death and disability worldwide, accounting for more than 70 per cent of all deaths. Above three-quarters of these deaths occur in developing countries, and four out of five die before the age 50.

The main NCDs include cancer, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, mental health, sickle cell disease and neurological disorders such as dementia.

People Living With Non-Communicable Diseases (PLWNCDs), an arm of the NCD Alliance Nigeria, an association, in a statement said the COVID-19 second wave has caused increased morbidity among them.

While calling for an expanded response to the virus that propagates

them, they called on the federal government to commit more funding to health insurance to address the COVID-19 and its secondary impact.

They also said the benefit packages of the various state health insurance schemes should be broadened to cover more NCDs. At present, the packages cover diagnosis and treatment of few NCDs - diabetes, sickle cell and high blood pressure.

They said people living with NCDs should also be prioritized in the disbursement of relief materials, palliatives and employment opportunities.

"Don't forget us, as the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic hits Nigeria, our support and protection is everyone's business," said Timi Edwin, a lead advocate for the PLWNCDs.

"While it is obvious that a lot of government hospitals are overburdened, understaffed and under equipped, the PLWNCDs are making a cry to the government to build more hospitals, equip existing hospitals, as well as train personnel of primary health centres across the federation," Edwin said.

Oti Joseph, another lead champion of PLWNCDs from Enugu State urged people living with non-communicable diseases to wear masks, avoid large gatherings, wash their hands and observe social distancing.

No evidence cashew leaves and bark treat hypotension and diabetes

Powdered cashew bark in warm water will cure hypotension, and cashew leaf tea will cure diabetes, claims a message recently posted on Facebook in Nigeria.

"Get bark of cashew, wash and grind it into powder. Mix with water, probably warm water and drink. Very, very effective for hypotensive," it reads.

"Cashew leaf and bark for diabetes. Make tea infusion with leaf and bark then drink. STAY SAFE. STAY HEALTHY.

But do these remedies really cure the two health conditions? We checked.

Hypotensive? Get medical help fast
Hypotension is when the blood pressure is too low, usually below 90/60 mmHg.

"I have never come across any research on cashew bark and hypotension," Arthur Chuemere, a professor of human physiology at the University of Port Harcourt in Southern Nigeria, told Africa Check.

"It hasn't been scientifically proven.

Cashew has no effect on hypotension. I would advise people to disregard the claim. There are drugs doctors prescribe to treat hypotension," he said.

"In fact, hypotension is more deadly than hypertension. Hypertension can be controlled with drugs but hypotension is hard to manage. I wouldn't advise anyone who has been diagnosed with hypotension to try out claims such as this, get proper treatment from a doctor fast."

Some researchers have reported anti-diabetic properties in the bark of the cashew plant.

But Chuemere warned that despite these reported properties, people with diabetes should first seek medical help rather than rely on this mixture.

"Please, simply walk into a hospital to get proper advice from a doctor. Hypotension and diabetes should never be treated lightly."

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Why Nigeria needs paramedics - Expert

By Ojoma Akor

A public health expert and spine surgeon has said Nigeria is in dire need of paramedics to strengthen emergency healthcare service delivery in the country, especially now that it is experiencing the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr Biodun Ogunbo said the paramedics are also important because many ambulance drivers in the country are only drivers without any skills in life saving techniques.

He said: "Therein lies our shame and lack of understanding of the role of a paramedic. Many hospitals have just ambulance drivers and rely on other members of the healthcare team, especially nurses, to render emergency care, as necessary."

He said paramedics are trained healthcare professionals whose primary role is to provide advanced emergency medical care for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical system.

Dr Ogunbo said they were often the first on the scene of an emergency with the required training and expertise to help prevent disability and death, adding that they could drive ambulances but that not all ambulance drivers are paramedics.

The medical expert said trained paramedics could help transfer critically ill patients from one hospital to another, transfer critically injured patients from roads to hospitals and save lives.

He said paramedics triage patients (the sorting of patients according to the urgency of their need for care), help with resuscitation procedures, move patients out for investigations, and when the need arises, go out to rescue people and get them to hospital.

He said there were only a few paramedics in the country. "We do have paramedics in Nigeria, and I understand that the training takes place mostly at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital (UBTH). But there are also training centres in Delta, Ogun and Rivers states.

"The programme was set up in 2008 and designed to churn out graduates every three years. In 2014, the federal

government increased the period of paramedics' training programme to five years. This starts with two years to obtain a national diploma, a year of field internship and then another two years to obtain a Higher National Diploma (HND). Nigeria just recently graduated the first set of HND paramedics, 30 in number.

"Since inception in 2008, UBTH has graduated about 130 paramedics. Unfortunately, most of them remain in the hospital working in the emergency room and involved in in-hospital patient transfer services," Dr Ogunbo said.

He said they were, however, underutilised as Edo State does not have an emergency medical service (EMS). He said Lagos State has an EMS and so some graduates work in Lagos and in Ogun States.

"The Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA), and Ogun State ambulance service recognize and utilize the expertise of these practitioners.

"Some also work in private hospitals and ambulance services in Lagos State. One can point to some examples like Ambulance Nigeria, Ambulance Company and Brain Grace Ambulance Service," he explained.

However, Dr Ogunbo said a lot of advocacy was required to explain the worth of paramedics to the Ministry of Health, the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), adding that "they will facilitate and compliment the work of NEMA and FRSC."

He said there was an urgent need for paramedics and the establishment of EMS in all the states of the federation.

"We need to rethink the strategies we have in saving Nigerian lives and develop the system to ensure that every life matters in Nigeria. The paramedics already trained are a much-needed manpower resource waiting to be deployed.

"There are also a teeming number of unemployed youth in Nigeria begging to be employed. Many would gladly take up positions that empower them to save lives," he stated.

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Governor Lalong engages Plateau stakeholders on COVID-19, security

Worried by the rising cases of COVID-19 in Plateau State, Governor Simon Lalong has vowed to prosecute those misinforming people on the existence of the disease. The governor said this during a stakeholders meeting organised to deliberate on the response of government to the second wave and security matters. The stakeholders, comprising the state cabinet, Security Council, traditional leaders, religious groups, women and youth groups converged on the Victoria Gowon Hall of the New Government House Rayfield Jos.

Lalong expressed concern that many people were living in denial and were imposing their beliefs on innocent residents in the state. He said "for those who are in denial and continue to misinform others that COVID-19 does not exist, I want to warn them to desist. I as the number one citizen of the state was a victim and God helped me to come out of it. "I can tell you that it is not a joke and I do not wish even my enemies such experience. "That is why at the last state executive meeting, we decided to criminalize further denial of the disease. "In other words, if you deny the existence of the disease, keep your denial to yourself because if you are caught propagating it or instigating others to follow you,



■ Governor Lalong delivering his speech

you will be arrested and prosecuted no matter how highly placed you may be."

On security of the State, he expressed worry on the upsurge of kidnapping, cultism and other criminal activities in the state, saying "death is the

penalty for kidnapping in Plateau. "Last month, I signed the Anti-kidnapping, Land Grabbing, Cultism and Violence-related matters bill, passed by the State House of Assembly into law. "By that law, anyone convicted of kidnapping in Plateau will be sentenced to death, while cultism and other violent crimes attract various terms of imprisonment.

"In December last year, we inaugurated 595 Community Police constables who were trained and deployed to the 17 local government areas to assist law enforcement agencies, particularly the police in intelligence gathering and other security operations," he said.

... Urges citizens to encourage members of Armed Forces

Governor Simon Bako Lalong on Friday, 15th January, 2021 led other dignitaries to lay wreaths at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier located at the arcade by the Joseph Gombwalk Secretariat in Jos.

Addressing the event, attended by top government officials and security heads in the State, Governor Lalong praised members of the armed forces for their sacrifices in protecting the territorial integrity of the country and intervening

in domestic security.

Lalong said the sacrifices of the fallen heroes must not be left to go in vain as they gave their all for the security and safety of the citizens.

He said: "Let us continue to support our armed forces that are still in active service through every means as they deserve our love. We should avoid condemning them over challenges that could arise in the cause of their duties. They are selfless and have done a lot to restore security in many areas particularly in Plateau State. We are grateful for their contributions and continue to pray for their souls to rest in peace".

Lalong assured that the State Government will continue to support members of the Nigerian legion and their families through empowerment and related programmes.

He also appreciated all security agencies and their families who continue to collaborate with the State Government in consolidating the peace and security of Plateau State.

Prayers were also offered for the repose of the souls of those who died in the service of the nation.

The Governor later attended a reception at the Rhino Officers Mess of the Maxwell Khobe Cantonment, Rukuba Barracks, Jos.



■ Governor Lalong addresses stakeholders on security and Covid-19 at the Government House, Jos



■ Traditional Rulers at the Stakeholders meeting



■ Stakeholders at the meeting



■ Governor Lalong laying wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Cenotaph in Jos



■ Governor Lalong takes salute at the arcade in Jos



■ Governor Lalong reviewing parade by members of the Armed Forces and Nigerian Legion in Jos



■ Chief Judge of Plateau State Sati Dakwak on his way to lay wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Jos



■ Prayers being offered for the repose of the souls of departed heroes

NMA scores Governor Lalong high on healthcare delivery



■ NMA President Prof. Innocent Ujah presents award to Governor Simon Lalong at Government House, Jos

National President of the Nigerian Medical Association (NMA), Prof. Innocent Ujah recently led Executive Members of the body on a courtesy call to Governor Simon Bako Lalong where he scored the Governor high on development of healthcare in the State.

Prof. Ujah, who has spent many years in Plateau State teaching and practicing medicine, said the Rescue of Adminis-

tration of Governor Simon Lalong has done what is unique by not only focusing on healthcare infrastructure, but developing manpower.

He commended the Governor for initiating the construction of mega health facilities in the three senatorial districts as well as continuing with inherited work on others which have been moribund for many years.

He said: "We are very excited that you recently approved the employment of over 40 doctors and many other health personnel to boost the manpower of the sector. This is in spite of the economic situation of the country and the State. It is also on record that your administration has procured medical equipment for health facilities across the State and ensured that the Plateau Contributory Health Insurance Scheme and the Plateau Primary Healthcare Development Agency were established. This demonstrates your passion for healthcare delivery. We commend you and ask that you do more".

Governor Lalong, while responding, said he was delighted to have the NMA visit him under the leadership of Prof. Ujah, who though originally from Benue State, is now a son of Plateau as he has spent most part of his professional life in the State.

Lalong disclosed that apart from ensuring that health takes priority in the Lalong Legacy Project, his administration also ensured that the abandoned hospitals in Riyom, Mabudi and Kanke and others are completed so as to give the people more access to healthcare services.

The Governor further explained that his administration also worked for the

establishment of the Faculty of Health Sciences at the Plateau State University, Bokkos, as a way of ensuring that more health personnel are trained to increase manpower. He disclosed that the construction of the new faculty has gone far as the teaching hospital is also being constructed in Shendam.

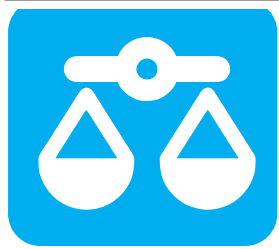
He assured the NMA that the State Government was doing everything possible to ensure that the Plateau Health Research team led by Prof. Noel Wan-

nang comes up with home grown solutions to COVID-19 and other diseases. The three drugs developed by the team he said have passed pre-clinical stage and undergoing clinical trials before approval by relevant authorities.

The Governor also invited the doctors to invest in the State by establishing medical services as the State if focusing on becoming Nigeria's headquarters for medical tourism giving its unique weather and hospitality.



■ Governor Lalong in a group photograph with NMA delegation after the courtesy visit to Government House, Jos



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Justice is truth in action
- Benjamin Disraeli

Contentious issues in new Electoral Act Amendment Bill

By John Chuks Azu & Balarabe Alkassim

As the National Assembly is set to pass the amendment bill for the Electoral Act 2010 in 2021, several stakeholders have raised some issues they want to be addressed in the bill.

Although about 300 clauses are being considered in the proposed Electoral Act Amendment Bill by the House of Representatives, many stakeholders have brought up areas they would want to see changes in.

The stakeholders such as the geo-political zones, non-governmental organisations, civil society organisations and lawyers have expressed their preferences for the new bill.

Issues bordering on legalization of the card reader, inclusion of females in election management, prosecution of election offenders and sponsors among others are some of the major areas in the new act.

The bill also seeks to reform electoral processes in the country by regulating federal, states, and area councils elections and other related matters.

Card reader for accreditation

The chairman of the South East Governors' Forum, Dave Umahi, in December 2020 stated that the zone will resist the compulsory use of card readers for authentication of voters in the 2023 elections.

This would require an amendment in the Electoral Act, although it is already contained in the INEC Regulations and Guidelines.

The National Assembly is already working on the proposed bill to give legal backing to the use of card readers, e-voting and other technological means during elections.

Candidates' educational qualifications

The proposed bill, when



■ House Speaker, Femi Gbajabamila

passed into law, will also provide a limit on educational qualifications for candidates seeking elective offices vis-à-vis the provisions of relevant sections of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended).

Timeline for submission, substitution of candidates

The proposed bill also seeks to provide a timeline for the submission of lists of candidates and criteria for substitution of candidates before an election.

Limitations on campaign expenses

The Proposed Electoral Act Amendment Bill will also put a cap to limit campaign expenses as it proposed various amounts to be spent by presidential, governorship, local government chairmanship and councillorship candidates, and "disclosure of the source of funds contributed to political parties".

Omission of candidates' names/party logos

It also seeks amendment to address the omission of names of candidates or logo of political parties on ballot papers by INEC.



■ Prof Mahmood Yakubu, INEC chairman

It seeks "Replacement of lost or destroyed permanent voters' card, the penalty for the possession of fake voters' card. It says dates for conducting primary elections shall not be earlier than 150 days and not later than 120 days before the date of the election, etc.

Other important areas which are now being proposed for amendment include: Section 30 which provides for notice of election which was amended to read that "substitution of candidates in a by-election, except where a candidate of a political party in a by-election dies, the party shall submit to the INEC the name of its substitute candidate within 48 hours of the death of the candidate in the form prescribed by the commission."

Also, Section 36 (1) under the death of a candidate is amended as follows: "If after the time for the delivery of nomination paper and before the commencement of the poll, a nominated candidate dies, the Chief National Electoral Commissioner shall be satisfied with the fact of the death, countermand the poll in which

the deceased candidate was to participate and the commission shall appoint some other convenient date for the election within 14 days."

Despite the amendments being undertaken by the National Assembly, some NGOs have brought additional areas they would want amended to strengthen the democratic process. These include:

Gender inclusion

The Legal Defence and Assistance Project (LEDAP) has proposed legal amendments at the National Assembly to grant women greater political participation in Nigeria.

For instance, LEDAP is proposing the provision of at least 35 per cent affirmative action for national commissioners, state resident commissioners of the Independent National Electoral Commission, and amendments to sections 1, 2, and 8 of the Act to mainstream gender in the constitution of the and functions of INEC.

LEDAP also wants amendments to sections 9, 10, 11, 12, 25 and 29 on the compilation and maintenance of National Voter's Register among others with a sex-disaggregated data, mobile registration, and gender equality in the appointment of registration officers. LEDAP wants sections 25 and 77 amended to address challenges women confront with voting process; and sections 3(a)(d) 4,5(a), 8(d) and 9(b)(iv) for voting locations and separate polling points for women, among others.

Electoral offenders' prosecution

There have been demands for stiffer punishment for electoral fraud in Nigeria. This is why part of the recommendations of the Justice Muhammed Uwais Panel on Electoral Reforms for the establishment of a Special Electoral Offences Commission

to try electoral offender is still discussed in various circles.

The panel also recommended the power to appoint INEC chairman to be transferred from the president to the National Judicial Council (NJC) to insulate it from the executive.

Similarly, the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies (CSLS) is seeking amendment of the Electoral Act in a manner to punish electoral offenders through the amendment of the constitution, which supervenes the Electoral Act.

Thus, CSLS wants the creation of an independent office of the public prosecutor of electoral offences, and for the law to provide that the Attorney General of the Federation cannot enter a nolle prosequi on any such matters as against the provision of Section 174 of the Nigerian Constitution which grants the powers to undertake criminal proceedings against any person in Nigeria.

Further, CSLS wants Section 308 of the Nigerian Constitution to be amended by removing immunity for executive office holders in respect of electoral offences.

Electoral Debates Bill

A proposal for the amendment shared by the Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre (PLAC) on their website is a Bill for Electoral Debates. Sponsored by Senator Abdulfatai Buhari, Oyo North, the bill is seeking to give legislative backing for INEC to organise and conduct debates for all candidates into the offices of the President and Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and of Governor and Deputy Governor of a state.

In climes where candidates opt out of debates on their own, the sponsor of the bill says it will "strengthen democracy and bring it in conformity with the practice of other renowned democracies of the world."

2020 upheavals dog judiciary

From Adelanwa Bamgboye, Lagos

Last year, the Nigerian judiciary suffered from some unprecedented events such as the COVID-19 pandemic and the #EndSARS protests which negatively impacted it and the entire society.

The role of the judiciary in a democratic setting cannot be overemphasised as it upholds the rule of law, protects the state from anarchy and preserves rights and interests of persons.

Specifically, these events have brought the judiciary to

its knees. The coronavirus led to the rise of the calls for social distancing and the use of technology in justice delivery, while the burning of the Lagos Division of the Court of Appeal, Lagos High Courts and other courts nationwide necessitated the relocations of the courts.

Needless to say that the immediate effect of these events was to paralyze the courts and so many cases have missed their turn. Many sensitive files containing wills and probate business together with ongoing court case files

have been totally burnt thereby further creating the problem of backlog and court congestion.

These problems are further compounded by the issue of nationwide insecurity that has further negatively impacted the legal profession. In fact, most lawyers can no longer travel outside their jurisdiction to conduct cases.

According to Egun Adegoruwa (SAN), there is crisis rocking the judiciary.

For his part, Kubiya Umana is of the view that "every aspect of the judicial

process has succumbed to the scourge of corruption despite the provisions of the Code of Conduct for judicial officers, and criminal laws which demand that judicial officers refrain from engaging in unethical and corrupt behaviour."

"Far too often, the outcome of a case depends not on the merits and strength of the case but on the whims and caprices of the presiding judge," he said.

Meanwhile, judges still write in long hand which has sent many of them to their untimely graves, leaving others battling with one form of sickness or

the other. It is also one of the reasons litigants experience delay in cases.

Daily Trust findings show that on the average, hearing in a case at first instance in a superior court can take as long as 3-5 years with another 6-10 years consumed in appellate proceedings.

Inadequate, poor infrastructure, aging and deteriorating facilities severely undermine the fair and speedy administration of justice and encourages corruption. For a case file to be transferred from one judge to another now takes six months.



Late Ezinne Janet Nwachi Ohaa

Appreciation

On behalf of my entire family, I hereby offer our profound gratitude to friends, colleagues and several other well-meaning individuals whose goodwill and kind gestures proved a pillar of strength in our moment of despair.

Despite the certainty of death and how we may have grown in faith, nothing sufficiently prepares an individual for the loss of a loved one. Our mother's death was a trying time for the entire Ohaa family.

It was in acts of solidarity and kindness such as you all amply demonstrated that we drew strength, for nothing is as refreshing as the certitude of true friendship.

Such gestures are priceless and can actually never be repaid. So, I pray that our Almighty Father who

rewards the kind-hearted with mercy, will bless you all and raise for you friends on whose shoulders you can always lean on.

I am profoundly grateful to the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency Muhammadu Buhari (GCFR), the wife of Mr. President and First Lady, Her Excellency Aisha Muhammadu Buhari, and the Governor of my dear state, His Excellency Rt. Hon. Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi, for their prayers, support and words of encouragement. On this protocol I stand and express our eternal gratitude to you all, so important yet too numerous to be serially listed in this limited space. We remain eternally grateful!

Signed:
Sir Chinyeaka Ohaa.



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Gombe gov. inspects erosion, township road projects

From Haruna Gimba Yaya, Gombe

Governor Muhammad Inuwa Yahaya of Gombe State has inspected an ongoing erosion control and road projects in Gombe metropolis, to assess the progress of work.

During the tour, he inspected ongoing works for the N2.9 billion erosion control project within the premises of the Gombe State University, the ongoing 1.2 km road from Danaje in the Gandu area, which connects the Idi quarters dual carriageway and the proposed 1km Idi-Kasuwan Doya- Babban Layi- Main Market road.

The governor also inspected the 1.6 km Layin Kerosene- Jubilee Junction road with a spur in Herwagana area of the Gombe metropolis.

He was taken round and briefed on the progress of work by officials of the state Ministry of Works and Housing and the project manager of the construction company handling the projects.

Governor Yahaya also cautioned residents of the state against building on waterways, encroaching into public spaces and indiscriminate dumping of waste.

He said since compensations had been paid to people whose structures were removed to pave way for the project, there should no longer be buildings on those spaces, gullies and waterways after completion of the projects.

The governor pledged that the administration was committed to ensuring a habitable and healthy environment for the people as well as address the infrastructural deficit in the state to provide people with dividends of democracy.

"I urge you all to desist from dumping wastes indiscriminately in gullies, waterways and other public spaces and as I have always said, there is no reason for people to return to build on the sites after they are paid compensation," he said.



Photo Benedict Uwalaka.

■ Makeshift Plantain market along Petroleum Pipelines at Oke-Odo in Lagos.

French-speaking criminals invade Yoruba land – Amotekun commander

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

The Chairman, South-Western Security Network codenamed 'Amotekun' in Oyo State, Col. Kunle Togun, yesterday said most commercial motorcyclists trooping into the state were spying for kidnappers and bandits that have invaded Yoruba land from neighbouring countries.

He said the foreigners who were ferried inside trailers into Oyo State during the COVID-19 lockdown could not speak any Nigerian language but French whenever accosted by his men.

The security expert hinted that the warning from the state governor to traditional chiefs to stop allocating lands to herdsmen with no papers showing Nigerian nationality would go a long way to stem the spate of killings and

kidnapping in Yorubaland.

Togun who was responding to questions from reporters at his office in the State Secretariat at Agodi on Monday said the greedy nature of some traditional and community leaders in many Yoruba towns led to a high rate of insecurity, which he said Amotekun has been curbing.

"I have attended meetings of Obas in Oke-Ogun and I told them to stop giving land to foreigners, these herdsmen are called Bororos in Oke-Ogun and Ibarapa areas, they are not Nigerians, what is happening should not be analysed in the area of religion, it is territorial expansion.

"Their leaders argue about the ECOWAS free movement law, but the one I am aware of is that anybody from ECOWAS country can go into another ECOWAS country without a visa but you cannot stay there

for more than ninety days at a stretch, some of these people have been occupying our land for years and they are not Nigerians.

"Most of them that were dumped here by trailers during the COVID-19 lockdown have turned to Okada riders, many are carrying wheelbarrows all over the place, selling carrots, oranges and the rest, the Okada riders are their spies, we have noted that and we are working on government policy that will curtail the use of these people to foment crisis in Oyo State and the Yorubaland as a whole."

Kunle Togun noted that Nigerians are the most security unconscious people in the world as he added that even the neighbouring Benin Republic has a database and is more secure because according to him, security is supposed to be everybody's business.

#EndSARS panel: Melodrama as secretary narrates encounter with police

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

A melodrama occurred weekend at the sitting of the Benue State Judicial panel looking into human rights violations by the disbanded Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) when Secretary of the panel, Barr Edward Yange, took on the position of a victim to narrate his ordeal in the hands of police.

Yange, a lead counsel to the panel and a Deputy Director, Legal Drafting with the Benue State Ministry of Justice, had vacated his seat during the sitting to describe how he was tortured over 13 years ago.

He told the panel that policemen from 'D' Division Police Station in Makurdi had on October 5, 2007, accosted a commercial motorcyclist who conveyed him as a passenger on his way to the

motor park from where he intended to board a vehicle to his destination.

He explained that on reaching Makurdi Modern Market gate, the motorcycle rider rode against traffic and was arrested by the police who in the process whipped him (Yange) instead, with a horsewhip popularly known as koboko, arrested him and took him to the station but allowed the motorcycle rider who committed the offence to escape.

Yange added that despite he introduced himself and showed his identity card to the policemen, they became more aggressive as they whipped him the more, causing him more injuries on his neck, which he showed to the then DPO and later reported the matter to the then Commissioner of Police who

did nothing.

He further explained that the failure of the police to address the matter made him sought relief from the court and got judgment in his favour with a judgment sum of N500,000 awarded to him, which the police till date failed to redeem, hence his decision to bring the matter to the panel.

But, Counsel to the Police, SP EN Agwu, swiftly objected to the presentation of the matter as according to him, it is illegal and will amount to injustice if the panel litigates on a matter that involves a member of the panel.

However, Counsel to Yange, O.M Eche, argued in line with the panel's guidelines that the victim is only a secretary to the panel and not a member and therefore urged the panel to discountenance the objection raised by counsel to the police.

QUICK READ

Osun

Police arraign man for defrauding 186 residents

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

The Osun State Police Command yesterday arraigned a 40-year-old man, Adepoju Taofeeg, for allegedly defrauding 186 residents of N45 million on the pretext of getting loans for them from a bank.

The Police Prosecutor, Fagboyinbo Abiodun told the court that the accused committed this offence between 2012 and 2015 in Osogbo, Osun State.

The prosecutor said the offence committed by the accused person was contrary to and punishable under Sections 422, 419, and 516 of the Criminal Code, Cap 34, Volume 2, Laws of Osun state of Nigeria, 2002.

The accused person pleaded not guilty to the offence and his counsel Abdul Fatau prayed the court to grant him bail.

The Magistrate, Ade Awodele granted the accused person bail with N10 million with two sureties who must be civil servants not below level 15.

FCT

Hotel manager in court for allegedly stealing employer's water heater, curtains

A 25-year-old man, Chimela Eze, on Monday appeared in a Grade I, Area Court in Karu, FCT, for allegedly stealing his employer's water heater and curtains.

The police charged Eze, a manager at Miami Escape Hotel, Karu, FCT, with criminal breach of trust by servant, cheating and theft.

The prosecutor, Ayotunde Adeyanju told the court that the complainant, Victor Otuotor, reported the matter at the Karu Police Station on Dec. 11, 2020.

He alleged that the defendant also maliciously destroyed some of the hotel property.

During police investigation, he alleged that the defendant confessed to selling the water heater to a scavenger for N9,000.

He said that all efforts to recover the stolen items failed.

The offence, he said, contravened the provisions of sections 314, 327 and 281 of the Penal Code Law.

The trial judge, Anas Isa, admitted the defendant to bail in the sum of N500, 000 with two sureties in like sum.

Isa adjourned the case until March 9, for hearing.

Kano

FRSC records 336 road accidents in 2020

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) says it recorded 336 road traffic accidents in Kano State in 2020.

The FRSC Sector Commander in the state, Mr Zubairu Mato, disclosed this in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Monday in Kano.

He also said that the command arrested 20,193 persons for various traffic offences during the period under review.

Mato, however, said that there was a 6.1 per cent reduction in the rate of accident during the period under review when compared to 2019 when 358 road accidents were recorded. (NAN)



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Court forfeits 88 vehicles to Lagos govt over traffic violation

From Eugene Agha Lagos

The Lagos State Environmental and Special Offences Task Force has obtained a 'Court Order' for the permanent forfeiture of 88 vehicles seized for violating the state traffic laws.

The task force said with the court order, it is ready to auction the 88 affected vehicles.

It said the forfeiture order was granted yesterday by the Lagos State Mobile Court.

Chairman of the agency, Shola Jejeloye, who made this disclosure, said the 88 vehicles to be auctioned were impounded by the enforcement team of the agency for driving against traffic.

According to the chairman, "They were all arraigned and forfeited by the court in line

with Part (3) Item (27) of the Lagos State Transport Sector Reformed Law of 2018"

Jejeloye confirmed that the public auction would be held in line with 'COVID-19' protocols on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at the agency's car park, (Behind Shoprite), Alausa, Ikeja.

He urged motorists, both private and commercial bus drivers, to desist from driving against traffic as the penalty

is outright forfeiture of such vehicles to the government without the option of a fine.

He reiterated the state government's zero-tolerance for the violation of the law under any guise.

Meanwhile, the coordinator of the Lagos State Mobile Court, Mrs. Arinola Ogbara Banjoko, confirmed that owners or drivers of the 88 forfeited vehicles were arraigned before

Chief Magistrate Micheal Olubi, Magistrate Lateef Layeni, Magistrate Oyebimbola Israel Adalokun, Magistrate Ibidun Abina and Magistrate Shakirat Obasa.

She added that other traffic offenders caught plying BRT corridors or those causing obstructions to other road users were also arraigned and fined by Lagos State Mobile Court at Bolade, Oshodi.



Members of a meter cloning syndicate that enable one vending token to be used on several meters were arrested and paraded by men of the Special Investigation and Prosecution Task Force on Electricity Offences (SIPTFO) in collaboration with Kaduna Electric in Kaduna yesterday.

Task force arrests 7 over metre cloning in Kaduna

From Lami Sadiq, Kaduna

The Special Investigation and Prosecution Task Force on Electricity Offences, constituted by the Federal Ministry of Justice, has arrested seven suspects over offences of prepaid metre cloning, metre theft and vandalism in Kaduna State.

The task force which was inaugurated in Kaduna last year to assist in the fight against electricity offences paraded the suspects at its office at the Federal Secretariat, Kaduna.

The team leader of the task force, ASP Aliyu Bamali, said the suspects had cloned at least 13 metres, adding that one Iliya Maigari was arrested for working with one Alex Zamani, a technician, to clone metres or transfer memory from one metre to another.

ASP Bamali explained that another suspect, Joseph Steven, is a technician who has a programmer which he recently ordered from Singapore for his criminal activities, adding that Gambo Sa'idu, an expert on metre theft, was responsible for sourcing the metres while Solomon Luka and Monday Joseph are said to be agents who seek out customers, and Francis

Amado is also a part of the gang.

ASP Bamali said the workshop of the suspects was raided following a tip-off from a medical doctor who was a victim of their scam. He said two metres were used to clone about 13 so that only the original metre owner is able to vend while others enjoy electricity free of charge.

"We have arrested people for selling fake tokens in other states we have visited as we investigate electricity offences but this is the first time we are arresting people for metre cloning. I have not heard of metre cloning until this particular case," he said.

Earlier, the Chief Marketing and Revenue Officer for Kaduna Electricity Distribution Company (KEDC), Abubakar Jimeta, described their action as a new kind of sophisticated crime, adding that: "We are seeing a situation whereby one metre can be cloned into 10 different metres. What that means is that, instead of 10 people to be vending, only one person will vend."

The main suspect, Alex Zamani, who said he is into computer repairs did not deny committing the crime but said he had only cloned the specific number of metres that were paraded by the task force.

NDLEA intercepts 21.9kg cocaine in Abuja

By Abbas Jimoh

The National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport Command, Abuja, has intercepted 21.9 kilogrammes of cocaine.

The spokesman of the agency, Jonah Achema, said yesterday in Abuja that the illicit substance concealed in two suitcase cases is the largest single seizure by the command.

According to him, the two unaccompanied and unclaimed suitcases were discovered after the arrival of Ethiopian Airlines, ET 910, in Abuja from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

"During the inward clearance of the flight, the vigilant officers of the command became suspicious upon noticing that the two briefcases were abandoned on the conveyor belt without any of the passengers claiming them.

"The NDLEA commander

directed the officers to keep an eye on the suitcases and informed the airlines and its handlers of NDLEA's interest in the luggage.

"After a few days of not claiming the luggage, the commander formally contacted the station manager of Ethiopian Airlines and NAHCO Aviance being the handler for the airlines, indicating the suspicion of the agency of the suitcases and placed a standing order that NDLEA should be invited before the luggage would be released to the owner or in the event that the luggage would be returned to the point of embarkation," he said.

He added that after many weeks of no claim by the owners, the commander informed the airlines on the need for a search to be conducted on the unclaimed suitcases.

Achema said that the officials, including the baggage handler along with the Department of State Services (DSS), Aviation

Security and Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) were invited to NDLEA office where the search was conducted.

"The first unclaimed suitcase was searched and found with three blankets out of which two contained a parcel of transparent nylon which housed whitish substances suspected to be hard drugs.

"Field test proved positive for cocaine and weighed 10.750KG. The suitcase had a baggage tag with a name Akamonye Ife.

"The second unclaimed suitcase contained 22 packet shirts, one parcel of the drug was concealed in each of the shirts and covered with a blue carbon paper containing transparent nylon.

"The substance was also field-tested and proved positive for cocaine and weighed 11.150KG. The second suitcase had a baggage tag with the name Nze Lusaka U. The drug seized made a total of 21.9KG," he said.

EFCC jails man for defrauding American of N19.6m

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

The Ibadan Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) has secured the conviction of Oteyowo Akinkunmi Samuel over internet-related fraud.

Justice Nathaniel Ayo-Emmanuel of the Federal High Court sitting in Osogbo, Osun State, pronounced the 32-year-old, who claimed to be a graduate of Civil Engineering, guilty of a one-count amended charge of criminal impersonation on Monday, January 18, 2021, and handed him fourteen months custodial sentence.

The crime contravenes Section

22(2) (b) (ii) of Cyber Crimes (Prohibition, Prevention, etc.) Act, 2015 and punishable under Section 22 (2) of the same Act.

He was charged with defrauding Warren Doht, an American, of a total sum of N19,664,128.50.

The convict had, however, approached the commission for a plea bargain agreement which formed the basis for the amended charge with which he was arraigned and convicted on Monday.

After pleading guilty to the amended charge, prosecution counsel, Murtala Usman, urged the court to convict him accordingly.



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To make local government work for the people, the issue of periodic elections and who conducts it must be settled – **Director, Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD), Idayat Hassan**

Defection: Dogara not our member – APC

By John Chuks Azu, Balarabe Alkassim (Abuja) & Hassan Ibrahim (Bauchi)

The All Progressives Congress (APC) has debunked claims by the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) that a former Speaker of the House of Representatives, Yakubu Dogara, has defected to its fold.

The return of Dogara to APC was announced at the Presidential Villa, Abuja, on July 24, last year, after he met with President Muhammadu Buhari along with the chairman of the National Caretaker Committee of the APC, Governor Mai Mala Buni of Yobe State.

The defection of Dogara is being celebrated as one of the achievements of the committee.

Daily Trust reports that Dogara officially defected to PDP on January 29, 2019, in the build-up to the general elections. He won his re-election to represent Bogoro/Dass/Tafawa Balewa Federal constituency of Bauchi State on the PDP platform.

A member of the PDP, Alhaji Hamza Koshe Akuyam, had approached a Federal High Court in Abuja seeking an order to compel the leadership of the House to declare Dogara's seat vacant.

Those joined in the suit as defendants were: Speaker Femi Gbajabamila, Attorney General Federation, Independent National Electoral Commission and APC.

But in a counter-affidavit filed before the court and deposed by the Head of the Legal Department, Dare Oketade, on behalf of the National Legal Adviser of APC, the party stated that it was not aware that Dogara has defected from



■ Former Speaker of the House of Representatives, Dogara

PDP. Oketade said he had checked the membership register of the APC but did not find Dogara's name in it.

"That in fact the 5th defendant (APC) has not received an application for membership from the 1st defendant (Dogara) or any other person acting under the instruction of the 1st defendant (Dogara); neither has the 5th defendant (APC) issued any membership card to the 1st defendant," he said.

While urging the court to dismiss the suit in the interest of justice, the APC described it as "speculative" and "instituted in bad faith".

Meanwhile, the presiding judge, Justice Okon Abang, has granted an application seeking to abridge the time for the hearing of the suit seeking to declare Dogara's seat vacant.

Justice Abang, in a ruling on Monday, abridged the time for the matter to be

heard on February 4 from an initial March 5 date.

This followed an application for variation moved by counsel to PDP and Akuyam, Jibrin S. Jibrin, to hear the suit at an earlier date.

Meanwhile, reports from Bauchi State showed that Dogara has not registered in his Bogoro APC ward, five months after dumping PDP.

The former speaker had in a letter of resignation addressed to the Bogoro 'C' ward chairman of PDP, dated July 24, 2020, announced his exit from PDP.

To formally receive him, the APC in Bauchi State had planned to organise a 'welcome reception'. However, the event was not held and no explanation was given by party officials.

Dogara played a key role in the campaign of the candidate of the APC, Bala Ali Lukshi, during the by-election for Dass State Constituency in the Bauchi State House Assembly last year.

Contacted, a close associate of Dogara, Iliya Bulus, said the event to receive Dogara to APC was rescheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The defection of Dogara to APC is yet to be announced on the floor of the House of Representatives five months after.

This is a deviation from the tradition of the House in which defection of members is announced on the floor by the presiding officer.

Meanwhile, the Secretary of APC National Caretaker Committee, John James Akpanudoedehe, neither responded to text messages sent to him nor picked his calls as of the time of filing this report.

Oyo APC, PDP pass buck over fake Amotekun uniforms

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

The All Progressives Congress (APC) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Oyo State, yesterday, disagreed over sponsorship of hoodlums in the state.

PDP had alleged that opposition parties in the state were connected with the imbroglio surrounding the production of fake Amotekun corps uniforms to cause mayhem in the state.

But the caretaker chairman of APC in the state, Chief Akin Oke, in an interview with *Daily Trust* said the allegation was baseless and an attestation to the fact that the PDP government in the state was clueless.

He said: "We challenge them to name members of our party who have been found to be involved in the so-called fake Amotekun uniform matter. We would not even join issues with them until they are able to come up with details of their investigation and the names of those found to be sponsors."

PDP had, through the party spokesman in the state, Engr. Akeem Olatunji said the opposition party was perpetrating evil with the aim of blackmailing the Makinde-led administration.

"The ruling party was seriously appalled by the unfolding development of unbridled hunger for power and an untamed desperation by the opposition in Oyo State to deploy all available means to discredit Governor Seyi Makinde's giant strides and efforts in the war against crime in the state," he said.

Court dismisses AAC suit seeking Obaseki's sack

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

A Federal High Court sitting in Benin, yesterday, dismissed a suit filed by the African Action Congress (AAC) seeking to nullify the September 19, 2020 governorship election in Edo State.

AAC filed the suit seeking the nullification of the election over the unlawful exclusion of their political party from the list of parties that contested the poll.

The party also urged the court to nullify the election over the alleged exclusion of the names of its candidates by the defendant, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) before the state gubernatorial election.

Delivering the ruling, the court presided over by Justice Adefunmilola Demi-Ajayi, held that though it was within the rights of the plaintiffs to file their applications within 14 days of publication of names of governorship candidates by the defendants, it failed to do so.

It, therefore, dismissed the application for being filed out of time. The court also awarded the cost of N100,000 in favour of the defendants.

Lagos APC membership register fake – Chieftain

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

A former Vice-Chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Lagos, Mr. Fouad Oki, yesterday said the state APC cannot boast of a reliable membership register.

According to him, the current register has been bastardized and hailed the

move by the party's national caretaker committee to embark on fresh membership registration.

Speaking with newsmen during a sensitization programme on the party's registration, Oki stressed that despite APC being a progressive party, the membership registration being

bandied in the state is fake.

Daily Trust reports that it was the same membership register used in conducting direct primaries in the 2019 elections where the incumbent Governor Akinwunmi Ambode lost to Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu.

But Oki stated, yesterday, that it would be ridiculous for

anyone to claim there are five million registered members in the state.

He promised to ensure the state's APC has a robust membership register that can stand the test of time which is why he has been embarking on the local government tour to sell the party to people at the grassroots.

We'll resolve Kwara APC crisis - Gov Bello

By Saawua Terzungwe

Niger State Governor Abubakar Sani Bello has said stakeholders in the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) will resolve the crisis bedeviling the Kwara State chapter of the party.

Speaking with newsmen on Monday after a meeting with a faction loyal to the Kwara State Governor, Abdulrahman Abdulrazak and another loyal

to the duo of Information and Culture Minister, Lai Mohammed and the Minister of State for Transportation, Sen. Gbemisola Saraki, at the APC National Secretariat in Abuja, the governor said gap in communication led to the crisis.

While both Abdulrazak and Mohammed were present along with some of their allies, Sen. Saraki was however

absent.

Bello, who is the North Central representative in the APC Caretaker/Extraordinary Convention Planning Committee, said the zone has been mandated to review the issues in Kwara and report to the national leadership.

"We looked at the issues surrounding APC in Kwara State and we had brief submissions from some of

the stakeholders and it was resolved that the matter should be taken back to the zone for it to look at the issues and report to the national caretaker committee.

"So, I hope that by next week, we should be able to resolve the matter at the zonal level and once that is done we can put our recommendations to the national caretaker committee for further action," he said.

Buhari ignores Senate, names Fikpo acting NDE DG

By Muideen Olaniyi

President Muhammadu Buhari has approved the nomination of Malam Abubakar Nuhu Fikpo as Acting Director-General of the National Directorate of Employment pending the

appointment of a substantive DG.

A presidential spokesman, Garba Shehu, in a statement yesterday, said Buhari had formally conveyed the approval of Fikpo's nomination to the Minister of State for Labour and

Employment, Festus Keyamo. Shehu said Buhari relieved the former DG of the agency, Nasiru Mohammed Ladan Argungu, of his appointment last month and directed the minister to nominate an acting DG.

The approval by the

president negated the December 10, 2020 position of the Senate asking him to rescind the sacking Argungu as the NDE DG following the controversy that greeted the Federal Government's planned 774,000 jobs.

The resolution of the Senate

followed a point of order by Senator Ibrahim Hadejia.

The Senate had also asked Buhari to call for an investigation into the frosty relationship between Argungu and Keyamo who was ordered to nominate an acting DG for the agency.

29m SIMs not yet linked to NINs as deadline expires today

By Zakariyya Adaramola

About 29 million telecom users are yet to link their National Identity Numbers to their SIM cards even as the first deadline given to subscribers expires today. A top federal government official told *Daily Trust* yesterday that as of yesterday, about 176m SIM cards had been linked to their owners' NINs.

The government had given January 19 and February 9 deadlines for subscribers already with NINs and those without NINs respectively to link their SIMs with their unique identity numbers.

The Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Isa Ibrahim Pantami's spokesperson, Uwa Suleiman,

did not respond to *Daily Trust's* enquiry seeking to know what would be the fate of those who failed to do the linkage before the deadline.

The Nigerian Communications Commission had said there would not be mass disconnection of telecom subscribers as a result of the ongoing linkage of NIN records to SIM registration.

"A recent survey conducted in Nigeria has shown that on average, there are now approximately 4 to 5 SIMs to every human subscriber. This explains the basis of allowing the linkage of up to 7 SIMs to 1 unique NIN in the recently launched Federal Government Portal", NCC had said in a recent statement.



■ Student of Junior Secondary School wuse Abuja receiving lecture after the new year holiday yesterday

Photo: Felix Onigbinde

Insecurity: Show concern to citizens' plight, PDP tells Buhari

By Saawua Terzungwe

The Peoples Democratic Party yesterday condemned the abduction and killing of security operatives by terrorists and bandits.

It also asked President Muhammadu Buhari to show concern to the plight of Nigerians being ravaged by terrorists, bandits, kidnappers and vandals "whose activities have been emboldened by the indolent and his "languid attitude."

The PDP, in a statement by its National Publicity Secretary, Kola Ologbondiyan, said: "President Buhari should listen to Nigerians and rejig his command structure, which has become so weak that officials now rationalize acts of terrorism to the extent of blaming victims, as was the case in the 43 farmers recently beheaded by terrorists in Borno State.

"The situation has become so bad that it took Chadian President Idris Derby to personally lead his troops into our territories to rout out insurgents and free Nigerian communities and our soldiers held captive by terrorists.

"It is indeed unfortunate that despite the manifest security lapses, Mr. President has refused to respect the consensus by Nigerians across board, as validated by the two chambers of the National Assembly to rejig his security architecture, by replacing his service chiefs with more competent hands".

Coronavirus kills 77 Nigerians in 1 week

● As 1 in 5 persons tests positive

● FG releases N10bn for domestic vaccines production

The Ministry of Finance has released N10bn to support domestic vaccines production to tackle COVID-19 pandemic in the country.

The Minister of Health, Osagie Ehanire, says Nigeria's total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases is 110,387 out of a total of 1,172,234 samples tested, with a cumulative positivity rate of 9.4 percent.

He said 1,444 cases were recorded in the past 24 hours with sadly 77 deaths in the past week and total fatality of 1,435.

The minister spoke at the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19 briefing on Monday in Abuja.

He also disclosed that the Ministry of Finance had released N10bn to support domestic vaccines production to tackle COVID-19 pandemic in the country.

"While we're working to develop our own vaccines, Nigeria is exploring options for licensed production, in collaboration with recognised

institutions. We're also exploring the option of local production of the vaccines in the country."

He urged Nigerians to ignore claims by some people that they had COVID-19 vaccines for sale in the country.

"I advise all citizens to disregard these claims, as they are criminal. There are procedures for vaccine acquisition and use, which include appropriate regulations and certification by National Agency for Food and Drug and Administration and Control.

"I advise against fake vaccines, as there is no one approved for use in the country. The National Primary Health Care Development Agency is the only authorized vaccine administrator in Nigeria," he said.

Ehanire said the number of new COVID-19 cases had continued to rise in the country, such that 10,300 confirmed cases were reported from just 50,750 samples tested in one week, translating into 20 percent positivity rate.

"It means one out of every five persons tested in the last one week turned out positive, compared with the previous week which recorded a positivity rate of 14 percent.

"It is instructive of the second wave that all cases recorded so far this January is more than 20 percent of all confirmed cases in Nigeria, more than the whole of December, barely halfway through the month.

"There is no doubting the fact that we are deeply into the second wave of the pandemic which requires that PTF and FMOH review our strategies to respond to the challenge.

"The federal ministry of health has outlined three approaches to confront the pandemic. These are: infection mitigation, therapeutics and vaccines," he said.

Ehanire reiterated that reducing infection rate for COVID-19 remained the easiest and cheapest objective of the government. (NAN)

2023: Why we're forming new political movement - Okorochoa

By Abbas Jimoh

A former Imo State Governor Rochas Okorochoa says he and other progressive-minded politicians are mulling a new political order owing to the silent agitations and complaints against the current state of the nation across Nigeria.

He told newsmen yesterday in Abuja that from the body language of the Nigerians, "it is obvious they're not satisfied with what is on ground, hence the urgent need for regrouping

of the good politicians'to restore public confidence in governance and save the country."

Okorochoa, representing Imo West in the Senate on the platform of the All Progressives Congress, said: "The country needs political re-engineering. Nigerians cannot be fooled again by mischievous politicians in 2023. The movement for a new Nigeria has begun and we must come together, I mean progressive Nigerians to make the country work".

Asked if the promise of the new

political movement for a new Nigeria would not be akin to that of the APC in 2015, he said the APC was hurriedly formed to take power the PDP without much emphasis on the character of those championing the course.

"APC was a hurried arrangement, it was hurriedly formed to take power when the then government was drifting. APC would have been better until people who were not members of the party; people who came for congratulatory message hijacked the party and became lords," he said.

Again, EFCC arraigns 'Mama Boko Haram' on fresh N41.7m fraud charge

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Maiduguri Zonal Office, on Monday, arraigned Aisha Alkali Wakil popularly known as 'Mama Boko Haram' before Justice Aisha Kumaliya of the Borno State High Court sitting in Maiduguri, on a fresh three-count charge bordering on criminal conspiracy and obtaining the sum of N41, 777,750.00 (Forty-one million seven hundred and seventy-seven thousand seven hundred and fifty naira) by false pretence.

Mama Boko Haram was arraigned alongside Tahiru Saidu Daura, and Prince Lawal Shoyede, Programme Manager and Country Director respectively of Complete Care and Aid Foundation (non-governmental organisation).

A statement by the Commission's Head of Media and Publicity, Wilson Uwujaren, states that the

defendants were alleged to have induced one Hajia Bilkisu Mohammed Abubakar to execute supply contract worth N41m for Complete Care and Aid Foundation, owned by Wakil, but refused to pay.

Uwujaren said one of the counts reads: "That you Aisha Alkali Wakil, Tahiru Saidu Daura and Prince Lawal Shoyede whilst being Chief Executive Officer, Programme Manager and Country Director respectively of Complete Care and Aid Foundation (Non-Governmental Organisation) sometimes in June 2018 at Maiduguri, Borno State within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, dishonestly induced one Hajia Bilkisu Mohammed Abubakar of Ihsan Vendor Services, to deliver to you; House furniture, electronics and food items worth N34,593,000 only under the guise of executing a contract for the supply of the said items to the residence of the CEO/

Founder of Complete Care and Aid Foundation (Non-Governmental Organisation), Aisha Alkali Wakil and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 320 (a) and punishable under Section 322 of the Penal Code Cap 102 Laws of Borno State."

The defendants, however, pleaded 'not guilty' to the charges preferred against them.

Based on their plea, prosecuting counsel, Haruna Abdulkadir asked the court to fix a date for trial, to enable the first and third defendants who did not have legal representation to come with their counsel.

Justice Kumaliya consequently adjourned to January 26, 2021 for the commencement of trial and ordered 'Mama Boko Haram' and Shoyede to engage the services of counsel of their choice, failing which the EFCC will be at liberty to proceed with its case without their counsel.

Gunmen kill police inspector in Rivers

From Victor Edozie, Port Harcourt

Rivers State Police Command on Monday confirmed the killing of an Inspector of Police at Borokiri part of Port Harcourt.

Confirming the incident in Port Harcourt the Police Command Public Relation Officer, SP Nnamdi Omoni said about 17 heavily armed men attacked its personnel from Borikiri Division, posted on a Pin-Down Point at Capt Amangala Junction, Borikiri Port Harcourt.

Omoni said while on duty the unknown gunmen numbering about Seventeen (17) launched a surprise attack on them, leading to the death of

an Inspector of Police, while other police officers sustained gunshot wounds.

He said that the Police Patrol Vehicle belonging to the Team was riddled with bullet holes while the corpse of the late Inspector has been evacuated and deposited in the mortuary for autopsy.

He said that the Commissioner of Police, Joseph Mukan has ordered a serious manhunt for the perpetrators, with the marching order to all the Tactical Units to identify and apprehend them without delay.

He pointed out that the area, which the incident took place is under close monitoring.

Niger police recover N3.2m, arrest 7 kidnappers

From Romoke W. Ahmad, Minna

Niger State Police Command has arrested seven kidnappers from Shiroro and New Bussa areas of the state.

This is as the police recovered N3.2 million from the suspects, which they claimed was the ransom paid by their victims.

Parading the suspects at the Police Headquarters in Minna, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP Wasiu Abiodun said four of the suspects were arrested along Gwada/Shiroro road while the other three were arrested along Ibbi/New Bussa road.

The three suspects caught along Ibbi/New Bussa said that the money was from the proceeds from the kidnapping ransom of three victims they kidnapped from Nasko and Mashegu Local Government Areas.

The suspects are Usman Shehu, Bello Muhammed and Ibrahim Shuaibu who said they came from Kebbi State to carry out their nefarious activities.

Usman said that the whole proceeds from the kidnap was N8 million and that they were unfortunate to have been caught while they were coming to Minna to share their part of the proceeds which was N1.7 million.

"I didn't expect that we would be caught. It is true that we kidnapped the people but we never knew we would be caught," he said.

Other suspects arrested along Gwada/Shiroro road are Abdulkareem Mohammed, Nura Ibrahim, Jamilu Mohammed and Hauwa Mohammed.

Hauwa, who is a female in the group confessed that she links the suspects to motorcycle riders after they have kidnapped their victims.

Abdulkareem Mohammed confessed that his group is part of the armed bandits terrorizing Kussasu/Galadima Kogo area of Shiroro LGA and that the money was proceeds from kidnapping ransom and sale of rustled cattle.

He said that they were sent to transfer the money to Ishaku, and Adamu in Kagarko in Kaduna State when they were caught while Nura Ibrahim and Jemilu Mohammed are the motorists who specialise in transporting hoodlums.

The PPRO said that the police recovered N1.5 million from the second group of kidnappers saying that the case is under investigation and would soon be charged to court.



■ Carrot sellers preparing their carrot at Ile-Epo market in Lagos. Photo: Benedict Uwalaka

Nasarawa repatriates 40 Almajirai to states of origin

From Ibraheem Hamza Muhammad, Lafia

Nasarawa State Government has repatriated 40 Almajirai back to their various states of origin.

Commissioner for women affairs and social development, Halima Jabiru said on Monday in Lafia while addressing the Almajirai before their departure back to their various states of origin.

According to her, "Your

repatriation back to your home states was a collective decision of all the Northern States Governors with a bid to ensuring the children are saved from the streets.

"That is why Governor Abdullahi Sule provided all the logistics needed for the exercise, for the love of children and for you to be reunited with their families." She said.

The Commissioner said the pupils very were intercepted

while trying to enter the state from Zaria, Kaduna State.

Halima Jabiru decry the attitude of some teachers who hide some of the children during the exercise only to return them back to the streets when they could no longer bear the burden of catering for their needs.

She said these teachers have been taken to court to be tried in accordance with the Executive Order recently signed into law by the governor.

Police kill two suspected kidnappers in Jos

From Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

No fewer than two suspected kidnappers were killed in a gun duel by the personnel of the Plateau State Police Command.

The kidnappers according to the police were reported to have abducted two persons in Chanso Village of

Mangu Local Government Area of the state.

According to the state Police Commissioner, Edward Ebuka, while parading the suspects said the success of killing came after an intelligence report on the den of the kidnappers.

The commissioner

narrated that "In an unrelenting manhunt for a notorious gang of kidnappers who kidnapped two persons at Chance Village in Gindiri on the 16/01/2021 and fled, the Intelligence Response Team (IRT) and hawk-eyed patrol team of the Command attached to Mangu Division.

"On 18/01/2021 at about 1300hrs, the patrol team stormed the kidnapper's den, engaged the gang in a fierce gun duel, and killed two of its members while other gang members escaped with various degrees of a bullet wound.

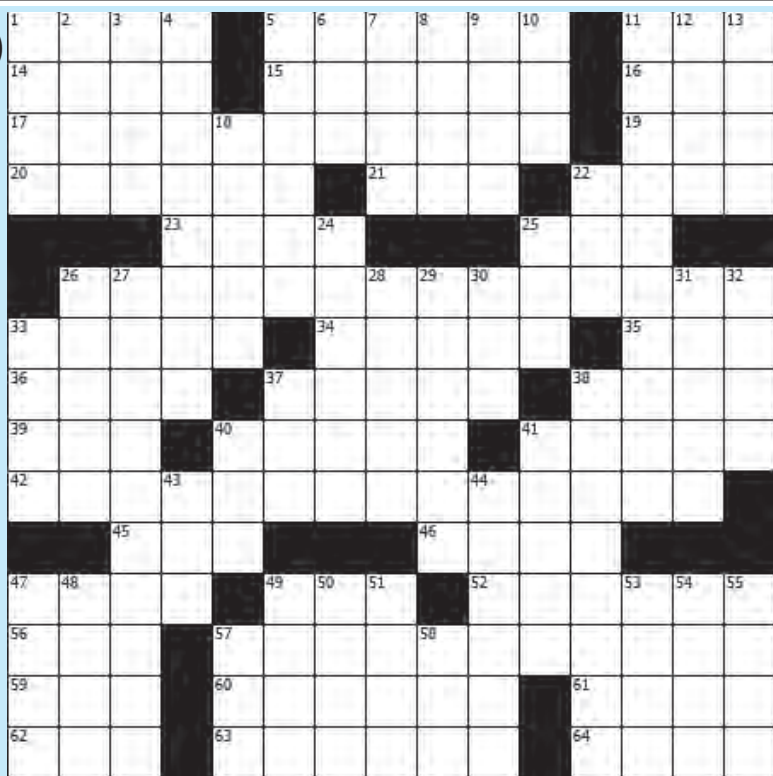
"The two kidnapped victims were rescued unhurt

and re-united to their families. Meanwhile, efforts are on to track down other fleeing members of the gang," he added.

The Command however appealed to members of the public for useful and prompt information to get rid of Criminal elements in the State.

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EASY CROSSWORD >>



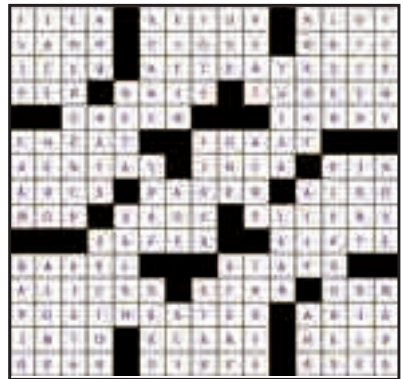
Across

- 1. Vertebral cushion
- 5. Finger painters' protection
- 11. Explosive sound
- 14. Thundering sound
- 15. Outcast
- 16. Nuptial agreement
- 17. Explanation of golf's popularity (Part 1)
- 19. Stones' Wood
- 20. Made the grade
- 21. Waterlogged land
- 22. Nyctophobe's fear
- 23. What Mark Spitz has done well
- 25. Pitcher's success
- 26. Part 2 of the explanation
- 33. Ease
- 34. Clamor
- 35. Instrument for Stan Getz
- 36. Channel marker
- 37. Beer buyer, presumably
- 38. One of Hi and Lois' kids
- 39. Sixth sense
- 40. "Beauty is only skin deep," e.g.
- 41. Zoo heavyweight
- 42. Part 3 of the explanation
- 45. Bugs' voice
- 46. Look
- 47. Type of bag or
- 8. Quote an authority
- 9. Madeline of "Blazing Saddles"
- 10. "Ain't --- Sweet"
- 11. Caribbean cruiser of old
- 12. Stench
- 13. Policy guru
- 18. Fit for the front page
- 22. Sarcastic response
- 24. Quarterback's morning after
- 25. Be obligated
- 26. Show a rosy glow
- 27. Romantic getaways?
- 28. Help for a paleface
- 29. Those involved in a coverup?
- 30. Option for the jet set
- 31. Monsoon occurrences
- 32. World's fair
- 33. Sanction wrongdoing
- 37. Nabokov novel
- 38. Type of bond or compound
- 40. The whole kit and caboodle
- 41. Clarinet parts
- 43. It might follow snow
- 44. With great intensity
- 47. Island nation of the Pacific
- 48. Extol
- 49. Done, in Dijon
- 50. Buyer's warning
- 51. "Sock it ---!"
- 53. Go it alone
- 54. Top-selling U.S. cookie
- 55. Ensuing
- 57. Spotlight grabber
- 58. Kind of chest or paint

Down

- 1. Trickle
- 2. Tiny bit
- 3. Brat's comeback
- 4. Intersection
- 5. Accelerated
- 6. Long March leader
- 7. "Carmina Burana" composer

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD (181)



SUDOKU >>

How to play: The number 1 through 9 will appear once only in each row, column, and 3 x 3 zone. There are 9 such zones in each sudoku grid. There is only one correct Solution to each sudoku.

Good luck!

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Solution to Sudoku 181

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	3		5		9			
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	7			1		5		
8	3				7	1		

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

Japan holds competition on how to dress a corpse

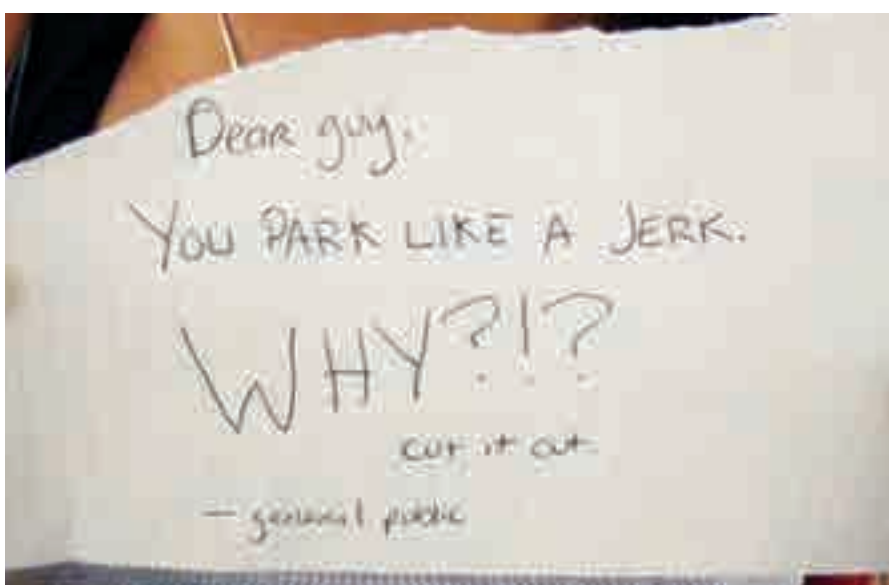


A 23-year-old undertaker won a contest at Japan's biggest funeral expo that tested ancient skills in the ritual dressing of the dead. "I practiced every day to prepare for this competition," said a smiling Rino Terai after he win over three other finalists. "I took videos and made improvements by asking myself, does this look beautiful? Am I treating the deceased kindly?" Japan's Shinto religion believes that the soul is impure shortly after death and the process of dressing a body - usually in front of close relatives only - purifies the deceased spirit before it is sent off to the "other world". Japan's ageing society has increased demand for undertakers with special skills, said Kimura Kouki, head of the Okuribito Academy. "There are about 2,000 undertakers whose expertise is in dressing the deceased, but their skills vary a lot," he said. "I wanted this competition to be a way to spur undertakers to improve their skills." The four contestants dressed live human volunteers laying on mattresses arranged on a stage. They were observed by three judges as funeral music gently played in the background. The four were judged on the grace of their movements and their ability to dress the body without revealing too much bare skin. "The movement of their hands were really beautiful," Akane Matsuda said after watching the competition.

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SIGN LANGUAGE >>

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CHANGE OF NAME

ATABO: I formally known and addressed as **HAPPINESS EJURA OBIGWE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **HAPPINESS EJURA ATABO**. All former documents remain valid any authority concerned and general public take note.

ILOKA: I formerly known and addressed as **JUDE CHIDOLUE ILOKA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **JUDE EDMOND UMEH ILOKA**. All former documents remain valid any authority concerned and general public take note.

I formerly known as **ELISHA SULE** now wishes to be known and addressed as **ELISHA SULE CHONOKO** All former documents remain valid general public to take note

DAVID: I, formerly known as **DAVID OBIKE SR**, now wish to be called and addressed as **DAVID ALEXANDER SR**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

ALI: I formerly known as **REJOICE JOSEPH** now wish to be known and addressed as **REJOICE ALI**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

RACHEAL: I formerly known as **MISS. PIWUNA SHIKROT RACHEAL**, now wish to be known as **MRS. SANKEY SHIKROT RACHEAL**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

Oluwabiyi: I, formerly known as **MARYAM ANAS**, now wish to be known and addressed as **Oluwabiyi Mary Adesola**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

MARYAM: I, formerly known as **MARYAM YAKUBU ABDULLAHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM YAKUBU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

KIMO: I Formerly known and address as **RUKKAYA USMAN**. Now wish to be known and address as **RUKAYYA KIMO HALIRU**. All former documents remain valid general public should take note.

UMAR: I, formerly known as **ABUBAKAR NULL UMAR**, now wish to be called and addressed as **UMAR ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

ATIKU: I formerly known as **ALIYU SHAGAMU** now wish to be known and addressed as **PHILIP YAHAYA ATIKU**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

IKECHUKWU: I formerly known as **CHUKWURAH, IKECHUKWU MOSES**, now wish to be known as **CHUKWURAH, IKECHUKWU DAMIAN**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

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I formerly known and addressed as **MISS JOY DANIEL UNOKE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. JOY EMMANUEL OKOME**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public take note.

HARUNA: I formerly known and address as **SHEHU GANA**. Now wish to be known and address as **SHEHU GANA HARUNA**. All former documents remain valid Authorities and General public to please take note.

SHAMSUDDIEN: I, formerly known as **SHAMSUDDIEN ABDULLAHI ABBA**, now wish to be called and addressed as **SHAMSUDDIEN ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

FATIMA: I formerly known as **IBRAHIM FATIMA UMAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM FATIMA**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

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I, formerly known as **SULE DAN AZUMI AMADU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ANGYU DAN AZUMI**. All former documents remain valid. All authorities concern and general public take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **AGU JOY**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **ADETIMEHIN** now wish to be known and addresses as **MOSES**. All former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

ZAHARADDEEN: I, formerly known as **ZAHARADDINI AMADU**, now wish to be called and addressed as **ZAHARADDEEN AMADU**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

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RAPHA: I formerly known as **GIMBA, RAPHAEL GIMBA**, now wish to be known as **GIMBA, RAPHA JONAH**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

I, formerly known as **MANSUR IBRAHIM** with date of birth as 16th AUGUST, 1975, now wish to be known and addressed as **MANSUR JEGA IBRAHIM** with the actual date of birth as 31st DECEMBER, 1975. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public take note.

OGECHE: I, formerly known as **IKUEZE OGECHE ROSEMARY** now wish to be known and addressed as **OKOYE OGECHE ROSEMARY IKUEZE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **UMAR BELLO** now wish to be known and addresses as **UMAR FALALU** my correct and proper date of birth is **02-08-1989**, all former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

BLESSING: I, formerly known as **MUSA BLESSING** and **MUSA ABIGIRL** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUSA BLESSING**. All former documents and Bank details remain valid. The concerned institutions, Zenith Bank, other Banks and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **Muhammad Salim** now wish to be known as **Muhammad Salim Isa**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

ANN: I formerly known as **MISS. KURE, ANN ZIGWAI**, now wish to be known as **MRS. SALAMI, ANN ZIGWAI**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

I formerly known as **HASSANA LAWL MANDE**, but now wishes to be known and addressed as **HASSANA MANDE ATIKU**. All formal documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

NAFISAT: I formerly known as **NAFISAT OHIANI MUHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **NAFISAT ONYIYI MUHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid. The general public should take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **ABU ADAMU** now wish to be known and addresses as **ABU AMADU**, all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

IBRAHIM: I formerly known as **IBRAHIM ADAMU DANDARMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM ADAMU**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

I was formerly known and addressed as **HALIMATU TANIMU DUTSI** That I now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS HALIMATU TANIMU DUTSI** all documents bearing former names remain valid and the general public should please take note.

EMMANUEL: I formerly known as **ONUZULIKE, EMMANUEL NGOZI**, now wish to be known as **ONUZULIKE, EMMANUEL AMAECHI** and my date of birth was wrongly captured on my BVN as 23rd April, 1968 instead of 4th April, 1969. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **SALISU LAWL ABDULLAHI** and **AWAL SALE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **LAWAL SALE**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public take note.

I was formerly known and addressed as **USMAN MUHAMMED** and now wish to be known and addressed as **USMAN MAHMUD**, with date of birth formerly known as **02 June, 1996 to 2nd of May 1994**.

I was formerly known as **BILKISU ALIYU** now to be called **BILKISU MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

VERA: I, formerly known and addressed as **AMAECHE UGOMMA VERA** now wish to be known and addressed as **OKECHUKWU UGOMMA VERA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I was formerly known and addressed as **INUSA SALE** That I now wish to be known and addressed as **YUNUS M?HAMMAD SANI** also my correct daye of birth is 20th september 1971 not 20th september 1976 all documents bearing former names remain valid and the general public should please take note.

ILIYASU: I formerly known as **UMAR ILIYASU**, now wish to be known as **UMAR ILIYASU MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

MONICA: I, formerly known as **MONICA JAMES NWAYEN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MONICA INYANG EDEM**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

I, formerly known and addressed as **MIR ARIYO MOHAMMED ABDULRAHMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **MIR RAYMOND ABDULRAHMAN ARIYO AHMAD**. All former documents remain valid. All embassies, consulates and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **UMAR ABUBAKAR** now wish to be known as **UMAR ABUBAKAR UMAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

TYENA: I, formerly known and addressed as **DORCAS DANIEL** I now wish to be known and addressed as **DORCAS DANIEL TYENA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I was formerly known and addressed as **ABUH BUHARI** That I now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUH BUHARI AWODI** all documents bearing former names remain valid and the general public should please take note.

CHIROMA: I formerly known as **CHIROMA BUKATA S** now wish to be known as **SAMUEL BUKATA CHIROMA**. All former documents remain valid, First Bank Plc and the general public should take note

UTONO: I formerly known and addressed as **TAHIR MOHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **TAHIR MOHAMMED UTONO** all former documents remain valid, Union Bank, NIMC and general public should take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **RAHINA HAMIDU WASAGU** now wish to be known and address as **RAHINA HAMIDU**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and First Bank Nig. Plc should take note, please

EMMANUELA: I WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS **EMMANUELA EMIENE CHUIJKE** AND I NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **EMMANUELA EMIENE ENTUNU**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

ABIOLA: I formerly known and addressed as **SALIYU RUKAYAT ABIOLA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SAHEED RUKAYAT ABIOLA**. All former documents remain valid. Bank and general public should take note.

ABUBAKAR: I formerly known as **ABBAKAR HASSAN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR HASSAN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

USMAN: I formerly known as **USMAN MOHAMMED ISMAIL**, now wish to be known and addressed as **USMAN SIDIFARI ISMAIL**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

LIBATA: I formerly known and addressed as **MUHAMMED ISHAKA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMED LIBATA** all former documents remain valid, KHSL, NIMC and general public should take note.

I formerly known as **AISHA MUHAMMED DOB 04 05 1973** now wishes to be known and addressed as **AISA MUHAMMED DOB 01 01 1978** ALL former documents remain valid general public to take note

MADAKI: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED **NIHU YUSUF** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **MADAKI YUSUF KANGO**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

BLESSING: This is to confirm that **CHABA IMUWEHRE BLESSING** and **OZIMEDE BLESSING**. Refer to me and same person. Now wish to be known and addressed as **CHABA IMUWEHRE BLESSING**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I formerly known as **USMAN A. ZUWARE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **USMAN ALHAJI ZUWARE**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

GLORIA: I formerly known as **GLORIA ONUH**, now wish to be known as **GLORIA OCHANYA ONUH**. All former documents remain valid, the general public should take note.

SHINYI: I formerly known as **SHINYI SIMON** now wish to be known as **SHINYI TERHEMEN SIMON**. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public should take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **KABIRU SAIDU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **UMAR SAIDU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public take note

ASEMBER: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED **DANIEL ASEMBER IORZUA** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **ASEMBER TYOLUBUN ABRAHAM & MY CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH IS 17/1/1985**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

ANGEL: I formerly known and addressed as **ADAMA ANGEL**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AKINLADE KATE ANGEL**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I formerly known as **YERIMA MODU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED MURTALA**. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note.

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I formerly known and addressed as **MOHAMMED TUKUR BELLO**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD TUKUR BELLO**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public take note

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ENE: I, formerly known and addressed as **OKOH LUCY ENE** as it appeared on my **WASSCE**, Degree Certificate, Bank Account, BVN and other documents now wish to be known as **EBILOMA LUCY ENE**. All former documents remain valid. **ECOBANK, UBA, WAE, UNIAGR MAKURDI** and the general public to take note

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IORMAA: I formerly known as **IORMAA AONDOWASE JOSEPH** now wish to be known as **IORMAA AONDOWASE** with correct Date of Birth 15 March 1975. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public should take note.

I, formerly known as **ABUBAKAR YAHAYA ABDULLAHI** Now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR YAHAYA** All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public Should take note.

OGBU: I, formerly known as **ADANNA ANN OSUIGWE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ADANNA ANN CHUKWUNONSO - OGBU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

FATIMA: I formerly known as **FATSUMA ABBAJI ABBAJI** now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA PINDIGA ABBAJI DOB 8-10-1993** not 2-5-1989. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

SUMAYYA: I, formerly known and addressed as **SUMAYYA, HUSSAINI ADAMU, HUSSAINI** and **HUSSAINI ADAMU, SUMAYYA HUSSAINI** now wish to be called and addressed as **SUMAYYA HUSSAINI ADAMU**. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

DANIEL: I formerly known as **KEFAS DANIEL SALAMI** and **KEFAS DANIEL**, now wish to be known as **KEFAS DANIEL WAKILI**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

MODIFICATION OF NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH: I formerly known as **OKOLO GODSPOWER** with date of birth 12/03/1992 now wish to be known as **OMENGALA ABEL ADOLE** with date of birth 12/03/1994. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public should take note.

I, formerly known as **AHMAD IBRAHIM GAMAWA** Now wish to be known and addressed as **TUDU IBRAHIM** All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.

CALISTA: I, formerly known as **OBIHOA CHIEMELA CALISTER**, my date of birth was wrongly captured as 2/6/1998, now wish to be known and addressed as **OBIHOA CALISTA**, my correct date of birth is 1/10/2000. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AYUBA: I formerly known as **HAUWA SALEL** now wish to be known and addressed as **HAUWA AYUBA DOB 1/1/1983 NOT 1/1/1980**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

FAITH: I formerly known as **FAITH JOEL**, now wish to be known as **FAITH BITRUS NALUPWI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

SOLOMON: I formerly known as **OGBOONNA SOLOMON SOLOMON**, now wish to be known as **OGBOONNA SOLOMON AMANZE**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note

MODIFICATION OF NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH: I formerly known as **IDUH ONCHE** with date of birth 24/04/1993 now wish to be known as **UGABE EMMANUEL ENONCHE** with date of birth 17/12/1993. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public should take note.

I, formerly known as **AUWALU AHMAD** Now wish to be known and addressed as **SANI AHMAD MATO** and my **DOB** is 22/10/1992 All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public Should take note.

MARYAM: I, formerly known as **MARYAM ADEMOLA AMUNIGUN** now wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM ADEMOLA SALAU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ADAMU: I formerly known as **IBRAHIM ADAMU INYASS** now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM BAYI ADAMU DOB 8/11/1976 NOT 13/10/1976**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

PHILOMENA: I formerly known as **NWAEBO, PHILOMENA G.** now wish to be known as **NWAEBO, PHILOMENA OJOKA**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

VINCENT: I formerly known as **VINCENT DAWAN**, now wish to be known as **DAWAM SUWARLAT VINCENT**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

I Formerly known as **EGBUNU PRINCESS TESSIE** wish to be known and address as **EGBUNU PRINCESS UNEKWU** All former document remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

AJIORE: I formerly known as **ADEBIYI ADEJUMOKE ADERONKE** now want to be known and call as **AJIORE ADEJUMOKE ADERONKE** all former documents remains valid. General public and authority concerned please take note.

ENOCH: I, formerly known as **ENOCH ABEJIDE ENOCH** now wish to be known and addressed as **PAUL ENOCH ABEJIDE**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

SALISU: I formerly known as **HADIZA DAHIRU MOHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **HADIZA SALISU**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

MARIA: I formerly known as **MISS. MARIA MAKAMA**, now wish to be known as **MRS. MARIA DAGAYILO**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

JOYCE: I formerly known as **MAYAT JOY ANTHONY**, now wish to be known as **MAYAT JOYCE ANTHONY**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

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BARDE, I formerly known as **MOHAMMED BARDE KADIRA** DOB=10/8/1948 now wish to be called and addressed as **BARDE HALADU KADIRA** DOB=1/4/1960. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SHAMSU, I formerly known as **SHAMSU UMAR HAMISU** now wish to be called and addressed as **SHAMSU HAMISU UMAR**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MOHAMMED: I, formerly known as **SULE JAAFAR**, now wish to be known and called **MOHAMMED MUNIR JAAFARU**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

BULUS: I was formerly known and addressed as **DANLADI PAUL ANDY** now wish to be known and called **BULUS DANLADI** all documents bearing either of the names belongs to me and remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

MUSAH: I, formerly known and addressed as **ASUALOR ZIMUZOR OBIAGERI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **MUSAH ZIMUZOR OBIAGERI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

NEXT OF KIN - That we, Oluwasgun Israel Ojo and Oluwafemi Noah Ojo, of block 11, Obalende police barrack, are the sons and next of kin to late Police (ASp) Joseph Ojo, who died on 7th of October 2011. therefore eligible to collect his entitlement and benefits. general public kindly take note.

FATIMA, I formerly known as **FATIMA IBRAHIM KETA** 12-march-1994 now wish to be called and addressed as **FATIMA YUSUF ABDULLAHI** 12-march-1982. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ABDULRASHEED, I formerly known as **ABDULRASHE ADAMU ALIYU** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABDULRASHEED ADAMU ALIYU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MOHAMMED: I, formerly known as **RAFIU JAAFAR**, now wish to be known and called **MOHAMMED MUNIR JAAFARU**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

MICHAEL: I, formerly known as **ZUBAIRU NAFISAT JOY**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MICHAEL JOY JANET**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

OYEWOLE: I, formerly known and addressed as **ADEGBENRO ADEWUNMI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OYEWOLE ADEGBENRO JOSHUA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

RACHEAL: I formerly known and addressed as **EKELE RACHEAL** now wish to be known and addressed as **OSSAI BERNARD RACHEAL**. All former documents remain valid, General public and Authorities concerned kindly take note.

FATIMA, I formerly known as **FATIMATA B CONTEH** now wish to be called and addressed as **FATIMA C MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

HENRY, I formerly known as **HENRY EMEKA CHUKWUKA** now wish to be called and addressed as **HENRY CHUKWUKA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MOHAMMED: I, formerly known as **QUANEETAT JAAFAR**, now wish to be known and called **MOHAMMED MUNIR JAAFARU**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

ODION: I formerly known as **ODION PARADISE** Now wish to be known, Called and addressed as **ODION JOY BEST**. Former documents remain valid. Public note.

IDOWU: I, formerly known and addressed as **OBARINDE ABIMBOLA IMOLEAYO**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **IDOWU ABIMBOLA IMOLEAYO**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ORIUWA: I, formerly known and addressed as **ORIUWA UGOGCHI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ORIUWA UGOGCHI OGECHI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

HUSSAINI, I formerly known as **IBRAHIM ALHAJI SALEH** now wish to be called and addressed as **HUSSAINI ADAMU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

AMINU, I formerly known as **DANJUMMAI NULL AMINU** now wish to be called and addressed as **AMINU DANJUMMAI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

TANKO: I formerly known as **UMAR HARUNA** now wish to be called and addressed as **TANKO HARUNA** all former documents remain valid Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

MUSA: I, formerly known as **SHERIFF IBRAHIM**, now wish to be known and called **MUSA ADAMU** Wrong date 26 April 1999 Correct date 28 April 1999. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

IJAGI: I, formerly known and addressed as **IJAGI HARMONIE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **IJAGI HARMONY GODWIN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ORIUWA: I, formerly known and addressed as **ORIUWA CHISOM**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ORIUWA CHISOM REJOICE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

LADI, I formerly known as **ZAINAB AMINU** now wish to be called and addressed as **LADI AMINU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

AUWALU, I formerly known as **AUWALU SULE GARO** now wish to be called and addressed as **AUWALU ALHAJI SULAIMAN**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

AMINA: I formerly known as **AMIN ABUBAKAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **AMINA IBRAHIM SALAMA** all former documents remain valid Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

MOHAMMED: I, formerly known as **HASIYATU JAAFAR**, now wish to be known and called **MOHAMMED MUNIR JAAFARU**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

LAWAL: I, formerly known and addressed as **LAWAL MOHAMMED ABDULLAHI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **LAWAL ABDULLAHI HAWA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

FATIMO: I, formerly known and addressed as **FATIMO ADEFUNKE DANIAN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMO FUNKE DANIAN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

YALWA, I formerly known as **HAJARA MUHAMMAD TALAKI** now wish to be called and addressed as **YALWA MUHAMMAD TALAKI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

OJUKWU, I formerly known as **OJUKWU CHIDERA MARYJANE** now wish to be called and addressed as **OJUKWU JANE MARY**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MUHAMMED: I formerly known as **MUHAMMADU YUSUF HAMZA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUHAMMED YUSUF** all former documents remain valid Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

MOHAMMED: I, formerly known as **HAMEEDA JAAFAR**, now wish to be known and called **MOHAMMED MUNIR JAAFARU**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

KATE: I, formerly known and addressed as **KATE EBELE DANIELS**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **KATE EBELE EJIMADU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I, formerly known and addressed as **NWALI OSSY**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **NWALI-OSSY-OSINACHI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

HALADU, I formerly known as **KHALID BULAMA HOTORO** now wish to be called and addressed as **HALADU BULAMA HOTORO**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

JAMIL, I formerly known as **LAWAL ALI JAMINU** now wish to be called and addressed as **JAMIL LAWAL ALI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MURJANATU: I formerly known as **MURJANATU SANI** now wish to be called and addressed as **MURJANATU ABUBAKAR** all former documents remain valid Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

MOHAMMED: I, formerly known as **BASHIRU JAAFAR**, now wish to be known and called **MOHAMMED MUNIR JAAFARU**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

OKPARAGU: I, formerly known and addressed as **ELUAGU ONYINYECHI EMMANUELLA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs OKPARAGU ONYINYECHI EMMANUELLA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OYEME: I, formerly known and addressed as **TOPE JOHNSON**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OYEME CHIYENUM ESTHER**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ABUBAKAR, I formerly known as **IMAMUDDEN ALHASSAN ABUBAKAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABUBAKAR IMAMUDDEN**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MUHAMMED, I formerly known as **LAWAN MUHAMMED** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUHAMMED LAWAN**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

TITI: I formerly known as **HAWA IBRAHIM** now wish to be called as **TITI IBRAHIM** all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note.

MOHAMMED: I, formerly known as **AMINU JAAFAR**, now wish to be known and called **MOHAMMED MUNIR JAAFARU**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

OYARINDE: I, formerly known and addressed as **APU CELINA JESUBAYI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OYARINDE CELINA JESUBAYI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

IFEYINWA: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss IFEYINWA BLESSING NWAFOR**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs IFEYINWA BLESSING NWAFOR OKIRE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

KABIRU, I formerly known as **KABIRU ALHAJI YAHAYA** now wish to be called and addressed as **KABIRU YAHAYA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

KABIRU, I formerly known as **OGECHI HASSAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **KABIRU HASSAN**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

YAHAYA: I, formerly known as **EJIGBO ZUBEIRU**, now wish to be known and called **YAHAYA DANJUMA**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

NWANNEKA: I, formerly known and addressed as **NNEKA IFEOMA AGBU** or **NWANNEKA IFEOMA AGBU**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **NWANNEKA IFEOMA EFOBI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AJBOSIN: I, formerly known and addressed as **AJBOSHIN UTHMAN ADEYEMI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AJBOSIN UTHMAN AREMU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

SOBOWALE: I, formerly known and addressed as **SOBOWALE ISEOLUWA AREMU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

MOHAMMED, I formerly known as **MUHAMMED MUSTAPHA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MOHAMMED MUSTAPHA SULAIMAN**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ABDULWAHAB, I formerly known as **ISA ABDULWAHAB** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABDULWAHAB SHITU MAIDOGO**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

GAGAMI: I formerly known and addressed as **FELIX GAJERE** now wish to be called and addressed as **GAGAMI FELIX GAJERE** all former documents remain valid the general public should please take note.

UZOH: I, formerly known and addressed as **NWOSU JACINTA FIDELIS**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **UZOH JACINTA FIDELIS**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADEDEJI: I, formerly known and addressed as **ADEDEJI FARUQ OPEYEMI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADEDEJI FARUQ AYINDE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

GRACE: I, formerly known and addressed as **Mrs GRACE OLUTOYIN AFOLABI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs GRACE OLUTOYIN MULERO**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS ABUBAKAR YAKUBU NOW WISH TO BE CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS ABUBAKAR GARBA YAKUBU ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE

YAKUBU: I formerly known as **ANAS YAKUBU -1-1-1993** now wish to be called as **ANAS YAKUBU KAROFI-20-5-2000**. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public should please take note.

MAIMUNA: I, formerly known as **MAIMUNA SHEHU IDRIS** now wish to be known as **MAIMUNA SHEHU IDRIS**. All relevant authorities and the general public are to please take note. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

CAREW: I, formerly known and addressed as **SURAKAT LABAKE SALEWA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **CAREW LABAKE SALEWA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AJBOSIN: I, formerly known and addressed as **AJBOSUN SAHEED ADEMOLA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AJBOSIN SAHEED ADEMOLA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

CONFIRMATION OF NAME That **I SODIPO DAMILOLA YUSSUF** want my name to be **SODIPO DAMILOLA YUSSUF** on my driver's license. That my correct date of birth is 9th day of October, 1996 not 9th day of October, 1997. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known as **KABIR IBRAHIM** now wish to be called and addressed as **KABIR IBRAHIM NASARAWA**. DOB 06/05/1993 All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note.

MUSA I formerly known as **MISS ZAINAB SADI MUSA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS ZAINAB SADI MUSA**. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note.

MUSTAPHA: I formerly known as **MUSTAPHA ALHASSAN ISAH** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUSTAPHA ISAH** all former documents remain valid. My date of birth was wrongly captured as 03/3/1988 the correct date of birth is 03/3/1986 Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

OLANIYI: I, formerly known and addressed as **ADEDUN BOSEDE BINTU**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OLANIYI BOSEDE BINTU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

EBOH: I, formerly known and addressed as **Mrs ANIZOBA AMAKA AGNES**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **EBOH AMAKA AGNES**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ERUBAMI: I, formerly known and addressed as **ERUBAMI ADEYEMI JOHNSON**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ERUBAMI ADEYEMI QUADRI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known as **NANA-HAUWA SULE** now wish to be called and addressed as **NANA-HAUWA IZE SULE**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note.

ABDULLAHI I formerly known as **HUSSAINI ABDULLAHI** now wish to be called and addressed as **GARBA USAINI AHMAD**. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

PHILIBIA: I Formerly known as **PHILIBIA GIGIN** Now wish to be called and addressed as **PHILIBIA JOHN** All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note.

ADEBAYO: I, formerly known and addressed as **AZEZ ABDUL-AKEEM ADEMOLA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADEBAYO AKEEM ADEMOLA**. That my correct date of birth is 20th day of March, 1975. All former documents remain valid. Bank Authority and General public please take note.

OLUKOKUN: I, formerly known and addressed as **OMAGE JUSTINA .M**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OLUKOKUN JUSTINA OROHBOS**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AJAYI: I, formerly known and addressed as **DANIELS BOLUWATIFE AYOWANDE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AJAYI BOLUWATIFE BERNICE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known as **KADIJA AMIR** now wish to be called and addressed as **KHADIJA SANI HARUNA**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note.

SULAIMAN formerly known as **SULEIMAN ABBA** now wish to be called and addressed as **YUSUF YUSUF SULAIMAN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and the general public should please take note.

GABRIEL: I Formerly known as **GABRIEL JOSEPH** Now wish to be called and addressed as **GABRIEL JOSEPH ABRAHAM** All Former document remain valid Any Authority concern and general public to please take note.

ADEWUSI: I, formerly known and addressed as **ADEWUSI HOSEA ADEBOWALE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADEWUSI HOSEA DAYO**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

NGATIALWA: I, formerly known and addressed as **ESTHER MUSA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **NGATIALWA MUSA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADENEKAN: I, formerly known and addressed as **ALIMI ADESOLA OLUWAMAYOWA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADENEKAN ADESOLA OLUWAMAYOWA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known as **KARIMATU ABBA DANDAGO** now wish to be called and addressed as **KARIMATU ABBA KASIM**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note.

FATIMA, I formerly known as **FATIMA IDRIS ABDULLAHI** now wish to be called and addressed as **FATIMA IDRIS ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ADAMS: I Formerly known as **ADAMU GEOFFREY** Now wish to be called and addressed as **ADAMS GEOFFREY** All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note.

EVANS-UDUMA: I, formerly known and addressed as **UGBOAJA NNEOMA JUSTINA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **EVANS-UDUMA NNEOMA JUSTINA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OGBOZOR: I, formerly known and addressed as **NWOKEDI JUDITH ONYINYE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OGBOZOR JUDITH ONYINYE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADERIBIGBE: I, formerly known and addressed as **Mrs OGUNDIRAN CHRISTIANA OPEYEMI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADERIBIGBE OPEYEMI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known as **ABUBAKAR A. ZAKARI** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABUBAKAR ABDULLAHI ZAKARI**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note.

AISHATU ABUBAKAR OF JAMA'ARE LGA. BAUCHI STATE ON MY HOUSEHOLD UPLIFTING PROGRAMME (HUP) MY NAME WAS WRONGLY WRITTEN AS ASABE GARBA ABBAS INSTEAD OF AISHATU ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ESTHER: I, formerly known as **ESTHER EKUNDAYO IBRAHIM**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ESTHER OJUEKANYE EKUNDAYO**. All former documents remain valid. The general and any authority concerned to please take note.

JINADU: I, formerly known and addressed as **JINADU ALABA BOLAJI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **JINADU ALABA RASHEED**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

IBIOTAN: I, formerly known and addressed as **IBIOTAN IRENE SOLOMON BASHORUN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs IBIOTAN IRENE BASHORUN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

MUSTAPHA I formally known as **MUSTAPHA MUHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **MASUDU MUSTAPHA** all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **ALHAJI AMIR KHALID** now wish to be called and addressed as **AMIR KHALID YANKATSARI**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note.

ADAMU: I, formerly known as **YUSUF ADAMU**, now wish to be known and called **ADAMU YUSUF**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

ZULAIHAT: I, formerly known as **ZUWAIRU SALISU**, now wish to be known and called **ZULAIHAT IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

FAMAKINWA: I, formerly known and addressed as **SALEYE MONISOLA ADEMIJU**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **FAMAKINWA MONISOLA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

SALAKO: I, formerly known and addressed as **OLALEKAN OLAJUMOKEL DEBORAH**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **SALAKO OLAJUMOKEL DEBORAH**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

GONI: I formally known as **BABAGANA UMAR GONI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BABAGANA GONI UMAR**. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **Umar Aminu** now wish to be called and addressed as **Umar Aminu Bamalli**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note.

MOHAMMED: I, formerly known as **LATEEFAH JAAFAR**, now wish to be now and called **MOHAMMED MUNIR JAAFARU**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

FELICIA: I formerly known as **FELICIA ADOGA APOCHI** now wish to be called as **FELICIA JOHN GAIZA** all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note.

ADEBAYO: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss OLULEYE GRACE ROSEMARY**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs ADEBAYO GRACE ROSEMARY**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AKINTO: I, formerly known and addressed as **ADEBAMIRO YETUNDE ADEKUNBI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AKINTO YETUNDE ADEKUNBI**. All former documents remain valid. NUT Lagos State, General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

AMAKE: I formerly known as **AMAKE OREVA** now wish to be known as **AMAKE UBONG UDO**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

MUHAMMAD, I formerly known as **MUHAMMED FATIMA ABUBAKAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUHAMMAD FATIMA ABDULKADIR**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MOHAMMED: I, formerly known as **ALIU JAAFAR**, now wish to be known and called **MOHAMMED MUNIR JAAFARU**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

FAISAL: I formerly known as **NURA IBRAHIM** now wish to be called and addressed as **FAISAL YAHAYA KAJURU** all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

AGUELE: I, formerly known and addressed as **JOSEPH ADEYEMI BOSEDE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AGUELE ADEYEMI BOSEDE**. That I was born on 17th day of November, 1985 not 17th day of November, 1984. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

FRIDAY: I formerly known and addressed as **FRIDAY OMOTOLA JULIUS** Now wish to be known and addressed as **FRIDAY OLAKUNLE ADEOLA**. All former documents remain valid, General public kindly take note.

FATIMA I formerly known and addressed as **FATI KAWO HARUNA** now wish to be called and addressed as **FATIMA MUSTAPHA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note please.

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FATI : I formerly known as **FATI BUBA TAKWASHE** now wish to be known as **FATI BUBA**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

ABDULRAHMAN : I formerly known as **MOHAMMED AHMED SHUAIBU** now wish to be known as **ABDULRAHMAN ALHAJI SHAYIBU**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

That I was formally known as **ZARAH SHEHU** now wish to be called and address as **ZAINAB BELLO SHEHU** and general public to take note

This is to confirm that **ANITIE EKANEM ABIA EKANEM CALEB** and **CALEB ANITIE EKANEM ABIA** that appears on my various documents refer to one and the same person now wish to be known called and addressed **CALEB ANITIE EKANEM ABIA**. All documents bearing my names remain valid general public should take note.

CHIMA: That I was formerly known as **MISS. LATIFAH ONYINYECHI LASISI**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. LATIFAH ONYINYECHI CHIMA EGWURUGWU**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

MRS. ANUCHA - I, formerly known as **MISS. ALUKANTA CHINEMEMMA HAPPINESS**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. ANUCHA CHINEMEMMA UKA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

USMAN : I formerly known as **AYUBA USMAN MOHAMMED** now wish to be known as **USMAN AYUBA**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

INUSA : I formerly known as **ALI ABUBAKAR** now wish to be known as **INUSA AMADU**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

That I was formally known as **MUHAMMED ALI ALI** now wish to be called and address as **ALI KACHALLA MOHAMMED** and general public to take note

COMFORT - I was formerly known as **COMFORT AKUDO AMADI**. That I now wish to be known as **COMFORT AKUDO OGARAM**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ABASI-ISATKE: That I was formerly known as **BLESSING RICHARD DOMINIC**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **ABASI-ISATKE RICHARD DOMINIC**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

MRS. JOVITA - I, formerly known as **MRS. JOVITA UCHENNA MADU - NWOKIDU**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. JOVITA UCHENNA MICHAEL**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

AHMADU : I formerly known as **AHMED ALI HAYA** now wish to be known as **AHMADU ALI HAYA**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

GARBA : I formerly known as **SAIDU MOHAMMED** now wish to be known as **GARBA SAIDU KATUZU**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

ZAMDAI: I Formerly known as **ZAMDAI ILIYA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ZAMDAI ILIYA TAMPUL**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

IJEOMA - I was formerly known as **MISS. IJEOMA JENNIFER OKENGWU**. That I now wish to be known as **MRS. IJEOMA JENNIFER IROEGBU**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

HORSFALL: That I was formerly known as **MISS. MEFOR FORTUNE OLUCHI**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. HORSFALL FORTUNE OLUCHI**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

IGBA - I was formerly known as **AJIEH LILIAN EBELCHUKWU**. That I now wish to be known as **IGBA LILIAN EBELCHUKWU**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ALI : I formerly known as **ALI ISHAYA** now wish to be known as **ALI ISHAYA NGHAGIYA**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

FANTAMI I, formerly known as **ADO DANBAZAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **ADO DANBAZAR PANTAMI**. All former documents remain valid. And my correct date of birth is **25-10-1969** not otherwise stated there in. General public should take note.

BUNDI: I Formerly known as **TIJJANI BAKO**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BUNDI ABBA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

CHIOMA - I was formerly known as **MISS. BRANDY BLESSING EJIOGU**. That I now wish to be known as **MRS. CHIOMA BLESSING ONWILLI**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

UMEH: That I was formerly known as **MISS. CHINENYE FAITH CHINYELU**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. CHINENYE FAITH UMEH**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

AUGUSTA - I was formerly known as **OMOKHODION AUGUSTA IGONDAH**. That I now wish to be known as **AUGUSTA IGONDAH CHINOWE OJIMAH**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MOHAMMED : I formerly known as **MUHAMMED LAWAN** and **MUHAMMAD LAWAN** now wish to be known as **MOHAMMED LAWAN**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

SALEH : I formerly known as **SALEH KOIS** now wish to be known as **SALEH KOYS SALEH**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

ANUKWU: I formerly known as **CHIBUZO MARTIN ANUKWU** now wish to be known and addressed as **ANUKWU CHIBUZO**. All former documents remain valid. **NIMC, ZENITH BANK PLC** And General Public Should please take note.

EJEH as **MISS. OKPARA KATHERINE ONYEMAECHI**. That I now wish to be known as **MRS. EJEH KATHERINE ONYEMAECHI**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MERCY: That I was formerly known as **KAKA PETERS**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MERCY NWACHUKWU KASARACHI**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

REMOVAL OF NAME - I was formerly known as **GODSWILL UDUAK FRIDAY**. That I now wish to be known as **UDJAK FRIDAY AKPAN**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

WABBA I formerly known as **MAHMUD AL-HASSAN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MAHMUD AL-HASSAN WABBA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

JIBRIN: I formerly known as **ABDULLAHI A. JIBRIN**, now wish to be known as **JIBRIN AUDU**. All former documents remain valid, general public take note

MAINA : I formally known as **KHADIJA ABUBAKAR**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HADIZA KAGU MAINA, D.O.B/02/01/1987**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ROSEMARY - I was formerly known as **MINE DAVID PETER**. That I now wish to be known as **ROSEMARY SUNDAY**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

AKALONU: That I was formerly known as **CYNTHIA AMAUCHE IBENEME**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **CYNTHIA AMAUCHE AKALONU**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

VICTORIA - I was formerly known as **MISS. VICTORIA WANEEWUGA DEELE**. That I now wish to be known as **MRS. VICTORIA WANEEWUGA LESOR**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

GARBA I formally known as **KABIRU BASIRU DOB 25/03/1950** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD ABDULLAHI GARBA**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

UMMARU I formerly known as **KABIRU BASIRU DOB 25/03/1950** now wish to be known and addressed as **UMMARU SARKIN NOMA DOB IS 01/02/1971**. All former documents remain valid authorities concerned and general public should take note.

BUKAR I formerly known as **M. BUKAR BINTUBE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BUKAR BINTUBE DALORI**. All former documents remain valid. general public should please take note

KPALAP - I was formerly known as **KPALAP BARIBOOVE LUCKY**. That I now wish to be known as **KPALAP BARIBOR-VE NEN-KA JASPER**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

DADDY: That I was formerly known as **MISS. GLORY ONYEDIKACHI NWANKWO**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. GLORY DADDY MONDAY**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

ETOKOWO - I was formerly known as **MISS. GLORY ONYEDIKACHI NWANKWO**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. GLORY DADDY MONDAY**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

USMAN: I Formerly known as **USMAN KHALID** with **DOB 04/01/1990** now wish to be known and addressed as **USMAN KHALID HARUNA**. All former documents remain valid, with **DOB 10/05/1990**. General public should please take note

HARUNA I formerly known as **KABIRU BASIRU A. ABUBAKAR** now wish to be known as **HARUNA UMARU**. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note.

KABIR I formerly known as **MUHAMMAD GARBA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD KABIR BABAN GIDA**. All former documents remain valid. general public should please take note

GLORY - I was formerly known as **NSE OKON SIMON**. That I now wish to be known as **GLORY FRIDAY MOSES**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

EDEMBA - I, formerly known as **EDEMBA BLESSING BLESSING**. Now wish to be known as **EDEMBA BLESSING NGOZI**, that my correct date of Birth is **11-06-2000**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

AGADA - I was formerly known as **AGADA DERIANO ANDREW**. That I now wish to be known as **AGADA AGADA ANDREW**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

FATIMA I formally known as **TITI SHETTIMA USMAN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA TITI KAIGAMA**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

MAMZA I formerly known as **MR. ZIMBO MAMZA EMMANUEL BUBA** now wish to be known as **MR. EMMANUEL ZIMBO MAMZA**. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note.

HALIMA I formerly known as **ZARA SHUWA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HALIMA MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note

IFEAKAONYE: That I was formerly known as **NONSO KESHI GODSWILL**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **KESHI GODSWILL IFEAKAONYE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

PATIENCE - I was formerly known as **MISS. OTOBONG SUNDAY THOMPSON**. That I now wish to be known as **MRS. PATIENCE SUNDAY UDO**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **MARIYA SALSISU** now wish to be known and addressed as **SARATU ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

FALMATA I formally known as **HUSSAINA HARUNA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **FALMATA MAI MODU**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

HARUNA : I formally known as **NURU MUHAMMAD HARUNA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **NUHU GALADIMA HARUNA**. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

MUSTAPHA I, formerly known as **MUSTAPHA TIJJANI KADIR** now wish to be known and called **MUSTAPHA ABDULKADIR**. All former documents remain valid. General Public should please take note.

ENANG: That I was formerly known as **MISS. AZUBUINE EVANGELINE ADAEZE**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. ENANG EVANGELINE ADAEZE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

MRS. PRINCESS - I, formerly known as **MISS. PRINCESS ADAEZE CHUKU**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. PRINCESS ADAEZE ASIEGBU**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **BELLO MUHAMMAD** Now wish to be known and addressed as **BELLO MAGAJI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MODU I formally known as **BABA GANA ADAM**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ALH. MODU ADAM**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

MADUGU : I formally known as **DAHIRU MUHAMMADU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **DAHIRU MADUGU**. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ABUBAKAR I formally known as **ABUBAKAR AMINU KWASARA** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR AMINU** all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

OHUOCHA: That I was formerly known as **FRANK CHINYERE VICTORIA**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **OHUOCHA CHINYERE VICTORIA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME - I, formerly known as **DAVID OKON OKON UMOH**. Now wish to be known as **DAVID OKON UMOH**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **HAPPINESS NJIDEKA NWUBA** Now wish to be known and addressed as **HAPPINESS NJIDEKA OKEKE** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

RAKIYA I formally known as **RUKIYA M. MOHAMMED**, now wish to be known and addressed as **RAKIYA MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

SALEH : I formally known as **MUKTAR SALEH**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MUKTAR SALEH MBAL**. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

JIDDA : I formally known as **MAHAMMAD ASHARIF JIDDA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD ASHARIF JIDDA D.O.B. 04/07/1992 TO 06/06/1996**. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

CHIDOBE: That I was formerly known as **MISS. CHINONSO RUTH ADIONYE**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. CHIDOBE CHINONSO ONYECHE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

MRS. ODJIGHORO - I, formerly known as **IBIENEYE BELEMA IMAM**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. ODJIGHORO BELEMA IMAM**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **ALHAJI ABUBAKAR LIMAN** Now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR LIMAN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SULEIMAN I formerly known and addressed as **YUSUF SULEIMAN AND YUSUF SULE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **YUSUF SULEIMAN**. All former documents remain valid. **DOB 07/07/1992 TO 07/07/2002** All concern and authority General public should please take note.

ANDRAWAS: I formerly known as **ANDRAWAS NGOMINA MICHAEL** now wish to be known and addressed as **ANDRAWAS MICHAEL**. All former documents remain valid. **UBA PLC** And General Public Should please take note.

KASHIM: I formally known as **LAWAN-ABU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **LAWANA-ABU ALHAJI KASHIM**. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

TONEBARI - I was formerly known as **DAUGHTER DORNU**. That I now wish to be known as **TONEBARI DIGI**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MRS. UDOFA - I formerly known as **MISS. EPHRAIM AGNES CELESTINE**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **MRS. UDOFA AGNES EMMANUEL**. All former document remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **AUWAL JEGA ABDULHAMID** Now wish to be known and addressed as **MUBARAK HAMIDU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

JABBI I formerly known and addressed as **ASMAU JABBI** now wish to be known and addressed as **ASMAU ISIYAKU JABBI** All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

LUKA: I formerly known as **LUKA INUSA INUSA** now wish to be known and addressed as **LUKA YUNUSA**. All former documents remain valid. **FIRST BANK PLC** And General Public Should please take note.

WAKIL: I formally known as **GUMSURIYE WAKIL** now wish to be known and addressed as **KOLOMI MODU WAKIL, D.O.B. 01/08/1993 TO 15/08/1991**. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

NKADI: That I was formerly known as **IKECHUKWU EZE**. That I now wish to add **NKADI** to my names. That I now wish to be known called and addressed as **NKADI IKECHUKWU EZE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

MRS. SANDRA = I, formerly known as **MISS. OGBUAGU SANDRA MUNACHIMSO**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. SANDRA MUNACHI ISRAEL-EKANEM**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **ABUBAKAR MUSTAPHA** Now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR ALMUSTAPHA GWADABAWA WITH D.O.B 03-05-1983**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ADAM I formerly known and addressed as **ZANNA ADAM** now wish to be known and addressed as **ZANGI ADAM** All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

I, **ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD UMAR** sincerely declare that the names **ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD UMAR** and **ABDULLAHI UMAR** are referred to me as I used to answer either of the names. Now I wish to be known and called **ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD UMAR**. All former documents remain valid, authorities concerned and public note.

I formerly known and addressed as, **MISS. TIMIPRE RUTH GEORGE**, now wish to be known and addressed as, **MRS. TIMIPRE RUTH NKWOCHA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take.

OROKWE: That I was formerly known as **MIKE MUH WAGWU**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **WALIMENE MICHAEL OROKWE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

MRS. UCHE - OKONKWO - I, formerly known as **MISS. NWAGBARA LYNDIA CHIAGOZIE**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. UCHE - OKONKWO ASHLEY CHIAGOZIE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **NURA ALHAJI JALLAH** Now wish to be known and addressed as **NURA ALHAJI BAWAN JALLAH**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA.

Whereas the person/persons whose name is set out in the first column hereunder died intestate on the date and place in the said column. And whereas the person(s) whose name and address is set out in the second column hereunder claimed the relationship of the said deceased and has applied to above named court for the grant letters of administration of the personal property. Notice is hereby given that the said letters of administration be granted to such person(s) unless "NOTICE TO PROHIBIT" the grant thereof is filed in the probate registry of the above named court within twenty one (21) days from the date of publication.

DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS	SCHEDULE	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
JADESOLA MOROMOKE A MEDARI (NEE) OYEMAKINDE WHO DIED ON THE 22ND DAY OF APRIL, 2019 AND WAS SELF EMPLOYED.		GODREIGNS ORICHA AMEDARI GRD TO GODREIGNS ISIMPA AMEDARI AND STEPHANIE AHUOIZA AMEDARI OF PLOT 941 CADASTRAL ZONE C03, GWARINPA ABUJA. WIDOWER, SON AND DAUGHTER.

DATED AT ABUJA THIS 18TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2021
SIGNED:
MUHAMMAD MUSTAPHA ADAMU
CHIEF REGISTRAR

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DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS	SCHEDULE	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
MR ENWESI MICHAEL WHO DIED ON THE 29TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE.		ENWESI FELICIA OZULUONYE, MR ENWESI MAXWELL GBOLUCHUKWU AND MISS ENWESI MARY ALEXANDRA OF NO. 13, TONY LIMBA AVENUE, GBAZANGO, KUBWA ABUJA. WIDOW, SON AND DAUGHTER.

DATED AT ABUJA THIS 18TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2021
SIGNED:
MUHAMMAD MUSTAPHA ADAMU
CHIEF REGISTRAR

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DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS	SCHEDULE	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
HUSSAINI ABDULKADIR WHO DIED ON THE 29TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2016 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE ALLIED BANK (RETIRED).		LUKMAN HUSSAINI AND USMAN HUSSAINI OF 5, RIVER KARAMA ROAD, KADUNA STATE AND 19 SCHOOL ROAD, U/DOSA, KADUNA STATE. SON AND SON.

DATED AT ABUJA THIS 18TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2021
SIGNED:
MUHAMMAD MUSTAPHA ADAMU
CHIEF REGISTRAR

One shot as Kafanchan residents protest electricity tariff hike

From Ahmed Ali, Kafanchan

Angry Kafanchan residents and environs had on Monday morning took over Kafanchan major road from Ernmaco Filling Station to Kaduna Electricity business unit in Kafanchan to demonstrate over electricity tariff hike and epileptic power supply.

The residents who were mainly youths invaded the Kafanchan Electricity business Unit carrying placards with different inscriptions; "Stop charging us high", "we need constant light", "stop the blackout and

more others".

Our correspondent, who was at the scene reported that Noah Ransom, a student of Senior Government Secondary School Takau in Kafanchan was shot at the back and was taken to Sir Patrick Ibrahim Memorial Hospital for medical attention.

Some of the angry protesters who spoke with Journalists lamented that the electricity tariff hike and epileptic power supply informed their decision to stage the peaceful protest.

They further explained that

residents of Kafanchan enjoyed constant light during the former manager but wondered why power supply become epileptic and tariff hike immediately he was transferred.

The youths also demanded the removal of the present manager and review the arbitrary increase in electricity tariff in the area.

When contacted by our reporter, the State Police Public Relations Officer, Kaduna Command, ASP Mohammed Jalige said, he has no security details of the incident but promised to get back to Daily Trust with the details.

FG approves outstanding payment of New Nigerian Newspaper workers

From Dickson S. Adama

The federal government has approved the payment of all outstanding salaries of all the workers of the New Nigerian Newspapers, Plateau State Governor and Chairman of the Northern Governors Forum, Simon Lalong has said.

The governor revealed this yesterday when he received Secretaries to Governments of the 19 Northern States who paid him a courtesy visit at the new Government House, Little Rayfield Jos.

He said the payment will enable a final decision to be taken on the future of the newspaper, which shut down operation some years back.

He said the Forum was looking forward to the outcome of the meeting, which will form its agenda for the next meeting scheduled for the first quarter of this year.

The governor also asked them to look into

the issue of the almajiri phenomenon, which the Forum has resolved to address once and for all.

"If we do not work in synergy and collaboration with one another, it will be difficult to tackle issues of insecurity which manifest in insurgency, banditry, kidnapping, violent clashes and attacks of innocent persons," he said.

Responding Secretary to the Government of Kaduna State, Balarabe Abbas Lawal, who led the delegation said they were in the state to review some of the pending issues of the Northern Governors Forum, including reports that have been pending for many years.

He said the issue of a commercial bank with controlling shares from the region, which has been on table for a long time despite financial commitments by some member states needs to be resolved as soon as possible to ginger economic revival of the region.

Gunmen abduct travellers on Ilesa-Akure expressway

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

Some travellers were yesterday abducted by unknown gunmen on the Ilesa-Akure expressway.

It was learnt that the suspected kidnappers stopped the vehicle conveying the travellers and took some of them into the bush while

some of them escaped.

The Field Commander of the Amotekun Corps in the State, Chief Amitolu Shitu confirmed the incident.

He said "We have been informed that some people were abducted on the Akure highway and relevant authorities have also been briefed.

Shitu said policemen have been deployed on rescue operation in collaboration with the Amotekun corps and assured that the victims would be rescued.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the State, Yemisi Opalola could not be reached at the time of filing these reports.

COVID-19: Lagos urges monarchs on public awareness

From Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos

As part of its efforts to stem the tide of COVID-19, the Lagos State Government has urged the Council of Obas and Chiefs, Chairmen of the 57 Local Governments Councils and Local Community Development Associations (LCDAs) as well

as the executives of Lagos State Development Advisory Council to commence sensitisation campaign on the deadly virus.

The Commissioner for Local Government and Community Affairs, Dr. Wale Ahmed who spoke at a stakeholders meeting directed the council chairmen to embark on the decontamination of their

respective localities.

While the Commissioner decried the rising cases of COVID-19 in the second wave of the virus, he stressed that there was need to ensure that members of their communities adhere strictly to the safety guidelines issued by the State government to curb the spread of the deadly virus.

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OKOLIE: I formally known as SUNDAY OKOLIE, now wish to be known and addressed as TITUS OKOLIE. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

MUSA : I formally known as ABDURAZAK SHARIHU, now wish to be known and addressed as ABDURAZAK MUSA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ABDULLAHI: I formally known as ADAMU MOHAMMED, now wish to be known and addressed as ADAMU MOHAMMED ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

USMAN: I formally known as ALHAJI USMAN MAITSUBBU, now wish to be known and addressed as ALHAJI USMAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

REQUIREMENT FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit; Men: Court Affidavit

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE LOSS OF PAYMENT RECEIPT OF CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY AND SALES AGREEMENT: ON 14TH OCTOBER, 2008 AT ABOUT 18:55HRS, ONE ALH. MOHAMMED IBRAHIM 'M' OF BOLORI LAYOUT MAIDUGURI, BORNO STATE REPORTED AT THE STATE INTELLIGENCE BUREAU (SIB) POLICE HEADQUARTERS MAIDUGURI THAT, ON 10TH OCTOBER, 2008 HE LOST HIS PAYMENT RECEIPT OF CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY WITH FILE NO. 80/7794/24, BEARING ALH. HAMBALI UMAR ISSUED BY MINISTRY OF LAND AND SURVEY (CUSTOMARY CONVERSION) AND SALES AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALH. HAMBALI UMAR AND ALH. MOHAMMED IBRAHIM. HENCE HIS REPORT. ACTION TAKEN: THE COMPLAINANT IS ADVISED TO GO TO COURT OF LAW AND SWEAR TO AN AFFIDAVIT TO ENABLE HIS OBTAIN REPLACEMENT FROM THE AUTHORITY CONCERN.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
This is to inform the general public of the loss of original digital certificate of Occupancy in respect of a plot of land known and situated at plot No.11 Ribadu Road Ungwan Rimi GRA, Kaduna. With file No.269191 belongs to Ibrahim Kpotun Idris issued to him by Kaduna Geographic Information System (KADGIS) the said certificate got lost sometimes in July, 2019 All effort made to trace same proved abortive. Concern authority and the general public particularly Kaduna State Geographic Information System(KADGIS) to please take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE LOSS OF CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY: ON 14TH April, 2017 AT ABOUT 16:55HRS, ONE ADDO L. ADAMU 'M' OF OLD G.R.A MAIDUGURI, BORNO STATE REPORTED AT THE STATE INTELLIGENCE BUREAU (SIB) POLICE HEADQUARTERS MAIDUGURI THAT ON 1ST APRIL, 2017 HE LOST HIS CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY NUMBER BO/12641. HENCE HIS REPORT. ACTION TAKEN: THE COMPLAINANT IS ADVISED TO GO TO COURT OF LAW AND SWEAR TO AN AFFIDAVIT TO ENABLE HIS OBTAIN REPLACEMENT FROM THE AUTHORITY CONCERN.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
I, Hajia Ladi Ismaila Pate of C15 Kabba Road Kaduna wish to inform the general public of the loss of original Provisional Offer of Land Discription No.2A Road G.A on TPO 547A, Zaria Bye Pass Layout Issued to me by Ministry of Lands and Survey Kaduna Sometimes in 2007. The said document got lost on the 15th November,2019 along Kano Road Kaduna and all effort made to trace same proved abortive. If found, please return to the nearest police station or the above mentioned addressed. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

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A1 - Application be for Letter of Administration dated 27/01/20 filed.
A2- Declaration as to Next of Kin sworn to and filed on the 30/01/20.
A3- Affidavit in Lieu of Death Certificate sworn to and filed on the 30/01/20
A4- Notice of Publication has been published in the BORNO STATE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE of 30th JANUARY,2020.
C5- Oath IDI MAINA SULE sworn to and filed on 30/01/20.
D6- Bond in the sum of ₦ BENEFIT WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA & MONEY IN UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA PLC executed.
E7- Justification of Sureties sworn to and filed on the 30/01/20
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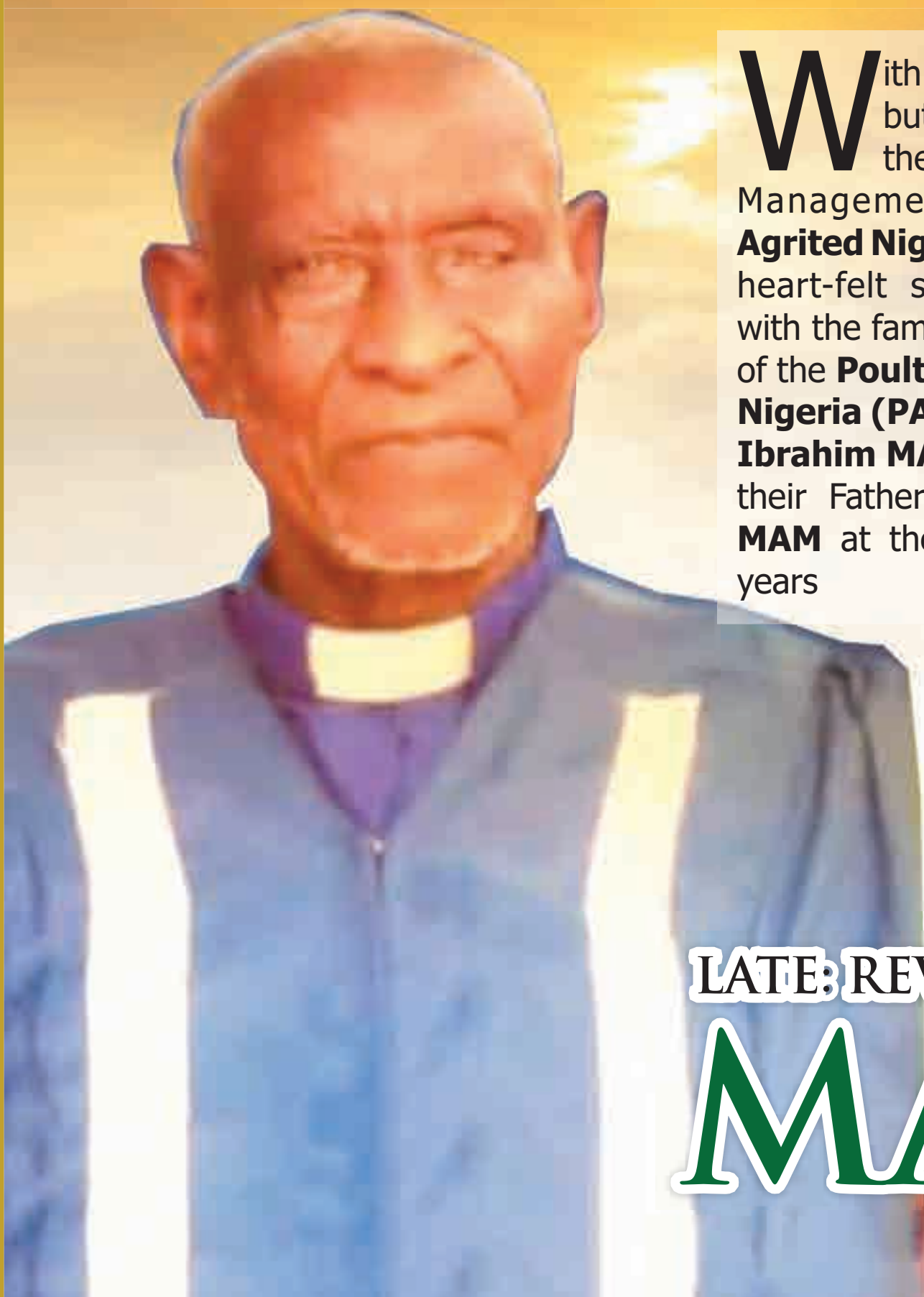
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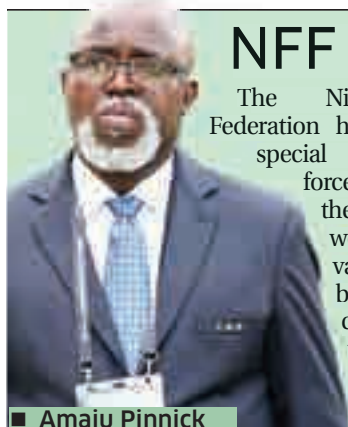
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■ Amaju Pinnick

NFF sets up special COVID-19 task force

The Nigeria Football Federation has empaneled a special COVID-19 task force charged with the responsibility of working with the various League bodies to monitor compliance with the COVID-19 protocols by all football clubs at

all levels of the Leagues, among other responsibilities.

Chairman of the NFF Security Committee and Member of the Organising Committee for the African Nations Championship (CHAN), Alhaji Ibrahim Musa Gusau heads the task force, which has eminent medical practitioners: Dr Kweku Tandoh, Dr Nekwu Okolugbo, Dr Rotimi Ogungbe and Dr Babatunde Akinbinu as members.

Chairman of the Rivers State Football Association and former Member of the NFF Executive Committee, Barrister Chris Green, is also a member of the task force that will as well recommend an effective and efficient way of verifying COVID-19 test reports submitted by all football clubs and officials at League venues.

The committee has been mandated to ensure all football clubs in the various leagues have received the COVID-19

protocols and guidelines for the re-opening of contact sports developed by the FMYSO in collaboration with the PTF and the NCDC while working with the various League bodies, to monitor compliance with the protocols by all the football clubs at all levels of the Leagues.

The committee will provide a report every two weeks to the NFF Football Committee and the NFF Medical Committee through the Office of the NFF general secretary as stated in the terms of reference.

NPFL21: Akwa Utd drop points against Wikki Tourists in Uyo

By Olusola 'Jide @jide_olusola

Akwa United were unable to secure a second league victory after being pegged to a 1-1 draw by visiting Wikki Tourists at the Nest of Champions in Uyo.

The Match Day 5 clash of the ongoing 2020/21 Nigeria Professional Football League saw inform Ndifreke Effiong opening the scoring for the home side in the 25th minute after benefiting from a poor clearance by the opposing goalkeeper, Stanley Nwabali to pass the ball into an unguarded post for the opener.

The home side continued to search for the second goal and almost got the one but Ikechukwu Nwani failed to double his side's advantage from a one-to-one situation in the 36th minute.

Four minutes later, Akwa United paid for the miss as Wikki Tourists got the equalising goal through Chinedu Udeagha following brilliant teamwork with the assist coming from Nazifi Yahaya.

At the restart of the second half, the hosts withdrew Samuel Amadi and Ikechukwu Nwani



■ Action between Wikki Tourists and Rivers United in a recent NPFL clash

for Charles Atshimene and Wisdom Fernando respectively in a bid to secure the maximum points.

Substitute Charles thought he had got his side in front again, but the goal was chalked off for offside to the anguish of the team.

In the 70th minute, Wikki were close to getting the lead, but for Akwa's goalkeeper, Efal making a big save to deny Idris Guda in a one-on-one situation to ensure the game ends 1-1.

Akwa United have now dropped points twice at

home this season while Wikki Tourists picked their first point on the road.

The Promise Keepers, at the end of hostilities, have moved to the 12th position on the table with 6 points while Wikki remains in the 16th position with 5 points.

Ogun moves to renovate MKO Abiola, Dipo Dina stadia

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

Ogun State Government says it has initiated plans to renovate and build new sporting facilities in Moshood Abiola International Stadium, Abeokuta and Dipo Dina International Stadium, Ijebu-Ode.

The State Commissioner for Youth and Sport, Dr. Oluwadare Kehinde who disclosed this said the move was part of the government's determination to reposition and develop young talents in sports.

Kehinde while conducting the Management Staff of Aron Construction Company who were on an on-the-spot assessment of the two facilities recently, expressed optimism that the reconstruction would boost sports in the state and attract international sporting events.

The renovation, he said would involve reconstruction of training pitches for footballers, Olympic standard swimming pools, multi-purpose halls for indoor events, and coverage of the main bowl of the two Stadia.

The Commissioner noted that the development would also increase youth participation in sporting activities, as well as reduce social vices.

The Managing Director, Aron Construction Company, Engr. Adeola Adenuga appreciated the State Governor, Prince Dapo Abiodun for his foresight and immense passion for sporting activities in the state.

Students falsifying age to get into Real Madrid Academy – Commissioner

Rivers' Commissioner for Education, Prof. Kaniye Ebeku, has lamented the fact that some children have been lying about their age and class because of admission into the Real Madrid Football Academy.

Ebeku made the observation yesterday in Port Harcourt during the

Academy's screening of prospective students, saying the unfortunate act was on the basis of what their parents taught them.

The commissioner pointed out also that some parents insisted on having their way by not obeying the guidelines as stated in the advert on the age and class of their children.

"Some parents are insisting to have it their own way by not adhering to the guidelines in the advert.

"The guideline says applicants must be between the age of nine and 12 years and must be in Junior Secondary School (JSS) One. But we have found out that some children here are 13,

going to 14, and 14, going to 15 years.

"So, how do we reconcile this situation with the advert? And some of the parents have told their children to tell lies concerning their age and class," he said.

"If the parents had not come to create this problem here, we would have been done with

this exercise today. But we have been able to surmount the difficulty."

The commissioner, however, observed that the large turnout of applicants and the enthusiasm at the venue of the screening demonstrated that Gov. Nyesom Wike's approach to football development was a huge success.

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THE TUESDAY COLUMN with Tunde Asaju
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How George Floyd floored Donald Trump

Let us pretend that tomorrow's inauguration of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris doesn't really matter to us. We are not Americans, right? And even though Ms. Harris claims to be African-American, there are those who ask her to validate that claim. They are not wrong. Barack Obama was born and raised in America, but Donald Trump's birther movement tried to disprove that fact. It used to be that when you knew the fact but chose to hold onto and peddle fallacy, you were called a liar, Trumpists put a spin on lies too, they called it alternate facts.

Thank God the FBI are not like Nigeria's DSS, they won't be sending a hit squad after me just because I parrot what the Washington Post has chronicled about Trump's alternate facts. By July 2020, Trump had peddled 20,000 lies as a sitting president. That was so much lies that it wouldn't have been wrong to rename his White House presidency as the Lie House. One Alhaji Lie has nothing on Trump. He vows never to have told a lie in his life. We know better even if we dare not say so.

America used to be a beacon of democracy. Around the world, critics of tin-pot dictators look towards Washington DC saying – that's how it should be done. In 2016, Donald Trump became president without winning majority of the popular votes, the first time in a decade. Three of the other presidents who share Trump's alternate luck lost their re-election bids. In 2016, three million Americans voted to keep a neurotic Trump out of the White House. Last year, over 75 million voted to keep him in. They failed!

America's founding fathers created a difficult constitution. They envisaged a time when 'we the people' might not know what was best for themselves, so they put the power of who eventually gets the presidency in the hands of an amorphous group fashionably called the Electoral College. In Orwellian parlance, all Americans are equal but some are more equal than the others.

Little wonder when Donald Trump encountered the losing streak a few weeks ago, he did not find it disturbing. He was hoping on the magic of 2016 especially with his party in control of the Senate. He also slept and dreamt that Vice President Mike Pence held the joker that could torpedo any Electoral College coup.

Pence became the only member of Trump's 'A' Team 'appointees' to survive the large turnover in his cabinet, a feat unparalleled by any other modern leader.

According to data compiled by the Brookings Institute, Trump had three chiefs of staff for his four-year term. That was low compared to having five

deputy chiefs of staff, six directors of communication, four press secretaries, four national security advisers and seven deputy NSAs. Even for Africa, a continent he never visited there were three advisers in four years. The Bookings Institute ranks the turnover in Trump's cabinet to be about 94%, a sad record.

How did a man like Trump fall so badly in spite of winning the heart of 75 million simpletons? Did America suddenly unravel a braggart or come to terms with his sordid past? No. Trump's fall reminds of the story of the young mosquito that returned from its maiden flight believing that he was so popular among humans they clapped for him everywhere he went. His parents warned

The challenges are huge. Under Trump, American goodwill earned over decades was squandered. Age-long alliances were shattered with Trump's infantile rants, unending taunts and outright bullying. The biggest of the tasks ahead would be how to heal America from within. Nerves are frayed, and anybody taking for granted the discontent of 75 million Trumptards would be undermining the power of negativity on the best of intentions

him, those were not claps but missed attempts to murder him. Racists egged on the dysfunctional opportunist as he promoted and profiled people of colour and creed until he was swathed out of a throne he desecrated.

Things reached a crescendo when he messed with a black jailbird hip-hop artist by the name of George Floyd. On May 25, 2020, Floyd showed up at a Powderhorn Park, Minneapolis store for a casual transaction that he paid for with a \$20 bill. The store clerk believed the money was fake and called the cops. Derek Chauvin, a racist in uniform arrived, wrestled Floyd to the floor, handcuffed him and placed his knee on his neck until he snuffed life out of him. The ensuing outrage swept the entire globe, toppling every effigy erected in honour of slavery. A smart leader would

rally his people and placate his nation at times, but Trump took the side of systemic racism.

That episode stirred up the rage against racism, convinced every voter of colour and creed to counter this demagoguery at the polling booth. Soon to be Vice President, Kamala Harris a veteran of electoral battles was reported to have been in the frontline, marshaling troops to counter potential confrontation with armed right-wing Trumpists. Rather than buying guns, they encouraged mass voter registration and massive mail-in balloting. Over a decade earlier, Joe Biden, had worked with a relatively unknown Obama to win the dream mandate and keep their two-term mandate.

Not only has the Biden/Harris ticket win the popular votes, it marshaled enough electoral votes to give Trump an incredible shellacking causing almost all America to turn blue. Tomorrow as Biden and Harris take their oath of office, they would be controlling both houses of Congress not seen since the era of Franklin D Roosevelt.

If Obama won on the Audacity of Hope, Biden won a reward for loyalty and consistency. As a young congressman, he took the side of the oppressed calling for an end to apartheid in South Africa. He was loyal to the first African-American president whom he served for eight years without rancour or acrimony. Eat your heart out, Mike Pence.

This transition and the presidency would not be a walk in the park. It stares straight into one of the most difficult times of any American presidency. COVID-19 has killed nearly half a million Americans and exacerbated the inequality between the wealthy and the needy while attempting to bring American medical infrastructure to its knees.

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The government would have to tackle COVID-19 headlong while rebuilding bridges of understanding. This ticket would not have the luxury of solidifying the home front first before repositioning itself on the global scene. Rather, it would need to mend the inside as it paper over the cracks outside. Thankfully, its mortal enemy, the GOP would be too busy picking up the pieces from the damage of a bullish outsider. Trump is gone, and it was pure luck he did not take America with him. As Tai Solarin would have put it – to Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, America's 46th leaders - may your road be rough!



■ Rafael Nadal

Rafael Nadal on Monday became the first player to be ranked in the ATP top 10 for 800 consecutive weeks, a run spanning more than 15 years.

The world No 2 broke Jimmy Connors' previous record of 789 straight weeks in the top 10 in November.

The Spaniard first broke into the top 10 in April 2005, shortly before winning the first of his 13 French Open titles.

The 34-year-old is still over two-and-a-half years short of matching Roger Federer's record of spending 931 weeks in total in the top 10.

Losing Mercedes seat felt 'strange' - Russell



■ George Russell

George Russell says it felt "strange" when he was unable to keep racing for Mercedes in Lewis Hamilton's place after his near-win in Bahrain.

The 22-year-old Mercedes junior was called up at short notice when Hamilton tested positive for COVID-19 - but had to return to his back-of-the-grid Williams cockpit a week later.

"To be honest, it felt strange to go back," he is quoted by Speed Week.