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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The work you do while you procrastinate is probably the work you should be doing for the rest of your life

- Jessica Hische



## AFRICAN SAYINGS

**"If you marry a monkey for his money, the money will go away and the monkey will stay the same"**

(African Proverbs)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

## WEATHER

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ABUJA	KADUNA	KANO	MAIDUGURI	Jos	SOKOTO	IBADAN	ENUGU	P/HARCOURT	LAGOS										
PARTIALLY CLOUD	PARTIALLY CLOUD	PARTIALLY CLOUD	PARTIALLY CLOUD	PARTIALLY CLOUD	PARTIALLY CLOUD	PARTIALLY CLOUD	PARTIALLY CLOUD	THUNDER STORM	PARTIALLY CLOUD										
36 MAX	21 MIN	35 MAX	18 MIN	34 MAX	16 MIN	37 MAX	17 MIN	31 MAX	15 MIN	36 MAX	19 MIN	36 MAX	23 MIN	36 MAX	24 MIN	26 MAX	19 MIN	33 MAX	25 MIN
(Temperature in centigrade)																			

## PRAYERS TIMES

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PRAYERS	ABUJA	ENUGU	KADUNA	KANO	KATSINA	LAGOS	MAIDUGURI	P/HARCOURT	SOKOTO
FAJR	5:38	5:36	5:39	5:38	5:43	5:53	5:21	5:36	5:52
DHUHR	12:49	12:49	12:49	12:44	12:48	01:06	12:27	12:52	12:56
ASR	4:05	4:05	4:05	4:00	4:04	4:22	3:43	4:08	4:12
MAGHRIB	6:37	6:42	6:39	6:32	6:35	7:00	6:15	6:46	6:46
ISHA	7:40	7:46	7:43	7:36	7:39	8:04	7:19	7:50	7:50

SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna



## PHOTO OF THE DAY

■ People buying fuel in jerry cans at a filling station in Ojodu in Lagos, yesterday

PHOTO: Benedict Uwalaka

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GAINERS	RTBRISCOE	NNFM	HONYFLOUR	SCOA	ACADEMY	LOSERS	CWG	CHAMPION	LASACO	SEPLAT	COURTVILLE
OPEN	N0.55	N9.90	N3.66	N2.14	N1.63	OPEN	N1.11	N2.05	N1.05	N800.00	N0.51
CLOSE	0.05	0.90	0.33	0.19	0.14	CLOSE	-0.12	-0.20	-0.08	-50.00	-0.03
CHANGE	10.00%	10.00%	9.91%	9.74%	9.40%	CHANGE	-9.76%	-8.89%	-7.08%	-5.88%	-5.56%

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## IN-DEPTH

# How youths in Plateau community tackle banditry, kidnapping

From Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

**O**n December 12, 2021, the residents of Pinau community in Wase Local Government Area of Plateau State, were thrown into confusion and sorrow when gunmen in their numbers stormed the popular Pinau Market and killed scores of innocent villagers including women and children. Many were reportedly missing during the incident.

Wase LGA which is located in the southern part of the state shares a border with villages of Taraba State from where armed men were suspected to be trooping in.

Our correspondent reports that the gunmen launched the attack at about 4:pm when the market was bubbling with business activities. Market men and women had to abandon their goods, homes and flee for their lives during the attacks.

Prior to Pinau attack, there were reports of incessant attacks and kidnappings for ransom in other villages of Wase, particularly those villages under Wase District which share boundaries with other villages of Karim Lamido LGA in Taraba State.

Many people within November, December and January were abducted and some were even killed in captivity. Millions of naira were said to have been paid as ransom.

*Daily Trust* had, on December 8, reported how residents of some Wase villages expressed worry over the influx of bandits into the area. The bandits would block roads in broad daylight and kidnap passengers to the nearby bushes and ask for ransom. In some cases they kidnapped people in their residences.

The residents had also alleged that there were informants within communities working with the bandits and had been the obstacle to the efforts of security agents to tackle the problem.

The incessant attacks and kidnapping caused fear and uncertainty in the minds of the villagers. Motorists and businessmen and businesswomen who fled the routes around the affected communities had to restrict their movement to avoid any unforeseen circumstances.

Similarly, many residents of the affected villages relocated to other communities for fear of the unknown.

However, things have dramatically changed following the decision of the youths in the area to tackle the situation headlong.



■ Some traders in the market

They teamed up with security agencies deployed to the area to secure the territory and the people.

Those who spoke to *Daily Trust* said they deployed different strategies to bring to an end the constant harassments.

They said they worked with soldiers and other security agents round the clock to fight the criminals by identifying their hideouts and dislodging them.

Shapi'i Sambo, a youth leader, told *Daily Trust* that the youths said the rising activities of the bandits were what triggered them to rise to the occasion.

He said such strategies include the mounting of roadblocks on roads to check moving vehicles and motorcycles particularly in villages under Wase District, which are the most affected by such criminality.

He said the youths were being supported by soldiers deployed to the area, adding that there had been strong synergy among the military officers, vigilantes and other volunteer groups.

Sambo said the youths who have sacrificed their lives to ensure peace in their domains were distributed in strategic areas to monitor suspicious movement.

"If a vehicle wants to pass, it must be thoroughly checked and the occupants of the vehicle must explain where they are coming from and where they are heading for. If we are doubting you, you must identify yourself beyond a reasonable doubt.

"In addition to that, some of the youths are stationed in some of our villages that border Taraba State. This is done to stop the influx of criminals from the state into Wase. This has been very helpful.

"We know it is a very difficult task but we don't have any other option than this. Whether we fight them or not, if they decide to unleash mayhem, they would do that. They don't choose who to hurt or kill. It is better to face the battle than to wait and be killed like animals," the youth leader added.

Abdullahi Hassan, a resident in the area, also said: "At the moment, the criminals withdrew due to the concentration of the youth and soldiers in villages under Wase District. So the youths have contributed a lot in fighting them. There is free movement in the area. But we cannot completely say they have gone forever and that is why the youths don't want to take it for granted for now. They are always on their feet."

### Markets, shops reopened

Life has to return to normal in many of the villages in the area. Many of those who relocated to neighbouring villages have returned while full business has resumed at the main market.

Musa Ahmad Ubale, a resident of Pinau, told *Daily Trust* that everything is calm now as people are going about their normal activities without any fear.

He said: "For now, everything



■ Women traders in the market

is fine. Youths and security personnel deployed to the area are working round the clock to ensure that the culprits don't get a chance to perpetuate their evil act. Soldiers who are giving so much support to the youth have been doing great. We are happy with their deployment because without them, the task would have been very difficult."

Ahmad Rufa'i, another resident, who operates a pharmacist shop, said people have returned to some of the communities and business activities had begun to pick up.

"Honestly, we are beginning to develop confidence in the security of our communities especially in Pinau. Businesses are picking up. We are enjoying the market now because people have come back to their shops. Although it is not as before, we believe it is a gradual process. We believe that things will be alright soon.

"The popular Pinau Market is now in full operation. Every Sunday is the market day. People patronise the market from different places. People come from far places to transact business and go back.

Nuhu Idris, who is the Iyan Yamma and one of the king makers in the community, said peace had relatively returned to the area and people were going about their normal activities.

He said: "Alhamdulillah, we thank Allah that peace has

returned to our community. Government has tried so much by bringing soldiers to the area. If not for the soldiers, things would have been worse. The presence of soldiers in this community is indeed very significant. If possible, we are still calling on relevant authorities to send additional troops that would be stationed at the boundary between Wase in Plateau and Karim Lamido in Taraba to prevent gunmen from coming into our communities. We suspect that the criminals use the area to attack us. We also thank our youths for their effort to stabilise the situation.

When contacted, the spokesperson of Operation Safe Haven; maintaining peace in the state, Major Ishaku Takwa, told our correspondent that since the last attack in the area, the commander of the operations had deployed security to intensify patrol of the area.

He said: "The commander will not relent in his effort to ensure peace in the area and any other area experiencing such problems. What the operation wants is cooperation from the locals. They should be watchful and report any suspicious movement. Once they see a new face, they should report the person to the appropriate authority. That will go a long way in preventing further occurrence of the problem."

# PSC suspends Kyari's men, orders IGP to suspend 2 inspectors

By Idowu Isamotu

The Police Service Commission (PSC) yesterday announced the suspension of two officers working directly under the embattled 'super cop', Abba Kyari, before the arrest of the trio.

The two officers, Sunday Ubuwa, an Assistant Commissioner of Police and James Bawa, an Assistant Superintendent of Police, were working under the suspended Kyari, a Deputy Commissioner of Police in the Intelligence Response Team of the Investigation and Intelligence Department of the Force.

They were also alleged to be involved in the current cocaine seizure and transfer to the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency.

The commission's decision was contained in a letter to the Inspector-General of Police, dated 16th February 2022 and signed by a retired Justice of the Supreme Court and Commissioner 1 in the PSC, Justice Clara B. Ogunbiyi, on behalf of the chairman of the commission, Musiliu Smith.

The letter was titled 'Re-Investigation into seizure and

● No going back on Kyari's prosecution-NDLEA

● Report on Hushpuppi saga full of loopholes – Police commission

Transfer to the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency of 25 kilogrammes of Cocaine by the Office of DCP, Intelligence Response Team (IRT) of the Nigeria Police Department of Force Intelligence Bureau.

The PSC said in accordance with the provisions of the Public Service Rules 030406, it had approved the suspension of the officers until the outcome of the investigation into the allegations levelled against them.

The commission also directed the Inspector-General of Police to "note also that DCP Abba Kyari, who prior to this allegation was on suspension, shall remain so until the conclusion of investigations".

The PSC spokesman, Ikechukwu Ani, in a statement, said the IGP was requested to place on suspension, Inspector Simon Agrigba and Inspector John Nuhu in accordance with the Powers of Delegation.

"The IGP is further requested to inform the Commission of the arrest of ASP John Umoru who is currently at large whenever his arrest is effected to



■ Kyari

enable it take necessary action.

"The commission also directed the Inspector General of Police to furnish it with information on further development on the matter for necessary further action.

"The commission is in receipt of a copy of IGP's letter on the subject matter with Reference number CB: 4099/FHQ/ABJ/Vol116/151 dated 14th February, 2022 and addressed to Brigadier General Mohammed Buba Marwa rtd, Chairman of the National Drug

Law Enforcement Agency," the statement read.

Also yesterday, the PSC said the investigative report submitted by the police on Kyari was replete with many loopholes and gaps.

The PSC had earlier ordered the Force to conduct a fresh probe with a different panel on Kyari and submit another report within two weeks over

PSC spokesman Ikechukwu Ani, in a telephone interview with *Daily Trust* yesterday, said the commission would take another decision if the loopholes were still in the new report.

It would be recalled that the Inspector-General of Police, Usman Baba, had last set up a probe panel to investigate Kyari over allegations by the Federal Investigation Bureau in the United States that he (Kyari) had a link with the billionaire fraudster, Ramon Abbas, popularly known as Hushpuppi.

The panel, led by Joseph Egbunike, a Deputy Inspector-General of Police, had submitted its report to the IGP, which was

later submitted to the PSC.

Not satisfied with the report, the PSC, at its last plenary, returned the report and ordered that the police set up a different panel to investigate the matter.

But responding to *Daily Trust's* enquiry on whether the PSC had abandoned the first report, hence its resolve for new report, the commission said it had not jettisoned the report, saying the fresh probe panel was directed to fill all the loopholes in the report.

"Jettisoned? We've not jettisoned the report. We now said that they need to do more works, there are loopholes, there are gaps, that a new panel should handle it," he said.

The acting Force spokesman, Muyiwa Adejobi, when contacted for reaction, told *Daily Trust*, via a text message, that he was out of Abuja.

Meanwhile, the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency has said there is no going back on its resolve to prosecute Abba Kyari and all those involved in a 25 kilograms cocaine deal.

NDLEA spokesman, Femi Babafemi, in a phone chat with *Daily Trust* yesterday said as soon as the investigation was concluded, they would "definitely be charged to court."

## Food security: States to establish farm settlement estates

By Saawua Terzungwe

The 36 state governors have resolved to establish farm settlement estates for groups of smallholder producers, including women and youths, to increase supply of farm inputs, use of machinery, access to extension services and market access.

They said this was aimed at guaranteeing food security in the country.

This was contained in a communique at the end of the Nigeria Governors' Forum meeting held in Abuja on Wednesday.

The communique, signed by the NGF Chairman and Ekiti State Governor Kayode Fayemi, was released yesterday.

The governors said the decision was reached after receiving a presentation from the National Conveyor of the UN Food Systems and Permanent Secretary of Budget and National Planning, Olusola Idowu.

They affirmed their commitment to the ideals of the programme "which many states are already pursuing and committed to working with the federal government to expand the development of these settlements across the country."

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# Buhari in tight corner over chairmanship, zoning

By Ismail Mudashir & Saawua Terzungwe

President Muhammadu Buhari is in a tight corner over whom to endorse as the national chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC), eight days to the national convention of the ruling party, *Daily Trust* reports.

The delay by the president to give direction to governors, national caretaker committee of the party, aspirants and other stakeholders has raised tension in the ruling party.

Various tendencies in the party, including the bloc of the governors, key presidential aspirants - Bola Ahmed Tinubu and Vice President Yemi Osinbajo, among others - are working hard to produce the national chairman to give them upper hand ahead of the presidential primaries of the party.

The party's national convention slated for February 26, this year, is expected to produce a new crop of National Working Committee (NWC) to replace the Mai Mala Buni led-caretaker committee which has been piloting the affairs of the party since June 2020 when the Adams Oshiomhole-led exco was ousted.

## President's dilemma

A meeting of the president with the governors which was postponed following Buhari's trip abroad is expected to hold anytime from tomorrow, Saturday, when he is expected back to the country.

Buhari, who was to meet with the governors on Tuesday, departed for Brussels, Germany, for the 6th European Union-African Union Summit.

It was reliably gathered at the presidency and the national headquarters of the APC that the president, on return from the foreign trip, will call a meeting of the Progressives Governors Forum (PGF) ahead of the convention.

There were insinuations that the APC governors were initially divided over who to support; but some sources told the *Daily Trust* last night that they have finally agreed to present one candidate to Buhari from the North Central as a consensus candidate.

One of the sources said the president, who is in receipt of the list of all the chairmanship aspirants, will inform the governors of his preferred aspirant.

The source, a former governor close to the president, said, "The chairman would emerge through a consensus. The president will announce his preferred aspirant to the governors during the meeting. I was there as a serving governor when he signalled his choice of Adams Oshiomhole in 2018."

It was gathered that the governors had carefully monitored the body language of



■ President Buhari



■ Sen Adamu



■ Sen Al-Makura



■ Bawa Bwari



■ Sen Mustapha

the president and the name they would present to him would most likely be the person he has in mind.

*Daily Trust* had last month exclusively reported that the presidency and governors were looking at the direction of former governor of Nasarawa State, Tanko Al-Makura, Senator Abdullahi Adamu, former Deputy National Chairman of the defunct Congress for Progressive Change (CPC), Saliu Mustapha and former Minister for Mines and Steel Development, Abubakar Bawa Bwari, for the national chairman position.

The four aspirants are from the North Central, where the APC governors are said to have zoned the position.

"It is very unlikely for the president and the governors to take the chairmanship position to any other geopolitical zone," an insider told the *Daily Trust*.

"Remember what former Governor Kashim Shettima said on the plan of the APC to get someone strong and influential as the PDP national chairman? This is the real permutation now and we have such a person among the contenders from the North Central," he said.

Our correspondents report that other contenders for the chairmanship seat include former

governor of Zamfara State, Abdulaziz Yari; former governor of Borno State, Senator Ali Modu Sheriff; former governor of Bauchi State, Isa Yuguda and Minister of Special Duties and Inter-Governmental Affairs, Senator George Akume (a former governor of Benue State), Senator Mohammed Sani Musa (APC, Niger East); Sunny Moniedafe and Mohammed Saidu Etsu.

However, it was reliably gathered that the pendulum is swinging towards Senator Abdullahi Adamu in the last few days even though the names of Al-Makura, Malam Saliu Mustapha, Senator Sani Musa, George Akume and Bawa Bwari were on top of the list weeks ago.

It was also gathered from two sources that Kebbi State Governor, Atiku Bagudu, is making a case for his Chief of Staff, Suleiman Argungu.

When contacted last night, Argungu said he was not aware that the governor has nominated him for the position but that he has been told that his name is ringing a bell at the Villa.

The president, multiple sources said, is in a dilemma over who to endorse among the aspirants on the grounds that if an unpopular aspirant is endorsed, it may cause the implosion of the party as aggrieved tendencies may rebel.

"Most importantly, all the contenders have a strong base very dear to the president and might not want to offend any of them for strategic reasons," a source said.

A ranking senator said the president needs to pick an aspirant that would be acceptable to all tendencies and with the capacity to mend cracks in the fence that would arise following his emergence.

## Al-Makura

He was the lone governor under the Congress for Progressive Change (CPC) founded by President Buhari. His chief promoter is his successor in Nasarawa State, Governor Abdullahi Sule. He has succeeded in selling Al-Makura's candidature to some of his colleagues in the Progressives Governors' Forum.

Al-Makura, who was one of the early entrants into the race, is a first-timer at the Senate.

## Abdullahi Adamu

Adamu, a ranking lawmaker and former governor of Nasarawa State, chaired the party's reconciliation committee constituted by the Buni-led committee to look into the crisis that rocked the ruling party.

The posters of Adamu have flooded Abuja yesterday. It was reliably gathered that his candidature is being promoted by more than half of the APC governors. "After all he could be the dark horse considering how his name is being mentioned in the past few days," a source said.

During the last Senate, when the parliament was at loggerheads with the presidency, Adamu led pro-Buhari lawmakers to tackle the Saraki-led upper chamber, an act that endeared him to the presidency.

When contacted last night, Senator Adamu confirmed that he has joined the race for the chairmanship of the party but declined to speak on other issues.

"Yes, I have joined the race," he said.

## Saliu Mustapha

The Turakin Ilorin is of the CPC bloc in the party.

He is regarded as a thorough party person with less baggage. If given the party, sources around him said he would be able to mobilise the youth and lead the party to victory in 2023.

## Bwari

The name of Abubakar Bawa Bwari, from Niger State, a former minister in Buhari's tenure is being mentioned. He is yet to formally join the race.

## Caretaker c'ttee racing against time

*Daily Trust* reports that the caretaker committee of the party has been having series of meetings with various stakeholders to resolve grey areas ahead of the convention.

An official of the party told

*Daily Trust* that chieftains of the party have also submitted their Curriculum Vitae (CVs) for consideration of the caretaker committee to play roles during the convention which will ultimately make them more relevant thereafter.

"We have received CVs from people who want to be considered as members of the sub-committees for the convention. You know our committee was constituted to plan and organise the convention, so there is no need for another convention committee.

"We will only have sub-committees," he said, pleading not to be named.

The source also corroborated that the party chairman would emerge through a consensus.

## APC playing into hands of opposition - Okorie

An elder statesman and chieftain of the APC, Chief Chekwes Okorie, however, told our correspondent, yesterday, that the party was playing into the hands of the opposition.

Okorie, a former presidential candidate, said, "One would have expected that by now, the offices would have been zoned and made public so that the aspirants will know whether they have been zoned in or zoned out before going to obtain their forms.

"So, that arrangement is very shoddy. I'm thoroughly disappointed. One doesn't need to have experience in party administration to be able to know that there is a clear case of confusion at the highest level of party administration," he said.

Similarly, a chieftain of the party from the South West, Chief Jackson Lekan Ojo, said President Buhari was in a fix over the issues of zoning and convention.

He told *Daily Trust* in a telephone chat yesterday that the president was finding it difficult to decide on the convention.

"There are too many camps in the APC and he (Buhari) does not know where to dance to. Remember, he said it severally that he is not a good party administrator. He has a military background, he is not a good democrat, and so whatever they tell him, he listens." Another chieftain of the party from the North, Barrister Abdullahi Jalo, also told *Daily Trust* that whether forms were sold to aspirants or not, the convention would hold.

"We have said that we are going to hold our convention on February 26, so whether we have printed nomination forms and sold to aspirants or not, our convention still holds on February 26," he said.

But a member of the National Executive Committee (NEC) confided to *Daily Trust* that the party was still working on the zoning of offices after which a new schedule of activities for the convention would be released and sale of forms will commence.

# Armed kids held us hostage for 1 month — Captives

From Lami Sadiq, Kaduna

**Four victims of kidnapping who were released on Thursday have narrated to Daily Trust how their abductors left them under the care of “merciless children” who they claimed tortured and starved them.**

Daily Trust reports that the victims were found along the border of Kaduna and Niger states after they were released by their abductors and guided

out of the forest by a stranger on a bicycle. They claimed they were later assisted by a Good Samaritan who brought them to Dogon Dawa community in Birnin Gwari LGA of Kaduna State.

Speaking with Daily Trust via phone, one of the victims, Ishaya Iliya, said they were in captivity for over a month after bandits abducted them from Shiroro LGA of Niger State.

Originally from Kuturu

village in Chikun LGA of Kaduna State, Iliya said they had fled their community some months ago after sustaining constant attacks by bandits and sought refuge in Zumba community in Shiroro.

Zumba is one of the bordering communities of Niger and Kaduna states and bandits often traverse between the two states to carry out their activities.

However, after being fed in Dogo Dawa, Iliya and three

others narrated to Daily Trust how the bandits ankle-chained and wrist-chained them during their one-month captivity and hid as many as 25 of them within the enclave of Kuduru Forest in Chikun LGA.

Iliya further said, “They then left us under the guard of children who are below 12 years of age, and these children denied us food and they beat us mercilessly every day. Some of the children were armed and they ran shifts.” He noted that

their original abductors did not return after they handed them over to the children, adding that the bandits earlier demanded N2m and a motorcycle for their freedom but that they could not say if the demands were met.

Alhaji Ibrahim Dogon Dawa who assisted the victims said they had been fed and assigned to the transport union to help convey them to Kaduna city, where they claimed to have relations.

## Japanese robbed by domestic aide in Lagos

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

Detectives of the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Panti, Lagos State, are on the trail of a 52-year-old domestic staff, Sossougueto Theodore, for masterminding a robbery attack on his Japanese employer, Yasushi Murata, who works for Honda Automobile West Africa Limited.

The suspect, who is on the run, allegedly invited a neighbour, one Oluwasegun Olusoji, and one other to dispossess the Japanese of some money.

It was learnt that Theodore and his accomplices ran away after collecting over N2m from the account of the victim.

The suspects were said to have broken into the victim's residence on Chris Ali Street, Abacha Estate, Ikoyi, Lagos, and held him hostage at gun point and forced him to transfer N1m into Oluwasegun's Zenith Bank account.

After the matter was reported to the police, detectives swung into action and arrested one of the suspects, Olusoji.

The Lagos State police spokesman, Adekunle

Ajisebutu, who confirmed the incident, said, “A few days after the robbery, the suspects, using the ATM, unlawfully and fraudulently withdrew the sum of one million, seven hundred and twenty nine thousand, eight hundred and fifty naira, making a total of two million, seven hundred and twenty nine thousand, eight hundred and fifty naira (N2, 729, 850.00) stolen from the victim's bank account without authorisation.

“The suspects feared for their arrest and in order to cover up the criminal act threatened to kill the victim if he failed to leave the country or ever disclosed what happened to anyone.

“Unperturbed by the threat but pained by the injuries sustained, the victim after recovering from the trauma, reported the robbery through a petition to the State Criminal Investigation Department, Panti.”

Ajisebutu said consequent upon the receipt of the petition, “Painstaking investigation led to the arrest of one the perpetrators, Olusoji. Upon interrogation, he confessed to the crime and gave a vivid account of how the operation was carried out.”

## 5 injured as fire guts Lagos law school

From Abdulateef Aliyu, Lagos

Five persons have been hospitalised following a fire that gutted the Lagos campus of the Nigerian Law School in Victoria Island, Lagos, on Wednesday night.

The fire, which was said to have been triggered by an electric power surge, started around 10pm, causing pandemonium among the students.

It was learnt that the incident started from the first floor of the five-storey hostel.

A witness said, “There was a stampede in the hostel as a result of the fire. Some

students jumped from the first floor where the fire started near the reading room.”

The fire was said to have been put out by hostel security officials who quickly switched off the main power supply before the arrival of the state fire service.

The Director of the Lagos State Fire and Rescue Service, Margret Adeseye, confirmed the fire in a statement by her spokesman, Amodu Shuaibu, saying there was no casualty as the incident was minor.

According to Adeseye, preliminary investigation indicated power surge as the cause of the fire.



■ From left: Minister, Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, Sadiya Umar Faruq; Permanent Secretary, Bashir Nura Alkali and National Coordinator, National Social Investment Programme, Dr Umar Bindir, at the briefing on disaster management update held at the Presidential Villa, Abuja, yesterday

## Ortom condemns violent clash over fish pond

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

Governor Samuel Ortom of Benue State has condemned the violent clash over ownership of a fish pond between the Tiv and Jukun at the Wurukum riverside communities in Makurdi Local Government Area.

Gov Ortom, who said he received briefings from security agents and the Chairman of Makurdi LGA, Anthony Dyegeh, on the matter, on Thursday, called on the two communities to cease hostilities without delay.

The governor, in a statement signed by his spokesman, Nathaniel Ikyur, noted that scores of people were reportedly inflicted with severe injuries

from the clash on Wednesday over the ownership of fish ponds in the Wurukum area.

He added that the traditional ruler of the community had reportedly fled to an unknown destination after his home was set ablaze and that many other houses were also torched. Gov Ortom, therefore, directed the security operatives to take control of the area and do all that was needed to arrest the perpetrators.

The statement read in part, “The perpetrators of this violent clash that has led to several injuries and properties destroyed must be brought to book. We cannot tolerate a situation where people take laws into their hands.

“No matter the amount of anger in a man's mind, the resort to violence cannot be a solution. Resort to self-help can only aggravate the situation. There are many legitimate channels to resolve disputes. No one should take the law into his hands.”

The governor warned that the state government would bring the full weight of the law on anybody or community that perpetuated violence and disrupted the peace of the land henceforth, stressing the need for people to be law-abiding, while assuring them that government would continue to create a conducive atmosphere for everyone to carry out their legitimate businesses in the state.

## Insecurity: Oyo govt to host hoodlums, cult groups

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

The Oyo State Government on Thursday said it is set to engage in talks with all area boys and cult groups in the state to foster peace.

The Commissioner for Information, Culture and Tourism, Dr Wasiu Olatunbosun, said this after a meeting behind closed doors with representatives of militant groups like Agbekoya and Odua People's Congress and the Vigilante Group of Nigeria.

Olatunbosun said the state government, in collaboration with all the militant groups, was

determined to proffer peaceful solutions to the unrest between area boys and cult groups, noting that the time to end bloodshed in the state was now.

Speaking further, Olatunbosun said the meeting aimed to solve the problem from the roots, disclosing that the state government would work closely with security agencies and leaders of the militant groups to meet with the cult sects and mediate between warring parties.

He said, “The State Executive Council is aware of the activities of cultists and cult groups in the

state. We hope to hold a meeting with them.

“Oyo State Government, under the leadership of Governor Seyi Makinde, is determined to put a stop to this clash among cult groups and area boys. To this end, we, in collaboration with all the militant groups in the state, are taking the message of peace to the den of these cultists.

“We will try to convince them to be disarmed and return to their homes peacefully. Afterwards, there will be a clampdown on the activities of area boys and cult groups who fail to cooperate with us.”

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# 300,000 N-power exited beneficiaries to get CBN loans

- Says N5,000 stipend can save poor Nigerians
- Out-of-school children menace, national problem'

By Muideen Olaniyi

The Minister of Humanitarian Services, Disaster Management and Social Development, Sadiya Umar-Farouk, yesterday said about 300,000 N-power exited beneficiaries would get loans from the Central Bank of Nigeria to start their businesses after vocational training.

She stated this in Abuja yesterday at the weekly ministerial briefing organised by the Presidential Communication Media Team.

She said: "We've an exit strategy, which we partner with the Central Bank of Nigeria. And out of this 500,000, about 300,000 indicated interest to be put on an exit programme where you can be trained on different skills, skills of their choice and they'll be given loans by the Central Bank of Nigeria for them to start their businesses.

"This we've gone far. We're in the process of training those that have indicated interest. And I'm sure before the end of this quarter, these people will be given these loans by the CBN.

"About 109,000 of the N-power beneficiaries have become entrepreneurs. They're now employers of labour and we've evidence of that which can be provided to you."

The minister said it is elitist to say the government's N5,000 monthly national cash transfer cannot put the poor and vulnerable out of poverty.

She was reacting to a question on the relevance of the cash transfer initiative to the administration's plan to save 100 million Nigerians from extreme poverty.

She said the intervention might not however be suitable for some class of Nigerians using N5,000 to recharge their phones.

"If you look at the people that you're taking

this intervention to, N5,000 means a lot to them because these are poor and vulnerable households and it changes their status, but for you and me, N5,000 is not even enough for us to buy recharge card, that's the difference.

"When people say N5,000 does not save people, that's an elitist statement, honestly because we've had causes to go to the field, and we've seen these people that when you give them this N5,000, they cried and shed tears because they've never seen N5,000 in their lives. So, it goes a long way, it changes their status and by that, it lifts them from one stage to another," she said.

She said the North East insurgency and other crises around Nigeria had given rise to the need for more humanitarian assistance.

Coordinator, National Social Investment Programme, Umar Bindir, said a survey in some southern states had shown that the menace of out-of-school children was a national problem.

He was reacting to a question on whether the government's school feeding programme had impacted positively on the country by reducing the number of out-of-school children.

"Some people here, if you talk about out-of-school children, they think you're talking about almajiri in the North. Some people think it's actually religious or a Muslim thing. But I can tell you in this programme, we've established it as a national issue.

"We sent a team to Lagos. They went to Mokoko, they met 7,000 out-of-school children picking things from the dirt. The guy came shaking. We sent another chap to Jos, he came shaking also. We sent another guy to Enugu, and for the first time, everybody realized that out-of-school children is a national problem."

## PHOTO GALLERY



■ Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, Idris Wase (left) and FCT Minister, Malam Mohammed Musa Bello, at a two-day workshop organised by the House Ad hoc committee investigating the real estate sector in Abuja



■ National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) members during the passing out parade of the 2021 Batch 'A' stream 1 in Abuja yesterday  
Photo: NAN



■ Women conveying firewood in Mararaba yesterday  
Photo: Onyekachukwu Obi



■ Convener of New Nigeria Group (NNG), Mazi Sam Ohuabunwa (left) and Leader of Southern and Middle Belt Forum, Chief Edwin Clark, during their meeting on the 2023 presidency in Abuja



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# Oppress widows, bag 3-year jail, pay N1m fine — Reps

By Itodo Daniel Sule

The House of Representatives yesterday passed for second reading, a bill to amend the Violence Against Persons Act 2015 to prohibit discrimination against widows and all forms of repressive and degrading widowhood practices in Nigeria.

The bill, sponsored by Adejoro Adeogun and Sergius Ogun, is titled: "A Bill for an Act to Amend the Violence Against Persons (Prohibition) Act 2015 to Prohibit Discrimination against Widows and all Forms of Repressive and Degrading Widowhood Practices and to make Provision for the Definition of the Offence of Image-based Sexual Abuse under the Act and make Provision for Penalty for Offence of Image-based Sexual Abuse; and for Related Matters (HBs. 1711&1804)."

The bill, among others, proposed that "A person who attempts to inflict

any harmful widowhood practice provided under subsection (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of three years or a fine of N1m or both.

"A person who incites, aids, abets or counsels another to commit an offence under subsection (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of three years or a fine of N1m or both."

"A person who receives or assists another who, to his or her knowledge has committed an offence under subsection (1) is an accessory after the fact and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not more than two years or a fine not more than N1m or both."

In his lead debate, Adeogun, said widows in several parts of the country were made to pay heavy penalties for painful departure of husbands.

He said the bill proposed to amend six

sections of the Violent Against Persons Act to make provisions to safeguard widows from violent and evil customary practices, denial of property rights, rape, forced marriages and all other dehumanizing acts that undermine the dignity of the widow.

He said: "Widowhood is not by choice. Widows are victims of the inevitability of death. So why does our society criminalize the unfortunate incident of widowhood? Why are widows denied the right to mourn in peace? Why is the trauma of their loss met with more trauma rather than solace?"

He said the proposed law would be recorded in history as one of the most important legislations passed by the 9th Assembly."

The lawmaker said: "We would've succeeded in metaphorically giving to the widows in our nation what could be described as the 'widows mite'.

# EFCC, Malami disagree on creation of agency for forfeited assets

By Abdullateef Salau

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission and the Attorney-General of the Federation, Abubakar Malami yesterday disagreed on establishment of an agency to manage forfeited assets.

EFCC chairman, Abdulsheed Bawa, Malami and other stakeholders spoke at a public hearing on the Money Laundering (Prevention and Prohibition) Bill 2021, the Public Complaints Commission (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill 2022 and the Proceeds of Crimes (Recovery and Management) Bill 2021.

The hearing was organised by the Senate Joint Committee on Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes; Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters as well as Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions.

Bawa said creating a new agency for forfeited assets was unnecessary since the EFCC was well positioned to handle such duties.

Bawa, represented by the Secretary to the EFCC, George Ekpungu, said: "I don't think creating a new one that would manage the proceeds of crimes is necessary. This one is like a caveat. We remember the Presidential Panel on Investigation and Recovery of Public Property and what it almost foisted on the nation - crises, confusion and drawbacks."

Bawa said the proposed agency would lead to additional financial burden for the country.

Malami said there was the need to set up a new agency to manage forfeited assets.

Malami, represented by the Deputy Director, Legal Drafting, Ministry of Justice, Godwin Iheabunike, said: "We believe that the agency will not pose financial challenges for the country, but would only help us to recover stolen revenues. It'll handle civil forfeiture for



■ Malami

us. "Our agencies right now are handling criminal forfeitures which means we've to wait until they're done with prosecutions before they can now come back to do recovery."

"But now, this agency will do civil recovery and help Nigeria to gain reputation in the global community."

Meanwhile, the governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria, Godwin Emefiele, said an amendment to the existing Money Laundering (Prevention) Act 2011, would best serve the interest of Nigeria than a repeal and re-enactment bill.

"Where the existing Money Laundering (Prevention) Act 2011, is repealed and re-enacted, there would be new legal foundations which have not been assessed against the FATF (Financial Action Task Force) standards," Emefiele, represented by a Director of the CBN, Chibuzor Anthony Efobi, said.



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# Kidnapping: Don't outlaw ransom payment, Navy, EFCC tell Senate

By Abdullateef Salau

**T**he Nigerian Navy yesterday faulted the proposed criminalisation of ransom payment to abductors and terrorists.

Rear Admiral Kennedy Egbuchulam, Director of Administration, Naval Headquarters, who represented the Chief of Naval Staff, spoke at the

National Assembly, Abuja, at a public hearing on Terrorism Prevention Act (Amendment) Bill 2021 which seeks to outlaw payment of ransom to secure the release of captives.

The hearing was organised by the Senate Committees Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters; and Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes.

The bill was sponsored by Senator Ezenwa Francis Onyewuchi (Imo

East).

Section 14 of the bill provides that "Anyone who transfers funds, makes payment or colludes with an abductor, kidnapper or terrorist to receive any ransom for the release of any person who has been wrongfully confined, imprisoned or kidnapped is guilty of a felony and is liable on conviction to a term of imprisonment of not less than 15 years."

Egbuchulam said instead of outright criminalisation, negotiation or payment of ransom should be subjected to security vetting.

He said: "It's suggested that the Bill could make the negotiation/proposed payment of ransom to kidnappers or terrorists to secure release of hostages subject to the prior knowledge of ONSA/Armed Forces of Nigeria/Police for coordination. It's opined

that subjecting such payment of ransom to security vetting and tracking is preferable to outright criminalization."

Similarly, EFCC Director of Legal and Prosecution Department, Chile Okoroma, said: "The bill on terrorism is well intended but the issue of prosecuting those that paid ransom should be looked at. It should be narrowed to those who received ransom."

## Rights abuse: Reps demand body cameras for security agents

By Balarabe Alkassim

The House of Representatives yesterday called for provision of body-worn cameras for police, customs officers and other security agents.

Adopting a motion by Chinedu Emeka Martins, the House said the cameras would ensure security of operatives and citizens.

Martins had cited allegations of harassment, extortion and extra-judicial killings of citizens by security operatives.

He said body cameras would keep the security operatives in check, considering the massive allegations of human rights violation against them and lack of evidence to indict them.

He noted that body camera is a wearable audio-visual or photographic system which integrates with in-car video and is used to record events involving law enforcement officers in order to improve transparency and accountability of law enforcement agencies.

He said security operatives, who often experience litigious scrutiny over their conduct in the discharge of their duties, ought to wear body cameras to have picture and video evidence of their activities.

He added: "The introduction of body cameras will not only douse tension and promote trust and professionalism among the security agencies, but will institutionalize the rules of engagement to foster a harmonious relationship between security operatives and the citizenry."

The House mandated its Committees on Police Affairs, Army and National Security and Intelligence to ensure compliance.



## International Women's Day 2022

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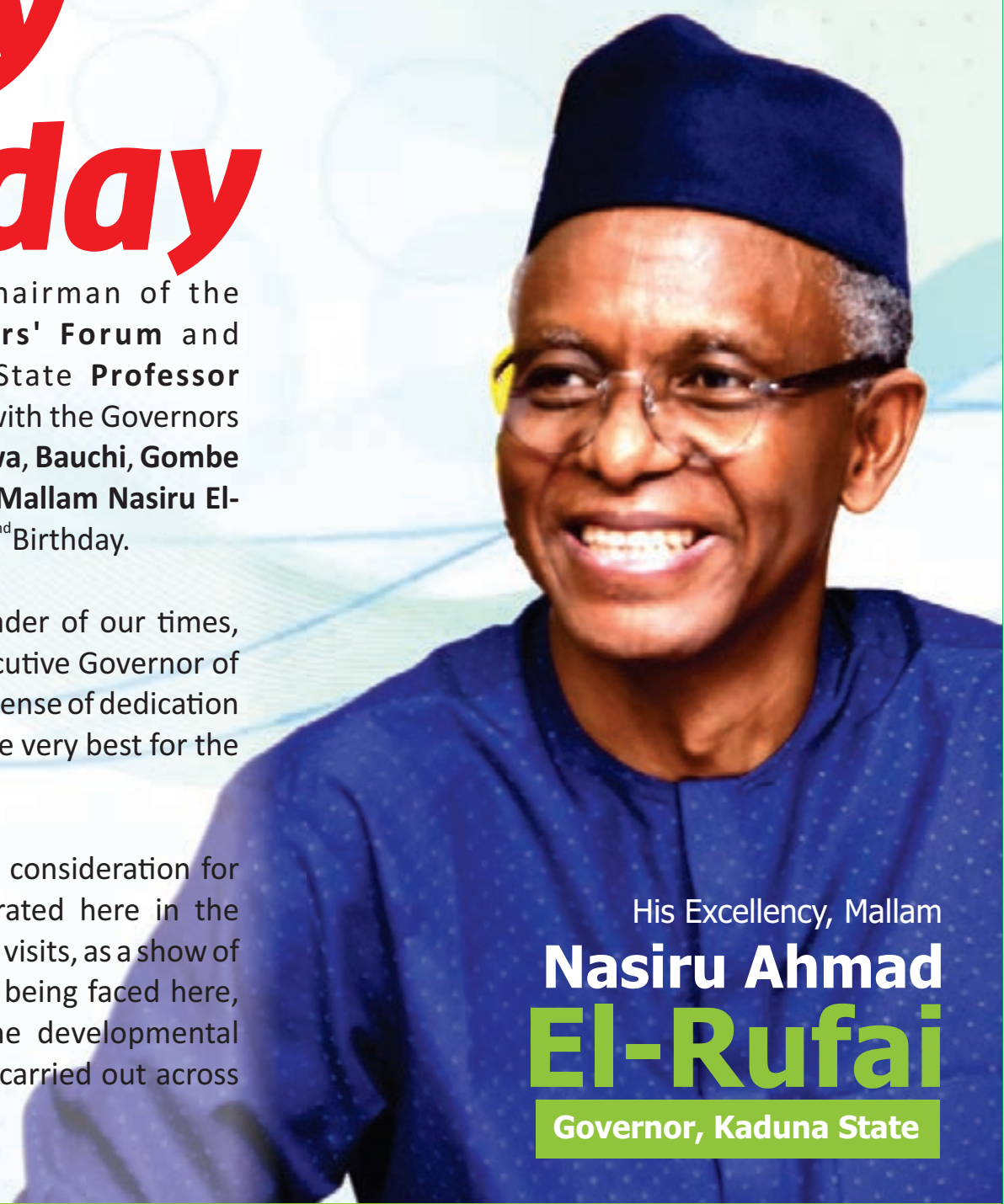
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## CITY & CRIME

### 76-year-old accuses wife of denying him sex, seeks divorce

A 76-year-old man, Mr Samuel Akande, on Thursday, dragged his wife, Gift, before an Iyana-Ipaja, Lagos, customary court for starving him of sex, as well as refusing to cook for her step daughter when she came visiting.

Mr Akande told the court that he had been married to Gift for 13 years.

He also accused her of adultery and bad temper which frequently led to fight with their

cotenants.

He said, "My wife does not listen to me. She does not stay at home. She frequents churches. "A man came to my house with a witness who told me that he was sleeping with my wife. My wife waved the allegation off when I confronted her.

"The straw that broke the camel's back was when my daughter paid us a visit all the way from Ibadan and my wife refused to cook for her."

In her defence, Gift told the

court that, "What he said about me not cooking for his daughter when she came visiting is true. I was nursing a sick child. After the incident, I travelled with my husband's friend to Ibadan and apologised to my step-daughter over the way I treated her."

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the friend of the petitioner, Pastor Vincent Omojeye, confirmed before the court that the respondent visited her step-daughter to apologise.

Pastor Omojeye told the court

that, "My Lord, what I see here is diversity in culture, in the sense that the respondent is not a Yoruba, and you know how the Yoruba like to be respected. "I rebuked her for the way she treated my friend's daughter when she visited them.

"I pray the court to beg the petitioner to give her a last chance because her children are very young."

The Judge, Mrs P.O. Adeyanju, cautioned the respondent for her unwelcoming attitude towards her step-daughter, ruled that the case should be stood down and filed for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in the chamber after the husband agreed to give his wife a last chance.

### Bandits killed 3, abduct 36 villagers in Kaduna

From Mohammed Ibrahim Yaba, Kaduna

Bandits have killed three people and abducted 36 persons in Kajuru Local Government Area (LGA) of Kaduna State, Daily Trust report.

The attacks started on Monday, Feb. 14 at the Tudun Mare community, where one person was killed and six people abducted. On the same day, the bandits attacked another community called Afogo and abducted six people.

At Rimau village, two people were abducted, a serving councillor and acting village head. The councillor's 10-year-old son was killed by the bandits.

The following day, February 15, the bandits attacked Idon Hanya village and abducted 22 people.

Confirming the incidents, District Head of Kufana Titus Dauda, said the people in those communities were worried due to the attacks.

"The communities are worried because these attacks usually happened before 12 midnight and now 36 persons were kidnapped and three killed in the two days attacks," he said.

The State Police Command Public Relations Officer ASP Mohammed Jalige promised to find out the details of the incidents.

### Wife kills hubby with hot water in Ogun

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

A housewife, Ramota Soliu, has killed her husband, Bello Soliu, at a Fulani settlement at Iyana Ilewo, in Abeokuta North Local Government Area of Ogun State.

Ramota, mother of two, was said to have poured hot water on Bello which eventually led to his death and fled their house.

It was gathered that Bello had on Friday invited his relatives to help in talking to his wife, who he said was fond of starving him and an Arabic student living with them.

The woman reportedly woke up on

Saturday morning, boiled water and bathed her husband with it.

A brother of the deceased, Usman Saliu, said, "My brother had always been complaining about Ramota. She had a habit of starving him and an Arabic student living with them.

"For peace to reign, Bello invited us to talk to his wife. People waded in on Friday, talked to her, but she didn't say anything in response.

"Very early on Saturday morning, she woke up and started boiling water. People thought she wanted to make amala or ogi. All of a sudden, we heard a loud noise from her husband's quarters where he was sleeping. We

rushed to see what was happening and discovered that Ramota had bathed our brother with the water she boiled. His body was already peeling.

"We rushed him to a hospital at Rounder in Abeokuta, but he was rejected. We took him somewhere else, but he eventually died on Tuesday evening."

The spokesman of police in the state, Abimbola Oyeyemi, said he heard the incident being discussed on a radio programme; stating however that he was not sure the case was reported to the police, noting that the police would investigate the matter without delay.



■ Ogun CP, Lanre Bankole

#### QUICK READ

#### Blasphemy: Court asks Kano cleric to open defence March 3

An Upper Shari'a Court sitting in Kano, on Thursday, fixed March 3, for a cleric, Sheikh Abduljabbar Nasiru-Kabara, to open his defence in the ongoing trial for alleged blasphemy.

The trial judge, Malam Ibrahim Sarki-Yola, fixed the date following the submission by the defence counsel, Ambali Obomileh-Muhammad, SAN, who prayed for an adjournment for his client to open his defence.

Sarki-Yola adjourned the matter until March 3 for continuation of hearing.

NAN reports that Nasiru-Kabara, who allegedly committed the offence on Aug.10, Oct.25 and Dec.20, 2019, is charged with four counts bordering on blasphemous comments against Prophet Muhammad.

#### Trafficker arrested with 8 kids in Ekiti

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

The Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) in Ekiti State has arrested a suspect for trafficking eight children for child labour.

The NIS Comptroller in the state, Mr Alphonsus Achilonu, stated this in Ado Ekiti at a week-long customer service ceremony with members of the public to check corruption and for improved service delivery.

Mr Achilonu said, "Our anti-human trafficking team was on patrol, and based on intelligence, arrested one man while he was trafficking eight children who are majority minors to their end users. He confessed that he brought the children from Benue State. The eight victims have been reunited with their families."

#### 2,000 kids empowered in Lagos community

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

A Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), Lawrence Grace Foundation, has empowered 2,000 children in Ajegunle community in Lagos State.

A statement made available to Daily Trust indicated that Mrs Oluwinka Adewoye, Convener of Lawrence Grace Foundation, hosted 2,000 children in Ajegunle community on Valentine's Day.

Mrs Adewoye explained that the NGO was set up with the focus on touching lives positively, reaching out to less privileged children and widows in deprived communities.

The foundation also disclosed that it empowered over 1,000 widows and other school children in the last four years with free empowerment trainings, health consultation, drugs, gifts and several other things.

### Kidnappers abduct FCT chief's son, kill 1

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

A son of the Chief of Gwombe, Danjuma Maji Jangaba, in Kijana Area Council of the FCT, Junaidu Danjuma, has been abducted.

Our reporter learnt that the man conveying Junaidu on a motorcycle on Gwombe-Gwargwada road, Kabiru Sani, was shot dead while attempting to escape the kidnappers.

A resident of Gwombe, simply identified as Salihu, said the incident happened around 5pm when the kidnappers, wielding sophisticated weapons, barricaded the Gwargwada-Gwombe road.

He said the traditional ruler's son was returning from neighbouring Rubochi village on a motorcycle when the kidnappers abducted him.

He explained that, "Upon citing the kidnappers, the man who was carrying the chief's son on the motorcycle attempted to escape and in the process the kidnappers opened fire and killed him instantly and thereafter left with the chief's son."

The Agabe of Gwargwada-Ugbada, Alhaji Hussein Agabi Mam, confirmed the abduction and killing.

City and Crime had reported that on the same spot, kidnappers, on Saturday, February, 5, 2022, abducted 11 villagers, including the wife of Gwargwada PDP vice chairman, Mrs Asabe Mohammed Koriya, after she attended a political function.

The spokesperson of the FCT Police Command, DSP Adeb Josephine, did not pick calls or reply to an SMS sent to her on the latest abduction.

Police operatives arrest a man for challenging a traffic warder in Arab Utako, Abuja yesterday

Photo: Onyekachukwu Obi



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### Workers shut FCT council secretariats over salary

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

The FCT chapter of the Nigeria Union of Local Government Employees (NULGE), on Thursday, shut down the six area council secretariats to protest the non-payment of their January, 2022, salary.

Our reporter, who went round some of the area councils, observed that the main gates of the secretariats were under lock and key, while NULGE officials stood guard to prevent any staff from entering.

The NULGE members carried placards with inscriptions such as "No salary, No work", "LG autonomy we stand for", "LG govt na third tier of govt" and "You have no legal right to hold back our allocation".

The President of NULGE in the FCT, Comrade Abdullahi Ibrahim Kabi, while addressing newsmen in front of Kuje Area Council secretariat, said the union decided to shut down the six area councils indefinitely after a 48-hour ultimatum issued to the FCT Administration (FCTA) to pay the January salary of the area councils' staff elapsed.

Comrade Kabi said the union was worried by the non-abatement of the current

impasse between the FCTA and the area councils' chairmen over non-release of the December, 2021, allocation by the FCTA.

He further said following the impasse between the area councils and the FCTA, the union, in its genuine effort, met with the six area councils' chairmen on Wednesday, January 16, where issues such as IGR, FCT-IRS, non-release of December, 2021, allocation by FCTA, among others, were discussed.

The union said the only way out of the current infighting between local governments

in Nigeria and their various state governments was to grant autonomy to the local governments.

The labour leader insisted that the area councils' staff would not resume work across the six area councils until the FCTA paid their January salary.

Reacting, the Mandate Secretary of the Area Councils Services Secretariat, Alhaji Abubakar Ibrahim Dantsoho, said the union should hold the six area councils' chairmen responsible, noting that the FCTA had released allocation to them.



■ Some NULGE staff carrying placards in front of Kuje Area Council Secretariat to protest non payment of their January salary

### 4 Benue siblings in court for killing man accused of manhood theft

Four brothers in Ushongo Local Government Area of Benue State who killed a man accused of stealing a penis inside a police cell have been arraigned before magistrates' court in Makurdi.

The brothers: Aondoyima Asua, Terpav Asua, Terkula Asua and Luher Asua, are charged with conspiracy, trespass, mischief and murder.

The prosecutor, Sgt Godwin Ato, told the court that the case was transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department, Makurdi, on January 21, 2022.

Sgt Ato said the letter transferring the suspects indicated that one Yashima Wevergh of RCM Church, Mbaton Agbede, Konshisha Local Government Area of Benue State, reported at the police station on January 13, that her elder brother, Moses Wevergh, had been killed.

According to Ato, the complainant said that on January 12, her brother was accused of causing the disappearance of the manhood of one Mr Aondoungwa Asua, and that when Mr Asua raised alarm about losing his manhood, her brother was arrested and the four accused and others at large trespassed into a police outpost at Ikyobo and beat her brother, cut him with machetes and axed him to death.

The Magistrate, Mr Vincent Kor, ordered the remand of the brothers in a correctional centre in Makurdi and adjourned the case to March 15.



■ Some of the faily used tyres seized by Customs officers in Ibadan, recently.

### ASUU strike: Unijos VC sends students home

From Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

The Vice Chancellor (VC) of the University of Jos (Unijos), Prof Ishaku Tanko, yesterday, directed the students of the institution to return home.

Prof Tanko gave the directive following the declaration of a one-month warning strike by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU).

In a statement signed by the Deputy Registrar of the university, Abdullahi Abdullahi, the VC approved the suspension of academic activities until further notice, saying the decision was taken following an emergency meeting of the senate of the institution.

The statement reads in part: "In the light of the fact that there would be no lectures or similar activities taking place during the period of the warning strike, the management agreed that in the best interest of students, they should be allowed to return home until academic activities resume.

"Students of the university are hereby advised to take note and strictly act accordingly please."

### EFCC nabs 29 'Yahoo Yahoo' boys in Kwara

From Mumini AbdulKareem, Ilorin

The Ilorin Zonal Command of the EFCC on Thursday, arrested 29 persons for their alleged involvement in internet fraud and other related activities.

The suspects were arrested at different locations in Offa Local Government Area of Kwara State, according to the anti-graft body.

The raid by the EFCC in Offa, a commercial city, has added another narrative to the proliferation of the activities of the suspected fraudsters in Kwara State.

EFCC had hitherto clamped down on their activities across Ilorin metropolis which allegedly forced relocation of their operations.

The anti-graft body had also convicted several suspects in courts, majority of whom are students.

It said the new arrest followed credible intelligence received by the Command on the activities of the suspects.

Items recovered from them include mobile phones, laptops and cars.

It said some of the suspects have confessed to the crime and will be charged to court upon the conclusion of the ongoing investigation.

### Wuse District Hospital gets 8 dialysis machines

By Hussein Yahaya

The Minister of State for the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Dr Ramatu Tijjani Aliyu, has unveiled the Enoch and Folu Adebayo Dialysis Centre at the Wuse District Hospital in Abuja as part of effort to boost healthcare delivery system in the territory.

The centre has been equipped with eight dialysis machines, a medical water reverse osmosis purification system and a 30 KVA generator donated by the charity arm of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) as part of its Christian Social Responsibility (CSR) to address health challenges.

While unveiling the project, the minister commended the leadership of RCCG for the choice of a lifesaving project

at this time of rising number of cases of kidney disease, stressing that the church was beginning to play one of its crucial roles of caring for the downtrodden.

The minister revealed that the FCT Administration (FCTA), in response to rising incidences of chronic kidney disease, by 2013 operated two public dialysis and intensive care units in district hospitals at Wuse and Asokoro respectively.

On his part, the Intercontinental Overseer, CSR of RCCG, Pastor Idowu Iluyomade, revealed that the Abuja dialysis centre would be the 20th in the series of specialised medical interventions, including intensive care unit, dialysis centres, cancer screening centres and Primary Healthcare Centres (PHCs) donated by the church.



■ FCT Minister of State, Hajiya Ramatu Tijjani at the commissioning of the machines

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**O**n behalf of my humble self, family, the government and good people of Kano State, I Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje OFR, rejoice with the First Lady, wife of the President, Her Excellency, Hajiya Aisha Buhari, on the joyous occasion of her 51st Birthday.

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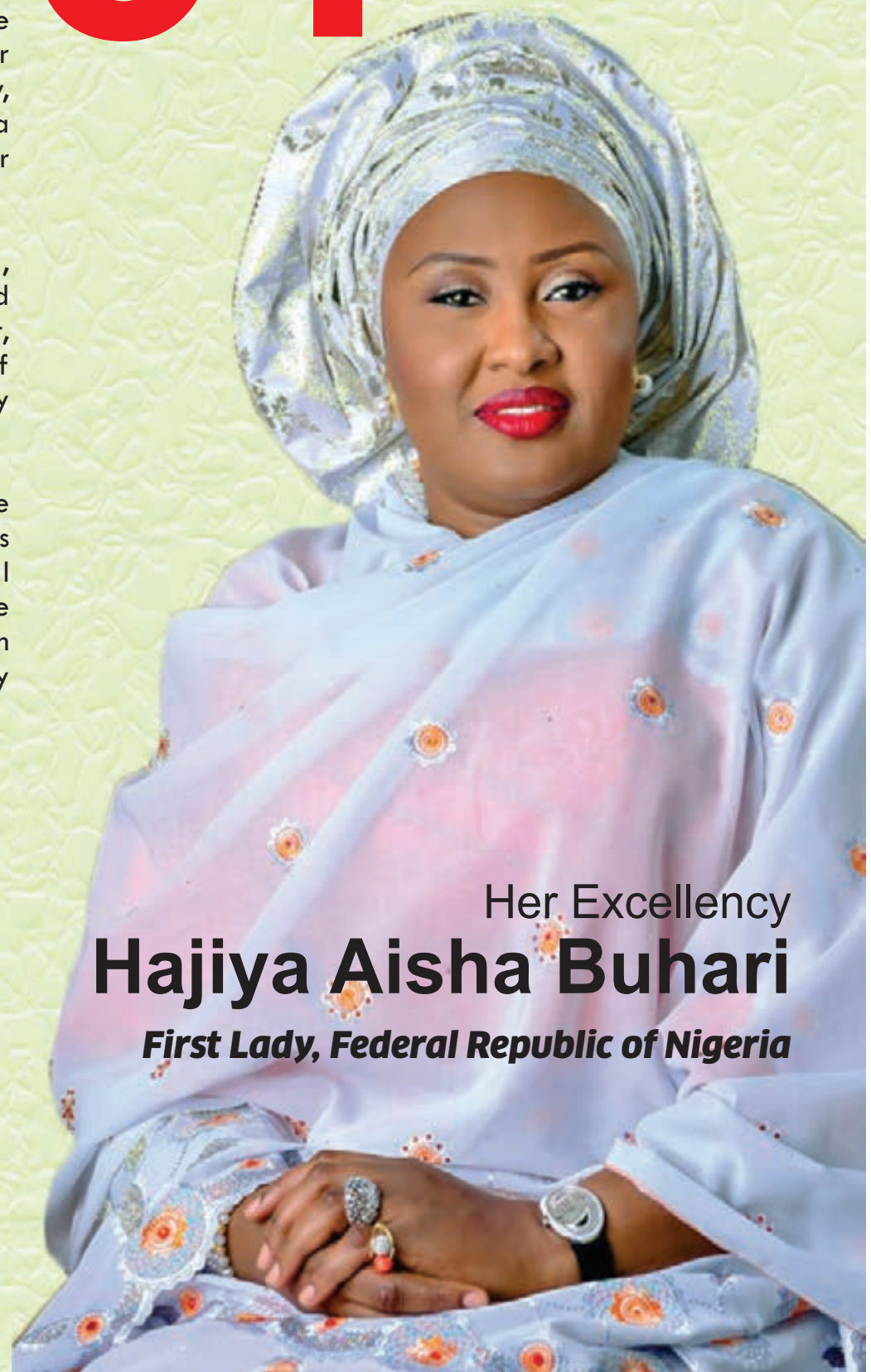
As you continue to touch their lives, improve their wellbeing and support Mr. President as he selflessly discharges his national assignment, may Allah grant you more health, long life and wisdom to continue with the good work for Nigerians and humanity in general.

Happy Birthday, Your Excellency!



**Signed:**

**His Excellency, Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje OFR**  
Executive Governor of Kano State,



Her Excellency  
**Hajiya Aisha Buhari**  
*First Lady, Federal Republic of Nigeria*

## INSIDE POLITICS

“ We will review and improve the functionality of biometric accreditation of voters in the forthcoming by-elections and off-season governorship elections before the 2023 general election — INEC Chairman, Prof Mahmood Yakubu

# Kano APC crisis: Ganduje floors Shekarau, Barau at appeal court

## ● G7 heads to S/Court

By John Chuks Azu, Saawua Terzungwe, Dalhatu Li-man (Abuja) & Clement A. Oloyede (Kano)

The Court of Appeal in Abuja has upheld the appeal by Governor Abdullahi Ganduje-led faction of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Kano State against the party's faction loyal to a former governor of the state, Senator Ibrahim Shekarau.

A three-member panel of the appellate court presided by Justice Haruna Tsammani yesterday set aside the judgement of the FCT High Court for lack of jurisdiction.

The panel, while upholding the three appeals, also held that the originating summons was wrongly commenced in Abuja, adding that the matter was an internal affair of the party.

The appeals followed the two rulings of an FCT High Court which upheld the ward and local government congresses won by the faction loyal to Shekarau and Senator Jibril Barau (Kano North), numbering about 17,908 and 1,319 members respectively.

The high court had in the two verdicts on the ward and local council congresses on November 30 and December 17, 2021, refused a preliminary objection by members loyal to Governor Ganduje seeking to uphold the fresh congresses.

The suit on the ward congresses was filed at the

high court by 17,908 members, represented by Mutteka Bala Suleiman and 78 others on August 8, 2021, while the suit challenging the local government congresses was filed on September 30, 2021, by Muhammad Chola and 73 others.

The suits were brought through their lawyer, Nureini Jimoh (SAN) against the APC national caretaker committee led by Governor Mai Mala Buni of Yobe State, which included John James Akpanudoedehe, Olayide Adewole Akinremi, and Senator Abba Ali.

Others joined in the suit as defendants included members of the APC Caretaker/Extraordinary Planning Committee: Tony Macfoy, Barr Auwalu Abdullahi, Usman Musa Kaita and Adedayo Iyaniwura.

In granting the five reliefs sought by Bala Suleiman, Justice Hamza Muazu further declared as illegal the non-recognition of the duly elected, validly, properly authentically and democratically elected persons as the 27 elected ward executive committee members for each of the 484 wards in Kano State; five elected ward delegates to each of the 44 LGAs; and five elected ward delegates per ward area for the state party congress.

The judge further made an order of perpetual injunction “restraining the defendants from receiving, accepting and or acting or purporting to act on or approving any other list on or



■ Gov Abdullahi Umar Ganduje of Kano State (L), Secretary of the APC caretaker committee, John Akpanudoedehe and Abdullahi Abbas during the presentation of Certificate of Return to Abbas as Chairman of APC in Kano at the national secretariat of the party in Abuja yesterday

purported list of ward executive committee members emanating from any other committee other than the duly constituted Ward Congress Committee (WCC) of the 1st Defendant (APC).”

The court also upheld the second motion by Chola and 73 others which sought to validate the local government congresses of the party conducted on September 17, 2021, in the 44 local government areas of the state which returned 1,319 winners.

### Ganduje visits APC national secretariat

Kano State Governor Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, yesterday, visited the National Secretariat of the APC in Abuja, after the court judgement where he appealed to the Senator Ibrahim Shekarau-led faction of the party in Kano State to give peace a chance for the stability of

the state chapter of the party.

The governor, who went to the party's secretariat with top government functionaries across the legislature, executive and party lines said, “I am appealing to them (Shekarau-led faction) because we are members of one family, the APC.

“So I'm appealing to them to come, and Kano State is almost 100 per cent APC. We will come together and forge ahead in such a manner.

“We have to thank God for this very important victory at the moment. As he rightly said, we APC in Kano State have got a judgement that all the elections we conducted from the wards to the state level are legally recognized.

“I want to thank the party and the leadership for initiating the peace move to ensure that our party is united. I have to thank

the party for that. A judgement has been passed in our favour and APC stakeholders in Kano are here to show our appreciation to the leadership of the party.”

Ganduje later told newsmen that the state chairman produced by his faction during the state congress, Hon. Abdullahi Abbas, has been issued the certificate of return by the party's national leadership.

### Shekarau faction heads to S/Court

Meanwhile, the Shekarau-led faction, which has Ahmadu Haruna Zago as its state chairman, says it will appeal the judgement at the Supreme Court.

Ahmadu Haruna Zago, told BBC Hausa Service “We will appeal. Abiding by the ruling is quite different from filing an appeal. Our lawyers are studying the court's ruling.”

## Zamfara APC crisis: Court adjourns Marafa's suit to March 14

From Shehu Umar, Gusau

The Zamfara State High Court 7 has adjourned to March 14, 2022 the suit filed by Senator Kabiru Garba Marafa, challenging the legality of the All Progressives Congress (APC) state congress organised by the Governor Bello Matawalle-led faction of the party in the state.

Justice Bello Kucheri adjourned the case to March 14, 2022, for hearing which was agreed by counsel of both factions.

Addressing newsmen in the court premises after the sitting, the lead counsel to Senator Marafa-led faction, Barrister John Shaka, said they were asking the court to nullify all the congresses conducted by the Governor Matawalle-led faction of the party, describing them as illegal.



■ Senator Marafa

“Senator Kabiru Marafa is a chieftain of the party and has the constitutional right to challenge the illegality of the congresses conducted by Governor Matawalle's faction,” he said.

Barrister Shaka said they were praying the court to cancel the congresses and order for fresh congresses from ward to state level in the state.

In his speech, the lead counsel to Matawalle faction, Barrister Shiaka M. Dikko, said the court has no jurisdiction to entertain the case because Senator Kabiru Marafa had allegedly ceased to be a member of the APC.

He also said the court will begin hearing in the case on March 14, 2022, adding that it would be a legal battle.

## Sokoto APC crisis: Gada gets upper hand as FCT court declines Wamakko's application

By John Chuks Azu

An FCT High Court has declined an application by a faction of the APC in Sokoto State loyal to a former governor of the state, Aliyu Wamakko, to set aside its earlier judgement over the disputed congresses in the state.

There has been an ongoing battle for the soul of Sokoto APC between Wamakko and Senator Abubakar Gada.

Justice A. O. Musa yesterday ruled that the court lacked jurisdiction to entertain the application having already ruled on it, adding that an appeal had been entered on the judgement and records transmitted.

The Wamakko faction brought the application seeking to join the suit on the grounds that the group, as an interested party, was not joined in the original suit while the judgement of the court on December 16, 2021 over the parallel congresses in the state affected them.

The judge had, based on the provisions of sections 223(1)(a), (2) of the APC Constitution, barred the APC

National Convention from substituting the name of Mainasara Abubakar Sani and his officials “who were duly elected” in the congresses conducted in the state as well as stopped the inhibition of their functions.

A faction of the state chapter of the party loyal to Gada, which includes, Sirajo Abubakar, Usman Abdullahi Ahmed, Zayyanu Shehu, Auwal Abubakar, Abdulkadir Muhammad, Abdullahi Muhammad had filed the suit challenging the congresses of 2021.

They joined Mainasara Abubakar Sani and APC as defendants in the matter.

But Sani filed a counter-claim which was granted by the high court in the judgment, thus forcing the Sirajo Abubakar group to file an appeal.

The application by the Wamakko group, which was brought by the party's state chairman, Isa Sadiq Acida, had asked the high court to restrain APC from recognising Sani and others as officers and delegates of the ward, LG and state congresses of the party which held on October 13, September 14, and October 16, 2021, respectively.

# 2023: IBB calls for youth inclusiveness in governance

## ● APC youths seek chairmanship, presidential slots

By **Saawua Terzungwe**  
(Abuja) & **Abubakar Akote,**  
Minna

Former military president, retired General Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida, has called for expanded opportunities for youths to participate actively in the governance of Nigeria.

He made the call yesterday when he received 40-year-old presidential aspirant of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Adamu Garba, at his Hilltop Residence in Minna, Niger State.

Babangida said youths have the energy and capacity to run the country hence the need to face the reality.

He said, "As young people, you are in a position to make sure that the vision for Nigeria that

our founding fathers believed in, is realised and I have always believed in your potential."

Earlier, the presidential aspirant, Garba, said he was in Minna to seek Babangida's blessing and guidance on his 2023 presidential ambition.

Following Babangida's call, youth leaders of the APC from the six states in the North Central have asked the party's top echelon to cede the national chairmanship and presidential slots to the youths ahead of the February 26 national convention and the 2023 general polls.

Speaking during a one-day sensitisation and capacity-building on 'Active and meaningful participation in leadership' yesterday in Abuja, the North-Central zonal youth leader of the APC, Comrade

Terver Aginde, said the youths have paid their dues and should be compensated.

Aginde argued that time was ripe for APC youths to form a strong, united bloc within the party and wrest power from the old generation of politicians.

"The main aim of this meeting is for us to come together and build strategic methods, position ourselves in preparation to take up leadership of this country. There is no other time than now," he said.

Meanwhile, a group called the Concerned Northern APC Youth Forum, has tasked leaders of the party to end all crises and bickering to ensure that the members are united.

The chairman of the forum, Hon Suleiman Liba, in a statement yesterday also called



■ IBB

on the APC hierarchy to ensure that all modalities are put in place for the party to get it right at the February 26 national convention.

He said, "Since politics is a game of numbers, we need all our houses to be in order.

"Democracy is the only sure way to go for Africa, if our dear country and continent must grow.

"We must be on the same platform, condemn the spate of coup d'état rocking some parts of the continent."

The forum chairman also said, "We see Umahi as the next person to step into the shoes of President Muhammadu Buhari come 2023. Governor David Umahi's antecedents of excellence are there for everyone to see."

## FCT poll: Why APC lost AMAC - Party leader

By **Abubakar Sadiq Isah**

Leader of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in the FCT, Alhaji Zakari Angulu Dobi, has said failure by stakeholders of the party in Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC) to resolve their differences led to the party's defeat in the council election.

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) which is the leading opposition party in the country won three of the six area councils including AMAC, in last Saturday's election while the ruling APC won the remaining three.

Dobi, who spoke with Daily Trust yesterday in Abuja, said despite intervention of the

Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF), Boss Mustapha, APC stakeholders in AMAC refused to sheathe their swords, leading to the party's defeat at the poll.

Dobi, a former House of Representatives member for Abuja South Federal Constituency said, "I expected the leaders of APC in AMAC to come together; keep aside all their differences and work for the party's interest first.

"There was a meeting in which the SGF tried to bring AMAC stakeholders together on the need to forgive each other."

He, however, said APC's defeat in AMAC was not a setback to the party in the FCT.

## Our presidential candidate will succeed Buhari in 2023 - Accord chair

By **Saawua Terzungwe**

The National Chairman of Accord Party (AP), Muhammad Lawal Nalado, has said the party will field a presidential candidate for the 2023 presidency, campaign vigorously, win election and take over the mantle of leadership at the expiration of President Muhammadu Buhari's tenure on May 29, 2023.

Nalado stated this during the National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting of the party in Abuja.

He explained that the party was building new structures, strengthening existing ones and positioning to take over power because the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) has failed to deliver on its campaign promises.

He said the alleged failure of the APC to fulfil its 2015 and 2019 campaign promises has made many of its supporters shift their support base to Accord.

He said Accord Party was also working hard to win some states during the governorship polls, adding that it would be

possible through collaboration with stakeholders in and outside the party.

"The NEC is strategising on how we are going to be the alternative party in the country to take over governance. Everybody knows that Accord has been very consistent since we were registered. In Accord we are working as a family," he said.

But Secretary of the APC Caretaker Committee, Senator John James Akpanudoedehe, didn't answer calls to his phone for comment as of the time of filing this report.

## Osun APC gov'ship primary: Large turnout as Aregbesola rallies support for Adeoti

From **Hameed Oyegbade,**  
Osogbo

Members of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Ayedaade, Irewole and Isokan Federal Constituency yesterday turned out in large number for Alhaji Moshood Adeoti ahead of Saturday's primary of the party.

The party faithful converge on Ikire, headquarters of Irewole Local Government Area where the Minister of Interior Mr Rauf Aregbesola addressed them and urged them to vote for Adeoti to be the candidate of the party for the July 16 governorship election.

Addressing the party members, Aregbesola noted that it is time to reject the incumbent, Gboyega Oyetola and support Adeoti to be the next governor of Osun State.

Aregbesola said it is time to restore Osun to the hands of true progressives which the party members must key into to entrench the dividends of democracy.

He said "There is no harm in replacing someone who is not doing well and not in tandem with progressive ideals. That is what we are working on.

"I worked very hard to ensure Oyetola's election. It was however



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a rude shock when he got into office and started a grand witch-hunt against me. We campaigned for Oyetola through thick and thin to make him Governor. It was however surprising to see how he was doing to me when he got to office."

## 2023: Arewa group backs power shift to S'East

From **Zahraddeen Yakubu**  
Shuaibu, Kano

The Igbo Project Arewa Support Group has declared support for a president of Igbo extraction come 2023, arguing that it is time for the South East zone to produce the president of the country.

Addressing a press conference yesterday in Kano, the national coordinator of the group, Barrister Mustapha Imam, said the decision came

after consultations with relevant stakeholders and interest groups.

He argued that there was need for power shift to the South East region in 2023 for justice, unity, progress and stability of the country.

Imam said, "At the end of our consultations, we arrived at the decision for the sake of equity, justice, unity and progress of the country to support the South East to produce the next president," he said.

## S/East group denies endorsing Okorocho for president

From **Titus Eleweke,** Awka

The National Forum for South-East Presidency (NFSEP) has denied endorsing a former governor of Imo State, Senator Rochas Okorocho, for president.

Okorocho recently declared his intention to contest the 2023 presidency on the platform of the All Progressives Congress (APC) after which he was said to have been endorsed by the group.

But arising from a one-day national conference in Awka,

the Anambra State capital, the group said it has not endorsed any candidate for the 2023 general polls.

President of the forum, Dr. Patrick Enuneku, who addressed newsmen at the end of their meeting said, "The visit to our senator was among the hundred and one visits we had made to various states of the federation.

"We wonder why we should endorse him even before the declarations of other presidential aspirants from the region."

## PDP'll defeat APC in Ekiti gov'ship poll, group tells Oni

From **Raphael Ogbonnaiye,**  
Ado-Ekiti

The Repositioning Group of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) in Ekiti State, has told a former governor of the state, Engr Segun Oni, that its members are still active members of the PDP and are working hard for the party's

victory in the June 18, 2022 governorship election in Ekiti State.

In a statement yesterday, chairman of the group in Ekiti State, Engr Alaba Agboola, said there was nowhere the group met with Oni, or his agents to discuss a grand coalition.

"Members of the Ekiti PDP Repositioning Group are not political harlots who move from parties to parties and as such cannot be part of any coalition with Oni, who obviously came to the PDP from the APC just for the purpose of using the PDP platform to contest the election.

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## The power politics behind Russia-Ukraine tensions

As the heightened tension on the Russia-Ukraine border subsides with Russia's gradual albeit partial withdrawal of its combat-ready troops, the power politics behind the whole crisis continues to unfold.

Over the past several weeks, Russia's massive military buildup towards the border triggered fear across major Western capitals of its looming invasion of Ukraine. The hallmarks of impending war were all over the place. The global media was awash with frightening analyses warning of a possible confrontation. Many countries advised their citizens living in Ukraine to either leave or remain on the alert, while other countries advised would-be travellers to reconsider travelling there.

Meanwhile, diplomatic efforts went into high gear to prevent further escalation and douse the attendant tensions. Politicians and diplomats in Washington, Paris, Berlin and other major Western capitals were deeply absorbed in frantic efforts in that regard.

Also, though all along Ukraine has maintained its "readiness" to defend itself in the face of Russian aggression, that's rightly seen as a mere face-saving tactic. After all, its officials and diplomats were out there literally begging for de-escalation. At the height of the tensions, Ukraine's ambassador to Britain, Vadym Prystaiko suggested that, for the sake of peace, his country may reconsider its ambition to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), which Russia is bent on preventing at any cost; though the ambassador subsequently retracted the remarks, apparently under pressure.

Interestingly, however, Russia actually never had any intention of invading Ukraine, in the first place, after all. President Putin has only resorted to playing power politics that way to blackmail both Ukraine and NATO into abandoning the planned inclusion of the former in the latter. The US and its NATO allies are already aware of that, yet they feigned tactical naivety while exaggeratedly warning of an impending Russian invasion of Ukraine to portray the former as a belligerent country hell-bent on bullying the weaker countries.

Anyway, since coming into power two decades ago, Russia's President Vladimir Putin has been increasingly committed to reviving and assuming the role of the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republic (USSR), which collapsed in 1991; a development that resulted in the springing up of 15 sovereign countries, including Russia, in its place.

Russia somehow ended up with the largest territorial share and the Soviet's military arsenal, which made it the largest country on earth and the second largest military power in the world.

The former Soviet Union had led a NATO rival alliance known as The Warsaw Treaty Organization (WTO) amid raging geopolitical and global power struggle (Cold War) between the US-led West and its allies, on the one hand, and the Soviet-led East and its allies, on the other.

However, amid worsening turmoil and towards the Soviet's eventual breakup, WTO was dissolved in 1990 in the wake of the collapse of the Berlin Wall that signalled the reunification of the Soviet-inclined socialist East Germany and the US-inclined capitalist West Germany, which gave rise to the Republic of Germany.

The collapse of the Soviet Union gave NATO a free hand to expand not only to the traditional former Soviet's traditional sphere of influence i.e. Central and Eastern Europe where more than 10 countries have joined but also to the former Soviet republics as well, i.e. Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Georgia, Ukraine, and Bosnia and Herzegovina have also been recognized as aspiring members, which means their inclusion is just a matter of time.

President Putin rightly considers NATO's continued expansion to Eastern Europe a strategy aimed at sabotaging Russia's geopolitical influence in the region and beyond. NATO is worried about Putin's increasingly growing geopolitical and global influence at the expense of its members. Though many countries in the region have already joined NATO, President Putin has been committed to reversing the trend and frustrating further inclusions. In that regard, he is particularly interested in Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Belarus for their particular significance to Russia's strategic interests.

Though Putin may not invade Ukraine, he isn't likely to abandon his plan to impose a Russia-influenced political reality in the country that would frustrate the insistence of the country's current Western-influenced political elite to join the organisation.

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course, Ukraine live with the fact that tackling Russia militarily was/is never an option, and won't be in the foreseeable future, either. Russia isn't only disproportionately stronger than Ukraine, but, being the second-largest military power on earth, is also too strong to be tackled even by the United States and the other NATO members combined. A full-scale war between Russia and, say, the US or any equally major military power wouldn't only culminate in the annihilation of the warring parties but would equally cause the annihilation of most, if not the entire, world, for that matter.

Likewise, even economic sanctions won't work in this regard, because major European economies including Germany, which is the largest, depend largely on Russian gas. Besides, about 70 per cent of foreign investments in Russia are owned by some NATO members. Other mutual economic interests equally explain the counterproductive effects of full-scale economic sanctions against Russia on Europe's major economies as well.

## OPINION

### It's time for a new economic deal between EU and Africa

By **Muhammadu Buhari**

When it comes to the relationship between the European Union and Africa, unfair arrangements have long been skated over for lack of alternatives.

Increasingly unsustainable, these one-sided deals have provoked calls from both sides of the Mediterranean for a partnership of equals. At the EU-Africa Summit, leaders from across my continent will gather with their European counterparts to transform such rhetoric into substance.

The EU is currently Africa's largest trading partner, and Africa is the fastest growing continent on earth. While each presents the other with great opportunities, as partners, we also share a host of problems. Today, the EU-Africa relationship must be shifted toward a new economic arrangement in order to address them.

By 2050, Africa's population of 1.3 billion is set to double, making up a quarter of the world's total. My country, Nigeria, is set to double its population to 400 million by then, surpassing the United States to become the third largest nation in the world. This means a huge youthful market right on Europe's doorstep and — with increased trade — a growing middle class with money to spend.

However, despite burgeoning possibility, irregular northward migration from my continent drains Africa's talent pool, while provoking political crises in the EU. Despite its best efforts, Europe will not find a sustainable remedy to this problem by further reinforcing its Fortress Europe approach. Instead, more opportunities must be created for Africans at home, providing alternatives to the decision to take a life-threatening boat journey in order to seek them elsewhere.

The relationship between the EU and Africa must be rebalanced to power job creation. Unfortunately, today's arrangements do just the opposite.

Where some claim preferential trade policies with the EU lend a helping hand to Africa, the real picture is far more complicated. The Everything but Arms scheme grants 32 African countries tariff-free access to Europe's protected markets. In addition to the fact that this excludes many of the continent's 54 nations, there remain barriers to Europe's markets even for countries that qualify.

For example, though agricultural subsidies to EU farmers may not be the same as external tariffs, their effects are identical: They make Africa's exports uncompetitive. More than €50 billion is ploughed into keeping European food produce cheap. With its main export market distorted against them, African countries are deprived of foreign exchange, and investment in agriculture is stifled.

Conversely, Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) give Europe deeper access to African markets. At the lower end of the value chain, these free-trade deals ensure EU agricultural subsidies deliver another blow to African farmers, as artificially depreciated produce floods the market, undermining domestic competitors. For instance, subsidy-driven surpluses of European milk are powdered and sent to Africa, decimating its dairy

industry. It is a similar story when it comes to wheat and poultry production. Despite having the most underutilized arable land in the world, Africa remains a net food importer. Meanwhile, more than half of Africans work in agriculture, a sector in which sustained improvements offer the fastest path to poverty reduction across the continent.

At the higher end of the value chain, premature trade liberalization demanded by these EPAs have put nascent manufacturers out of business. In other cases, industries simply don't materialise because there is no incentive to enter the market. Consequently, the jobs required to satisfy millions of young Africans joining the employment market every year are not created.

It is for these reasons that Nigeria decided against signing an EPA. But this was only possible because of our place as the largest economy in Africa. Smaller nations have little choice.

The unease over such deals is not limited to Africans either. Warnings from within the EU, including from development ministers, have stated the deals are irreconcilable with poverty reduction pledges and UN Sustainable Development Goals.

When subsidies and EPAs are taken together, the current trade arrangements are a little different from what took place in our past. Africa is supplying natural resources. Yet extractive industries are job-light and siphon Africa's wealth from the continent.

This is not only a matter of rewriting agreements. We must also change the way we interact. In 2019, the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) came into effect. It created the largest free trade market in the world, and over time it will progressively break down tariffs and non-tariff barriers between nations within the continent.

An inheritance of colonial extraction, trade within the continent currently languishes at 17 per cent, compared to Europe's 68 per cent. In fact, Africa trades more with Europe than it does with itself. The free trade area shall rectify this, driving development whilst also diversifying economies.

At the same time, speaking with one voice, Africa can mobilize its collective clout to gain better deals for itself on the world stage. Today we meet as continents, and our trade relations should reflect that. Yet EPAs pitch the EU as one against regional groupings or individual countries in Africa, and the pursuit of these deals has the effect of creating a motley of various conditions and tariff regimes across the continent. Pulling nations in different directions, will slow the implementation of AfCFTA and undermine eventual efforts to attain a customs union.

Moving forward, it is clear what a new economic deal between our unions should entail: For Africa, it must offer a chance for a fundamentally new economic deal. For Europe, it must provide the chance to rid itself of a trade policy that quashes job-creation in Africa and hinders efforts to stem economic migration to Europe.

The way forward is clear the deal just needs to be struck.

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## The hijab, a Muslim woman's identity

**L**ike their counterparts around the world, Muslim women in Nigeria recently marked the 10th annual World Hijab Day (WHD) with public lectures. The WHD was founded in 2013 by a Bangladeshi/American woman, Nazma Khan, and is marked on February 1, every year, to educate and raise awareness on the use of hijab by Muslim women. This year's event had 'Hijab is Our Crown, Not a Crime' as its theme. Speaking through Hajiya Sidikat Shomope at a public lecture to mark the 2022 WHD at the National Mosque in Abuja, Nigeria's Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu, said Nigeria's constitution allows Muslim women to wear hijab in line with the teachings of their faith.

Hijab is the dress-code prescribed for Muslim women when outside of their family homes. The reasons for which Muslim women wear hijab as instructed in the Qur'an include that they should not display their appearance (beauty) except that which is already apparent such as their face, hands up to wrist, and feet. Preventing the hair on the head from showing is another deliberate object for wearing hijab. Qur'an 33:59 specifically commands Muslim women to wear outer garments when they go out, so that they are not harassed. Hijab distinguishes a Muslim woman from those of the pre-Islamic era, affirms her religious and cultural identity, and is a source of protection for her chastity.

The controversy over hijab has been from both non-Muslim and Muslim backgrounds. The violence that broke out penultimate week at the Oyun Baptist High School in Kwara State, is a resonance of the decades-old controversy over the use of hijab by female Muslims in Nigeria.

In 2004, France banned the use of "clothes through which students conspicuously display their religious affiliation" in schools. France became the first European country to ban the full-face veil in public places; followed by Belgium, Latvia, Bulgaria, Austria, Denmark and some regions of Switzerland in the following years. At the same time, however, the use of hijab by Muslim women is allowed in many other European or Western countries like the United Kingdom, Germany, United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, etc.

In Tunisia, women were banned from wearing hijab in state offices in 1981. In 1953, the late President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt was not disposed to granting the demand by the leader of the Muslim Brotherhood to oblige the wearing of hijab by Muslim women. Indeed, it was not until the close of the 20th Century that Egypt saw a resurgence of the use of hijab by Muslim women.

While the discourse on hijab intensified after September 11, 2001, the attempt by some countries to put restrictions on its use rather boosted the consciousness by Muslim women to wearing the hijab in even greater numbers. According to a survey, "43 per cent of the approximate one million Muslim women living in the United States of America (USA) regularly wear headscarf". Following a recent hijab controversy at a school in Karnataka in India, Rashad Hussain, the US Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom in the Joe Biden-led administration said "to ensure one's religious freedom, one should also have the freedom to wear the dress of his religion."

Expectedly, the WHD has not only increased awareness on the use of hijab among its natural users, but also improved the understanding among non-Muslims of Muslim culture. The use of hijab by Muslim women, which between four and five decades earlier was considered as exclusive to women relatively classified then as conservatives, has now become a popular practice in Nigeria. An average Muslim woman in Nigeria today, young and old, urban and rural, wears the hijab with pride. It is sometimes the case that non-Muslims with little awareness of the significance of the hijab see it as a symbol of oppression, but most Muslim women who wear it do so with a sense of pride. It is such mistaken notions that the WHD seeks to dispel.

The wearing of hijab by Muslim women absolutely constitutes no harm or inconvenience to others. Since its use is also not prejudicial to public interest, it should be seen to be part of the freedom of religion guaranteed to all citizens by the constitution that allows the practice of religion by Muslim women according to the teachings of their faith. The refusal to understand, recognize and respect the culture and heritage of Muslims, which makes hijab a fundamental expression of a Muslim woman's religious identity, would only allow fanaticism to thrive. Nigeria and the world in general would be a better place to live when the evil instincts of bigotry and hatred are substituted with tolerance, mutual love and understanding.

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## At world expo 2020, I couldn't see Africa in the future

**T**he ongoing Expo 2020 holding in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, will end on March 31, 2022. The six-months event, which should have started from October 2020, was delayed till October 2021 because of the debilitating COVID-19 pandemic (some call it plandemic), which grounded the world.

The concept of World Expo was originally known as World Fair, a platform where nations come to showcase their achievements. And indeed, it is much better to encourage nations to come together for sports, or business, or tourism, or industry, or technology, rather than to seek to destroy one another out of ignorance and hatred.

The world started coming together on this idea of expos, in 1791, with the maiden edition held in Bohemia, in present-day Czech Republic. It was to mark the coronation of King Leopold II as king of Bohemia. After the first one, another held in Paris in 1844, and in the Crystal Palace, London in 1851, and there have been clear themes coming with different eras. Between 1851 and 1938, the focus was generally on industrialization. Between 1939 and 1987 the focus shifted to Cultural Exchange and the sharing of technological innovation. From 1988 till date, it has been about nation branding, with countries using the platform as an avenue to burnish their national images.

Of course, more and more, technological innovation dominates the expos, as nations showcase their abilities to produce, not just primary goods (like farm produce), nor secondary goods (like processed agricultural products like chocolates or butter), but tertiary goods like technology. One could even argue that nations are now at the level of quaternary (knowledge sector), and quinary (evaluation and interpretation of new technologies) products and services.

But it is significant to take note of the fact that countries suddenly started obsessing over image since 1987, very much around the time when we were implementing SAP, devaluing our currency, and beginning our downward descent, not only as Nigeria, but most of black Africa. Historians have work to do to unravel what happened in that era. It was the era in which Africa lost respect.

Trust Dubai with its penchant for doing superlative things. A new city was built for this one, called the Expo City, covering 1,038 acres of space. After the Expo, the huge place – which cannot possibly be covered in a single day or week by anyone – will become residential, with some people getting lucky to live in some of the most innovative and bizarrely-designed buildings ever. And with this project, Dubai has extended its territory further than imagined – the Expo City is at least 10-20 kilometres after Jebel Ali, which used to be the outer limits of Dubai and where the Metro terminated. Now,

the Metro has extended to the Expo, with plans to continue on to Abu Dhabi.

Let's not forget Africa. Africa is there at the expo, but with very little to show. I visited the pavilions of countries like Cameroon, Mali, Mauritania, Sierra Leone, Ghana, and of course, Nigeria. All the countries featured their agricultural produces, and some featured their fisheries industries. Nigeria did not really bother with tourism, or crops per se. We emphasised, instead, our fashion industry, and then our music. So, we should just admit that our music industry is our remaining pride as a nation. I didn't see a lot about Nollywood though. And there was nowhere pointing to how visitors could engage with that music industry or to download the music they liked. So, we did not position well to capitalize on the only thing we could showcase.

Our pavilion was sparsely populated, though I saw Asians and a few Caucasians strolling in. For most visitors, they were done with our pavilion in two or three minutes. And we shared a building with Cyprus, I think. In short, our showing as a nation was well, forgettable. In some of the serious nations, like UAE, South Korea, Australia, Finland, Saudi Arabia, Russia and more, people queued in hundreds, and waited patiently in the sun to be let in to see what wonders these countries had planned for the world.

A few African countries were more ambitious. Angola was remarkable, and they even got a few of their budding musicians to play live salsa music, much to the applause of onlookers. Angola, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, among a few African nations, had their own specially-designed building which showed their current status and their readiness for the future. South Africa's pavilion was not particularly mind-blowing but the concept was a little more engaging than what we showcased.

In short, Black Africa especially, was not doing anything spectacular, and does not seem to want to do anything spectacular into the future. Angola's newfound gung-ho probably stems from the huge Chinese investments in that country. Angolan natives may yet catch some inspiration and move ahead in terms of competencies and vision. But all of us in black Africa should challenge ourselves. Whereas countries are producing 5th level innovation products and are catching the attention of the world, we have remained as primary products producers and are even doing woefully in that respect. China we hear, has started exporting cocoa, and has also perfected the processing of garri, by manufacturing a 6-stage machine that does the work perfectly, with little waste. No wonder, we in Africa are still unable to feed ourselves. Yet we now need all the innovations of the rest of the world – which we often consume with impunity and minds lacking contrition or introspection. Who will wake up black Africa?

A week after coming back home, I had cause to attend an event in one of the remote parts of Lagos State. Driving to that place and back, I was afraid. Afraid whether we could continue at the pace at which we are progressing – like we have no intention to catch up with the world. Afraid if we intend to continue into the next 100, 200 years in so much dishevelment, filth, chaos, want, deprivation. The world has moved on, and in the new world, there is no space for many of the things that define Africa. It is very possible, that if we consistently show that we don't know how to optimize, modernize, rearrange, de-uglify, our spaces, in a very short while, those who know how to will find smart ways of taking them over from us. I've said my bit.

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# LETTERS to the Editor

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## South East leaders must unite, speak with one voice

The average Igbo man, the symbol of true representation of the Nigerian State, craves the unity of Nigeria more than anyone else in this country.

It is unfortunate that as a result of the Nigerian Civil War, the Igbo have been turned 'enemies' of Nigeria and have therefore been relegated to the background of political calculation.

Again, the seeming disunity of Ndi Igbo has earned them a loss of respect in our national politics.

Part of the challenges Ndi Igbo faces is the

denigration of Igbo elders which encourages the cliché of 'Igbo enwe eze'; lack of clear strategy for group survival and the absence of commonly endorsed spokesperson for Ndi Igbo. Also, personal interventions end up as avenues for driving purely personal ambitions.

However, the Igbo man has what it takes to propel Nigeria to greater heights, politically, socially and economically. It is therefore important that all major ethnic groups produce the president before we would agree to end the zoning

arrangement.

Nigeria is built on a tripod (Hausa, Igbo and Yoruba), therefore, the South East should be allowed to produce the president come 2023. Moreover, the emergence of an Igbo man as president would equally bring an end to protests in the South East region.

The South East should not sit down, cross their hand and expect to be given the presidency on a platter of gold. Political power is not given; it is taken by whoever desires to occupy any political position.

The South East leaders must therefore rise to the occasion; they must unite and speak with one voice and must build bridges across the political, religious, ethnic and regional divides in Nigeria.

We, of the Njem Igbo Initiative, are sounding this clarion call for all well-meaning Ndigbo to take that step of faith, mend fences, build bridges of unity and forge a common goal, that is a president of Igbo extraction.

Chidozie Okoli, President, Njem Igbo Initiative

## Still on Jabbi-Lamba Malabu-Konkol Belel-Cameroon road

Over time, business people, farmers, residents and commuters have been crying as the reconstruction of Jabbi Lamba-Malabu Farang-Konkol-Belel road linking Adamawa State with Cameroon is yet to commence.

New videos of the terrible condition of the road are being circulated on social media, showing the deteriorating condition of this road. Since the year the road was constructed 39 years ago, it has not been repaired even by FERMA that applies palliative measures.

The Honorable Member of the House of Reps representing Fufore/Song Federal Constituency, Hon. Sadiq Ibrahim Dasin, moved a motion for the reconstruction of the road on November 17, 2015. As a result, the House Committee on Legislative Compliance forwarded it to the Ministry of Works and Housing for compliance and the road was captured in the 2018 budget.

Record confirmed that feasibility studies, reconnaissance survey and Inception Report on the road have been carried out by the Engineering Design consultants appointed by the ministry. So in 2018 when the road first got into the budget, it was recorded as "new" but in 2019, the road appeared in the budget as "on-going". It also appeared as "on going" both in the 2020 and 2021 budgets.

It also confirmed that a contract for the reconstruction of the road was awarded to China Yuan Skypond Ltd on June 10, 2020 at the cost of N26.829bn.

The contractor is however not yet on site, owing to inadequate releases of fund for the project. In the mean time, people continue to suffer on the road as it further deteriorates. With galloping inflation being experienced, the N26.829 billion contract sum will eventually mean little for the reconstruction of this road.

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## Re: Islam, Qur'anic education and *Almajirci*

My attention has been drawn to the aforementioned piece of opinion written by Dr Ahmad Shehu, published in this popular newspaper, dated February 16, 2022, dissociating *almajirci* from Islam or the so-called Qur'anic education.

I absolutely concur with Dr Ahmad's view that parents' grave delinquency is the underlying cause of today's *almajirci*; leaving under-five children roaming the streets with torn and dirty-looking clothes, critical illnesses and hungry stomachs in the name of seeking Qur'anic education.

In accordance with Islam and ethical principles of justice, children must be fully brought up from their birth to adulthood. This means that their feeding, clothing, education and medication are placed on parents' shoulders.

Therefore, today's *almajirci* has deviated from Islamic teachings as parents fail to fulfill their assigned duties designed under Islamic jurisprudence giving children certain rights and responsibilities granted by God that will definitely be guaranteed on the Day of Judgment. Even governments are involved in these rights.

When he was alive, the late Islamic scholar of Saudi

Arabia, Sheikh Uthaimen (May God have mercy on him) said children are trust given to parents by God. They are to be well fed, well groomed, and properly dressed for seasons and appearance. Hence parents will be held accountable for this consecrated trust on the Day of Judgment.

In Islam, proper upbringing of children is the biggest responsibility placed on parents' shoulders, and they will definitely be held accountable for these tasks on the Day of Judgment. This means that parents should be willing to save their bacons from petrifying interrogations of the hereafter with regards to how they brought up their children.

Besides, even the three tiers of government must be involved in raising children as it is not only a parental responsibility. These twin duties will undoubtedly be interrogated hereafter. When he was in office, the immediate past president of Nigeria, Goodluck Jonathan, performed his duty by building 157 model *tsangaya* or *almajiri* schools across the country. But it is unfortunate how these schools that consumed N15 billion had turned into a marching centre for rats and lizards.

Since most of *almajiri* pupils are flooding into cities

from rural areas and remote regions, the media, more especially radio stations, have their part to play in arresting the incessant issue of *almajirci* by creating awareness for rural communities. Parents should also be reminded that giving birth to plenty of children and sending them to *almajirci* without catering for them is tantamount to preferring an abode of hell hereafter. They should also be advised to embrace family planning or birth spacing in order to be freed from being questioned for violating their children's human rights.

I will conclude by calling on Nigeria's candid and detached Islamic scholars in every nook and cranny of the northern part of the country to keep their inclination and fear aside and sift the grains from chaff by distancing immaculate Islamic teachings from pushing consecrated trust given to parents by their creator into the extremely embarrassing life on streets. They must also preach on offering proper upbringing for children and consequences or punishment of parents' negligence to do so hereafter.

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**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE MATTERS**

**NEED TO INVESTIGATE THE ONGOING RECRUITMENT INTO THE NIGERIA SOCIAL INSURANCE TRUST FUND (NSITF) AND OTHER AGENCIES UNDER THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND PRODUCTIVITY (HR, 33/02/2022)**

**CALL FOR MEMORANDA/INVITATION TO A ONE-DAY INVESTIGATIVE HEARING**



**P**ursuant to Section 88 and 89 of the Constitution of the federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and Section 4 of the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Acts, the House Committees on Public Service Matters, Federal Character, Labour, Employment and Productivity and Disabilities to Investigate the Ongoing Recruitment into the Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF) and other Agencies under the Federal Ministry of Labour and recommend appropriate sanctions to anyone found culpable of undue favoritism and report within (4) weeks; cordially invites/request for a Memorandum from all Governmental Agencies, Organizations, Interest Groups, General Public and Stakeholders to an Investigative Hearing scheduled for **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2022 at Room 034, House of Representatives, National Assembly Complex, Abuja by 11:00a.m. Prompt:**

The Committees specifically invites and expects submissions from the following Ministries, Institutions and Agencies of Government:-

- (1) Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation;
- (2) Office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation;
- (3) Federal Ministry of Labour, Employment and Productivity;
- (4) National Commission for Persons with Disabilities;
- (5) Federal Character Commission;
- (6) Nigeria Social Insurance trust Fund (NSITF);
- (7) National Directorate of Employment;
- (8) National Productivity Centre;
- (9) All Agencies under Ministry of Labour, Employment and Productivity;
- (10) All Relevant Stakeholders;
- (11) Etc.

All Memoranda to be submitted in 30 copies and a soft copy to the Clerk, House Representatives Committee on Public Service Matters, Room -1.33 (**Basement**), New Building Extension, House of Representatives, National Assembly Complex, Abuja on or before Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.

In furtherance of this important publication, the Committees request with expediency for the Agencies that are yet to forward their documents to do so without any further delay. Consequently, the reply to our correspondence and the forwarding of the documents aforementioned are to be communicated to the Clerk of the Committee on 08064375035 forthwith.

Your co-operation, contribution and participation is highly solicited for.

**Signed:**  
**Hon. (Dr.) Engr. Sani U. Bala, FNSE, FHIPE**  
Chairman

# BUSINESS

## CBN EXCHANGE RATES

	US DOLLAR	Pound STERLING	EURO	YUAN/ RENMINBI	RIVAL	CFA
Buying	410	558	478	58.57	101.02	0.69
Central NGN	410.43	558.10	478.24	58.65	101.15	0.70
Selling NGN	410.87	558.20	478.48	58.73	101.29	0.71

## COMMODITIES PRICE (January 10, 2022)

CRUDE OIL BRENT	\$83.57
GOLD	\$1,740.60
SILVER	\$22.60
NATURAL GAS	\$5.4

## BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES

	Dollar	Euro	Pound S.
BUYING	N563	N580	N694
SELLING	N565	N595	N705

**From Clement A. Oloyede (Kano),  
Simon E. Sunday & Faruk Shuaibu  
(Abuja)**

## Scarcity: Operatives trail marketers hoarding, hiking petrol price

**T**owards ensuring that the queues for petrol at various retail outlets are eased, several operatives have begun a clampdown on marketers who are hoarding the product or selling it at above the N165 per litre price band.

The CEO/GMD of NNPC Ltd, Mallam Mele Kyari, earlier this week said the company has constituted a monitoring team, with the support of the Authority (NMDPRA) and security agencies to ensure smooth distribution of petrol nationwide.

NNPC also implored Nigerians to avoid panic buying and assure that the ongoing efforts will be sustained to restore normalcy in a few days' time.

The Kano State Public Complaints and Anti-Corruption Commission (PCACC) said it started the clamp down after residents and motorists lamented the acts of many fuel marketers in Kano. The acting Chairman of PCACC, Barrister Mahmoud Balarabe, said the commission reached out to the leadership of the Kano chapter of Independent Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria (IPMAN) but did not get any response.

"On Tuesday morning, we went on raiding some filling stations and we arrested

six people at the six filling stations we went to. Most of them are managers who changed the pump price to N200 and N208 per litre against the N165. On Wednesday, we also arrested another six individuals. In one filling station, we discovered over 4,000 litres of fuel in their tank but they were not selling," he said.

IPMAN Kano chairman, Bashir Ahmad Danmallam, did not take calls put to him.

In Abuja, the movement of the monitoring team could not be verified immediately; however, some station attendants in Wuse and Asokoro confirmed the visit of security agents to monitor how the product is being sold.

In Ilorin, the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) on Wednesday warned fuel station owners to desist from hoarding products in Kwara state.

The State Commandant, NSCDC, Mr Makinde Ayinla, at a briefing said: "This is in line with the directive of the Commandant-General of the NSCDC, Ahmed Abubakar Audi, that we should make sure that petroleum products are available to the people and at recommended pump prices."



■ Kyari

## ABP: Kaduna farmers erect 30 maize pyramids

**From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka,  
Kaduna**

To commemorate their 30 years of existence, maize farmers in Nigeria under the aegis of Maize Association of Nigeria (MAAN) who have benefited from the Anchor Borrower Programme (ABP) of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), are erecting 30 maize pyramids in Kaduna.

The CBN created the ABP which was launched by President Muhammadu Buhari on November 17, 2015, to create a linkage between anchor companies involved in processing and Small Holder Farmers (SHFs) of key agricultural commodities.

While briefing journalists after a visit to the pyramids in Kaduna yesterday, the Development Finance Officer, CBN Kaduna branch, Aminu Mohammed, said the pyramids were the second as MAAN did maize pyramids in Katsina in 2021.

He said, "They are doing their second national maize pyramids here to commemorate their 30th anniversary. They have been in existence for 30 years. So they plan to do 30 pyramids to show those 30 years."

Mohammed said, "All the maize in the pyramids come from 15 states in the North, including Kaduna. Maize demand in the country is estimated to increase at an average of 3.2 per cent per annum, largely due to population increase and urbanisation. 60 per cent of Nigeria's production of maize is consumed by the industrial sector for production of flour, beer, malt drink, cornflakes, dextrose and animal feeds. The annual consumption of maize in Nigeria stood at 12.38 million Metric Tons (MT) in 2021."

The President of the Maize Pyramids Committee, Alhaji Kabiru Salihu, said through the ABP many small scale farmers in the state and the country at large had been empowered.

Alhaji Kabiru, who is the state Chairman of the MAAN, explained that maize production had increased to 20MT in 2020 against eight million MT that was produced since 2015.

## Vehicle import: Freight agents kick as Customs set to implement VIN

**From Eugene Agha,  
Lagos**

Freight forwarders have said they may ground commercial activities at the seaports over plans by the Nigerian Customs Service (NCS) to implement the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) valuation policy on all imported vehicles.

The federal government, through the Ministry of Finance, had last month, flagged off the introduction of VIN into the customs valuation system through Vehicle Registration (VREG).

The agents had said the VREG had not only slowed down their operations, but that they had also incurred huge

demurrage following the frequent collapse of the VREG portal.

The VIN is an electronic system that allocates appropriate values and duty payable on imported fairly used vehicles.

Rising from a joint emergency meeting, the agents issued a 72-hour strike notice to customs to halt the implementation of VIN.

The spokesman of the Association of Nigerian Licensed Clearing Agents (ANLCA), Tin-Can Island Unit, Comrade Onome Monije, said, "The leadership of our association is meeting in Abuja with the customs. We await the outcome of the meeting to know the way forward."

PTML Chapter Chairman of the National Council of Managing Directors of Licensed Customs Agents (NCMDLCA), Mr Abayomi Duyile, said there were flaws in the new customs valuation system, as there was no consideration for rebate and depreciation value in the valuation being issued on imported cars.

But in his comments, Festus Okun, Customs Area Controller (CAC) of Port Terminal Multiservices Limited (PTML) Command in Lagos, described the VIN valuation model as one that would increase transparency, raise revenue collection and engender predictability.

## FG to build 6 solid minerals processing plants

**From Usman A. Bello,  
Benin**

The federal government has said it will build six solid minerals processing plants in the six geo-political zones of the country.

The Minister of State for Mines and Steel Development, Uchechukwu Sampson Ogah, disclosed this yesterday during a courtesy call on Governor Godwin Obaseki in Benin City.

He said: "The president gave us the mandate to develop key solid minerals which are coal, bitumen, limestone, iron ore, gold and zinc among others."

"We have started the process and through the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), we have been able to attract some funding and we are building six processing plants because

what we discovered in the past is that people take our minerals."

The minister said each ore has so many other components but the miners lose by selling it as one component, noting that the processing plant for the South South zone is being built in Cross River State.

On his part, Governor Godwin Obaseki assured that his administration is committed to partnering with the federal government to come up with policies to improve the mining sector.

"This loophole must be closed. We have to work closely to check illegal mining. Once we legalise the operations and everybody understands the enforcement, from the state government to the local government, nobody will go into mining without proper authorisation," he said.

## NIGERIAN RAILWAY CORPORATION ABUJA – SUMMARY OF TRAIN HEADWAY AT IDU AND RIGASA

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RIGASA	--	6:40	--	10:35	--	14:00	--	15:55	18:10	--	09:15	--	12:01	--	14:31	--	16:37	--	--	20:32

CROSSINGS DETAILS	STATION ►	JERE	JERE	RUANA	RUANA	KUBWA	KUBWA	KAKAU	KAKAU	JERE	JERE	DUTSE	DUTSE	GIDAN	GIDAN
	TIME (HH:MM)	7:56	7:58	11:23	11:20	12:38	12:35	14:15	14:13	15:16	15:14	16:11	16:14	19:15	19:19
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NEWS

## 'Nasarawa has attracted N207.9bn investments'

From Umar  
Muhammed, Lafia

The Nasarawa State Government said it has recently attracted investments worth over \$500 million (about N207.9bn) to add value to the economy of the state.

This was disclosed by the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Nasarawa State Investment Development Agency, Mr Ibrahim Abdullahi, at a media briefing in Lafia, the state capital, on Thursday.

According to him, NASIDA was able to attract the investments to the state in the almost three years of Governor Abdullahi

Sule's administration because of the governor's commitment to ensure that the state was industrialised, which would in-turn, create jobs for the youths.

He said, "We have closed significant 13 Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) and over eight business environment initiatives have been implemented."

He further said some of the investments attracted to the state were Nasarawa Transport Company, Karu Retail and Recreational Mall, Cassava Processing Park, Nasarawa Technology Village, Nasarawa Agriculture Commodity Company and Meter Manufacturing Plant.

## FG signs N4bn pact with 8 firms for 23 solar projects

By Simon Echewofun  
Sunday

The federal government has signed a €9.3 million (about N4.39 billion) agreement with eight local firms to deliver 23 mini-grid solar power projects across 11 states.

The projects are expected to generate a 5.4-kilowatt peak electricity to connect about 27,600 households, and impact over 138,000 Nigerians in two years. The project is coordinated by the Rural Electrification Agency (REA) with support from the European Union (EU) and the German government through the Nigerian Energy Support Programme (NESP).

Speaking at the signing of the Interconnected Mini-grid Acceleration Scheme (IMAS) award grant agreement at the REA office in Abuja yesterday, the Minister of State, Power, Goddy Jedy-Agba, commended the management of REA for their effort and actions towards ensuring power reached the off-grid communities.

He said, "According to the developed National Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Policy, the vision 30:30:30 aims at achieving 30,000 megawatts of electricity by the year 2030, with

renewable energy contributing 30 per cent of the energy mix. To achieve this, Nigeria will have to construct over a thousand mini-grids of 100 kilowatts."

The 23 mini-grids will be across 11 states which include Zamfara, Niger, Plateau, Kwara, Kogi, Osun, Ogun, Lagos, Delta, Anambra and Cross River.

Managing Director of REA, Engr. Ahmad Salihijo Ahmad, said, "As an agency, we encourage investors to explore the solar mini-grid sector.

"However, one major constraint to this is usually financing. This is why the Rural Electrification Agency, with the support of NESP, is working together to alleviate this bottleneck.

"We do this by providing in-kind grants to selected mini-grid developers on favourable and encouraging terms as contained in the Grant Agreement."

Head of Programme at NESP, Benjamin Duke, assured that his team would continue to work to build investors' confidence in the sector by developing an accurate electricity market intelligence that would provide investors with accurate data about the country's electricity needs.

## Dubai-based TV maker to invest N41bn in Nigeria, Ghana

**M**aser, a Dubai-based electronics manufacturer, plans to invest \$100 million (about N41.6 billion) over the next three years to expand in Nigeria and neighbouring West African country, Ghana to tap strong demand for its products.

The company, which tripled its number of televisions sold in Africa to 600,000 between 2017 and last

year, plans to increase its presence in Nigeria and Ghana, Prateek Suri, founder and chief executive officer, said in an interview. "The West African market is huge, we see growth opportunities," he said.

The move will enable Maser to sell more smartTVs to Africa's largely youthful and tech-savvy population, which has increasing access to affordable and high-speed internet and is switching to digital

services at a rapid rate.

Maser will invest \$20m in a manufacturing plant in Nigeria after achieving sales of 200,000 televisions in Africa's most populous nation -- a milestone it expects to reach in six months. The plant will make wearable products including smartwatches, headphones, and bluetooth speakers as well as TVs, Suri said.

The company also plans to use \$30m to set up a firm that will offer

credit to shoppers, and will look to partner with fintech providers to boost customer lending.

"Customers will be able to buy our smartTVs and pay over 24 months in instalments," the CEO said.

The balance of \$50 million will go into working capital to expand market share, add new products and open distribution centres, he said. [Bloomberg]

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■ Director General, Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE), Mr Alex Okoh (left) and the FCT Minister, Malam Muhammad Musa Bello when the BPE Management paid a visit to the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) Abuja yesterday

## Nigeria's GDP records 3.4% growth, highest since 2014

By Faruk Shuaibu

**Nigeria's annual Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew by 3.40% which is the strongest since 2014.**

The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said this in its fourth-quarter GDP report yesterday, stating that 3.98 per cent was recorded in the quarter of last year, from 4.03% and 5.01% recorded in Q3 and Q2 2021, respectively.

However, the figure indicated that the economy is recording a continuous positive growth when compared to the 0.11% and

0.51% recorded in Q4 2020 and Q1 2021 respectively, on the back of the nation's negative growth due to the effects of COVID-19.

The Statistician-General of Federation/Chief Executive Officer of the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) at a press briefing, yesterday, noted that the new figure, which would be seen as lower than the 4.03% growth rate in Q3, is analytically better when viewed "in terms of the base effect of the corresponding period in Q4 of 2020 when the economy recorded a GDP growth rate of 0.11% as

against the growth rate recorded in Q3 of the same year which was -3.62%."

Harry added that the improvement seen in the output growth in the last five quarters was steady progress made in stemming the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated negative impact on livelihoods, well-being and the economy.

He said in nominal terms, aggregate GDP stood at N49.28 trillion in the fourth quarter of 2021, which is higher than the N43.56tr in the same period in 2020, growing by 13.11%.

Nominal GDP in the preceding quarter of Q3 2021 stood at N45.11tr, according to NBS.

The annual Nominal Value of GDP in 2021 was N173.53tr as against N152.32tr in 2020, showing a growth rate of 13.92%.

The Statistician-General added that the fastest growing sectors in the economy are the transportation and storage sector; mining and quarrying; financial and insurance sector; and water supply, sewage, waste management, and remediation sector.

## Investment in tech to combat poverty in Africa – Osinbajo

By Faruk Shuaibu

The Vice President, Prof Yemi Osinbajo, has said that more investment in science and technology is the only way poverty can be stemmed in Africa.

Prof Osinbajo, who spoke at the maiden "Young CEOs Summit" organised by the Abuja Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) yesterday, said increased investment in science and technology to achieve sustainable socio-economic growth would reduce poverty and achieve food security on the continent.

The vice president, who was represented by the Minister of State for Industry, Trade and Investment, Amb Mariam Katagum, said, "As a nation, we must mobilise and widen the involvement of relevant segments of the population, including the private sector, civil society, parliamentarians and of course, Nigerians in the

diaspora, to participate in the African Science and Technology Programme."

Osinbajo also said it was important to design an appropriate strategy to respond to the needs of transforming Africa into a knowledge-based and innovation-led society for a continental development.

The President of ACCI, Dr Al-Mutaba Abubakar, said the summit was to attract young and dynamic members to secure the chamber's future and to support youths-owned businesses, adding that the chamber would support young business owners through mentorship and capacity building.

The Chairman of ACCI's Young CEOs, Fife Banks, said the summit was a strategic initiative to engage widely with stakeholders across the public, private, development and diplomatic sectors to advance collective thinking on topical issues.

## PEBEC to partner N/West states on business prospects

From Mohammed Abubakar, Dutse

The Presidential Enabling Business Environment Council (PEBEC) has said it will work with states in the North West and other partners to create a favourable business climate for the ease of doing business.

The Special Adviser to the President on Ease of Doing Business (EoDB), Dr Jumoke Oduwale, stated this at the opening of the North West edition of the "Business Made Easy", a litigation tour and enlightenment investment campaign of the council held in Dutse, the Jigawa State.

She said, "Today we are in Jigawa State litigation for the North West region that includes Kano, Kaduna, Jigawa, Katsina, Kebbi, Sokoto and Zamfara states to listen to the challenges of entrepreneurs, small and large scale business owners and how to improve them.

"Our ease of doing business reform efforts demonstrates in clear terms our readiness to support our ambitions with all the political will available.

"This tour, therefore, is aimed at ensuring that the business climate reforms being implemented align with specific and pressing needs of the entrepreneurs and business owners."

She disclosed that PEBEC had implemented over 160 reforms which had led to Nigerians being listed twice among the top most improved economies in a space of three years by the World Bank, noting however that the council would not rest on its oars.

Gov Badaru Abubakar of Jigawa, in his speech, commended the President Muhammadu Buhari administration for its foresight in establishing PEBEC as a deliberate answer to the uncertain business environment prior to his assumption of office.

## As N/Assembly fumes, airlines list 16 reasons for flight delays

From Abdulateef Aliyu, Lagos

The Airline Operators of Nigeria (AON), a body of domestic airline owners, has listed 16 reasons for flight delays.

This is coming a few days after the National Assembly vowed to summon operators to explain incessant flight delays in the country.

The Joint National Assembly Committees on Aviation had last week expressed worry over incessant flight delays which, they said, was no longer acceptable.

A statement by the AON yesterday listed factors such as weather, inadequate aircraft parking space, restrictions caused by sunset airports, delays due to VIP movements, frequent bird strikes and Foreign Object Damage (FOD) as some of the reasons.

Others are the unavailability and ever-rising cost of aviation fuel; unavailability of forex for spare parts and maintenance, delays from customs in the clearing of safety-critical spare parts, poor air traffic flow and inadequate check-in counters.

The airline operators also pointed at inadequate screening and exit points at departure and unserviceable baggage claim machines (carousel), inadequate and unreliable ground services equipment, unruly behaviour of passengers, lack of runway lights as well as unforeseen circumstances due to component failures and ground accidents

According to the statement, 80% of causes of delays and cancellations are factors that are neither in the control of airlines nor caused by

them.

"This is no fault of airlines but yet another delay cause for which the domestic airlines take the fall for the entire system on a daily basis.

"Frequent bird strikes and Foreign Object Damage (FOD) damage many aircraft during landing, taxiing or take off at airports across the country, thereby forcing the aircraft to be parked abruptly until a replacement can be marshalled to operate a flight.

"Unavailability and the ever-rising cost of Aviation Fuel; JetA1 today costs above N410 in Lagos, N422 in Abuja and Port Harcourt, and N429 in Kano per litre and has continued to rise fast and steadily.

"On top of the continuous rise in fuel price, fuel supply is at best epileptic at several airports thereby causing delays," the statement said.

## FG to deploy 20,000 jubilee fellows by April

By Faruk Shuaibu

The federal government has stated that successful candidates for the first cohort of the Nigeria Jubilee Programme (JEP) fellows would be deployed to their place of assignment by April.

Daily Trust recalls that the JEP was an initiative of the federal government to connect 20,000

youths with employers annually.

A statement by the Senior Special Assistant to the Vice President on Media & Publicity, Laolu Akande after the National Executive Meeting (NEC), stated that 116,763 applications were received and 5,898 Private Sector Institutions Expressed interest to host the fellows.

Akande while quoting the

Minister of state for Industry, Trade and Investment, Otunba Niyi Adebayo, said that one of the goals of the programme was to mobilise \$260m over the five year period and the EU has committed 44m Euros into the fund.

The statement also stated that the council called for strong commitment of the state governors to procure

locally assembled vehicles to address the burden of the public transportation system on citizens for official use by the states and for personal use.

It noted that the automotive industry has the capability to attract \$1bn in Foreign Direct Investments as 63 Licenses have been issued with over 30 active assemblers.

It identified Lack of government patronage to assist assemblers in achieving economies of scale and insufficient vehicle credit financing to stimulate private off-take.

"Despite the potential, the industry has been significantly plagued by several challenges such as weak demand for locally assembled vehicles due to."

MOTORING

# NADDC drives petrol transition, unveils electric mini-bus

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

As part of its move to drive gas-powered vehicles in Nigeria, the Director General of the National Automotive Design and Development Council (NADDC), Mr Jelani Aliyu, has unveiled an electric mini-bus converted from a petrol engine.

The Electric Vehicle (EV) project was executed by a group of four young technocrats from Maiduguri, Borno State. The vehicle was presented on Wednesday to Aliyu at the NADDC office in Abuja by the four innovators.

The NADDC DG described the project as magnificent and commended the innovators for the initiative.

He urged other young Nigerians to emulate the effort by putting their acquired knowledge and skills into productive use that would solve problems.

Mr Aliyu promised that the agency would support the mass production of the vehicle and ensure it met global standards.

He said, "We hope to see more of this from other Nigerians. The NADDC is committed to this. We're going to sit with the guys and discuss how to make it more efficient and applicable for Nigerians."

"We are going to look into mass production of the vehicle in the most effective way that will meet acceptable global standards."

Jelani noted that Nigeria's auto policy had provided the solid base for the project, adding that the government was working on strategies to improve the patronage of vehicles assembled in Nigeria.

*Daily Trust* reports that the federal government had in 2020 launched a scheme to convert over one million vehicles running on petroleum to gas as it moves to reduce reliance on petrol-powered vehicles.

The government had said it was more economical to power automobiles using auto gas rather than petrol, more so when Nigeria was hugely blessed with a gas resource that had remained hugely untapped.



According to energy experts, gas is the next frontier for Nigeria in the wake of the uncertainty in the fossil fuel market.

At a time many Nigerians are scampering for fuel to power their vehicles, diversifying into gas-powered automobiles or EVs will reduce the pressure.

This is also seen as a move towards reducing reliance on petroleum to power vehicles on Nigerian roads, while the Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) takes the centre stage. It will further help in reducing emission and ensure cleaner air.

But vehicle owners are still wondering how the initiative will work: what are the modalities for the conversion of the vehicles is it going to be free, how affordable is it?

Explaining the modalities, Justice Derefaka, Technical Adviser on Gas Business and Policy Implementation to the Minister of State for Petroleum, Timipre Sylva, said the conversion process would take at least seven hours at the various conversion centres across

the country.

Speaking on Channels Television, Derefaka said, "The conversion of your vehicle is not something that will take three weeks or seven days; it will take you around seven to eight hours because they (technicians) need to do a diagnosis of your vehicle to see if it is fit for conversion. After that, they will test for roadworthiness and then proceed."

According to him, a vehicle owner is required to pay N250,000 to convert his vehicle from petrol to gas and that there would be different payment approaches for the conversion, adding that vehicle owners could have agreement with commercial banks to get their conversion done, noting that some centres had started the conversion already.

He said, "If you take your vehicle to some of the centres, technicians and original equipment manufacturers are there, so you can bring your vehicles for conversion to start running on gas."

#### Components for auto gas conversion

According to [naijauto.com](https://naijauto.com), to convert

your petrol car to CNG, one would need a couple of components and an experienced metal fabricator that can drill and join pieces together in a premium way. The following are the components you need for a proper CNG conversion on your car:

- A gas tank
- A regulator
- Parallel fuel rail
- CNG injectors
- An adapter
- A wiring harness
- Fueling ECU

Experts believe that the issue of fuel scarcity will be a thing of the past if the programme is pursued vigorously.

An automotive expert, Mr Mamudu Luqman, hailed the initiative which he described as workable.

He said, "The gas is in abundance and there are distribution companies. Existing petrol stations can install gas filling facilities. Government should also encourage production of the cylinders locally and provide installation training on a sustainable basis. The price must be competitive compared to petrol or diesel. Otherwise, it will only serve the purpose of cleaner air which in itself is desirable."

But a Lagos-based auto dealer, Mr Femi Olawale, said while he was not averse to the initiative, Nigeria was not prepared for this as the country lacked the technology and expertise to drive the programme to success.

He said the first thing the government should have done was to embark on a train-the-trainer programme for mechanics and auto technicians across the 36 states of the federation and the FCT.

Mr Olawale further said, "After this training, you can then convert some government vehicles to gas, monitor their performance and by doing so a lot of people would get used to it. If I have a car that has gas, who will I call? Even the so-called petrol cars, how many mechanics have the diagnosis machine to detect the fault in your car?"

"If there are 10,000 mechanics in Lagos, you can be sure that only about 1,000 have the machine."

# Mercedes adds AMG EQE to EV line-up

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

Mercedes Benz said it is expanding its electric vehicle line-up with high-performance models of the EQE full-electric midsize Sedan under the Mercedes-AMG brand.

This comes with two versions, the EQE 43 4MATIC with an output of 350 kilowatts (469 hp), and the 53 4MATIC+, with up to 505 kW (677 hp). Both models have dual electric motors, all-wheel drive and rear-wheel steering, along with other AMG performance and trim enhancements, Mercedes said in a news release on

Wednesday.

The EQE, in non-AMG form, will launch globally, starting in the middle of this year. Mercedes-Benz is taking a dual-pronged strategy to electrify the performance sub-brand - with plug-in hybrids and all-electric models - as the luxury automaker targets lower emissions.

The EQE, like the larger EQS, is based on Mercedes' EQA2 electric platform. Future AMG models will be based on the AMG.EA platform, and are likely to use high-performance axial flux electric motors.

The interior of the Mercedes-AMG EQE 43 4MATIC is with

hyacinth red and AMG's black nappa leather.

The EQE will be the first of a number of new Mercedes EV nameplates planned as the automaker looks to undercut Tesla's lead while challenging traditional rivals that are also rapidly electrifying. Crossover/SUV versions of the EQS and EQE are expected to be revealed shortly.

#### Next-gen battery

The EQE is powered by a next-generation (next-gen) battery that Mercedes claims is more energy-dense and faster charging. The battery can add 180 km (112 miles) of range in 15 minutes, the automaker said,



adding that it is also greener, that reduces the cobalt content featuring new cell chemistry to 10 per cent.



# YOUTHVILLE

Friday, February 18, 2022

...young at heart



You never lose in business. Either you win or you learn  
– Melinda F. Emerson

## How innovation, regulation can spur fintech growth – Digital banker, Ibrahim

Not restricted by the many regulatory requirements expected of traditional banks, financial technology (fintechs) firms have leveraged their position as disruptors in the market and promoting their ability to offer more agile services at lower prices. Speaking with *Daily Trust YOUTHVILLE*, Ibrahim Toyeeb, the Chief Executive Officer of technology company, Leatherback, said when technological innovations and financial regulation work in harmony, more fintech enterprises would rise in Nigeria.

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

**While calling on more regulation as young Nigerians develop more fintech muscle, Toyeeb said: “Technology, innovation, regulation and experience should go side-by-side. It should not be a matter of one or the other. The ability of fintechs to sidestep regulation has created distrust amongst consumers, who are increasingly voicing their need to be assured that their money is safe.”**

Mr Toyeeb spoke about the winning point of Leatherback, when he started.

“That is why – when we started Leatherback – we decided to view regulation as our friend, rather than our enemy. From the beginning, our model was always to get licenses in the countries we operate in,” he said.

Toyeeb said Leatherback’s licensing approach is rooted in the understanding that getting directly licensed helps build trust with clients, and provides them with the peace of mind that comes with knowing they are dealing with a fully regulated entity.

Leatherback commenced the licensing process in the United Kingdom (UK) and Canada. “Notably, we are licensed with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) in the UK, which is the highest regulatory body in the world. This means we are held to extremely high standards. We benchmark all our processes against the FCA and our systems are structured to adhere to all FCA requirements.”

Despite the onerous processes involved in obtaining licenses, Toyeeb said Leatherback is also Electronic Money Institution (EMI)-licensed in the UK, which allows it to offer electronic money services in the country.

“At the same time, we obtained a license in Canada as a money service business, a move that was aimed at making our Canadian clients feel comfortable with our platform and providing them with the same level of comfort they get from

their banks and other financial services providers,” he added.

Speaking further in the interview, Toyeeb said Leatherback is currently licensed – or in the process of being licensed – in about 13 other countries which it operates in. “Every regulator expects us to meet specific technological requirements and partnership standards. We are going through all of these regulatory processes and applications to make sure when consumers hear the name Leatherback, they feel comfortable hearing it. They know they are working with a properly structured and fully regulated organisation that will keep their money safe and give them the best possible service,” stated Toyeeb.

The technology company is being licensed in developed and frontier markets. While regulators in some of these markets may not be up to date, Leatherback has liaised with regulators to ensure that it offers the best services to its clients.

Explaining why the government would need to sustain its licencing role of businesses, the Leatherback helmsman said by becoming licensed, Leatherback does not have to leverage third party providers and that it enables the firm to tap directly into the local infrastructure in every country without engaging a local party that would charge extra cost to the consumers.

**On more international collaborations, he said**

Leatherback has joined hands with recognised and reliable solutions providers such as Currency Cloud, which provides account

solutions in the United States and parts of Europe, ClearBank, one of the largest banks in the UK. It has also partnered with 4Stop, a Know Your Customer (KYC), compliance and anti-fraud solution provider, and Yes Bank in India.

Toyeeb said: “Today, Leatherback has more than 40 partners globally, and partnerships with about three banks in each country it operates in.”

Even while promoting a strong regulatory base, Toyeeb said his company can further leverage on innovation. “We are committed to providing our clients with a unique financial technology experience that helps them explore different opportunities, while at the same time not erring on the wrong side of regulation.

“We understand that regulation, in one way or another, has to catch up with innovation, but we are happy to help play a meaningful role in bridging the gap with various regulators in the sector,” Toyeeb concluded.



## Hub trains Katsina entrepreneurs on grant applications

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

The Youth Entrepreneurship Support Hub (YES - Hub) and OHUB, another firm, have mentored some entrepreneurs in Katsina State on how they can apply for the 2022 Tony Elumelu Foundation (TEF) grant.

Speaking at the session, the founder of YES - Hub, Mr Ismail Bello, said: “The aspiring entrepreneurs were guided on how to put in a winning application for the 2022 TEF grant thereby scaling up their businesses, contributing to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 8, and creating wealth for themselves while on their journey to financial independence.”

Also commenting, the founder of OHUB, Dr Babangida Ruma said the session is an attempt to build an ecosystem that brings together students, jobs seekers and opportunities providers. “This is part of our mandate to train one million job seekers and students to place one million in dignified employment over the next five years in Nigeria.

“The TEF grant initiative is part of our roadmap for establishing a Digital Skills Bank) which is first of its kind in Nigeria. The skills bank helps support artisans, farmers, unemployed graduates as well as professionals to provide unfitted services to the people with technology,” said Ruma.

Sharing her experience with the participants, a 2019 winner of the grant and founder of Kayana\_by\_Aisha, Mrs Aisha Mukhtar Dabo, said: “I came to realize that a lot of the applicants have beautiful and mind blowing ideas to apply for TEF grant but none had a guide, therefore I decided to guide them using my experiences.

“In a few months, we’re planning on creating a singular act of mentorship even if it’s using a conventional method, where entrepreneurs can always reach out to us with any questions regarding structuring and planning a business,” Dabo noted.

She also said the strategy will be a huge change in the entrepreneurial space which could trigger more growth in businesses in the country while circulating wealth.

## USADF trains 70 youths on digital, management skills

From Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos

The United States African Development Foundation (USADF) under its Employability Support Project and the Lagos State Employment Trust Fund (LSETF) has supported a 2019 alumnus of the U.S. Consulate Academy for Women

Entrepreneurs, Funke Medun, to train 70 young Nigerians on digital and employability skills programme.

After an intensive six weeks training, over 70 youths participated in the first cohort graduation ceremony, which was held at the American Space in Ikeja, Lagos.

American Spaces are opened to young Nigerians

looking to develop ideas, as well as leadership and entrepreneurship skills through programmes and workshops designed especially for them.

The U.S. Consulate Public Affairs Officer, Stephen Ibelle, at the event highlighted the importance of small businesses in spurring economic growth and boosting shared prosperity.

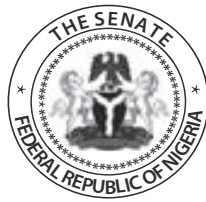
He said, “For Nigeria to

succeed, the men and women who create businesses or hope to develop new businesses and job opportunities must succeed. Ideas for new products or improved services will produce the growth, jobs and incomes that will lead to a more prosperous and stable Nigeria.”

Ibelle explained that the U.S. Mission in Nigeria has various programmes which

will continue to help create a more peaceful, stable, and prosperous future for Nigeria.

In her remarks, Medun acknowledged the commitment of the first set of participants to the successful completion of the six weeks capacity building programme; noting that the second batch of the training will commence soon.



**THE SENATE  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA  
JOINT COMMITTEE ON PETROLEUM INDUSTRY  
ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL  
National Assembly Complex, Abuja**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
(CALL FOR MEMORANDA)**



The Senate Joint Committee on Downstream Petroleum Sector; Petroleum Resources (Upstream); and Gas wish to invite all critical stakeholders and the general public to a public hearing on:

**PETROLEUM INDUSTRY ACT (PIA) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022 (SB. 817)**

The public hearing is scheduled to hold as follows:

**Date:** Wednesday, 23rd February, 2022

**Venue:** Senate Conference Room 231, Senate New Building,  
National Assembly Complex, Abuja.

**Time:** 12 noon.

You are requested to submit memorandum which should be in **60 hard copies and a soft copy** to the Committee Secretariat in **Room 2.2 White House, Senate Wing** on or before **Wednesday, 23rd February, 2022**.

The following stakeholders and institutions are hereby requested to take note:

1. Ministry of Petroleum Resources;
2. Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation;
3. Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority
4. Nigerian Upstream Regulatory Commission
5. Petroleum Technology Development Fund
6. NAPIMS
7. The General Public.

For further inquiries, please contact the Committee Secretariat on:  
**08033547156**

Announcer:

**SENATOR SABO MUHAMMED NAKUDU**  
Joint Committee Chairman



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In furtherance of the transparency and full disclosure stance of the Central Bank of Nigeria, the Monetary Policy Committee has decided that henceforth the lending rates obtainable in all Deposit Money Banks (DMBs) be made public to guide business decisions. Consequently, find below the applicable rates for each of the DMBs as at February 11, 2022. The rates will also be available on the website of the Central Bank of Nigeria

NAME OF BANK	ACCESS BANK	CITI BANK	CORONATION BANK	ECOBANK	FIRST BANK OF NIGERIA	FBN MERCHANT BANK	FMB	FIDELITY BANK	FSDH	GUARANTY TRUST BANK	GLOBUS BANK LTD	HERITAGE BANK	KEYSTONE BANK LTD	NOVA MERCHANT BANK	PROVIDUS BANK	RAND MERCHANT BANK NIG. LTD	STANDARD CHARTERED BANK	POLARIS BANK	STANBIC IBTC	STERLING BANK	SUNTRUST	TITAN TRUST BANK	UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA	UNION BANK	UNITY BANK	WEMA BANK	ZENITH BANK	
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SAVINGS DEPOSIT	1.15	1.20	-	1.15	-	-	1.15	1.15	-	1.15	1.15	4.20	1.15	-	0.75	-	2.16	1.15	1.15	1.15	4.10	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.90	1.15		
TIME DEPOSIT	8.56	1.00	8.62	7.24	3.85	6.47	5.00	5.50	8.66	6.41	4.00	13.88	10.52	10.23	5.30	8.45	2.99	5.42	7.06	8.90	9.80	3.26	1.00	9.88	4.00	4.89	4.49	
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# FEDERAL MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING

## FOR STAKEHOLDERS IN BUILDING INDUSTRY AND GENERAL PUBLIC

### UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN BUILDINGS

The launch of the Building Energy Efficiency Code (BEEC) and the Building Energy Efficiency Guideline (BEEG), respectively in 2016 and 2017 by the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing, the Technical Partner GIZ/NESP (Nigeria Energy Support Programme) and other relevant stakeholders was meant to achieve energy efficiency in building.

Sequel to the above and making reference to the publication by the Ministry on 18th of August, 2020, the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing had set a target to achieve the 40% specified minimum energy requirement in building by the implementation of the BEEG and BEEC.

The Ministry with the Technical Partner GIZ/NESP, have made progress and so far recorded the under listed achievements in the implementation process of the BEEC and BEEG towards achieving the 40% reduction in the energy usage;

- \* Replacement of obsolete high power consuming lighting fixtures with LEDs in the entire office buildings.
- \* Installation of new blind on windows.
- \* Replaced all air conditioner system with the inverter type air conditioner system.

The Ministry and the Technical Partners also wish to inform stakeholders that, the under listed activities could be done in the implementation process of BEEC

in order to achieve the 40% target in energy reduction in building;

- \* Replacement of high energy consuming lighting fittings (incandescent lamps, halogens etc) and air conditioners with energy efficient ones
- \* Introduction of motion detector sensor in walk ways and some key areas of public buildings.
- \* Using occupancy sensor in offices and toilets to detect the presence of a person and automatically control lights or temperature or ventilation systems.
- \* Installation of Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) to optimize pump efficiency and power savings
- \* Reduction in the air leakage at windows, doors and building cracks.

By this information, Stakeholders in the Building Industry and the general public are hereby required to key in with the identified activities in order to achieve the minimum requirement spelt out in the code

\* Stakeholders and the general public can access an e-copy of the Code and Guideline from the Ministry's website [www.worksandhousing.gov.ng](http://www.worksandhousing.gov.ng)

For details on implementation of the Code and Guidelines; Professionals in the Building Industry are advised to please contact Director Engineering Services Department, Federal Ministry of Works and Housing, Headquarters, Mabushi Abuja.

Signed

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# Reps to slash NEDC, UBEC, NASENI budgets

By Balarabe Alkassim

The House of Representatives says the 2022 budgets of the North East Development Commission (NEDC), the Universal Basic Commission (UBEC) and the National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure (NASENI) will be slashed to accommodate President Muhammadu Buhari's request for amendments of the Appropriation Act to the tune of N150bn.

The House spokesperson,

Benjamin Kalu, told reporters in Abuja yesterday said the supplementary budget sent to the National Assembly by the president was a request for amendment which would result in adjustments to some provisions of the 2022 Appropriations Act.

"Mr President is saying, adjust. Due to current realities, adjust one or two things within the budget to the tune of N150bn.

"Many of you've been calling me and asking me which agencies would be

affected by this adjustments? The adjustments will lead to the reduction in some of the statutory transfers.

"We're talking about the North East Development Commission's budget to be reduced. We have UBEC, we'll have a little deduction, the Basic Health Care Fund will have some deductions, then NASENI. These are some of the ones that are going to receive some deductions, among others".

Kalu said the House was also working on the provision for

subsidy as proposed by Buhari.

He added: "And there are also questions as regards subsidy and budget. The timing of the analysis of the ad-hoc committee that has been charged with the responsibility of conducting an investigation into the call to establish the exact amount we're spending on subsidy as well as the exact amount we're consuming on PMS.

"I spoke to the chairman, Finance, before I came in here, and also the chairman, Appropriations. We had a

meeting, and I can assure you that the call for the establishment of these amount we're spending on the subsidy as well as the PMS is a good call.

"But is it going to delay the amendment? No. It'll not delay the amendment because there's a strategy put in place to receive the technical report from the technical committee that'll be engaging with the NNPC to look at the numbers to give an idea on what we've in the ongoing amendment of the budget".

## FHA summons Abdulmumin Jibrin over 'misconduct'

By Faruk Shuaibu

The Federal Housing Authority has summoned one of its executive directors, Abdulmumin Jibrin, over allegations of misconduct.

Jibrin is the Director-General of the Bola Tinubu Social Mobilization Group.

The invitation letter to Jibrin, sighted by Daily Trust and signed by Zubairu Sinu, Investigative/Disciplinary Panel Chairman, urged him to appear before the panel by 3pm today.

The letter partly read: "Please, recall the query issued to you by the Managing Director/CE over allegations of serious misconduct in the course of your official duties, and your deliberate refusal to respond to the query as required by the Rules of Public Service as

applicable to public officers."

The panel said the question of the disciplinary action against Jibrin "include termination or dismissal (if necessary) will be brought forward and you are required to appear before the panel personally to defend yourself.

"You're also entitled to call witnesses, if need be."

The letter said Jibrin's failure not to honour the invitation would not invalidate the proceedings of the panel. A source at the FHA, in a chat with *Daily Trust*, hinted that Jibrin was summoned for absconding from his duties for about 90 days.

"He's campaigning for Tinubu. Did he resign or leave? Who permitted him to do that? These are the questions he needs to answer," the source said.

## FG constitutes white paper drafting panels for tertiary institutions

By Chidimma C. Okeke

The Minister of Education, Adamu Adamu, yesterday constituted white paper drafting panels for tertiary Institutions across the country.

This followed the receipt of the reports of visitation panels to tertiary institutions that was constituted last year.

A statement signed by the Director, Press and Public Relations, Ben Bem Goong,

said 10 white paper drafting panels had been constituted for 36 universities, six for 25 polytechnics and five for 21 colleges of education.

According to him, one panel is to draft a white paper for four inter-university centres.

The statement said the panels would be inaugurated in the coming days. It said all the panels had two weeks from the date of inauguration to submit their reports.

## Nigeria has made progress in infrastructure, agric, others – AU report

By Abbas Jimoh

The Chief Executive Officer, African Union Development Agency/New Partnership for Africa's Development, African Peer Review Mechanism, Gloria Akobundu, yesterday said Nigeria made tremendous progress in infrastructure development, agricultural revolution, humanitarian services and the fight against corruption despite her

challenges.

She said this in Abuja at a media briefing on the conclusion of Nigeria's second peer review by the organisation.

"We're happy to announce to you that Nigeria has been peer reviewed for the second time. The review report was far-reaching and encompasses various segments of our socio-political economy and highlighted the development recorded since the first peer review in 2008."



■ From left: Director-General, Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Lamido Yuguda; Director-General, Debt Management Office (DMO), Patience Oniha; Chief Executive Officer, Central Securities Clearing System (CSCS) Plc, Mr Haruna Jalo-Waziri; Chief Executive Officer, Nigerian Exchange Ltd, Mr Temi Popoola, and Director, Financial Market Department, Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Dr. Angela Sere-Ejemi during debt Management Office (DMO) meeting with market stakeholders in Lagos yesterday

## Reps summon minister over N32bn revenue loss

By Balarabe Alkassim

The House of Representatives Public Accounts Committee yesterday summoned the Minister of Trade and Industry, Niyi Adebayo, over alleged loss of over N32bn revenue in the Export Free Trade Zones.

The chairman of the committee, Wole Oke, issued the order following the minister's failure to appear before the panel.

He said Adebayo was to shed

light on the claims by some companies indicted by the Office of the Auditor-General for the Federation that the ministry allegedly issued them with fake Certificates of Capital Compliance for tax waivers.

Oke said the multinational companies operating in the Free Trade Zones were said to be parading fake Capital Compliance Certificates over the years.

He said this had cost huge loss revenues expected to be

collected by the Federal Inland Revenue Services.

He said the committee would report the minister to President Buhari to be aware of how some of his appointees were handling their assignments

"Consequently, an official letter on the matter should be forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, the Chief of Staff to the President and the Attorney-General of the Federation for them to be aware of what is going on".

## Reps demand investigation of Bayelsa fishermen's killings

By Itodo Daniel Sule

The House of Representatives yesterday urged the Federal Government to investigate the alleged mass killings, wanton destruction of property and displacement of Ilaje people in Brass Local Government Area of Bayelsa State.

It also asked that relief materials be provided for those affected by the "senseless attacks and unable to continue fishing in the interim."

The House urged the Nigerian Navy, the police and other security agencies to strengthen their presence along the coast of Brass and its environs.

These followed the adoption of a motion by Hon Kolade Victor Akinjo who recalled that on February 7, assailants attacked unarmed Ilaje fishermen on a fishing expedition in the high sea of Twon-Brass, Brass LGA, leaving many dead, several injured and others missing.

## Acct-General to police: Treasury will continue to support you

By Chris Agabi

The Accountant General of the Federation, Ahmed Idris, says the treasury will continue to support the Nigeria Police in all ways possible.

He noted that national security is a panacea for any meaningful development. Idris was yesterday interacting with members of the Police Officers Wife Association, Abuja chapter.

"Security is important and we

appreciate the role played by the Nigeria police. I believe their role will continue to be critical because without peace, we can't attain any development.

"We, as an institution, will always back them up", he said.



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## Zaria teen writes words of Qur'an by heart in 3 months

From Abubakar Sadiq Mohd, Zaria

**S**umayyah Shuaibu Salisu, an 18-year-old teenager in Zaria, Kaduna State, who wrote words of the Holy Qur'an by heart in three months, has said she hopes to become a computer scientist and an Islamic scholar.

She had memorised the complete Holy Qur'an at an early age. She participated in the national Quranic competition in 2021 and 2022 and won the first and third positions respectively.

Born in Jega, Kebbi State, Sumayyah started her Islamic education in Madina, Saudi Arabia before returning to Nigeria in 2018.

Speaking to *Daily Trust* in Zaria, Sumayyah said: "So far, I have written a complete Holy Qur'an with my hand without any guide from anyone or copying from any text in three months. I'm now writing the second. By Allah's will, I would complete it too within a month or more.

"Writing the Holy Qur'an has always been my dream, and I thank Almighty Allah for fulfilling my age-long ambition.

"It took me three months to write the complete



■ Sumayyah

Qur'an despite my academic engagements. I'm a secondary school II student and I also teach at Al-Mu'assasa Islah Foundation School in Unguwar Dan Dutse, Tudun Wada, Zaria, founded by my father.

"I had earlier memorized the entire Quran at a tender age and in 2021, I participated in the national Quranic competition and won the first

position at 60 hizf with tafseer. I also participated in the same competition in 2022 where I became third," she recalled.

She has also been acting as Alaramma (reciter of the Holy Qur'an) to her father, Sheikh Shuaibu Salisu Zaria during tafseer.

"My next dream is to become a computer scientist and an Islamic scholar," she said.

## Explore internet for legitimate income, cleric advises Muslim youths

From Mumini AbdulKareem, Ilorin

The Executive Director of the Al-Habibiyyah Islamic Organization, Imam Fouad Adeyemi, has urged Muslim youths to use the internet for legitimate business, instead of engaging in cybercrime.

Adeyemi stated this in Ilorin, the Kwara State capital on Thursday during a courtesy call on the Chief Imam of Ilorin, Sheikh Mohammed Bashir Solih as part of the organisation's youth empowerment training programme.

He said, "The Muslim youths should explore the boundless opportunities available on the internet to make halal (legitimate) money rather than engaging in cyber fraud and rituals.

"Towards this end, we are going to train 60 undergraduates on how to use their phones to engage in legitimate business on the internet that are permitted in Islam."

The training is supported by the MacArthur Foundation, the cleric added.

He said similar training had been organised in Sokoto, Kebbi, Kogi, Niger, Osun, Oyo, Lagos and FCT.

## Hijab ban disturbing mental health of Muslim girls, Indian court told

The hijab ban is creating a "mass hysteria" and disturbing the mental health of Muslim girls, a petitioner told a High Court in Indian southwestern state of Karnataka on Thursday.

"As per preamble of [the] Constitution, guarding health is duty of the state," submitted Vinod Kulkarni, one of the petitioners seeking permission for students to wear hijab in Indian educational institutions.

Students of the Government Women's Pre-University College in Kundapur town of Udipi district have been protesting since last month after they were not allowed to attend classes for being dressed in hijab. Similar protests have also taken place across the state.

On February 5, the Karnataka government had passed an order banning clothes that "disturb equality, integrity and public order".

On February 10, a three-judge bench had barred the students in Karnataka from wearing "religious clothes" in schools and colleges until further orders. Following the ban, several schools in Karnataka have stopped

students from attending classes wearing hijab.

At Thursday's hearing, Kulkarni sought an interim order to allow Muslim girls to wear hijab at least on Friday, considered to be an auspicious day in Islam.

Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi said the court would consider his contention.

The petitioner said that the Qur'an, the holy book in Islam, mandated that Muslim women should wear hijab and not expose their body parts. "Banning hijab is tantamount to banning Qur'an," he submitted.

The chief justice, however, told Kulkarni that the court would accept his submission only if he could show that hijab is mandated for Muslim women in the Qur'an.

The hearing will continue on Friday.

During a hearing on Wednesday, a lawyer for one of the petitioners seeking permission to wear hijab in Indian educational institutions had asked the court why the headscarf was being targeted when all religions have symbols.

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## Between the world that we met

And the world that has met us. Or rather, of the world that has caught up with us. The first belonged to our mothers, the latter belongs to our children. We knew the first as the normal, we know the second as the 'new normal'. Of the first modesty in speech and conduct was key; in the second, ego, brazen indulgence in violence and corruption has become the doxa. Nothing is stranger than the world we have found ourselves in at the moment- ours is that in which women sell their wombs to make money; children murder their parents out of their desire to become overnight millionaires. Buffeted by these realities, I found Ibn al-Qayyim's advise very apposite

He was born on the 7th of Safar in the year 691H (1292CE), and was raised in a house of knowledge and excellence. This offered him the chance to take knowledge from the senior scholars of his time, at a time when the various sciences of knowledge flourished. He studied under al-Nabilusi, al-Qadi Taqiyy -Din Sulayman, 'Isa al-Mut'im, Fatimah bint Jawhar, among many others. Many scholars have testified to his prodigious knowledge and piety. In one of his many writings, he says: "A friend will not (literally) share your struggles, and a loved one cannot physically take away your pain, and a close one will not stay up the night on your behalf, so look after yourself, protect it, nurture it and do not give life's events more than what they are really worth. Be certain that when you break no one will heal you except you, and when you are defeated no one will give you victory except your determination. Your ability to stand up again and carry on is your responsibility".

He says further: "Do not look for your self-worth in the eyes of people; look for your worth from within your subconscious. If your subconscious is at peace then you will ascend high, and if you truly know yourself then what is said about you should not and would not harm you. Do not carry the worries of this life on your head because this is for the Almighty not you; ...do not carry the anxiety of today over to tomorrow because that is in the Hands of the Almighty. Be concerned only with one thing: How to Please your Creator; because if you please Him, He would be pleased with you; He would fulfill your desires and enrich you.

Ibn Qayyim says again: "Sadness departs with a sajdah (placing of the forelock on the ground in prayers); happiness comes with a sincere du'a (supplication). The Almighty does not forget the good you do...nor does He Forget the good you did to others and the pain you relieved them from. Nor will He forget the heart which was in grief but which you turned to happiness. Live your life with this principle: Be good even if you do not receive goodness not because of other's sake but because He loves the good doers".

Brethren, while making sense of the above, my attention was drawn to another intervention offered by Shaykh Khalid Yasin. He says as follows: "Let not the people come to know except of your happiness, and let them not see except your smile. If life becomes constricted upon you, then within the Qur'an is your orchard. If you feel curtailed and restricted, then to the heavens raise your call. And if they ask you of your affairs, then praise the Almighty and smile.

"If you see an ant on the path, then do not crush it, and seek the Face of Almighty thereby, so that He will have mercy on you like you had mercy on it, and remember that the ant also glorifies the Almighty. So do not halt its glorification by killing it. And if you pass by a bird drinking from the blessing of water, then do not pass close to it in case you startle it. Rather, seek the pleasure of the Almighty thereby, so that He grants you safety on the day when hearts shall reach the throat in pain. And if you come across a cat in the middle of the road, then avoid hitting it, and seek the pleasure of the Almighty thereby, so that He could, by that singular action, avert for you death in the most painful and violent way. And if you want to throw out food, then make it your intention that animals can eat from it and seek the pleasure of the Almighty thereby, so that He may continue to provide for you from where you do not expect. Do good, no matter how small it seems to you, because you do not know which good deed will make you enter into Paradise.

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That during the opening of Bank Verification Number (**BN**) my name was Wrongly captured as **EMMANUEL C. NWOYE** instead of **EMMANUEL CHUKWUEBUKA NWOYE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **EMMANUEL CHUKWUEBUKA NWOYE**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

**I,** formerly known as **KAMARU DANJUMA** now wish to be known and addressed as **KAMARU GARBA**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

**GABRIEL :** I formally known as **GABRIEL OVIA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **GABRIEL NKEMJIKKA OVIA**. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**I, DIKE PRISCILLA:** That my date of birth was wrongly written on my **WAEC May/June 2014** with Exam No. **4331214048** Certificate No. **NGWASSS 20706019** as **02/10/1991** instead of **02/10/1999**. That my correct date of birth is **02/10/1999**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

**I,** formerly known as **IBRAHIM RUFAI HASKE** with **D.O.B 01-01-1989** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABBAS ABDULLAHI** with **D.O.B 03-01-1996**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

**PHARMACISTS COUNCIL OF NIGERIA**

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POST OF REGISTRAR/ SECRETARY TO COUNCIL**

The Pharmacists Council of Nigeria (PCN) invites applications from interested and suitably qualified candidates to fill the vacant position of Registrar and Secretary to the Council.

**1. JOB TITLE**

Registrar and Secretary to the Council

**2. RESPONSIBILITIES**

- (i) The Registrar is the Head of the Head Office/Registry and offices of the PCN nationwide and serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Council;
- (ii) The Registrar shall be the Secretary to the Council and to the Disciplinary Tribunal;
- (iii) He/She shall prepare and maintain, in accordance with the rules made by the Council:
  - (a) A Register of the names, addresses, approved qualifications and particulars of all persons who are associates and members of the PCN;
  - (b) A Register of the premises, where members of the profession engage in the manufacture, distribution, sale and dispensing of drugs and medicines; and
  - (c) He shall be required to perform all the duties of his office as stipulated in the PCN Act 91 of 1992 (Now Act CAP P17, LFN 2004).

**3. REQUIREMENTS**

Interested candidates must satisfy the following:

- (i) Must possess a minimum of B.Pharm or PharmD degree or such other University degrees recognized by the Pharmacists Council of Nigeria (PCN);
- (ii) Must be registered with the PCN and have a current practising licence issued by the PCN;
- (iii) Must have a minimum of twenty (20) years post registration and cognate experience in Pharmacy and Civil and Public Service, scheduled service or reputable institution.
- (iv) Must not be below the rank of a Director in the Civil or Public Service or any other reputable institution;
- (v) Must not be more than 58 years as at the time of application for the post;
- (vi) Must not be facing any investigation by the Investigating Panel of the PCN, awaiting judgment by the Disciplinary Tribunal of the PCN or with criminal records;
- (vii) Possession of Fellowship of the West African Postgraduate College of Pharmacists (WAPCP), attainment of the rank of a Consultant Pharmacist as approved by the Office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation, and possession of Postgraduate qualifications in relevant fields as well as working knowledge of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) would be added advantage.

**4. TENURE**

The position is tenured in line with the Public Service regulations in Federal Government parastatals and in case of the PCN, for four (4) years in the first instance.

**5. SALARY AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**

Salary and conditions of service shall be in accordance with the Federal Public Service Salary Structure for this category of officer as may be "contained in the conditions of service for employees of the Pharmacists Council of Nigeria (PCN)".

**6. METHODS OF APPLICATION**

Twenty (20) copies of application letters with Curriculum Vitae (CV) and copies of credentials are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked: ("**Application for the Post of Registrar**") at the top left-hand corner of the envelope) and addressed to:

**The Chairman  
Pharmacists Council of Nigeria (PCN)  
Plot 7/9, Idu Industrial Layout  
(Near NIPRD), Idu, Abuja  
PMB 415, Garki, Abuja**

Applicants can also send their applications to the PCN email: [connect@pcn.gov.ng](mailto:connect@pcn.gov.ng) or [pcnig@yahoo.ca](mailto:pcnig@yahoo.ca)

- (a) Application should be submitted to the Chairman not later than six (6) weeks from the date of this publication;
- (b) The Curriculum Vitae must include names and addresses of three (3) referees;
- (c) Candidates should request their referees to send their reference under confidential cover directly to "**The Chairman, Pharmacists Council of Nigeria**".

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLY SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS WILL BE CONTACTED**

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CHANGE OF NAME

HAWAWO: I formerly known as YUNUSA HAWAWO now wish to be known and addressed as ISMA'IL HAWAWO. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

This is to inform the general public that my name EZEANOWAI IFEOMA N., that appears in my school credentials and the one EZEANOWAI IFEOMA GIFT in my marriage certificate refers to one and the same person. Now wish to be known and addressed as MRS OCHUONU IFEOMA GIFT. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

OLUCHUKWU: I formerly known and addressed as NNAMAIFE LYNDIA OLUCHUKWU. Now wish to be known and addressed as NNAMAIFE INTEGRITY OLUCHUKWU. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as SURAYYA ALIYU HARUNA now wish to be known and addressed as SURAYYA HARUNA ALIYU. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as 1. ANAS BELLO JANAI DU 2. ANAS JANAI DU BELLO 3. ANAS JANAI DU, now wish to be known. Called and addressed as ANAS JANAI DU, all former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

CHANGE OF NAME/CORRECTION OF WRONG DATE OF BIRTH: I formerly known as MATHIAS LADI TIMOTHY, now wish to be known as RIGA TINA AWESEI and my date of birth was wrongly captured as 8th June, 1984 instead of 8th June, 1995. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I, formerly known as TANKO ABIGAIL now wish to be known and addressed as TANKO ABIGAIL ABUCHING. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

CHANGE OF NAME: FAKUNMOJU: I, was formerly known as MISS RAHMAT ADERONKE AWOSANYA. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as MRS. RAHMAT ADERONKE FAKUNMOJU. All former documents remain valid. The concerned Authorities and General Public should please take note.

AYEVBUSOA: I formerly known and addressed as ASEMOTA GODSPOWER GABRIEL. Now wish to be known and addressed as GODSPOWER GABRIEL AYEVBUSOA. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as MARU WILLIAM now wish to be known and addressed as MARY EMMANUEL. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as 1. MUHAMMED AMINU DAURA 2. MUHAMMED AMINU, now wish to be known. Called and addressed as MUHAMMED AMINU and my correct and proper date of birth is 12-04-1978, all former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

MELCHIZEDEK: I formerly known as FWANGLE LUKA WETKWAR, now wish to be known as AMOS MELCHIZEDEK TANG'AN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

MOJISOLA: I, formerly known as MUTIAT MOJISOLA OLA now wish to be known and addressed as MUTIAT MOJISOLA ELEMPE. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

HANNATU: I formerly known as HANNATU MUHAMMAD now wish to be known and addressed as HANNATU BATA. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

ROSE: I formerly known and addressed as MISS TUNDE ADOKO ROSE. Now wish to be known and addressed as MRS JACOB COLLINS ROSE. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as ADEBOYE IDAYAT ADEKUNBI, now wish to be known and addressed as ADEBOYE IDAYAT JIMOH. All former documents remain valid. Bank and general public should take note.

I formerly known and addressed as DANLADI ALI now wish to be known. Called and addressed as BINIYA ALI, all former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

OBIYE: I formerly known as GABRIEL REJOICE OBIYE, now wish to be known as GABRIEL MIRABEL OBIYE. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

OKE: I, formerly known as PIAM OKE SAMUEL BARIBEFII now wish to be known and addressed as BARIBEFII SAMUEL OKE. All former documents remain valid. Fidelity Bank Plc and the General public should please take note.

AISHA: I formerly known as AISHA MALAH now wish to be known and addressed as AISHA MALAH MUHAMMAD and INCORRECT D.O.B. WAS 1ST JANUARY, 1988 & CORRECT D.O.B IS 3RD MAY, 1990. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

HADIZA: I formerly known and addressed as. MOMOH BLESSING ADIZA. Now wish to be known and addressed as. SURAJUDEEN HADIZA. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

AJADI: I, formerly known and addressed as OGUNTADE DAMOLA MOTUNROLA now wish to be known and addressed as AJADI OGUNTOYINBO OYINDAMOLA MOTUNROLA. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I was formally known and addressed as MUSA UMAR GIDA now wish to be known and addressed as UMAR MUSA KALGO. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I, SAMBO EMMANUEL BAKO wish to inform the general public that my date of birth was wrongly captured as 14th January, 1984 instead of 14th February, 2001, and henceforth, my real and correct date of birth is 14th February, 2001. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

MAMMAN: I formerly known as MAMMAN YOHANNA now wish to be known and addressed as MAMMAN YOHANNA. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

CHANGE OF NAME: ASHADARE: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS ASHAWALE WALE KEHINDE NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS ASHADARE KEHINDE OLAWALE. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

AUSTINE: I formerly known and addressed as. AGBEDE OHIS AUSTINE. Now wish to be known and addressed as. AGBEDE IDEYOBE AUSTINE. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

CHANGE OF NAME: I formerly known as ATINUKE MOROURRANTI ALIMI, now wishes to be known and addressed as ATINUKE ALIMI-MOROURRANTI. All documents remain valid. Banks & general public should please take note.

SAFIYA: I formerly known as SEFIYA RABIU now wish to be known and addressed as RABIU SAFIYA RABIYAT. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

DATCIT: I formerly known as NALDA DATCIT SMITH, now wish to be known as KALANDI DATCIT SMITH. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

NGA: I, formerly known as KWATRI NGA now wish to be known and addressed as JACOB KWATRI NGA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I was formerly known and addressed as AISHATU TANKO. Now wish to be known and addressed as AISHA ZAKARI. All former documents remain valid. Concerned authorities and the general public should please take note.

SANUSI: I formerly known and addressed as. SANUSI ELIZABETH CECILIA. Also known as. SANUSI CECILIA. Now wish to be known and addressed as. SANUSI CECILIA IGHENEHUMHE. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I was formerly known as M, IYA LAWALI ALHAJI now wish to be known and addressed as LAWALI M, IYA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

I, formerly known and addressed as MISS VICTORIA AYINDA ZAMANI, now want to be addressed as MRS VICTORIA ZAMANI DAUDA. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note.

SILAS: I formerly known as MARYOM MUSHE SILAS, now wish to be known as PHILIP SILAS MARYOM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

PETER: I, formerly known as JOHN ASHIWEL PETER now wish to be known and addressed as USHIE PETER ASHIWEL. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

TUKUR: I formerly called, address as surname :-ALIYU, First name:- TUKU, now wishes To be called known as Surname:-TUKUR And First name:- ALIYU and Middle name FADAMAWA. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

RUKA: I formerly known and addressed as. ALHAJISHAIBU MUCATU JOY. Also known as. SHAIBU JOY. Now wish to be known and addressed as. SHAIBU JOY RUKA. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I formerly known as ABDULLAHI ISAH MAKAMA now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULLAHI ISAH. All former documents remain valid general public to take note.

I formerly known as ABDULRAHMAN LAWAL but now wish to be known and addresses as ABDURRAHMAN LAWAL and that my correct date of birth is 1st JANUARY, 1987. Not 19/11/1987 & 22/5/1987. All my former documents to remain valid general public, financial institution and all authorities concern should please take note.

GRACE: I formerly known as MISS. MULENG LONGDI MOSES, now wish to be known as MRS. DAKUP GRACE LONGDI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

RAHAB: I, formerly known as RAHAB MUSA now wish to be known and addressed as RAHAB MUSA MAXWELL. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ONOMISI: I formerly known as ONIMISI DAVID NOAH, now wish to be known and addressed as ONIMISI NOAH ADEIZA. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public should please take note.

TAIYE: I formerly known and addressed as OSHAE TAIYE now wish to be known and addressed as OJOWA JOSHUA TAIYE. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

DAHIRU: I Formerly known and address as DAHIRU ILIYASU GIDANKAYA now wish to be known and address as DAHIRU GIDANKAYA all former documents remain valid general public should take note.

I formerly known as ZAINAB USMAN but now wish to be known and addresses as ZAINAB ADAM YANDUNA all my former documents to remain valid general public, financial institution and all authorities concern should please take note.

ASIYA: I, formerly known, addressed as MUKHTAR ASIYA ABDULLAHI, now wish to be called and addressed MUKHTAR ASIYA. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

I, formerly known as JAMES SERAH RAMATU now wish to be known as JAMES-GWAM SERAH RAMATU. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the general public to take note.

LADI: I formerly known as LADI ABUH AWULEGBE now wish to be known as LADI BENSON ALI OGBU. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

This is to notify the General Public that the names IYANYOR PECULIAR JULIANA and IYANYOR PECULIAR ATOSEMHE belong to one and the same person. That I herewith wish to be known and address as IYANYOR PECULIAR ATOSEMHE. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the management of Auchi Polytechnics Auchi, please take note.

ZAKI: I Formerly known and address as ABUBAKAR ISMAILA ZAKI now wish to be known and address as ABDULLAHI ISMAILA ZAKI all former documents remain valid general public should take note.

FATIMA: I formerly known and address as FATIMA ABDULLAHI now wish to be called and addressed as FATIMA JIBRIN with date OF 06/02/1988. All former documents remain valid. banks NIMC and general public please note.

BENJAMIN: I formerly known as BENJAMIN OGBE, now wish to be known and address as BENJAMIN KADIRI. All documents bearing my former names remain valid. General public should please take note.

MARIAM: I, formerly known as OTOIKHILA MERIAM now wish to be known and addressed as ALLIAGBOR OTOIKHILA MARIAM. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as Miss Abolaji oluwaseyi victoria now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Ajayi oluwaseyi victoria. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

ABUBAKAR: I formerly known and addressed as. ABUBAKAR SADIK. Now wish to be known and addressed as. ZAKARI SEDICK ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I formerly known as ESTHER NIMDEN now wish to be known as NIMDEN MAMKYEP. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

IBRAHIM: I formerly known as MARYAM ABU MAINA BUKAR, now wish to be known and addressed as MARYAM ABU IBRAHIM, All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

MERCY: I formerly known, called and address as ONYENOBI MERCY CHINYERE, now wish to be known, called and addressed as ONYENOBI OLANIYI MERCY CHINYERE. All former documents to remain valid. General public to take note.

OMOTAYO: I formerly known as TAYO SALAWU now wish to be known and addressed as SALAWU OMOTAYO TAOFIQ. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

I, FORMERLY KNOWN AS ANIEBONAM SANDRA and ANIEBONAM ONYINYECHUKWU SANDRA NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS MRS ANI ONYINYECHUKWU SANDRA. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID AND GENERAL PUBLIC TAKE NOTE.

I, formerly known as UMAIMA UMAR DANTAMA now wish to be known and addressed as UMAIMA IBRAHIM BUWAI GATAWA. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as ABBA YUSUF, now wish to be known. Called and addressed as YUSUF ABBA, all former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

MOHAMMED: I formerly known as SANI IDRISA, now wish to be known and addressed as SANI IDRIS MOHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

MUNDI: I formerly known as YILJI MUNDIYI, now wish to be known as CHOLKA MUNDI TOKKA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known and called BELLO ALHAJI ABUBAKAR now wish to be name, and call BELLO ABUBAKAR AMINU and my corrected date of birth is 11/12/1969 not 01/05/1977 as it captured in my BVN, all my former documents remain valid Authority, UBA and General public should take note please.

OGIDAN: I formerly known as Ogunmuyiwa Kafayat Bolanle now wish to be known and addressed as SYLVANUS DANBORNO DANPADA DOB 25-5-1997 not 27-5-1997. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

SYLVANUS: I formerly known as SYLVANUS DANBORNO now wish to be known and addressed as SYLVANUS DANBORNO DANPADA DOB 25-5-1997 not 27-5-1997. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as IBRAHIM MAHMUD, now wish to be known. Called and addressed as IBRAHIM LAWAL MAHMUD, all former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

HANNATU: I formerly known and addressed as HANNATU HARUNA, but now wish to be known and addressed as HANNATU SIMON FELIX. All former documents should remain valid. All the authorities concerned and the general public should take note, please.

ZACHARIAH: I formerly known as MONDAY ZACHARIAH, now wish to be known as DAYAK ZACHARIAH GURUMJAK. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known and called RASHIDA UMAR now wish to be name and call RASHIDA DANKANO UMAR and my corrected date of birth is 01/01/1989 not 24/01/1990 as it captured in my BVN, all my former documents remain valid Authority, ZENITH bank and General public should take note.

OMEJE: I formerly known as CHIMEZE EMEKA now wish to be known as OMEJE EMEKA. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

SALAMATU: I formerly known as SALAMATU GUMNI AUDU now wish to be known and addressed as AUDU SALAMATU BETUWAI. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

I, formerly known as MISS FATIMA NUHU MUHAMMAD. Now wish to be known and addressed as MRS FATIMA IBRAHIM MUHAMMAD. All my documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public Should take note.

MAMMAN: I formerly known as MUDUYE MAMMAN, now wish to be known as ABDULRAHMAN MAMMAN. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

RUTH: I formerly known as YAKUBU RUTH DEMBO on my NIMC Identity card, now wish to be known as AGWOM RUTH DEMBO. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

USENI: I, formerly known as OSENI KUSA now wish to be known and addressed as USENI KUSA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

UKACHUKWU: I formerly known and addressed as EDINA UKACHUKWU. Now wish to be known and addressed as UKACHUKWU ULOMA SHINNER. All former document remain valid any authority concerned and general public take note.

I formerly known and addressed as SABO YAKUBU, now wishes to be call and address as ABDULMUDALLIB UMAR, D.O.B 08/01/1999 all former documents remain valid FIRST BANK AND general public to please take note.

I formerly known as USMAN MOHAMMED now wish to be known and addressed as USMAN MUHAMMAD UMAR All former documents remain valid general public to take note.

HASSAN: I formerly known as MUHAMMAD HASSAN, now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD HASSAN MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

CLETUS: I formerly known as OBDIAH DANJUMA GWOM, now wish to be known as NAANKLOELOENG CLETUS DIDEI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

This is to inform the general public that KENNETH OKORO CHINEDU and OKORO KENNETH CHINEDU, refers to one and the same person. Now wish to be known and addressed as KENNETH OKORO CHINEDU. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ALEX: I, formerly known and called ALEXANDERAJUMA RACHAEL, now wish to be known and called ALEX AJUMA RACHAEL. All former documents remain valid. UBA plc, Union bank plc and the general public should please take note.

ANKIRA: I formerly known as ANKIRA A'ARON KUSHI now wish to be known and addressed ANKIRA A'ARON. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as ZAINAB MUSA now wish to be known. Called and addressed as ZAINAB MUSA MAHUTA, all former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

ZARA: I formerly known as AISHATU MOHAMMED, now wish to be known and addressed as ZARA MUSTAPHA. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

ALICE: I formerly known as SAMSON ALICE RYEMCHI, now wish to be known as RYEMCHI ALICE GABRIEL. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

CORRECTION OF DOB: This is to inform the general that I JOHN MUSA EMMANUEL, my date of birth was wrongly capture on my NIN as 22/12/1995 instead of 22/12/1992. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AJEKIGBE: I formerly known and addressed as MISS AYOOLA OMONIKE VICTORIA. Now wish to be known and addressed as MRS AJEKIGBE OMONIKE VICTORIA due to marriage. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

ITOJI: I, formerly known and addressed as ETOGI INALEGWU now wish to be known and addressed as ITOJI INALEGWU. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as MALAMA GAMBO BATURE R/ DORAWA, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as GAMBO BATURE, all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known AMINU ABDULLAH, now wish to be known and addressed as AMINU ABDULLAHI GWANI. All my former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

KASHIMANA: I formerly known as MISS. AKAAKOHL KASHIMANA, now wish to be known as MRS. CHUWANG DORCAS KASHIMANA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

FAITH: This is to inform the general public that OKAFOR FAITH and OKAFOR FAITH ONYEKA, refers to one and the same person. Now wish to be known and addressed as OKAFOR FAITH ONYEKA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ABUBAKAR: I formally known and addressed as ABUBAKAR SHEHU now wishes to be known and addressed as Surname: SHEHU, first name ABUBAKAR all former documents remain valid. First Bank Nig. Plc., and general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as ISMAIL ABDULLAHI MOHAMMAD now wish to be known and addressed as ISMAIL MOHAMMAD All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as 1. FELICIA JOEL AEASEN 2. FELICIA JOEL, now wish to be known. Called and addressed as FELICIA JOEL, all former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

ELIZABETH: I formerly known as MISS. JIE ELIZABETH MANGADI, now wish to be known as MRS. JIE ELIZABETH JETHRO. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

VICTOR: I formerly known as ZOKDAT VICTOR, now wish to be known as ZOKDAT VICTOR MICHAEL. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

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**ADDITION OF NAME/ CORRECTION OF DATE OF BIRTH:** I formerly known as **REUBEN NARIBI**, now wish to add the name "HANANIAH" to the previous name to be known as **HANANIAH REUBEN NARIBI** and my date of birth was wrongly captured as 12th June, 1990 instead of 12th June, 1994. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

**MANKINU, I** formerly known as **MAKIYU ALIYU SALISU** now wish to be called and addressed as **MANKINU ALI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **MUHAMMAD YUSUF** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUHAMMAD YUSUF HARUNA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known and addressed as **SARATU MUTTAKA** wish to be known and addressed as **SARAH MUTTAKA** former documents remain valid general public should take note

**TIJANI : I** formerly known as **MBATSAV TITUS SAGBAOR** now wish to be known, Called and addressed as **TIJANI LUCKY**. Former documents remain valid. Public note

**BANJI: I**, formerly known and addressed as **ADERIBIGBE BUNMI ABEBI** . Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **BANJI BUNMI** . That I was born on 6th day of October, 1971 not 6th day of October, 1978. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**ISYAKU : I** formerly known and called **AUWALU ISYAKU** now wish to be known and addressed as **AUWALU ISYAKU ISYAKU**. All former documents remain valid. Concerned authorities and the general public to please take note.

**SHUAIBU, I** formerly known as **KABIRU EMMANUEL GODWILL** now wish to be called and addressed as **SHUAIBU KABIRU** and date of birth 25/11/1985 - 18-11-2007. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

**ABIZHAR, I** formerly known as **ABUZARRIN BASHIR NASIR** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABIZHAR NASIR BASHIR**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **AYSHA ALIYU** wish to be known and addressed as **AISHA ALIYU** former documents remain valid general public should take note

**MBATSAV: I** formerly known as **MBATSAV TITUS SAGBAOR** now wish to be called as **MBATSAV TITUS**. All former documents remain valid the correct DOB 15-8-1989. General public and all authority concerned should please take note

**VINCENT: I**, formerly known and addressed as **MISS CHIEJINA NKIRUKA JOSEPHINE**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **Mrs VINCENT NKIRUKA JOSEPHINE** . All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**IKILIMAT, I** formerly known as **IKILIMAT MUHAMMAD GERA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUHAMMAD IKILIMAH GERA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

**UMAR, I** formerly known as **UMAR SANI** now wish to be called and addressed as **UMAR SANI SALIHU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

**ABBA, I** formerly known as **ABBA NAHUNGU TAKAI** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABBA ALHAJI KAWU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **AMINA YUNUSA** wish to be known and addressed as **AMINA BELLO** former documents remain valid general public should take note

**AMINU: I** formerly known as **AMINU SALIHU** now wish to be called as **AMINU BARAU SALIHU**. All former documents remain valid. General public and all authority concerned should please take note

**AJADI-SHITTU : I**, formerly known and addressed as **SHITTU SUKURAT ODUNAYO**, now to be known and addressed as **AJADI-SHITTU SUKURAT ODUNAYO**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **MAIRO ADAMU** wish to be known and addressed as **HADIZA ADAMU** all former documents remain valid general public should take note

**HALEEMAH, I** formerly known as **HALIMA AMIRU TUKUR GWARZO** now wish to be called and addressed as **HALEEMAH AMEERU TUKUR**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **AHMAD ADO** wish to be known and addressed as **AHMAD ADO ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid general public should take note

**MUHAMMAD: I** formerly known as **HANNAFI SULAIMAN MUHAMMAD**, now wish to be called and addressed as **MUHAMMAD A. MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note

**OLUFUNMILOLA: I**, formerly known and addressed as **Miss OLUFUNMILOLA ADEBISI KING** . Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs OLUFUNMILOLA ADEBISI JOSEPH** . All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**ONYECHE : I**, formerly known and addressed as **INAINGO BLESSING ODISI** , now to be known and addressed as **ONYECHE BLESSING ADAMU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

**INUWA: I** formerly known as **INUWA YAKUBU** now wish to be called and addressed as **INUWA YAKUBU A** All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

**RABIU, I** formerly known as **HALIMA RABIU** now wish to be called and addressed as **RABIU SIDIYA ISYAKU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **ABDULLAHI MUSA** wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULLAHI MUSA ABASHE** former documents remain valid general public should take note

**FATIMA, I** formerly known as **FATIMA BADARU** now wish to be called and addressed as **FATIMA HASSAN BADARU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

**OKORONKWO: I**, formerly known and addressed as **OKORONKWO EMMANUEL SAMUEL** . Now wish to be known and addressed as **OKORONKWO SAMUEL** . My date of birth was wrongly written as 5th day of May, 1992 instead of 21st day of January, 1992. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**CHANGE OF NAME/ CORRECTION OF DATE OF BIRTH** I formerly known and addressed as **LAWANI ADEJUMOKE FELICIA** . Now wish to be known and addressed as **AJKOBI JUMOKO FELICIA** , my date of birth was wrongly captured as 8th day of August, 1981 instead of my correct date of birth as 3rd of August, 1981. All former documents remain valid, General public kindly take note.

I, formerly known as **MARYAM HUSSAINI**. Now wish to be called and addressed as **MARYAM HUSSAINI KABIRU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

**SULAIMAN, I** formerly known as **SULAIMAN RABIU** now wish to be called and addressed as **SULAIMAN RABIU SHAAIBU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **BENJAMIN BAKO RABIU** wish to be known and addressed as **BILYAMINU BAKO RABIU** former documents remain valid general public should take note

**AMINA, I** formerly known as **AMINA DAWUD** now wish to be called and addressed as **AMINA SHU, AIBU DAWUD**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

**OLUBAJO: I**, formerly known and addressed as **EMMANUEL, OLANREWaju GABRIEL** . Now wish to be known and addressed as **OLUBAJO, OLANREWaju GABRIEL** . All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**JEJELOLA : I**, formerly known and addressed as **ANIFOWOSE YIDIAT JEJELOLA** . Now wish to be known and addressed as **ANIFOWOSE IDIAT JEJELOLA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

I, formerly known as **FAISAL SALISU ZAKARI**. Now wish to be called and addressed as **FAISAL SALISU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD ADAMU** wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD ADAMU**, former documents remain valid general public should take note

I formerly known and addressed as **NURA SAIDU, NURA ABBA SAIDU** wish to be known and addressed as **NURA SAIDU ABBA** former documents remain valid general public should take note

**SAADATU, I** formerly known as **SAADATU. AMINU** now wish to be called and addressed as **SAADATU. ISA. GERAWA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

**OLUBAJO: I**, formerly known and addressed as **EMMANUEL, AYOMIDE SAMSON** . Now wish to be known and addressed as **OLUBAJO, AYOMIDE SAMSON** . All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I Formerly known and addressed as **OLUWASEGUN KEHINDE GODWIN** , now wish to be known and addressed as **OMOLE KEHINDE ELIZABETH**. All former documents remain valid. The general public take note.

**HASSAN, I** formerly known as **HASSAN MUKHTAR TSOHO** now wish to be called and addressed as **HASSAN TSOHO MALLAM**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **AHMAD HAMZA** wish to be known and addressed as **HAMZA AHMAD ABDULLAHI** . All former documents remain valid general public should take note

I formerly known and addressed as **ZAKIYYA MUHAMMAD** wish to be known and addressed as **ZAKIYYA YAU** former documents remain valid general public should take note

**IBRAHIM, I** formerly known as **IBRAHIM MUSA** now wish to be called and addressed as **IBRAHIM SANI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

**ADETUNJI: I**, formerly known and addressed as **SALAHUDEEN ROSHEEDAT OYINDAMOLA** . Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **ADETUNJI ROSHEEDAT OYINDAMOLA** . All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**MAYOR: I**, formerly known and addressed as **MAYO JAMES** . Now wish to be known and addressed as **MAYOR JAMES** . All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**OLADELE, I** formerly known as **DELE OYEBODE** now wish to be called and addressed as **OLADELE OYEBODE**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **BASHIR SHUAIBU IBRAHIM** wish to be known and addressed as **AHMAD SHUAIBU**. I. former documents remain valid general public should take note

I formerly known and addressed as **TANKO JUDE NOMZY** wish to be known and addressed as **MORONDIA TANKO JUDE** former documents remain valid general public should take note

**MOHAMMED: I**, formerly known as **MUHAMMAD BELLO MUKHTAR**, now wish to be known and called **MOHAMMED BELLO MUKHTAR**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

**ERIC: I**, formerly known and addressed as **UNUDE FAVOUR** . Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **ERIC FAVOUR** . All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I Formerly known and addressed as **MISS OJO ENIATAN OLOSOLA** , now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS ADEKANMI ENIATAN OLOSOLA**. All former documents remain valid. The general public take note

**AL-AMIN, I** formerly known as **ISA ABDULLAHI** now wish to be called and addressed as **AL-AMIN IDRIS IMAM**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **MUHD SADIYA SULAIMAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **SADIYA SULAIMAN MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known and addressed as **LUBABATU SALAMATU ABUBAKAR** wish to be known and addressed as **LUBABATU SULAIMAN ABUBAKAR** former documents remain valid general public should take note

**BINTA: I** formerly known as **BINTA MOHAMMED ISYAKU** now wish to be called and addressed as **BINTA MOHAMMED** All former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

**HASSAN: I**, formerly known and addressed as **MUSAH HABIBAT** . Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **HASSAN MUSA HABIBAT** . All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**ELEGURE : I**, formerly known and addressed as **MISS ELEGURE OLUWATOYIN MARY**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. YUSUF OLUWATOYIN MARY**, due to change in my marital status. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

**HAJARA: I** formerly known as **HAJARA ABUBAKAR HASHIMU** now wish to be known and addressed as **HAJARA ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern And General public should please take note

**ABDULKADIR, I** formerly known as **ISAH ALHAJI** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABDULKADIR ALHAJI ISA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **HADIZA SULEIMAN SANI** wish to be known and addressed as **MRS HADIZA SULEIMAN SANI** former documents remain valid general public should take note

**JUSTINA: I**, formerly known as **JUSTINA MATHEW**, now wish to be known and addressed as **JUSTINA MATHEW ABRAHAM**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

**ARRANGEMENT OF NAME** I, Mr. IGWE NASHA CHIORI. That this sworn affidavit is to confirm that my full name is **IGWE NASHA CHIORI**. That my first name was shortened from **CHINASA** to **NASHA**. That all document bearing **CHINASA** are still valid. That banks and the general public should take note and cooperate in this regard.

**POPOOLA: I**, formerly known and addressed as **EJIKE SONIA MARYJANE** . Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **POPOOLA SONIA MARYJANE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**IGWEGBE, I** formerly known as **IGWEGBE PETER C** now wish to be called and addressed as **IGWEGBE PETER CHINAERO**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

**HASSAN, I** formerly known as **BABANGIDA ALH BALA** now wish to be called and addressed as **HASSAN ALHAJI BALA** . All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **HASSAN HASSAN** wish to be known and addressed as **HASSAN HASSAN WAGINI** and my correct Date of Birth is **6/4/1984** wrong data of birth is **15/12/1984** former documents remain valid general public should take note

**ZAHARADEEN: I**, formerly known as **ZAHARADEEN ADAMU**, now wish to be known and called **ZAHARADEEN ADAM**. All former documents remain valid. First Bank of Nig. Ltd, general public and any authority concerned to please take note

**HUDDU: I**, formerly known as **NANA HUDDU** which was used in opening my Zenith Bank account, no: 2116083203, and also formerly known as **HUDDU JUWARIYAH IBRAHIM** with which my National Identity Number (NIN) was registered now wish to be known and addressed as **HUDDU ZUWAIYAH IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**ADDITION OF NAME BAKARE: I**, formerly known and addressed as **MAFE KEHINDE ADEBIMPE** . Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **BAKARE MAFE KEHINDE ADEBIMPE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**ODO, I** formerly known as **ODO AUGUSTINE** now wish to be called and addressed as **ODO AUGUSTINE OGEYI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

**MARIYA, I** formerly known as **MARIYA YAU** now wish to be called and addressed as **MARIYA YA'U IDRI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **BILKISU MUHAMMAD AHMAD** wish to be known and addressed as **BILKISU LAWAN SHU'AIBU**, former documents remain valid general public should take note

**HASHIMU : I**, formerly known as **AMINU USMAN HASHIMU**, now wish to be known and called **HASHIMU AMINU**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

**SHETTIMA: I**, formerly known, called and addressed as **SHETTIMA BABAGANA KADAU** . Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **SHETTIMA BABAGANA ALHAJI** . All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**PAUL: I**, formerly known and addressed as **Miss ALIU MARY ABIBAT** . Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs PAUL ABIBAT MARY** . All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**ABDULHAMID, I** formerly known as **MUHAMMAD DANKYALLU HAMID** DOB=12/05/1962 now wish to be called and addressed as **ABDULHAMID MUHD** DOB=12/11/1965. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **HASIYA ALIYU YAHAYA** now wish to be called and addressed as **ASIYA ALIYU DARMA**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known and addressed as **MARYAM AHMAD MUHAMMAD** wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM ABBA KABIR** , former documents remain valid general public should take note

**AISHA: I** FORMERLY AISHAYU BELLO, NOW WISH TO BE CALL AND ADDRESS AS AISHA BELLO MUHAMMAD. FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAINS VALID. FIRST BANK, JA'IZ BANK AND GENERAL PUBLIC TO NOTE.

**AJAYI: I**, formerly known, called and addressed as **OLADEINDE ZAINAB ADEOLA** . Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **AJAYI ZAINAB OPEYEMI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**AYOOLA: I**, formerly known and addressed as **MISS QUADRI ATINUKE ABIBAT** . Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs AYOOLA ATINUKE ABIBAT** . All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**TATA , I** formerly known as **YARIMA WAZIRI TATA** now wish to be called and addressed as **TATA YARIMA** date of birth old **10-5-1987** new **5-5-1993**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **SALISU UMAR ALI** now wish to be called and addressed as **UMAR SALISU ALI** . All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known and addressed as **NASIRU DAUDA** wish to be known and addressed as **NASIR DAUDA ABBA** , all former documents remain valid general public should take note

**ABUBAKAR: I**, formerly known as **ABUBAKAR SANI MUHAMMAD**, now wish to be known and called **ABUBAKAR SANI**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

**AKINTAYO: I**, formerly known and addressed as **AWOLEYE OMOLARA JELILAT** . Now wish to be known and addressed as **AKINTAYO OMOLARA JELILAT** . All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**TAIWO: I**, formerly known and addressed as **Miss ORIDO ONOME CHRISTIANA** . Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs TAIWO ONOME CLAIRE** . All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**TUKUR, I** formerly known as First name ..TUKUR last NAME: **BARAU** now wish to be called and addressed as First name: **TUKUR**, middle name: **MOHAMMED** last name: **BARAU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **MUHAMMED MAGAJI** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUHAMMED BARAU MAGAJI**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known and addressed as **RABIU GARBA** wish to be known and addressed as **RABIU AUWAL GARBA** all former documents remain valid general public should take note

**AMINA: I**, formerly known as **AMINA MUHAMMAD HABIB**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AMINA LAWAL SAMBO**. All former documents remain valid. NYSC, general public and any authority concerned to please take note

**OYEBAMIJI: I**, formerly known and addressed as **OYEBANJI KEHINDE OLAIDE** . Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **OYEBAMIJI KEHINDE OLAIDE** . That I was born on 16th day of July, 1976 not 26th day of July, 1976. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**OLANIPEKUN: I**, formerly known and addressed as **ADELANA OLAYINKA ELIZABETH** . Now wish to be known and addressed as **OLANIPEKUN OLAYINKA ELIZABETH** . All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I was formerly known as **MARYAM JAFAR** now wish to be known and called as **MARYAM JAFARU MUSA**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

I formerly known as **MARIAM SUBAIRU** now wish to be called and addressed as **MARYAM ZUBAIRU ALI** . All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known and addressed as **YAHA SHU'AIBU** wish to be known and addressed as **YAHA SHU'AIBU YAYA** former documents remain valid general public should take note

**MUSA: I** formerly known as **DAHIR MUHAMMAD BELLO** now wish to be called as **MUSA DAHIRU** all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

**ONONJU: I**, formerly known and addressed as **ONONJU BLESSING NGOZI** . Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **ONONJU BLESSING CHINEMERUM** . That I was born on 20th day of August, 2000 not 20th day of August, 1997. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**ARUKWE: I**, formerly known and addressed as **Miss OFFORJAMA CYNTHIA GENEVIEVE** . Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs. ARUKWE CHINONVEREM CYNTHIA** . All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**ABIGEIL, I** formerly known as **ABIGEIL KADIRI** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABIGEIL ADAMU** . All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **SAEED HARUNA ALHASSAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **ALHASSAN HARUNA SAEED** . All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known and addressed as **SHAMSU ABBA ABUBAKAR** wish to be known and addressed as **SHAMSU ABBA** and my correct Date of Birth is **30/03/1988** not **13/12/1984** former documents remain valid general public should take note

**FATIMA: I**, formerly known as **MISS FATIMA ABDULRAHMAN**, now wish to be known as **MRS FATIMA ABDULRAHMAN**. All relevant authorities and the general public are to please take note. All former documents remain valid.

**ATTE: I**, formerly known and addressed as **Miss. NGOBOWERIGHE TUAMOKUMO** . Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **Mrs. ATTE TUAMOKUMO** . All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**PAT-ALASHA: I**, formerly known and addressed as **AHAMBA, SUSAN ADAMMA** . Now wish to be known and addressed as **PAT-ALASHA, SUSAN ADAMMA** . All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

**LOSS OF DOCUMENTS**

This is to inform the general public of the loss of **Original Statutory Right of Occupancy, and land acknowledgement letter with Old File number MISC 8011 and New File Number MISC 62267, Tiger Build & Construction Ltd.** All efforts made to trace the documents prove abortive. If found, please report to the nearest Police station or send to Tiger Build & Construction Ltd, Block 112, Maroko Road, Suleja, Niger State.

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**

This is to inform the general public of the loss of **original GRANT in respect of my plot of land issued to me by Borno state ministry of land and survey, file number: BO/28594** bearing the name **ZANNA BULAMA**, plot number 998 on BOSA/153. All effort made to trace the original receipt proved abortive. General public to note. If found kindly return to nearest police station or Borno geographical information service (BOGIS) and General public should take note.

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**

This is to inform the general public of the Loss of Approval letter of Receipt of plot No. BO/32649 plot Number 284/286 situated at BOSA/158, issued by Borno state Ministry of Land and survey. All effort made to trace the original receipt proved abortive. General Public to take note if found kindly return to nearest police station or Borno geographical information Service (BOGIS) and General Public should please take note.

**LOSS OF ORIGINAL OCCUPANCY PERMIT**

This is to inform the general public of the loss of Original Occupancy Permit of Plot No.214C with TP/KNUPDA /338B situated at Kuyan Ta'Inna Quarters of Kumbotso Local Government Area of Kano State belonging to Dr. Ali Mustapha Kuraysh of House No.OA56, Janbulo 2nd Gate Kano City. The said Plot was Compensated to him by Kano State Ministry of Land and Physical Planning.

All efforts were made to trace the said document proved abortive. Ministry of Land and Physical Planning Kano State now (Kano State Bureau for Land Management) and all Authorities concerned should please take note

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**

This is to inform the general public of the loss of original Certificate Plot No. 58 File No. RES/RC/81/239, situated at Hausawa Quarters, Kano. Bearing the name of **JIDE AYANDA No. 8 Bompai Road, Kano**. All efforts made to trace the original Certificate prove abortive, members of the general public to take note. If found please return to the nearest police station.

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**

I **FATIMA BINTA ABUBAKAR** Of No.9 Ahmadu Comasile road Nasfat Village that i am the bonafide owner of the following documents Original External WAEC Certificate Result with Examination Number 5270401095 Nov/Dec 2013 that the document were issued to me by West Africa Examination Council same got lost on 7th January 2022 along Nasfat Village Kaduna All effort made to trace the said document proved abortive. If found, please return to the nearest police station or the above mentioned addressed. The general public and any authority concern should please take note.

**LOSS OF ORIGINAL OCCUPANCY PERMIT**

This is to inform the general public of the loss of Original Occupancy Permit of Plot No.213C with TP/KNUPDA /338B situated at Kuyan Ta'Inna Quarters of Kumbotso Local Government Area of Kano State belonging to Dr. Ali Mustapha Kuraysh of House No.OA56, Janbulo 2nd Gate Kano City. The said Plot was Compensated to him by Kano State Ministry of Land and Physical Planning.

All efforts were made to trace the said document proved abortive. Ministry of Land and physical Planning Kano State now (Kano State Bureau for Land Management) and all Authorities concerned should please take note

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**

This is to inform the general public of the loss of original Letter of Administration in respect of **LATE SHEIKH ISYAKA RABIU (KALIFA)** granted to **RABIU NURA ISYAKU, RABIU YUSUF ISYAKU, RABIU ANWAR ISYAKU AND ISYAKU ABDULBASIT RABIU** issued by High Court of Justice Kano State dated 6th Day of Oct, 2020. All efforts made to trace the original document prove abortive, members of the general public to take note. If found please return to the nearest police station.

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**

This is to inform general public about the loss of original Certificate O.P Plot No. 1221, situated at Kayi Layout TP/KNUPDA/256C, bearing the name of **NASIRU JIBRIN**, of Kayi Panshekara Quarters, Kano. All efforts made to trace the original O.P prove abortive, members of the general public to note. If found please return to the nearest police station.

**LOSS OF ORIGINAL OCCUPANCY PERMIT**

This is to inform the general public of the loss of Original Occupancy Permit of Plot No.212C with TP/KNUPDA /338B situated at Kuyan Ta'Inna Quarters of Kumbotso Local Government Area of Kano State belonging to Dr. Ali Mustapha Kuraysh of House No.OA56, Janbulo 2nd Gate Kano City. The said Plot was Compensated to him by Kano State Ministry of Land and Physical Planning

All efforts were made to trace the said document proved abortive. Ministry of Land and physical Planning Kano State now (Kano State Bureau for Land Management) and all Authorities concerned should please take note

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**

This is to inform the general public of the loss of original Letter of Grant Plot No. 150B File No. RES/97/1397, situated at Hotooro Quarters TP/UDB/79. Bearing the name of **ALH. LAWAN IBN MALAH No. 3 Ganlo rick Road Apapa Lagos**. All efforts made to trace the original Letter of Grant prove abortive, members of the general public to take note. If found please return to the nearest police station.

**IGBOMOGUN CENTRAL MOSQUE, ORETA IGBOGBO IKORODU**

This is to inform the general public that the above named mosque has applied for the corporate affairs commission (CAC) Abuja for registration under part "C" of the companies and allied matters act (CAMA), 2020.

**TRUSTEE ARE:**

1. Sodiq Jimoh Owolewa- Chairman.
2. Abdullatif Agbaje Oluwasegun - Chief Imam
3. Abdulganiyu Yunusa- Secretary
4. Afolabi Sikiru Olamide

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

1. To promote Islamic faith and develop programmes that will improve the welfare of the members of the Islamic community.

Any objection to this registration should be forwarded to the Registrar- General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420 Tigris Crescent off Agunyi Ironsi Street, PMB 198 Maitama Abuja within 28 days from the date of Publication.

Signed: Secretary.

**LEGAL NOTICE****IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF KATSINA STATE OF NIGERIA PROBATE DIVISION**

WHEREAS the person/persons whose names are set out in the first column hereunder died intestate on the date and at the place stated in the said column.

AND WHERE AS the person/person (s) whose addresses claimed relationship to the said deceased is/are set out in the second column hereunder have applied to the High Court of Justice Katsina for a grant of "LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION" of the personal property of the said deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the "LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION" will be granted to such person/persons unless "NOTICE TO PROHIBIT" is filed in the Probate Registry, High Court of Justice Katsina within TWENTY-ONE DAYS from the date of publication of this notice.

NAME OF DECEASED PERSON  
**LATE LAWAL BALA OF NIPOST (RTD) DIED ON 11/9/2021 AT KATSINA**

APPLICANT FOR GRANT  
**IBRAHIM LAWAL OF RAHAMAWA QTRS, KATSINA SON OF THE SAID DECEASED.**

DATED THIS 17TH FEBRUARY, 2022

AT THE PROBATE REGISTRY,  
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE,  
KATSINA.

(Nuraddeen El-Ladan Ahmed)  
PROBATE REGISTRAR

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DECEASED  
**YUSUF WAZIRI OF NPP JIGAWA COMMAND WHO DIED ON THE 19/11/2022 AT HOSPITAL.**

APPLICANT FOR GRANT  
**SHEHU IRI OF GWARAM L.G.A. THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATOR.**

**MARYAM IDRIS ABBAS OF KAZAURE L.E.A. WHO DIED ON THE 28/11/2020 AT HOSPITAL.**

**HASSAN IDRIS OF KAZAURE. THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATOR.**

**ADAMU MUHAMMED OF BUJI L.E.A. WHO DIED ON THE 17/7/2021 AT HOME.**

**SALE IBRAHIM OF BUKUDU. THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATOR.**

**BINTA MUHAMMED GAMBO OF INEC JIGA WA WHO DIED ON THE 9/11/2021 AT RSSH DUTSE.**

**AYUBA ALI OF PLATEAU STATE. THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATOR.**

DATED 16TH FEBRUARY, 2022

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE JIGAWA  
(USMAN MUHAMMED LAMIN) DEPUTY PROBATE REGISTRAR

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DECEASED  
**LAWAN MUSA OF NPP JIGAWA COMMAND WHO DIED ON THE 8/11/2021 AT HOSPITAL**

APPLICANT FOR GRANT  
**MARYAM LAWAN OF KAZAURE. THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATOR.**

**MOHAMMED BABAYO OF MATSARO QRTS, HADEJIA WHO DIED ON THE 15/1/2022 AT HADEJIA**

**ABUBAKAR ISMAIL MOHAMMED OF MATSARO QRTS, HADEJIA. THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATOR.**

**KARUNA SULE OF KAUGAMA L.E.A. WHO DIED ON THE 25/9/2021 AT HOME.**

**KAMISU HARUNA OF YALO TOWN. THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATOR.**

**ABASHE SAFTYANU OF KAUGAMA L.E.A. WHO DIED ON THE 10/5/2021 AT HOME.**

**SHAAIBU ABBAS OF YALO. THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATOR.**

DATED 16TH FEBRUARY, 2022

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE JIGAWA  
(USMAN MUHAMMED LAMIN) DEPUTY PROBATE REGISTRAR

**ALIYU DAMO FOUNDATION**

This is to inform the general public that the above named Association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for Registration under Part 'C' of the Company and Allied Matters Act of 2020.

**TRUSTEES:**

1. DAMO ALIYU MAMUDA
2. DAMO HADIZA ABDULLAHI
3. DAMO USMAN MAMUDA

**AIM AND OBJECTIVES**

To help less privileged families in the poor communities to improve their lives by conquering poverty, promote the means of livelihood of vulnerable people, to ensure the ease of hardship and access to many social amenities.

Any Objection to the Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420 Tigris Crescent, Off Agunyi Ironsi Street P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days from this Publication.

Requirement for Change of Name  
Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit; Men: Court Affidavit

Bank: First Bank Plc

Account No: 2002911690

Sort Code: 011084060

Bank: UBA Plc

Account No: 1007117397

Sort Code: 033080013

Bank: GTBank Plc

Account No: 0024570856

Sort Code: 058083231

Requirement for Change of Name  
Women: Marriage Certificate  
or Court Affidavit; Men: Court  
Affidavit

# Bandits invade residence of community leader, abduct wives, 4 daughters

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

Bandits have raided the residence of Sarkin Hausawa of Anguwar Azara in Jere, along Abuja-Kaduna highway, Malam Ibrahim Tanko, abducting his wives alongside his four daughters.

Tanko, while confirming the incident to our reporter via telephone, gave the names of his

kidnapped wives as Maimuna Ibrahim and Hauwa'u Ibrahim.

He said though, Hauwa'u, who is his senior wife, was later set free when her captors discovered that she is suffering from high blood pressure.

He said the bandits, who wielded sophisticated weapons, invaded his house around 11:52 pm on Tuesday.

He said he managed to escape using one of the exit doors.

"It was after they searched and couldn't see me that they went into room where my daughters were sleeping and whisked four of them away at gunpoint," he said.

The Sarkin Hausawa gave the names of his abducted daughters as Aisha Ibrahim, Farida Ibrahim, Zainab Ibrahim and Hussaina Ibrahim.

According to him, the bandits proceeded to a neighbour's

house and whisked away four residents alongside a nursing mother identified as Laraba Umar.

"In fact, they macheted the woman's husband until he became unconscious. He is currently receiving treatment at a private hospital at Katari," he said.

The Sarkin Hausawa said soldiers arrived the area an hour after the bandits had left with

their victims.

When contacted, the spokesman of the Kaduna state police command, ASP Mohammed Jalige, said the police were not aware of the incident.

He promised to contact the police area commander of Katari and get back to our reporter but he had not done so as of the time of filing this report.

## Police kill 2 bandits, rescue 8 kidnap victims in Katsina

From Tijjani Ibrahim, Katsina

Katsina State Police Command has repelled bandits' attacks in two separate operations in which they killed two suspected bandits and rescued eight kidnapped persons.

This was contained in a press statement issued on Thursday by the command's spokesman, SP Gambo Isah.

The statement said the police first repelled an attack at Fuloti and Gandun Karfi villages, Malumfashi LGA, where one of the suspected bandits was killed, adding that one AK47 rifle, one Boxer motorcycle, 82 cows and 70 sheep were recovered during the operation.

"On 17/02/2022 at about 0040hrs, a distress call was received that terrorists in their numbers, armed with sophisticated weapons, including AK47 rifles, riding on motorbikes attacked Fuloti and Karfi villages, Malumfashi LGA, kidnapped women and rustled

domestic animals and were on their way into Kankara LGA.

"Consequently, DPO Kankara led a team of policemen and blocked the hoodlums at a spot near Zurunkutun, crossing the Kankara - SHEME road.

"The team succeeded and engaged the terrorists into a fierce gun duel and neutralized one of them, rescued four female victims and their babies, recovered one AK47 rifle, 82 cows and 70 sheep.

"Similarly, on Tuesday, 15/02/2022, at about 1850hrs, DPO Kankara led a team of policemen to Kankara - Zango Road, based on a report that terrorists have blocked the road and were extorting citizens of their belongings.

"The team succeeded in dislodging the hoodlums by engaging them in a fierce gun duel.

One terrorist was neutralized and one operational motorcycle, Boxer, unregistered belonging to the bandits was recovered," the statement said.

## Kwara sets up c'ttee to probe hijab violence

From Mumini AbdulKareem, Ilorin

Governor Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq has set up a seven-person committee to investigate the circumstances that led to the recent violence in Oyun Baptist High School, Ijagbo, Oyun Local Government Area of Kwara State.

The committee which has three weeks to submit its report is also charged to establish the roles of every person involved and recommend steps to be taken to avoid a recurrence in the future.

One person, Ibrahim Habeeb, was killed during the fracas which left 11 other Muslims injured.

The committee is chaired by the pioneer Provost of Kwara State College of Health Technology and currently a director at the National Open University of Nigeria, Dr Shehu Omoniye, with Secretary General of Ijagbo Descendants Progressive Union, Mr Emmanuel Adebayo Fatola, as

co-chairman.

The secretary, Ishola Olofere, is a director in the Ministry of Justice. Other members are Pastor Modupe Oreyemi Agboola; Kwara State Chairperson of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations, Dr Saudat Baqi; Special Assistant to the Governor on Religion (Islam) Alhaji Ibrahim Zubair Danmaigoro and a representative of the Office of the Special Assistant to the Governor on Religion (Christianity).

The panel will invite and listen to all the parties (including leadership of the school), establish the truth of what happened and the roles of various persons involved, and make recommendations to the government on how to prevent such an unfortunate situation in the future," a statement by Chief Press Secretary to the Governor, Rafiu Ajakaye, added.

Ajakaye urged the people of the community and every party involved to cooperate with the panel for peace to reign in the state.



■ Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya (2nd right), presenting certificate to the most outstanding youth corps member, Akase Patience Nguwase, while the Commissioner of Youth Development, Aminu Musa (right) and Gombe State NYSC coordinator, Mrs. Ada Imoni, look on during the passing out parade of the batch A stream 1 in Gombe, yesterday

## NYSC extends service year of 33 corps members in Nasarawa

From Umar Muhammed (Lafia), Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu (Kano), Bassey Willie (Yenagoa) & Titus Eleweke (Awka)

No fewer than 33 corps members of the 2021 National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) in Nasarawa State are to repeat their service year for absconding from their Places of Primary Assignment (PPA) and other disciplinary issues during the service year.

The state coordinator of the scheme, Mr Abdullahi Jikamshi, revealed this in Lafia, the state capital, on Thursday during the Passing out Parade (POP) for the 2021 Batch "A" corps members.

He explained that the affected corps members would have their service year extended or repeat the entire service year depending

on the gravity of the acts of indiscipline committed.

Jikamshi said the scheme was already preparing to receive another batch of corps members in a week's time.

Earlier, the Governor of Nasarawa State, Abdullahi Sule, who was represented by the Commissioner for Youths and Sports Development, Mr Lucky Yargwa, thanked the outgoing corps members for the invaluable and sacrificial service offered to the state.

In a related development, Kano State Governor Abdullahi Umar Ganduje has charged the outgoing 2021 Batch A Stream 1 NYSC members to be good ambassadors and exploit the goldmine in agriculture, manufacturing and other legitimate businesses with the aim of becoming self-reliant.

Governor Douye Diri of

Bayelsa State also threw his weight behind the calls for the passage of the bill for the establishment of the NYSC Trust Fund.

In the same vein, the NYSC coordinator in Anambra State, Mrs Yetunde Baberinwa, announced that during the service year, five corps members died while 12 will repeat their service year for absconding themselves from camp.

According to her, out of the five deaths, three died during childbirth, one died from natural death, while the remaining one died in a road accident.

Baberinwa listed the names of those who died while in service to include Onoh Bless An/21A/2153, Owoh Mercy An/21A/3270, Mbam Timothy An/21A/1653, Ozor Anthony An/21A/2098, and Tabele Mercy An/21A/3378.

## Police probe murder of Keffi varsity student

From Umar Muhammed, Lafia

The police in Nasarawa State have commenced investigation into the alleged murder of a student of Nasarawa State University Keffi (NSUK), Michael Elechi.

ASP Ramhan Nansel, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, revealed this in an interview with Daily Trust in Lafia, the Nasarawa State capital on Thursday.

He said the incident was reported by one Joy Anga, a student of NSUK and resident

of same compound with the deceased at the Police Station at Angwan Lambo on February 15, around 6:30pm.

"Anga explained that she returned from lectures around 5:40pm and saw the gate of their building half-open, on entering she found the deceased in a pool of blood," the PPRO said.

He, however, maintained that upon receipt of the report, the police personnel at Angwan Lambo went to the scene and took the victim to the Federal Medical Centre, Keffi where he

was confirmed dead.

He said the corpse had been deposited at the hospital's morgue pending the outcome of investigation.

He said the Commissioner of Police in the state, Mr Adesina Soyemi, had directed for an autopsy toward unravelling the rationale behind the death.

Daily Trust learnt that the deceased, before his death, was a final year part-time student of Business Administration at Nasarawa State University Keffi.

## Osun APC primary: Govt alleges importation of fake NSCDC, correctional service uniforms

From Hameed Oyegbade,  
Osogbo

### ● It's plot to smear Aregbesola – Aide

Osun State government has raised an alarm that fake uniforms of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, NSCDC, and the Nigerian Correctional Service have been imported into the state by some "unscrupulous persons to disrupt the governorship primary election

of All Progressives Congress (APC).

The Commissioner for Information and Civic Orientation in the state, Funke Egbemode, said those who stockpiled the fake security uniforms intended to distribute them to some non-state actors to disrupt the primary election and

cause chaos in the state.

The government warned those behind the devilish plot to drop the idea, stressing that it had alerted and mandated security operatives to deal decisively with any individual or group that wanted to cause violence and destruction in the state.

Reacting to the allegation,

the Minister of Interior, Mr Rauf Aregbesola, through his media aide, Mr Sola Fasura, said the allegation by the state government was a plot to smear Aregbesola.

He said: "Our attention has been drawn to a sinister plot by an array of one-man pseudo non-governmental organisations,

hurriedly put together and plotted by the leadership of the state government in Osun on Tuesday evening.

"Their agenda is to precipitate crisis, cause chaos in Osun and disrupt the APC governorship primary election they are poised to lose. They will then heap the blame on the Minister of Interior, Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola, and call to question his integrity and leadership capacity."

## 2 arrested with 30 gallons of fuel in Kwara

From Mumini AbdulKareem,  
Ilorin

Spirit (PMS).

The arrest is coming on the heels of worsening fuel scarcity in the state.

The spokesman of the corps in the state, Babawale Zaid Afolabi, said the two suspects were arrested with more than 30 kegs of the petrol bought from neighbouring states to sell at a high price to end users in Kwara.

The Kwara State Command of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) has arrested two middle aged men, Yunus Yusuf (32) and Ismail olamilekan (33) for allegedly engaging in black market business of Premium Motor

## Drug deal: Ebubeagu arrests 12 in Ebonyi

From Nabob Ogonna,  
Abakiliki

journalists in Abakiliki, the capital city of the state.

Emegha said the suspects were arrested at their hideout following a tip-off by a concerned citizen, name withheld.

He said two live cartridges, cutlasses and other weapons were equally recovered from the hoodlums. The security consultant said the suspects would be handed over to the police for interrogation and possible prosecution.

Operatives of Ebubeagu Security Outfit in Ebonyi State yesterday arrested 12 members of a drug syndicate that allegedly specialises in the distribution of Methamphetamine, popularly known as Mkpurummiri, to some parts of the state and its environs.

The State Security Consultant, Chief Stanley Emegha, made this known while briefing

## Zulum vows to sanitise teaching profession in Borno

Borno State governor, Professor Babagana Umara Zulum, on Thursday, described as "very scary" some findings submitted to him by a committee he had constituted and tasked with conducting basic literacy and numeracy competency assessment of 17,229 local education authority teachers across 27 local government areas of the State.

The state's Commissioner for Education, Engr Lawan Abba Wakilbe, presented the committee's report to Governor Zulum at the Government House in Maiduguri. Members of the committee, including chairman of the state Universal Basic Education Board, Bulama Kagu, a professor of education, was in attendance.

The committee had engaged academics from different education stakeholders in the state before and during assessment tests conducted in January, 2022, across the 27 local government areas of the state.

The report revealed that out of 17,229 teachers across the 27 LGAs, only 5,439 representing 31.6% proved competent to teach, while 3,815 teachers representing 22.1% are not competent to teach and are not trainable.

The report however revealed that 7,975 teachers representing 46.3% were found not fully competent but

trainable.

The report also revealed that 2,389 teachers representing 13.9% have been teaching without any formal qualification from any institution.

Speaking after receiving the report, Professor Zulum described the findings as "very scary". He said the committee members had informed him that they came across an NCE holder who could not write NCE during the test but yet teaching students.

"We cannot move Borno forward unless we are able to sanitise our public school system, and if I am able to sanitise education, I would have achieved 50% of what I set out to achieve as governor", Zulum said.

He noted that he decided to set up the assessment committee after a series of spontaneous assessments of teachers during his regular unscheduled trips to local government areas.

Despite the report, Governor Zulum pledged that he would not sack the 3,815 untrainable teachers but will, depending on the recommendations made by the committee, consider approving the transfer of the teachers to areas where they can perform other tasks such as tree planting at the Ministry of Environment.



■ Minister of Interior, Rauf Aregbesola, raises the hand of APC gubernatorial aspirant, Alhaji Moshood Adeoti, as Osun APC Chairman, Alhaji Rasaan Salinsile (wearing green cap); Chairman, The Osun Progressive, Rev. Lowo Adebisi (with black sunglasses) and other dignitaries look on

## Why we're insisting on water resources bill – Minister

From Hope A. Emmanuel,  
Makurdi

The Minister of Water Resources, Engr Suleiman Adamu, on Thursday, disclosed reasons behind his ministry's insistence for the National Assembly to pass the Water Resources Bill into law.

Daily Trust reports that controversy has trailed the water bill since its introduction, as many Nigerians continue to reject the document.

But despite the rejection of the bill in several quarters, the minister, while answering questions from journalists in Makurdi during a two-day sensitisation workshop on the

2013 National Water Resources Master Plan and the United Nations Water Convention for Stakeholders in Nasarawa, Kogi, Plateau, Niger and Benue States in the North Central, including Taraba, said the ministry would not relent to push for the passage of the bill.

"There are so many projections on water demand, and it is true the development of identified programmes will help us to meet up with all the demands: water supply, hydro power generation, irrigation, access to potable water, good hygiene; all these are part of the bill.

"It's true that people have expressed their displeasure over

the bill but the water bill is not harmful at all. If the bill is passed there are so many things to gain from it," the minister said.

Represented by his Director, Water Resources Planning and Technical Support Services, Mrs Alice Ojowu, the minister added that the projection for water supply was for domestic, commercial and industrial purposes.

Adamu also disclosed that a consultant had been engaged to review the bill, particularly to look at the contentious (grey) areas in the master plan and allow ones acceptable by stakeholders and Nigerians that will drive the process of having a good bill.

## ASUP set for indefinite strike

From Mohammed Abubakar,  
Dutse

The Academic Staff Union of Polytechnics (ASUP) has asked its members to be ready to stop work at any time when the need arises.

The National President of ASUP, Mr Anderson Umezurike Ezeibe, who gave the hint while addressing members of the union at the Hussain Adamu Federal

Polytechnic, Kazaure, Jigawa State, accused the federal government of reneging on some parts of the agreement it reached with the union in June last year.

This is coming a few days after the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) embarked on a four-week warning strike.

Mr Ezeibe said ASUP suspended its earlier industrial action on June 10, 2021, based on agreements

it reached with the federal government. He explained that part of the agreement was the release of N15bn for the revitalisation of polytechnics and monotechnics.

He said since when the agreement was reached the federal government had fulfilled some while others had not been achieved.

He noted that the NEC would take its decision at its next meeting in March in Mubi, Adamawa State.

## ABU, BUK join ASUU strike

From Abubakar S. Mohd, Zaria  
& Sani I. Paki, Kano

The Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), ABU Zaria chapter, has finally joined the four-week nationwide strike embarked upon by the national body of the union.

Daily Trust gathered that despite the national body's directive for a total and comprehensive strike, lectures had continued to hold till

Wednesday when the union held a congress and issued a circular.

In the circular, dated February 16, 2022, and jointly signed by its Chairman and Secretary, Haruna M. Jibril and Hussein A. Abdullahi, respectively, the ABU ASUU resolved to join the strike in totality.

Similarly, Bayero University Kano (BUK) chapter of ASUU has backed its national body as it embarks on a four-week warning

strike embarked upon by Nigerian public universities.

But the BUK chapter of ASUU in a statement on Thursday and signed by its chairperson, Haruna Musa, and his secretary, Kabiru Haruna Isa, hailed the NEC's decision and joined the strike.

ASUU-BUK also called on all its members in the university to down all tools and stay away from all administrative and academic activities throughout the period.

# SPORT



■ Action recorded in yesterday's NPFL week 13 match between Enugu Rangers and Nasarawa United at the FC Ifeanyi Ubah Stadium in Nnewi. Rangers won 1-0

## Super Falcons battle Lady Elephants for 2022 AWCON ticket

By David Ngobua

Nine-time African champions, Super Falcons will tackle the Lady Elephants at the MKO Abiola National Stadium today in the first leg of the final round of qualifiers for the 2022 Africa Women Cup of Nations (AWCON).

Both teams will clash in the reverse fixture at the Stade Robert Champroux in Abidjan on Wednesday, February 23.

The winner over two legs will pick the ticket to the 12th edition of the championship to be staged in Morocco in July.

Nine other fixtures are on the cards, with four of them activating their opening legs Wednesday. Burundi will host Djibouti while Namibia are guests of Zambia, and Senegal and Mali clash in Dakar. Burkina Faso are away to Guinea-Bissau in the city of Bissau. Togo and Gabon will square up on Thursday, with the remaining half of the fixtures opening on Friday.

Hosts Morocco and Uganda, benefitting from Kenya's withdrawal, have already qualified.

The Confederation of African Football has appointed Burkinabe official Jacqueline Nikiema as referee, with her compatriot Rahamatou Traore as assistant referee 1 and Abra Sitsofe Agbedanou from Togo as assistant referee 2. Another Togolese, Edoh Kindedji is the fourth official.

Christine Enyonam Ziga from Ghana is the match commissioner while Tempa N'dah Francois will serve as the referee assessor.

# Abdulazeez's late strike hands Gombe 1-0 victory at Dakkada

By David Ngobua & Jide Olusola

...As struggling Heartland edge Lobi Stars 1-0 in Owerri

Gombe United's impressive run in the ongoing Nigeria Professional Football League (NPFL) continued yesterday as they left it late to beat strugglers Dakkada FC 1-0 in Uyo for their first away win of the season.

After the 1-1 draw with Heartland in Okigwe in week 11, Gombe United returned home to end Remo Stars unbeaten run before yesterday's battling 1-0 away victory.

Victory over Dakkada didn't come on a platter of gold as the two goalkeepers deployed by Gombe United, Gideon Gambo and Akor Itodo had to make several saves to ensure

the visitors ran away with the maximum points.

Five minutes from regulation time, Dakkada had a golden opportunity to break the deadlock when they were awarded a penalty after the referee ruled that Emmanuel Ayaosi was upended in the box but the chance was wasted by substitute Musa Bashiru who sent both Itodo and the ball the wrong way.

The hosts then paid dearly for the miss in the 90th minute when Ibrahim Yahaya wrestled past Ibukun before setting up Yusuf Abdulazeez who fired a scorcher into the top corner to

hand Gombe United the three points.

In Owerri, after a goalless first half, Heartland fought hard to end their five-match winless run as they managed to secure a 1-0 win over Lobi Stars of Makurdi.

Heartland who were desperate to win had their prayers answered in 71st minute when Nnamdi Egbujoo slotted home the ball after a good pass from Nonso Nzediegwu.

Before the deadlock was broken, former BCC Lions legend and Lobi Stars' assistant coach, Sam Pam, jnr was given the marching order by the referee for dissent.

The match in Okigwe between Abia Warriors and title contenders Rivers United ended in a 1-1 draw after Uche Onwuasonaya cancelled out Paul Samson's opener for the hosts.

In the other week 13 fixture decided at FC Ifeanyi Ubah in Nnewi, Enugu Rangers shot down Nasarawa United by a lone goal scored in the 61st minute by Christian Nnaji.

At the end of week 13 matches, Plateau United claimed the top position with 27 points after their emphatic 3-1 home win over 3SC and are followed closely by Rivers United on 26 points.

## Kano kicks defending champions Kwara out of 2022 Ramat Cup

From Salim Umar Ibrahim, Kano

Ramat Cup defending champions, Kwara State U-16 football team have been eliminated from the 39th edition of the competition by host Kano state.

The more enterprising boys from Kano shocked their opponents from Kwara State 2-0 in yesterday's match played at the Sani Abacha stadium in Sabon-gari.

The annual tournament organised by the Youth Sports Federation of Nigeria in honour former Nigeria's Head of State, Late General Murtala Ramat Mohammed is now in the quarter-final stage.

Kano's Imran Musa and Ali Auwal scored a goal each in the second half of the highly entertaining match to seal

victory for the hosts.

In an earlier encounter, Abuja academy defeated their Kebbi state counterpart 2-1.



Speaking after the march, the Director, Abuja Academy, Enes Cayli, said he was excited by the opportunity to attend the youth competition which he described as a dream come true.

The 39th edition of the Youth Sports Federation of Nigeria (YSFON) Ramat Cup kicked off on Sunday in the ancient city of Kano.

## Juventus, Ariston take partnership deal to Africa

By Joshua Odeyemi

Serie A giants, Juventus and Ariston have signed a regional partnership that will help improve their popularity in Africa.

This is the third step of a successful collaboration between Ariston and Juventus that started in China and Indonesia in 2021.

Juventus are one of the most followed European football teams in Africa and Nigeria in particular with an academy to show for it.

With this regional partnership, the two Italian brands join their ambitions of growth and development assuring high performances.

Giorgio Ricci, Juventus' Chief Revenue Officer said: "Africa, with over 15 million

followers, represents for Juventus an area of key strategic importance, and Juventus academies in four countries (Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, and Nigeria) work relentlessly to bring our experience and values to many African soccer enthusiasts.

"We are delighted to be working with Ariston, the two brands share an immense synergy of true Italian heritage as well as innovation."

Laurent Jacquemin, Chief Executive Officer of Ariston Group, said: "I am thrilled to announce the new step of this partnership today, rooted in Italian excellence and with a global vision and reach, to win the great challenges of the African markets."

"Our commitment in Africa is paramount, with over thousands of distributors & partners and a broad range of products... which makes us today among the leaders in the territory. Teaming up with Juventus in Africa further reinforces our position."



**DEEPENING  
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## Building national consensus on democracy building

Yesterday, the National Working Group on Governance and Peacebuilding in Nigeria held a roundtable discussion on the imperative of building a national consensus on how to govern Nigeria in the interest of all citizens. The spirit of the meeting is that the Nigerian State is no longer performing its duties and citizens must rise to defend their future. The state can no longer protect the lives and property of Nigerians. It cannot even protect the territorial integrity of the national territory as, increasingly, non-state actors take over ungoverned territories. Finally, the state can no longer provide for the basic needs of citizens. The time for citizens to rise up to the challenge of the collapse of state authority has therefore arrived. The strategic objective of citizen action should be to return the state to the trajectory of democratic development.

In attendance at the high-powered roundtable meeting were their eminence, the Sultan of Sokoto, Sa'ad Abubakar, and John Cardinal Onaiyekan of the Catholic Church as well as the Bishop of Sokoto, Mathew Kukah. Others in attendance included Prof Attahiru Jega, Amb. Fatima Balla, Dr Nguyen Fesse, Aisha Mohammed Oyebo, Amb. Zango Abdu of USIP, Dr Chris Kwaja, Amb. Sani Saulawa Bala, Hon Aishatu Dukku, Chairperson of the House Committee on Elections, Dr Fatima Akilu of the NEEM Foundation, Pastor Ituah Ighodalo (President, Rebuild Nigeria Initiative, RNI), Dr Usman Bugaje (Rescue Nigeria Project, RNP), Dr Benson Olugbuo (Centre for Civilians in Conflict), Dr Kole Shettima, (MacArthur Foundation), Ms. Kemi Okenyodo (Partners West Africa –

Nigeria), Prof Ismail Zango (Mambaiyya House, Bayero University Kano), Dr Garba Abari (DG/NOA), and your humble columnist.

The roundtable reviewed over two decades (1999-2021) of Nigeria's experience with democracy and was of the view that what has been in practice was a distorted and dis-functional form of democracy. Although there have been six general elections and transitions within the period under review, what is clear is that democracy has not been consolidated as expected. The Nigerian people believe profoundly in democracy but an irresponsible and anti-democratic elite has hijacked the process for its own personal interest. The elite has had a negative impact on the process and many of the elections were hijacked and the ordinary citizen had little say in electoral outcomes. The elite undermined the basic institutions of democracy - legislature, executive, judiciary, political parties, the election management body, the police and the media among others. These anomalies were perpetuated largely due to the absence of a common agenda for action by the citizens, which should have been inspired by thought leadership that is able to mobilise, aggregate and articulate the broad interest of the people as the repository of political power.

The roundtable also reviewed the series of conversations and concerns expressed across different strata of the Nigerian society, regarding how best to salvage the country's democracy from vested interests, which conflict with the interests of the majority of the people. Three key issues that dominated these conversations and concerns were identified.

First, that Nigeria has failed to address the crisis generated by our collective failure to recruit successive leaderships that are good and competent. The roundtable drew attention to the fact that politics is the only profession or vocation that people can enter without any training or qualification. The key attribute of the Nigerian political entrepreneur appears to be possession of a lot of stolen money. This has placed us on the path to national disaster. We must ensure that those who exercise leadership in this country have cognate experience, are competent and, above all, are people of good character rather than thieves and crooks. We must have a political elite that resembles the typical good Nigerian.

Secondly, precisely because of poor leadership, we have failed in the management of our diversity and more Nigerians each day feel alienated from the Nigerian Nation. Essentially, all Nigerians repeat the same narrative of marginalisation but rather than see the problem as an

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attribute of poor national leadership, they are manipulated into remaining at the level of blaming the other ethnic group or the other religion for their situation. In this context, political education to rise above ethno-religious reductionism becomes important. Civic actors and leaders must close ranks and collectively address the challenge of lack of inclusion in our system. The solution is inclusive democracy which guarantees that all Nigerians can freely participate in the political process without unfair barriers.

Thirdly, political parties which are supposed to be the pillars of democracy have become profoundly anti-democratic structures because virtually all of them show no respect for internal party democracy. Parties are essentially under the control of godfathers and money bags who dictate who can participate in the process. The only solution is for ordinary Nigerians to flood all the political parties and turn them into structures for democratically political participation. It is this takeover of political structures by ordinary Nigerians that will create the conditions for the emergence of a new generation of leaders with competence, experience and good character.

Following the roundtable discussion, the National Working Group on Good Governance and Peacebuilding took on the assignment of fully developing a strategic action plan following the publication of the conference report. The plan will develop criteria for leadership selection and a strategy for engaging stakeholders for its widespread acceptance. The roundtable also expressed serious concern at the significant reduction in voter turnout figures in recent elections around the country. Voter apathy is developing and could be a real stumbling block to democratic consolidation. We must not give up. Leaders all over the country should speak up within their communities, urging Nigerians not to give up on democracy. The enemies of democracy are deliberately discouraging citizens from political participation by their actions. The culture of political apathy must be confronted and addressed as a precondition for the revival of democratic forces.

## SPORT REPORT

### Wasteful Barcelona held by Osimhen's Napoli



■ Victor Osimhen

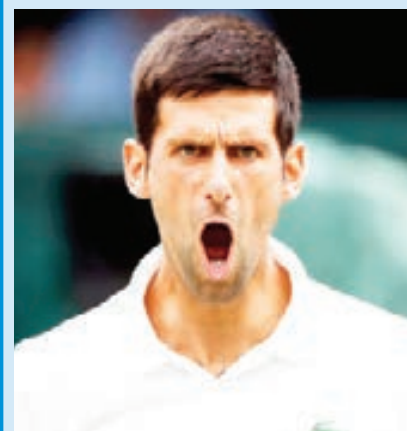
Ferran Torres slotted in a penalty to rescue a 1-1 draw for Barcelona at home against Napoli in the first leg of their Europa League playoff on Thursday.

Piotr Zielinski had opened the scoring for the Italians after 29 minutes in Spain but Torres levelled just before the hour from the spot after a Juan Jesus handball.

The draw leaves the tie open for both teams to advance to the last 16 of Europe's second-tier club competition with the second leg next week in Italy.

The Catalans are playing the Europa League for the first time in 18 years after crashing out of the Champions League in the group stage.

### Djokovic eager for Dubai comeback



■ Novak Djokovic

World No 1 Novak Djokovic said on Thursday he has missed playing tennis as he prepares for his comeback in Dubai after the coronavirus vaccine row that kept him from defending his Australian Open title.

The Serb, who was deported from Australia over his vaccination status, toured the Serbian pavilion at Dubai Expo, removing his black mask when requested and writing a message in the visitors' book.

The 20-time Grand Slam-winner, who will play the ATP Dubai tournament next week, has kept a low profile since his deportation from Australia last month over his refusal to get jabbed.