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Plot to oust Bankole thickens

By Turaki Adamu Hassan

A motion to impeach Speaker Oladimeji Bankole is expected to be introduced on the floor of the House of Representatives when it reconvenes from its Easter recess tomorrow, *Daily Trust* learnt from authoritative sources in Abuja yesterday. The move to oust Bankole, *Daily Trust* also learnt, is part of the moves by pro-Jonathan members with the support of the Acting President's political strategists to con-

solidate their hold on the government and the ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) towards an unfolding 2011 agenda.

According to sources in the legislature, a meeting of the pro-Jonathan Nigeria First Forum (NFF) has been convened for 8pm tonight at the Valencia Hotel, Wuse 2, Abuja to discuss and adopt a motion for the Speaker's impeachment when the House reconvenes tomorrow. Leaders of the meeting, *Daily Trust* learnt, include Repre-

sentatives Dino Melaye, Independence Ogunewe, Abba Anas, Henry Dickson, as well as former House Speaker Patricia Olubunmi Etteh. The group was said to have met with former president Olusegun Obasanjo at his Ota Farm House two weeks to push for Bankole's removal.

Daily Trust learnt that while the immediate grouse of the anti-Bankole group is reported moves by the Speaker to reconstitute House

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NNPC, FIRS, Customs under probe

By Jibrin Abubakar & Idris Ahmed

A committee set up by Acting President Goodluck Jonathan to ascertain how much money the Nigerian government earns by investigating all the major sources of government revenue is expected to commence its sittings in Abuja today, *Daily Trust* learnt at

“The committee will recommend to the government how to shore up the nation's revenue

the weekend.

The committee, led by Ogun State Governor Otunba Gbenga Daniel and membership of which is drawn from the National Economic Council (NEC), will recommend to the government how to shore up the nation's revenue and how it should be disbursed.

The committee is expected to beam its search light on the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) and the Federal Inland Revenue Services (FIRS), the top three sources of government revenue. The government was spurred by reports last week, quoting sources at the Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission [RMAFC] as saying that

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STUDENTS of Sa'adatu Rimi College of Education protesting the knocking down of their fellow student by a vehicle on the Kano/Kaduna Express road in Kano at the weekend.

PHOTO: SANI MAIKATANGA

Task force kills 2 in Jos South village

From Andrew Agbese, Ahmed Mohammed & Mahmud Lalo, Jos

TWO men were yesterday shot dead by the special military task force in Plateau State at Bisichi village in Jos South Local Government Area while trying to launch an attack on the village.

There was heavy fighting in the mining settlement during the January crisis.

Brigadier General Donald Oji speaking on behalf of the task force said the men had invaded the village at about 3:20 am on Sunday and were accosted by the men of the task force who were on patrol in that area.

He said after engaging the invaders in a shoot

out, two of them, including a security guard at a company in the area were shot.

He explained that the dead man who led the attack was dressed in an army pull-over and was identified as a security guard.

The military said a locally made revolver, which uses 7.62 mm ammunition just like conventional military weapons, 8 live rounds of special ammunition, a catapult, a torch and a dagger belonging to the attackers were recovered.

He said no arrest had been made but efforts were on track down those who fled.

State Commissioner for Information Mr Gregory Yenlong who confirmed

the incident said investigation was on, adding that the victims were security men in an Agro Allied Farm in the area.

Police Public Relations Officer ASP Muhammed Lerama who also confirmed the incident said they were aware of the attack but were yet to have full details.

A witness said the vigilante group in the area noticed some movements in the bush and alerted the security outfit.

"When the security men came, they started exchanging fire with the attackers who were hiding in the bush, ready to launch an attack in the area and in the event two people were killed", he said.

Forget Senate, ex-commissioner tells Bukar

From Hamza Idris, Damaturu

ALHAJI Lawan Mai Goroma, a former commissioner and one time chairman of the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) in Yobe State has called on Senator Bukar Abba Ibrahim to forget about going back to the Senate in 2011 because the electorate would like to see new faces in the National Assembly.

Goroma who served as commissioner in various ministries for over six years when Bukar was governor of Yobe State told journalists in Damaturu yesterday that his former boss had lost focus and would have nothing new to offer.

Bukar is now the senator representing Yobe East Senatorial District while his wife Khadija represents Damaturu, Tarmuwa, Gujba and Gulani at the House of Representatives. They were elected in 2007.

"Bukar and his wife should not dream of going back to the National Assembly because the positions are not the exclusive preserve of one family. Our people now know their



SENATOR Abba Ibrahim

rights, they are becoming more politically conscious and would not allow irregularities to continue in the state", Goroma, who recently moved to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) with Senator Usman Albishir said.

He described the former governor as a "self centred politician who only cares about himself alone", adding that Bukar was responsible for the entire political crisis in Yobe State.

Bukar was recently appointed by the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) to

reconcile aggrieved members of the party who were sharply divided since 2007 gubernatorial election when Senator Albishir went to court to challenge his alleged "wrongful substitution" with late Governor Mamman Ali.

"There is no how Bukar can succeed in the mission given to him because he is the architect of the problem...in fact it will be very difficult for him to approach most of the aggrieved persons", Goroma said. Several phone calls were not picked by Bukar.

Man killed over 14 year old girlfriend

From Ahmed Mohammed & Mahmud Lalo, Jos

A 27 year old man was yesterday killed at Rikkos area of Jos North Local Government Area of Plateau State over a girl friend.

A community leader in the area, Comrade Lawal Na bage, who spoke to our correspondents in Jos said the deceased who was identified as Babangida Abubakar was stabbed to death by his rival with a sharp horn and knife when he went to visit his girlfriend.

Speaking on behalf of the family of the deceased at the Nasarawa Gwong police station where the suspect was detained, older brother of the deceased, Umar Abubakar, described the death of his brother who was a carpenter as a sad incident, saying he was a humble person who always

minded his own business.

He called on the authorities to investigate the matter and bring the suspect to book so as to serve as a deterrence to others.

The 14 year old girl friend, who is also in detention in Nassarawa Gwong police station, said she was a junior secondary school student. She told our correspondents that the suspect dated her for one month and her father who did not like the character of the suspect asked him to stop seeing her.

She added that Babangida later came and started dating her as her mother had agreed that he could see her.

Police Public Relations Officer ASP Muhammed Lerama confirmed the incident but pointed out that they were yet to get details of the incident.

Generator explosion kills 2 kids

From Yahaya Ibrahim, Maiduguri

THIRTY-FIVE year old Idowu Sikiru and his wife, Rashida residing in Abuja Talakawa area of Maiduguri lost two children in a generator explosion on Saturday evening.

The couple also sustained serious injuries when they tried to rescue the kids and are currently receiving treatment at the emergency unit of the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital. The children, 4 year old Sikiru and two year old Shuhu were

sleeping at the veranda when the generator exploded and fire spread to them, burning part of the apartment.

Katimi Ahmed, a witness said, "The man (Idowu) came back from work with a gallon of petrol and put on his generator. The next thing we heard was an explosion and a part of their apartment was on fire. The couple were inside, leaving the kids at the veranda. They quickly came out to assist the children. I quickly alerted other neighbours who assisted in quenching

the fire and took the couple to hospital".

One of the kids was said to have died immediately while the other died at the early hours of Sunday.

When our reporter visited the couple at the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital, they were in critical condition.

When the Borno State Police Public Relations Officer was contacted on phone yesterday he said he had not received any information on the incident since it was weekend.

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Gusau faults anti-corruption war, CBN reforms

By Mohammed S. Shehu

NATIONAL Security Adviser (NSA) Gen Aliyu Mohammed Gusau said the strategies being adopted by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) in the fight against corruption, the ongoing banking sector of Central Bank of Nigeria and delay in the administration of justice contribute to security challenges in the country.

Gusau said whereas the anti-corruption agency has credibility problem, the on-going CBN intervention "seemed to have damaged economic activity in the banking sector to the detriment of the larger society," adding that the legal system, as constituted, also helps in promoting rather than abating crime.

A statement by the Chief

Press Secretary to the NSA, Adebisi Adekunle, said Gusau made the declaration on Saturday at a security awareness seminar for new ministers held in his office in Abuja.

The NSA said corruption is an economic crime that threatens the country's survival noting that it is endemic because the current anti-corruption campaign has been largely considered to be ineffective and selective. "This is because it penalizes a few unfortunate individuals, while society sees many they consider guilty enjoying their loot in freedom. Some of the agencies involved in anti-corruption have credibility problems, their leaders being accused of wrongdoings."

Gusau said the travails of the banking sector reflect the double standards critics perceive in the

administration of justice; what every bank seem to be doing, yet only a few banks were penalized.

"The fragility of the economy further dictates that offenders be interdicted without damaging the sector," he said. On crime control, the NSA told the ministers that "the security of lives, properties and livelihood is threatened by crime," adding that the crime situation in the country was high and that law enforcement agencies appeared overwhelmed by the situation. "Very little attention is paid to the prevention of crime. Proactive security measures assist to prevent crimes. Good laws and efficient penal system will deter criminals and reduce crimes," the NSA said, adding, "it seems our current legal system promotes crimes." He said it is difficult to prosecute offenders because of lengthy delays in court

processes while "criminals go in and out of prison at will, becoming serial offenders."

Gusau said ministers must be at the vanguard of efforts to restore sanity and stability as well as to increase public confidence in the ability of governance to function as expected. He stressed the enhancement of human development as a key security objective, adding that "Nigerian is rated low in human development index issued periodically by international institutions. Public officials have to be conscious of the impressions we convey by the way we value or depreciate the worth of the average Nigerian. The carnage in Jos and the summary killing of Boko Haram suspects by the police showed the world that Nigerians do not value themselves."

He said that with incidence of

polio, guinea worm, malaria and other disease which have been eradicated in other parts of the world, the commitment of the government to human development has since been under question. The same development Gusau said prevailed in the country's educational facilities as well as given indices of the high unemployment level, poverty, low food security arising from the country's inability to feed its people and decaying infrastructure. The NSA charged the ministers to be conscious of the impact of public policy on the nation's security. He said national security interests are paramount and must be respected.

Secretary to the Government of the Federation Mahmud Yayale Ahmed and the Head of Service of the Federation Stephen Oronsaye moderated the discussions.



Former Governor of Lagos State Chief Lateef Jakande (left) decorating Gombe State Governor Alhaji Muhammed Danjuma Goje, as the best Governor of the Year, during the NUJ 55th anniversary dinner/awards and the 2009 NUJ year book presentation in Abuja. With them is NUJ President Mallam Muhammed Garba.

Mark: I never said phone not for the poor

By Turaki A. Hassan

SENATE President David Mark said contrary to what was reported widely in the Nigerian media he never said that telephone was not for the poor.

Speaking at a training workshop for journalists in Markudi, Benue State, at the weekend, Senator Mark said the Nigerian media have given him a stigma that he will live with for the rest of his life.

The Senate President also restated his earlier stance that libel offences should be criminalized because victims do suffer a lifetime injury while the offenders go with little or no punishment.

"I have never said that telephone is not for the poor. I only said that if you will use a phone you must pay for it.

I never said so but I cannot clear that now because some people wrote that I said so. I will live with it for the rest of my life; even my children will live with it for the rest of their lives. Let there be some level of responsibility on the part of the press," Mark said.

On the Freedom of Information Bill (FOI) currently in the National Assembly, Mark said, "I believe we must meet half way down the line. The National Assembly is willing to pass the bill. FOI is not for the media people only. It is for all Nigerians but there is this general misconception about the bill that it is only for the press. All Nigerians can have access to information if the bill is passed."

He also called for enactment of a law to protect journalists saying, "A law to ensure that if in the course of your work something bad happens your family is covered. It will also minimise the business of do something for me and I will do something for you."

FG to re-gazette all roads in the country

By Boco Edet

THE Federal Ministry of Works would be reviewed to strengthen its regulatory arms, Minister of Works Senator Sanusi Daggash announced in Lagos during an inspection tour of the Lagos-Ibadan Express way.

Daggash said, "We intend to re-gazette all roads in the country, we intend to carry out a strategic review of the Federal Ministry of Works because as it is today, the role of the Federal Ministry of Works is changing. We

have to strengthen the regulatory arms of the Federal Ministry of Works." He said the action was necessary in order to have control measures on highways as the dependence on road traffic agencies was overburdening. The Minister said federal government in partnership with the private sector would rehabilitate federal roads across the country to stem the high incidence of carnage. "Since the road is for everybody, we must have respect for law and order, we have to have control measures and hazard signs on our highways so that we

can protect lives and property that is always wasted in our country," he stressed.

Chairman of Bi-Courtney Consortium Wale Babalakin (SAN) said the major challenge facing the project was exercising the right of way as there had been encroachments from state governments who had built structures on the right of way.

Babalakin said that the Consortium had achieved some success at reducing traffic bottlenecks created by vehicles parked along the highway.

CJN urged to end granting of perpetual injunctions

By Muideen Olaniyi

CHIEF Justice of Nigeria Justice Aloysius Katsina-Alu has been urged to checkmate the 'unending list of ex parte orders and perpetual injunctions' being granted by judges in matters involving political corruption.

In a petition titled 'Impediment To Effective Fight Against Corruption; Reviewing Judicial Officers' Culpability' by civil society organisations, the CJN was urged to hold any judge who grants any order capable of frustrating anti-corruption agen-

cies from performing their statutory functions accountable for such abuse of discretion.

The petition was signed by Olanrewaju Suraju, Chairman, Human and Environmental Development Agenda (HEDA); Adetokunbo Mumuni, Executive Director, Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project (SERAP); Olasupo Ojo, President, Committee for the Defense of Human Rights (CDHR); Abiola Akiyode-Afolabi, Executive Director, Women Advocates and Documentation Centre (WARDC); Itoro Eze Anaba, Coordinating

Partner, Partnership for Justice (PJ); and Tejumade Oke (Executive Director, Centre for the Rule of Law (CENTROLAW).

The groups said: "According to reports, some of the past governors who are facing corruption charges have devised the trick of approaching the judiciary, through selected judges, to seek enforcement of their fundamental human rights to liberty."

"Several ex parte orders obtained without notice or hearing the other side impeding prosecution of corruption cases have been granted in

the cases involving ex-governor of Abia State Orji Uzor Kalu, ex-governor of Jigawa State Alhaji Saminu Turaki while perpetual injunctions have been granted to former Governor of Rivers State Peter Odili and former governor of Delta State James Ibori from EFCC investigation and prosecution. There is strong evidence that many other ex-governors facing corruption charges are now considering seeking similar relief," they further stated.

The petition dated April 15, 2010 however said those facing corruption charges should be granted

fair trial rights. It said granting of ex parte orders and perpetual injunction in cases involving political corruption undermined the fight against corruption in Nigeria and denies the victims of corruption access to effective remedy through the recovery of their stolen wealth.

The advised the CJN to use his position and leadership of the National Judicial Council to set standard for establishment of a stronger judicial system, which will be more able to contribute to the fight against corruption and human rights promotion in Nigeria.

PIB is priority as Senate resumes 'morrow

By Turaki A. Hassan

THE Petroleum Industry Reform Bill (PIB) will be given priority status as the Senate resumes from its Easter recess tomorrow, Chairman Senate Committee on Information and Media Senator Ayogu Eze has said.

Speaking to Daily Trust on the telephone yesterday, the Senate's spokesman said the lawmakers will also confirm the nominations of members of the Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB).

The PIB was forwarded to the National Assembly by ailing President Umaru Musa Yar'adua in December 2008 and was supposed to have been passed by the two chambers last October.

Since its conception by the executive, the PIB has generated a lot of controversy leading to opposition to some of its content by multinational corporations who perceive it as an attempt to send them out of "business."



FROM left: Minister of State for Commerce Mrs. Josephine Tangun and Managing Director, Hyra Motors, Seyi Oyinlola during the 12th Abuja Motor Fair at the Eagles Square, Abuja, recently.

PIC: FELIX ONIGBINDE

Health workers against doctor becoming minister

By Ruby Leo

HEALTH workers have threatened to shut down the entire health system if the demand by the Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) that the next minister of health must be a medical doctor is adhered to by Acting President Goodluck Jonathan.

The health workers warned that if the health system in Nigeria is to improve, no medical doctor must head the health ministry for

at least 15 years because they have contributed to ruin the system.

A coalition of nine health associations at the weekend said they were tired of being manipulated by doctors who, according to them, are the major culprits behind the collapse of the health system.

Briefing on behalf of the assembly of healthcare associations and unions, the National Vice President of the Association of the Medical Laboratory Scientists of Nigeria Dr Godswill Okara said

the position the NMA has taken is insulting and misleading because they are self-centered and have an ulterior motive to continue to ruin the system.

According to them, the NMA is giving a wrong impression that only doctors can adequately head the health ministry while history has shown that those who performed exceptionally well as health ministers were non medical doctors.

He accused the doctors of being responsible for other professional

workers' exodus to other countries in search of greener pastures because of the discrimination and suppression they suffer at the hands of the doctors.

Deputy President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria Ayuba Ibrahim called on the acting president to ignore the threats from the NMA and do what is right for the country or be faced with a greater threat of a complete and total shut down of the health sector.

NIMET: Volcanic ashes may not affect Nigeria, but...

By Shehu Abubakar

DIRECTOR General of the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NIMET) Dr Anthony Anuforon said the volcanic eruption that started in Iceland on Wednesday and spread to most parts of Europe leading to cancellation of thousands of flights may not extend to Nigeria even though

it is affecting the country's aviation industry.

Dr Anuforon said told aviation correspondents in Abuja at the weekend that NIMET has the trained manpower and equipment to monitor and analyse global weather and wind movements including those of Europe and other parts of the globe.

He said the ash plume drifting as a result of the volcanic eruption that rose at between 6,000 and 11,000 meters above the sea level that passes great danger to safe flight operations is blowing east ward and not South wards.

"The wind flow pattern over the country at both the surface, near surface and flight cruising altitudes

have effectively ruled out the possible southward transportation of the volcanic ash over the airspace of Nigeria. However, the impact on the socio-economic activities of the country cannot be ruled out," he said.

He said volcanic eruptions release very small rock fragments into the upper atmosphere which is

the cruising altitude of most jet airliners, adding that the emissions are capable of causing considerable damage to both airframes and engines of aircrafts while the smoke and ash could also affect aircraft visibility."

Several thousands of flights have been cancelled while the aviation sector has been losing \$200million daily due to the volcanic eruption.

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most state governments in the country maybe unable to pay their bills from June due to dwindling revenue from the traditional sources. Membership of the committee is drawn from the Ministry of Finance, NNPC, FIRS and RMAFC, among others.

The committee's terms of reference of the committee are: Finding out the percentage of the country's equity in export earnings and modalities for determining the nature of the annual Joint Venture Cash Call's (JVC) budget. The committee will also investigate issues relating to the allocation of 450,000 barrels of crude oil to the NNPC every daily for domestic consumption, as well as deductions from Federation Account in favour of NNPC.

It will also establish the criteria for accessing excess crude revenue as well as looking into the withholding of revenue by some agencies such as the Nigeria Customs Service and FIRS. Currently, the Nigeria Customs and the Federal Inland Revenue Services retain 7 percent and 4 percent of the revenue they generate for their services. Last week, *Daily Trust* reported that state governments may go broke from June if they continue to rely on the Federation Account without improving on their internal revenue generation. The reductions in the revenue profile of the country became noticeable from December last year when allocations to the federal, state and local governments went down. For instance, the three tiers of government shared N370 billion in December, compared to N374 billion shared in November. This figure fell to N330 billion in January this year and went further down to N273 billion in February.

The excess crude account that provided succour whenever monthly revenue of the government went down is down to slightly over \$3 billion today, from \$20 billion in January 2009.

Volcanic ashes:

Nigeria's delegation miss Polish funeral

By Aisha Umar Agaie

THE delegation sent to represent Nigeria at yesterday's state funeral for Polish President Lech Kaczynski, and his wife Maria, could not attend the service due to Iceland's volcanic eruptions that shut most European skies and led to the cancellation of thousands of flights.

The Nigerian delegation, led by the Minister of Foreign Affairs Odein Ajumogobia, included the representative of the Chief of Defence Staff Air Vice Marshal Odeh, Chairman of House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs Rep Faruk Lawan and the Catholic Archbishop of Abuja Rev John Onaiyekan could not leave on Saturday as planned, a statement by the spokesman of the foreign affairs ministry Ozo Nwobu said.



FROM right: Minister of Works, Senator Sanusi Daggash and Chairman of Bi-Courtney Consortium, Dr. Wale Babalakin, during an inspection tour of the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway being handled by Bi-Courtney, at the weekend.

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committees, a usual source of friction in the House, their actual grievances go far beyond that. A senior House leader told *Daily Trust* last night, "Jonathan is not happy with Bankole. He sees him as pro-Yar'adua.

He accuses Bankole of having slowed down the process of declaring him as Acting President in February. Jonathan's people also see him as an impediment to declaring their man as substantive president." The legislator requested for anonymity.

Repeated calls and text messages sent to members of the NFF last night were mostly not answered. Representative Henry Dickson however returned the call, but when he was asked to comment on allegations that they were planning to remove Bankole, he switched off the phone.

Dickson was the Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice in Bayelsa State when Dr. Jonathan was the state's governor, and is known to be very close to him.

The NFF was formed early this year and it vocally campaigned for

the National Assembly resolution that declared Jonathan as Acting President.

Contacted for his comments last night, the Speaker's Media Adviser Ebomhiana Musa said, "We have also heard of the allegations. It is not true at all. There is no basis for impeaching the Speaker. If they want to impeach the Speaker, why are they sending text messages to media houses? Is that the way to do it?"

Musa also confirmed that Speaker Bankole is making moves to reconstitute some House committees.

He said, "There are 84 committees in the House of Representatives. Seven of them have no chairpersons right now either because of removal, as was the case of Dino Melaye, or death. The Speaker must therefore reconstitute them."

Oladimeji Bankole, from Ogun State, has been House Speaker since September 2007, when Madam Patricia Olubunmi Etteh was forced to resign in a cloud of scandal over contracts to refurbish her official residence and purchase luxury cars for the House leadership.

Rep upbraids IBB over comment on youths

By Abbas Jimoh

FORMER chairman of the House Committee of Information, Dino Melaye has condemned former military President Gen. Ibrahim Babangida for saying that young generations of Nigerians cannot rule the country effectively.

Melaye said yesterday in Abuja that the comment made by Babangida is an insult to Nigerians especially the youths.

"The statement credited to Gen. Babangida that the younger generations can't rule Nigeria has a proportional relationship with

the retardation associated with Babangida's age whose disparity between his official and real age is now manifesting.

This negative sweeping against my generation, a more intellectually advance generation, more versatile generation, a generation competing with technological demand of recent times, a deprived generation, deprived gerontocratic rulers, I mean the Babangidas of this world. "This generation so insulted by IBB is the generation of his son Muhammed.

It is also the generation of

Obama, Fashola among others.

"The question to ask this failed leader is how old was he 25 years ago when he forcefully became the president of an oppressed nation. How can a general who ran away from war by unceremoniously moving out of the villa and succumbing to the democratic and progressive forces that waged a holy war against his elongation and continued stay in office?" Melaye said.

He added, "A coward who hurriedly packaged an interim government and vamoosed; why are you now interested in assess-

ing democratic powers by creating generational apathy and age cleansing? We cannot experience the satanic manifestations of the Babangida era.

"Is it SAP or outrageous killings of veterans, may the soul of Dele Giwa, Mamman Vatsa and co rest in peace. My generation has hope and faith in Nigeria and Nigerians.

The battle to stop Babangida and his like is a battle of no retreat no surrender. Not an army of retired and expired military officers and politicians will bring back sad memories."

Ekiti judiciary workers begin strike today

THE Ekiti State chapter of the Judiciary Staff Union of Nigeria (JUSUN) has announced its intention to commence an indefinite strike today.

The union is kicking against the failure of the state government to implement the Consolidated Judiciary Salary Structure (CONJUSS) and other welfare demands for its members.

This was contained in a statement signed by the union's chairman, Mr M.S Ibiyemi and made available to newsmen in Ado-Ekiti yesterday.

The union noted that agreements reached with the state government during its warning strike in December 2009 were not implemented by the government.

It condemned what it termed "the hard stand of the state over the non-implementation of the proposed salary structure".

It also stated that the strike was the last plan toward achieving the union's demands.

The release indicated that the strike was agreed upon by the union "after deliberations with the state government for the

peaceful implementation of the CONJUSS and other demands broke down and the seven-day ultimatum issued to the government had lapsed."

It expressed the regret that the government had failed to implement the recommendations of the seven-man committee, headed by the Acting Chief Judge of the state, Justice Silas Oyewole.

The committee was set up in December 2009 to look into the demands of the union.

The union stated that it would not allow the state government

to treat its members with disdain over legitimate demands.

It promised to "embark on indefinite strike as from Monday, April 19, 2010, until the state government accepts and meets our demands."

It claimed that the proposed strike was in compliance with the directive of the national executive of the union. The national executive had directed its members in all the states that had yet to implement the CONJUSS, to embark on an indefinite strike immediately. (NAN)

Six die in Lagos accidents

By Benjamin Auta, Lagos

POLICE in Lagos say six persons died in various motor accidents at the weekend.

Police spokesman, Mr. Frank Mba, said yesterday that the first incident occurred Friday April 16 at about 10:30pm when one Olu-mide Ogunkoya who was driving a Honda Accord car with registration number EA 156 KRD ran into a stationary 911 tipper truck with registration number XN 441 BDG at Obanikoro, along Ikorodu road and died on the spot. His corpse was deposited at the Yaba military hospital for autopsy.

The second incident occurred on the same day at about 11:40pm involving a Nissan Primera car with registration number PR 346 KJA driven by one Adebola Arabambi which ran over a pedestrian, one Efema Sunday, at Meiran junction. He died on the spot and body was deposited at LASUTH mortuary in Ikeja for autopsy.

The third accident also occurred same day at about 8:00am involving a Ford sport car with registration number XL 631 EPE, which ran over a five year-old child, one Adawu Abdullahi, at Transformer, Seme-Badagary expressway. He also died on the spot and his body was buried according to Islamic rites by his parents.

A Mercedes Benz lorry with registration number XU 790 FKY driven by one Adeniji Adegunle had a head-on collision with a motorcyclist, one Owolabi Abudu, of Idimogun Village, Ogiro at Odogunya along Shagamu road and his female passenger, one Opeyemi Ogunaike, who were rushed to the Ikorodu General hospital where they were confirmed dead by authorities and their corpses were deposited at the same hospital for autopsy.

On Saturday April 17, a 65 year-old woman, Fidelia Dunuware, was knocked down by a Honda Accord sport car with registration number EK 293 EKY and she died on the spot while the driver of the car whose identity is yet to be known fled the scene of the accident.

Mba said all the cases are under investigation as he advised road users to always exercise caution on the high ways and obey traffic regulations.

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Sunni sect alleges death threats

From Ismail Mudashir, Kaduna

MEMBERS of the Muslim sect called Sunni in Sokoto State at the weekend raised an alarm over threats in text messages posted to their leaders by a rival sect.

The sect in a petition addressed to Acting President Dr. Goodluck Jonathan said the rival sect was perfecting plans to eliminate some of their members and create tension in the state.

The petition was made available to newsmen in Kaduna yesterday.

"We call on you, the Acting President, to kindly order investigation into this matter to unravel and expose those individuals who are bent on seeing that peace does not reign in Sokoto State and bring them to book," the petition which was jointly signed by Sheikh Abubakar Jibril, Chief Imam of Farfaru Jumuaat Mosque and Malam Abubakar Karfi, Secretary-General of Sultan Bello mosque said.

It is therefore interesting to realize that all the people that received threats on their lives were those who played greater roles in the demise of the Bafarawa government and defeat of the DPP gubernatorial candidate for the 2007 election. They are the same people that the government of Attahiru Bafarawa sent to jail innocently," the sect said.

According to the sect, "The motive of the members of the sect, we believe, is to create a state of confusion and total breakdown of law and order in Sokoto State by extension to the neighbouring states.



MINISTER of Defence Adetokumbo Kayode (left), Chief of Army Staff, Lieutenant General Abdulrahman Bello Danbazu (middle) and Minister of State, Defence Murtala Yar'adua, inspecting construction work at the 44 Nigerian Army Reference Hospital, Kaduna at the weekend.

PIC: MISBAHU BASHIR

Perm Sec tasks workers on Procurement Act

From Ismail Mudashir, Kaduna

WORKERS of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) area councils have been charged to adhere strictly to the provisions of the 2007 procurement Act in their day-to-day procurement activities.

FCT Permanent Secretary and chairman of the Joint Account Allocation Committee (JAAC)

Dr. Goke Adegoroye made the call while declaring open a workshop for workers of the FCT in Kaduna.

"The ongoing efforts by government to standardize the public procurement process have not only restored confidence in genuine contractors who were usually sidelined in the process of unwholesome transactions but has also enhanced the quality of project execution across the coun-

try," he said. Dr. Adegoroye who was represented by FCT Director of Establishment Alhaji Nuhu Ahmed said the Act had saved the country huge amounts of money.

According to him, the Act has brought a measure of sanity in the procurement standards operational in the public sector, curbed waste, combat corruption, helped to achieve value for money and conformity with global standard.

Archbishop urges preachers to promote unity

From Sharafa Dauda, Maiduguri

RELIGIOUS leaders in Nigeria ought to lead the crusade of unity, because the purpose of God for the creation of man is unity, Archbishop Elijah Mboho, the President of the Assembly of

Charismatic Bishops (ACMB) in Nigeria has said.

Mboho made the appeal at the weekend in Maiduguri during the consecration of Reverend Abubakar Naga as the Bishop of Biblical Christian Church (BBC) Diocese.

The Archbishop said religious leaders in the country ought to bring the diverse peoples of Nigeria together through their actions and preaching, saying as God created us with different colours and made us speak different languages does not mean He

wanted to divide us. "He would have created us in same colour and language if that was His purpose, but He wanted us to see the beauty of His creativity and such diversity should rather bring us together the more to thank Him whether as Christian, Muslim,

Hindu or anything," he stressed.

Archbishop Mboho suggested further that government at all tiers could tackle the incessant religious crises in some northern states in the country with the provision of more employment opportunities.

Opposition not playing its role in Nigeria — Fika

From Hisham Habib Kano

FORMER Head of Service of the Federation Malam Adamu Fika has described the opposition in the country as being quite unable to play its role, as it is infiltrated, fragmented and corrupt.

Malam Fika was speaking at the 27th Aminu Kano memorial lecture held at the Centre for Democratic Research and Training in Kano, organized by the Bayero University with the theme, "The role of opposition in consolidating democracy in Nigeria".

He said with its control of economic and financial resources and the lure of lucrative appointments, the government in an unfortunate reversal of roles, keeps the opposition in a tight corner.

He also said the return to parliamentary system would always be the solution for effective opposition and concern for the rule of law, as well as the welfare of citizens. The system he said would not only provide for effective opposition and real checks and balance, but would also make it possible for the grassroots electorate to have a say in the selection of ministers.

Malam Adamu said, "The necessity for the existence of opposition is self evident, and indicated in the need for free open discussion and debate on the different views and interests that seek to determine government policy, therefore the minority must first have its say before the majority can have its way".

He said the real opposition seems only possible from non political party sources, chiefly the civil society, but who were

unfortunately also inefficient, ineffective, corrupt and too thinly spread to monitor things effectively.

The National Chairman of the Action Congress (AC) Chief Bisi Akande who chaired the occasion said today, the nation was faced with a system that had brought nothing but hunger in the midst of plenty, darkness in the face of an unprecedented expenditure in the power sector.

He said the struggle for electoral reform would continue and democrats would insist on inquiry into how the system went to the present pathetic stage. He said his party the AC refused to enter the Government of National Unity (GNU) and preferred to stand alone and build a strong and virile opposition that is different from the pack.

PIC: AFOLABI SOTUNDE



A quarry along Kubwa road in Abuja.

FRSC records 24 deaths in road accidents in C/River

THE Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) in Cross River says 24 persons died in 68 recorded motor accidents in the Calabar metropolis between January and March.

Mr Taiwo Eseyin, the Sector Commander of the FRSC, gave the figures in an interview with newsmen in Calabar.

He said those who lost their lives comprised 13 males and 11 females, while 73 others, made up of 64 males and nine females, were injured during the period.

The sector commander said 236 people were involved in road accidents in the first quarter, adding that most of the accidents were caused by carelessness and over-speeding.

"From what we have seen so far, most people are careless or lack concentration; some over-speed in spite of persistent warnings on speed violation," he said.

Eseyin said the accident rate had been on the increase since 2009 "because people are no longer patient on the

road".

He said the commission lacked equipment for towing vehicles away from accident spots, noting that tow vehicles would help ease the flow of traffic immediately accidents occurred if they were provided. The sector commander appealed to road users to be more patient, drive with care and avoid violating speed limits on the road.

"If they can do this, definitely the number of crashes on the roads will reduce," he said.

Eseyin said the FRSC apprehended 18 persons for traffic light violation and 11 others for not using the seat belt during the period.

According to him, 34 motorcyclists were arrested for failure to use crash helmets, 25 persons booked for number plate violation and four others for using tinted windscreens. (NAN)

Lokoja residents sleep outside as heat increases

From Isiaka Wakili, Lokoja

RESIDENTS of Lokoja, Kogi State capital, have resorted to sleeping outside their houses, saying the arrival of the rain had caused greater heat.

Many residents told our correspondent yesterday that they had been expecting that the rain which first fell last Wednesday would reduce the heat.

They said the situation had caused malaria, praying that heavy rains fall on time to ameliorate the situation.

Mr. Wale Adebambi, a resident, said he and his fam-

ily members were managing to sleep indoors before the first rain fell, stressing that the rain had aggravated the heat.

"Heat is not a strange thing in Lokoja. But the problem has been compounded by the rain which we had all expected to reduce the effect of the heat. You can see that almost everybody is sleeping outside.

"Mosquitoes have not made it easy at all, and that is why malaria is common now. Except there is heavy rainfall very soon, it would be too serious for us to contain. God help us", he said.

Jigawa institutions demand pay rise

From Yusha'u A Ibrahim, Dutse

ACADEMIC and non-academic staffs of tertiary institutions in Jigawa State under the auspices of the Joint Action Committee (JAC) have called on the state government to review their salaries upward.

A statement jointly signed by JAC's Chairman and Secretary Mallam Danladi Yusuf Gumel and Mallam Datti Muhammad Adamu said JAC had since December last year sent a memo to the state government for the need to review the existing salary structure, but nothing was done by the government.

It appealed to the government to urgently review the salaries of tertiary institutions staff, saying the review would enhance their commitment to duty.

The statement further commended the Federal Government over the recent agreement reached between it and the ASUU, COEASU, NASU on a new salary structure.

JAC expressed satisfaction over the current efforts being made by the present administration in the state in the education sector, appealing to the state governor, Alhaji Sule Lamido, to maintain the tempo in the interest of the development of the state.

Police nab fake ASP at illegal checkpoint

From Ayegba Israel Ebije, Minna

A fake Assistant Superintendent of Police was arrested Saturday while on an illegal check point along Minna-Suleja express road in Niger State. Sama'ila Yahaya gave himself up as an impostor when men of the special anti-robbery squad attempted to grill him on his activity in the area but he couldn't speak English or decode police terminologies.

When men of the special squad discovered that the fully kitted Yahaya in mobile police uniform with the rank of ASP was fake, they arrested him. Speaking with journalists after his arrest, Sama'ila said he was only acting on spiritual instructions, adding that he was not impersonating but working in line with dictates from his herbalist master.

He said the uniform belonged to one Gayus Ezekiel, a dismissed police officer whom he said had contacted his master to be reinstated to the police force six years after dismissal.

"I was instructed by my master to put on the uniform and act like a police officer so that the ill-luck that affected the dismissed man be cleansed and that was exactly what I was doing before I was arrested", he said.

Narrating his involvement in the case, the dismissed Ezekiel told our correspondent that he was trying desperately to get himself back to the force, adding that it was an attempt to correct the issues that led to his dismissal that made him to give his uniform to the herbalist.

The 56 year old Ezekiel said Malam Aliyu, the herbalist, took the pair of mobile police uniform from him with the intention of praying on it, saying that his uniform was one of the factors that led to his dismissal from the force.

The Niger State Commissioner of Police Mr Mike Zuokumor said investigation was going on and everyone involved would soon be prosecuted.

Fadama III: 13 Gombe communities get N61m

From Aliyu M. Hamagam, Gombe

THE National Fadama Development Project has disbursed over N 60 million to 13 Fadama community associations in Gombe State, the Commissioner of Agriculture Mallam David Albashi said at the weekend.

The commissioner made the statement in Kwadon village of Yamaltu Deba LGA during the launch of the Fadama III programme.

He said out of the 44 Fadama commu-

nity associations that had applied for the fund, only 13 satisfied all the conditions for disbursement of funds.

Albashi said the primary goal of the project was on increasing the sources of rural farmers' income which was deemed as an avenue of reducing poverty and conflicts among land and water users in rural areas.

He added that this year's beneficiaries of the Fadama III programmed tripled the number of those that benefited last year, saying in the previous year, only 58 asso-

ciations benefitted while this year there were 163.

According to the commissioner, the success of the previous phases of Fadama programmes was not unconnected to the commitment of the participating local government areas by making prompt payment of their respective counterpart funding as well as the untiring efforts of the state government in providing accommodation and logistics for the project.

In his remarks, the North/East zonal Coordinator of the programme Dr. Garba

Saidu said for the Fadama programme to become people-oriented, the project had to be community-driven and enable the project providers and the farming communities to work closely.

He added that for ensuring that the fund disbursed was used for the purpose meant, the Fadama authorities had engaged the services of the state Ministry of Agriculture, the zonal Fadama office, official of Federal Ministry of Agriculture and the World Bank, which visits each benefiting state for monitoring and assessment.

Ex-NUPENG boss faults minister on policy reversal

From Auwalu Umar, Kano

FORMER National Deputy President of the National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (NUPENG) Alhaji Isa Tijjani has accused the Minister of Petroleum Resources Mrs. Diezani Allison-Madueke of policy reversals and cancellation of awards since her assumption of office after her reappointment in the reconstituted federal executive council.

Tijjani said in a statement in Kano yesterday that the minister should focus on issues that could move the industry forward and guard against a repeat of the "ugly scenario of fuel shortages" as was recently experienced in the country.

He alleged that the 53 companies that applied and secured approvals for product importation into the country were now reduced to 25 by fiat and that approvals granted companies were reviewed both upwards and downwards not based on performance, ability or competence but patronage.

A case in point, he alleged, was the upward review of import allocation to a big indigenous oil firm which applied and secured approval to import 90,000mts but PPPRA, the body saddled with the responsibility of approving the importation of products, jacked up the approval to 360,000mts supposedly on the orders of the minister.

Another oil company, he said, applied for 270,000mts and approval

was given for same without alteration. He said one south west oil firm Energy applied for 360,000mts but was given 150,000mts.

Tijjani, also former National Vice President Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC), said several other competent companies with required skills, storage facilities, financial capabilities and distribution networks had their allocations slashed without reasonable explanation.

He said in a civilized set up players in the oil industry would have been summoned and rationale for the action explained before execution even though approvals for imports are government prerogatives.

The former NUPENG boss said the policy as explained by government was hinged on the need to reduce government intervention, interference, wastage of public funds and monopoly. But the NNPC was engaged in product marketing activities building mega filling stations at "scandalous prices", he alleged.

The union leader, therefore, called on Acting President Goodluck Jonathan to investigate the apparent act of sabotage against his government and efforts aimed at "ridiculing him through introducing actions capable of plunging the country into yet another avoidable fuel scarcity".

The policy, according to him, had the capacity to make government reform programmes in the sector difficult to understand and erode the confidence of the people.

Saraki appoints, deploys permsecs

From Mustafa Abubakar, Ilorin

KWARA State Governor, Dr. Abubakar Bukola Saraki, has approved the appointment of seven new permanent secretaries and redeployed three others.

This was contained in a statement issued by the state's Head of

Service Alhaji Dabarako Mohammed in Ilorin yesterday.

The statement said the seven new permanent secretaries include, Mr. Friday Samuel Olaitan Adefila for the Ministry of Water Resources, Mrs. Rhoda Ajiboye for Service Welfare in the office of the Head of Service and

Alhaji Fatai Adebisi for the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology.

Others are Alhaji Rauf Ayinla for Cabinet and Political, Alhaji Abubakar Isiak for Government House, Alhaji Magaji Nuhu and Mrs. A. Akinpelu, Solicitor-General, Ministry of Justice.

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Muslims urged to give wards dual education

By Abdulmutallib A. Abubakar

MUSLIMS have been urged to intensify effort to give their children both Islamic and secular education but not to compromise Islamic moral standards.

Founder of the Association of Model Islamic Schools (AMIS) Sheikh Ahmad Lemu gave the advice in Abuja at the annual Aisha Lemu Festival.

Sheikh Lemu said Islamic educational institutions should also avoid negative cultures that influence their wards' attitude, saying children should be trained to be good members of a society.

He said there is no harm in mainstream secular education but efforts should be directed towards neu-

tralizing its effect on moral standards, hence Muslim schools should be unique with regard to high moral standards.

The Islamic scholar said if morality is inculcated in to the children right from schools, the yearning for effective leadership could have been history, and urged parents and teachers to install effective leadership skills in their children for better tomorrow.

In his speech, the guest lecturer Malam Abdulwahab Adeyemi said children must be taught perseverance, trustworthiness and tolerance which are the ingredients for pursuing education that would bring unity and progress to humanity.

Yar'adua: Follow constitution not emotion, says AC

By Muideen Olaniyi

THE Action Congress (AC) yesterday cautioned against any attempt to allow emotion to prevail on the health challenge facing President Umaru Musa Yar'adua saying that the Constitution should be the guiding principle.

AC National Publicity Secretary Alhaji Lai Mohammed expressed the party's belief that the Executive Council of the Federation (EXCOF) would have started the process of declaring the President incapacitated based on his long-term illness, the progn-

sis for his return to office and the need to keep the country going if the Constitution is adhered to.

Mohammed said the framers of the constitution had envisaged the situation in which Nigeria has found itself since November 2009, when President Yar'adua has not been able to function officially and provided Section 144.

He also spoke against the inability of the Acting President Goodluck Jonathan to see the President since his return to the country from Saudi Arabia.

Jonathan not witch-hunting Sylva — Group

By Turaki A. Hassan

OPINION leaders from the South-South geo-political zone have absolved Acting President Goodluck Jonathan from the recent arrest and investigation of some top Bayelsa State officials by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).

The group, which spoke under the auspices of the South-South Peoples Initiative (SSPI), in Abuja at the weekend, expressed concerns over what it called "inadequate level of collaboration" between the Bayelsa State Governor Timipre Sylva and Jonathan.

In a statement signed by the coordinator of the group, Mr. James Egba, the group

argued that those who were not interested in the development of the South-South zone especially Bayelsa State had evolved ways of frustrating progress that could be achieved in the region under the Jonathan presidency.

The statement reads in part, "In any case, Bayelsa State is not the only State under investigation by the EFCC. So reports that the EFCC witch-hunting the Bayelsa to serve the interest of Jonathan is baseless."

The opinion leaders said the series of allegations being propagated in the media against Jonathan because of this perception were unnecessary and counterproductive.

Army revives 32-year-old abandoned workshop

By Misbahu Bashir

THE abandoned Nigerian Army Central Workshop at Riga Chikun, Kaduna, established in 1978 is being resuscitated, head of the facility Major General N.C. Madueghuman has said.

Maj Gen Madueghuman said this when Ministers of Defence Adetokumbo Kayode and Murtala Yar'adua inspected the workshop over the weekend. He said rehabilitation works commenced in January 2010 in stages, adding that the workshop valued at N3bn was neglected and most of the facilities destroyed by vandals.

Madueghuman said N62.5m is required to complete the first phase of the recovery work and will create jobs for over 150 people. He said military vehicles and guns and ammunition can be

successfully build in addition to repairing damaged ones, at the workshop. Army engineers at the workshop can also offer technical services and advice to the military and government.

Minister of Defence Adetokumbo Kayode said the workshop is central to the economy since it can generate employment, boost technical knowhow and improve quality of military facilities.

He said the acting President Goodluck Jonathan will be informed about the strategic importance of the workshop and money will be appropriated to make it fully operational.

Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Lieutenant General AbdulRahman Dambazau said he found the workshop in a state of disrepair and ordered that it should be renewed. He said investigation into why the place was neglected will be unnecessary now.




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THE GLOBAL FUND ROUND 5 NIGERIA PRINCIPAL RECIPIENTS

CALL FOR PROPOSAL FOR INTERESTED BIDDERS TO CONDUCT MID-TERM EVALUATION AND DOCUMENTATION OF THE GLOBAL FUND ROUND 5 HIV/AIDS (PHASE 1) PROJECT IN NIGERIA

Introduction

The Global Fund Round 5 HIV/AIDS project in Nigeria is aimed at scaling up comprehensive HIV/AIDS treatment, care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS in all 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory. The Grant is divided in two Phases and expected to span for over five years (2007-2011). The Phase 1 of the Grant commenced in 2007 and ended in 2009 whilst the Phase 11 is currently on going and in its 2nd year running. This call for proposal is aimed at evaluating the programme activities implemented in Phase 1.

Critical to the design and implementation of any project is the need to put in place a good monitoring and evaluation system that would not only assist in tracking programme activities but to provide the basis for measuring results and programme impact. It is against this backdrop that the National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA) in collaboration with its Partners, The Society for Family Health and the Association for Reproductive and Family Health (ARFH) intend to commission a mid-term (End of Phase 1) evaluation study to assess impact against predetermined process, output, outcome and impact indicators as well as document good practices.

For the purpose of conducting the study, the three PRs request for the call for Expression of Interest from reputable Research institutions and organizations with tested capacity. Participating organizations are expected to send in detailed survey protocol and budget.

Objectives of the Mid-term evaluation/documentation of the project Evaluate and document the Global Fund's grant overall performance against its goal and objectives (1- 6) after Phase 1 of the grant has been completed by assessing and documenting:

- * The percentage of people (adults and children, also disaggregated by sex) still alive 12 months after initiation of antiretroviral treatment.
- * The percentage of HIV positive infants born to HIV infected mother (disaggregated by sex)
- * The percentage of newly diagnosed HIV positive clients receiving INH prophylaxis.
- * The percentage of HIV infected women receiving a complete course of antiretroviral prophylaxis for prevention of mother to child transmission.
- * The number of private enterprises providing interventions for HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment to the workforce.
- * Percentage of service delivery points submitting timely reports.
- * Project's contribution to human and institutional capacity building.
- * How has the training of Peer Educators impacted on the behaviour of people in the community
- * How has the use of the Cluster Model increased demand for HIV/AIDS services (HCT, ART, PMTCT, OVC, HBC etc)?
- * How has the services provided by adherence supporters contributed to PLWHA's adherence to their drug regimes? What impact has effective coordination and management on project performance? Specific Activities in carrying out this study

Specifically, the appointed institution will be expected to conduct the following activities:

1. Conduct desk reviews, and develop necessary tools for data collection.
2. Carry out field visits to PRs and their sub recipients (SRs) of the

Global Fund HIV/AIDS Rd 5 grant, facilities benefiting from the grant.

3. Conduct data analysis and validation
4. Prepare draft and final Reports
5. Meetings with the three PRs to give updates on the study and participate fully in the dissemination of the mid-term Evaluation final report.

A: Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for consideration, proposals must provide the following details

- a) Profile of your institution, including certificate of incorporation, physical address, organogram of management structure, ownership (including board membership), and contacts (telephone, facsimile and email).
- b) Evidence that your institution is a consortium of strong National Evaluation and documentation institutions.
- c) Financial management systems (accounting, internal control, and audited financial statements for three years).
- d) Previous experience in carrying out similar evaluation projects in Nigeria.
- e) Demonstrable experience in conducting project evaluation studies.
- f) Evidence that your institution has the necessary multidisciplinary expertise for the study, included but not limited to a broad knowledge of Monitoring and Evaluation of HIV/AIDS, Public Health and HIV/AIDS service provision and social sciences).

B: Key Selection Criteria

- a) A contact office b) Evidence of research and evaluation infrastructure (Vehicles and data processing equipment)
- c) Key multidisciplinary evaluation personnel (CVs of key personnel must be attached)
- d) Current relevant research and evaluation programmes in Nigeria.
- e) Evidence of familiarity with national response to HIV/AIDS in Nigeria
- f) Evidence of Familiarity with the various rounds of Global Funding in Nigeria
- g) Evidence of capacity to design and conduct evaluation studies and research

C: Evaluation and Selection of Institutions

The three PRs will work together to constitute a proposal evaluation committee which will evaluate and select the institutions that will carry out this evaluation based on the criteria listed above.

D: Submission of Application and Closing Date

Applicants should submit two hard copies and one soft copy (PDF or CD) of the proposal in a sealed envelope clearly marked Institution to carry out the Mid-term evaluation/documentation study of GF Round 5 HIV/AIDS (Phase 1) project addressed to the Procurement Manager, National Agency for the Control of AIDS, Plot 823 Ralph Shodeinde Street, Central Area, Abuja. The closing date for receiving applications is three weeks from the date of this publication. Any application not received on or before the closing date will not be accepted.

For details about the Terms of reference for study, visit the NACA website (<http://www.naca.gov.ng>), Society for Family Health Website (www.sfnigeria.org), the Association for Reproductive and Family Health website (www.arfh-ng.org) and Country Coordinating Mechanism Nigeria website (www.ccmnigeria.org).

Signed
Professor John Idoko
 Director-General
 National Agency for the Control of AIDS

Zimbabwean envoy counsels Nigeria on bad press

From Ibrahim Chonoko, London

THE Ambassador of Zimbabwe to the United Kingdom Mr Gabriel Machinga has advised Nigeria not to lose sleep over negative publicity by the foreign media.

Speaking at a book launch in London, Machinga said the negative publicity which African countries are subjected to in the Western media was a deliberate campaign to portray Africa in bad light.

"Don't lose an iota of sleep because of negative publicity. We knew what Nigeria was yesterday, we know what Nigeria is today, and hopefully, we know what Nigeria will be tomorrow".

Ambassador Machinga, who called for effective and adequate representation of Africa in the global scheme of things, said the continent must strive to claim its place in the global village.

"We must be careful not to be just numbers in the global village", he said, stressing that Africa must be in the global arena "in body and spirit".

He described Lawrence Ekeh, author of the book 'Industrialization and National Prosperity' launched at the occasion as

not just a patriotic Nigerian, but a true African who has made positive contribution to the continent.

Speaking earlier, Nigeria's High Commissioner to the UK, Dr Dalhatu Sarki Tafida said the federal government was determined to change the negative perception of Nigeria and Nigerians.

He lamented that for too long, Nigeria had been "seen through the prism and context of a few miscreants", as portrayed in the foreign media, while the efforts and achievements of the larger majority went unnoticed.

He said the launch of the book was a deliberate policy he introduced since his assumption of duties to celebrate the achievement of Nigerians in the United Kingdom.

Tafida, who bought 50 copies of the book on behalf of the high commission, commended its author for his in-depth research and the valuable information presented in the 202 page book.

In his remarks Mr Ekeh, who was visibly emotional, said he wrote the book for humanity.

Al-Gazali pledges support to HOS

By Francis Okeke

CHAIRMAN of Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) Ambassador Ahmed Al-Gazali has assured the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation (HOS) Mr Steve Oronsaye of his continuous support in carrying out policies that will change the service for the better.

Al-Gazali gave the assurance over the weekend during a meeting with the Oronsaye and commissioners and directors of the FCSC as well as a team of permanent secretaries of the different ministries, departments and agencies.

A press statement signed by the Information Officer Enwerem Queenet said the

aim of the meeting was to "discuss matters of mutual importance to all organizations and of course to the service as a whole."

Earlier, Oronsaye reiterated his commitment to engage on positive policy issues while appealing to participants at the meeting to approach the issues to be discussed dispassionately and with open minds so as to arrive at decisions that will put the service of the Federation in a positive perception.

Issues discussed were "procedure of vacancy declaration by the government ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs) either for promotion or Recruitment purposes; and the need for Consultation before taking certain decisions."

'Removing Iwu not a good idea'

By Abbas Jimoh

THE Yar'adua for New Nigeria (YFNN) yesterday said that replacing chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) Prof. Maurice Iwu with another person at this moment will lead to problems that will spell disaster for the electoral process ahead of 2011.

National Secretary of the group Dr. Aminu Idris said in Abuja that it is better to create an atmosphere of continuity by addressing the weaknesses of Iwu and the commission than recruiting a new person who will come and start learning the robes.

"It will be disaster to remove Iwu and bring in someone who will start

learning the robes at this critical time. We will be moving from one problem to the other. It is better to create an atmosphere of

continuity. Based on the flaws we have observed, if the laws are amended, Iwu will have to go by the rules," he said.

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The National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA)



Invitation for prequalification of suppliers for the supply of PMTCT commodities

Issuance Date: April 19, 2010.

The National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA) has received some funding from the Debt relief gains through office of the Senior Special Assistant on MDG. The goal of the intervention is to reduce vertical transmission of HIV/AIDS epidemic, particularly Mother - to - Child Transmission. NACA intends to apply part of the funds to scale up PMTCT interventions in the area of treatment of HIV+ mothers with Anti Retroviral Drugs, prevention using Drugs, routine Opportunistic Infections Drugs and HIV/AIDS diagnostics tests as a way to mitigate the impact of the epidemic in Nigeria

The National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA) invites interested and reputable firms registered with Nigerian Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Associations with good track records for prequalification for the supply of PMTCT & related commodities.

Pre-Qualifications Details

- I. Lot I Anti Retroviral Drugs
- II. Lot ii HIV Diagnostics Test kits
- III. Lot iii Drugs for the treatment of HIV/AIDS related opportunistic infections
- IV. Lot iv Reagents and medical supplies

Prequalification Requirements

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- II. Evidence of compliance with the Nigerian Pension Act III. Evidence of current registration of manufacturing facilities/Premises with the Pharmacists Council of Nigeria (PCN) and or NAFDAC
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- V. Evidence of full registration with the Pharmacists Council of Nigeria and current Annual License to Practice and retention of names of key pharmaceutical personnel in the Registrars with the Pharmacists Council of Nigeria (PCN)
- VI. Evidence of compliance with current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP)
- VII. Evidence of registration of these category of products with the NAFDAC
- VIII. Evidence of VAT registration and remittance with/to the FIRS
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National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA)
Plot 823 Ralph Shodeinde Way, Central Area,
Abuja

Only technically qualified firms will be eligible for further considerations

Signed
Professor John Idoko
Director-General
National Agency for the Control of AIDS

Nigeria criticises BBC over documentary on Lagos

From Ibrahim Chonoko, London

THE Nigeria High Commission in London has criticised the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) over a documentary broadcast on Thursday last week, whose footage focused on slums, ghettos and refuse dumps in Lagos.

In a protest letter to the corporation signed by the High Commissioner, Dr Dalhatu Tafida, the commission described the documentary as "a calculated attempt

to bring Nigeria and the hard-working Nigerians into international odium and scorn".

The protest, addressed to Ms Janice Hadlow, Controller of BBC Channel Two, further accused the corporation of "a perverse demonstration of lack of balance and fairness", and queried why the footage focused on the negative aspect of life in Lagos, "without showing the other side of the city".

"The high Commission is at

a loss as to comprehend the real motives behind showing a documentary of this nature in the year of Nigeria's Golden Jubilee Anniversary of its independence from the United Kingdom", it lamented.

"What is more galling and most disconcerting is your refusal to document the excellent performance of the incumbent governor of Lagos State, who is widely acknowledged to be doing his utmost best to address the challenges facing a city the size and

complexity of Lagos", the protest added.

The high commission said even by its own admission, the BBC had only succeeded in "assaulting" its viewers by the "upsetting scenes" contained in the documentary, which "failed to reflect the true and complete story of life in Lagos".

"While not denying that slums and ghettos exist in Lagos as the documentary shows, it is a global phenomenon, attendant on the

development of mega cities", the commission said, pointing out that "even in London, it is not uncommon to see people scavenge the dustbins in search for food".

"The High Commission would therefore like to register its strong rejection of this documentary as a deliberate distortion of life in Lagos", emphasizing that continued broadcast of the three-part documentary "is clearly in bad taste and should therefore be condemned".

Rights group raps Falana on IBB

By Abdulmutallib A. Abubakar

HUMAN Rights Writers' Association of Nigeria has faulted the recent spate of media criticism credited to the Lagos lawyer Femi Falana against the decision of the former military President General Ibrahim Badamasi Badamasi to vie for the presidency in next year's polls.

The Rights Group stated that any Nigerian without any record of conviction for fraud or any officially gazetted indictment for dishonesty is qualified to seek for public office in compliance with constitutional provisions.

In a statement jointly signed by its National Coordinator Comrade Emmanuel Onwubiko and its National Director of Media Affairs Miss Zainab Yusuf, the group said it was fundamentally wrong for Falana and others to resort to the use of media trial to demonize the former military leader.

The group said Falana, who is also the National Chairman of the National Consensus Party [NCP], should not mix up politics with human rights activism in his persistent opposition to the ambition of the former military ruler.

NNPC boss pledges co-operation with Navy, Total

GROUP Managing Director (GMD) of Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) Shehu Ladan has promised to strengthen the relationship between the corporation, Nigerian Navy and Total Upstream Nigeria Plc.

A statement in Abuja yesterday noted that Ladan made the pledge when he received the Chief of Naval Staff (CNS), Vice Admiral Ishaya Ibrahim, and the Vice President of Total Africa, Mr Jacques Marraud-des-Grottes.

Both chief officers paid a courtesy visit to Ladan to felicitate with him on his recent appointment as GMD of NNPC, the statement added.

The statement quoted Ladan as saying that "the navy is one government security agency that plays

a key role in the oil and gas business and I am privileged to have the naval chief to visit me."

Ladan said he considered the visit as an offer of the Nigerian Navy's support to him and promised to co-operate and improve on the already cordial relationship between the NNPC and the Navy.

In his response, the chief of naval staff said both the navy and NNPC shared similar fate in the way the public criticised them without an understanding of the challenges they face.

Ibrahim said though the security situation in the Niger Delta had improved, much still needed to be done "as criminal elements have shifted their attention to the Bakassi axis and Calabar Channel."

He said the navy

required support to acquire more platforms to enable them to police the nation's territorial waters and secure its vast marine resources effectively.

In a similar but separate occasion, the Vice President of Total Africa, Jacques Marraud-des-Grottes, who led a team of his top management on a courtesy visit to the GMD to congratulate him on his appointment, sought NNPC's support and approval for some of its projects.

He said his team would love to meet with NNPC team to iron out issues concerning the projects.

The GMD, while welcoming him, said he was not receiving a visitor but an old friend since they had worked closely together in the past. (NAN)

Conduct bureau asked to probe ex-Customs boss

By Atika Balal

THE Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB) has been urged to investigate former Comptroller of Customs Taiwo Owolabi and prosecute him if found guilty of not declaring his assets after retiring from the Nigeria Customs Services.

An anti-corruption campaigner Emmanuel Nwachukwu is seeking an order of mandamus compelling the CCB and the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) to investigate Owolabi over allegations of illegal acquisition of wealth and abuse

of office while he was in service.

Nwachukwu, who filed the application through his counsel, Amobi Nzelu, is seeking leave to apply for the issuance of an order of mandamus compelling EFCC to investigate and prosecute Owolabi for his activities as Comptroller-in-Charge of Tin Can Island, Apapa, Idi Iroko and Federal Operations.

He similarly wants the court to compel the Nigerians Customs Service Board to investigate the University certificate the former Comptroller presented to it during his employment as well as his National Youth

Service Corps discharge certificate.

He is also seeking leave to apply for the issuance of an order of mandamus compelling the Inspector General of Police and the Attorney General of the Federation to arrest, investigate and commence criminal proceedings against the former Comptroller over both certificates.

He wants the court to give an order directing the Nigeria Customs Service Board to withhold Owolabi's entitlements until the determination of the case.

No date has been taken as the case is yet to be assigned to a judge.

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The number of youths in agriculture is low and with little or no encouragement where

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Amusa Abiodun
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MALAM Nuhu Ribadu Chairman's absence stalls FG's withdrawal of suit against Ribadu

WE are entitled to know why the case against Ribadu is to be withdrawn. Has the AGF found that Ribadu has no case to answer? If so, can we trust the Code of Conduct Bureau to be fair?
Jaafar Othman
 jaf.othman@yahoo.com



PLATEAU State Governor Jonah Jang

One killed in fresh Plateau violence

LET us keep quiet about Plateau a bit like the Hausa states are now doing for peace to develop further please.
Samdi
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Why I resigned from AC, by Atiku Abubakar

PEOPLE who have the habit of jumping from one party to another clearly do not have ideologies. All they have are interests. Now that you are back in PDP try not to contest any office so that we will be convinced that you are a true democrat.

Abubkr Badru Jkamshi
 damurna@yahoo.com

We all know all over the world that politics is about interests and you affiliate yourself to any party where you can get your interest fulfilled. Atiku has the moral right to rejoin any party of his choice where his interests can be achieved.

Abdulazeez Ismaila
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Your Excellency you are only going for sabbatical. A.C will receive you back after PDP primaries.

Muhammad Guiwa
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When you left PDP and helped form the AC as a result of the problems between you and the former President, you had the sympathy of all Nigerians and a whole lot of Nigerians queued up behind you but your return to the PDP is seen by many as a political miscalculation.

Ibrahim Tsadu Ibrahim
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Atiku's role in foiling OBJ's third term bid, though for personal rea-



EX-VICE President Atiku Abubakar

son, was the only thing that endeared him to me. He is originally one of their own and his primary interest is getting Nigeria's presidency at all cost. He has gone as far as he can go politically because the hawks at the PDP will ensure that his dream remains an everlasting mirage!

Engr Danjuma A. Musa
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Atiku, you came back at a time that the ruling party needs people like you.

Mansur Anchau
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The reasons given by Atiku for returning to his former party is a clear indication that their interest is to rule and not to serve. The same

PDP that he's returning to has factions and members who are disloyal to the party. Forming an opposition in every democratic setting is not a short term thing. It is all about perseverance and determination. We know that most of the so-called democrats in Nigeria are only looking for soft landings. That is why people decamp to the ruling party in every state depending on. That is the definition of democracy in Nigeria.

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Yes Atiku, I agree with your reasons for leaving AC because there will never be development where there is no support or cooperation. However, my hope is that your return to PDP will help in uniting the

party and help set aside individual differences therein so that the party will stabilize.

Abubakar Chika Maru
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I don't think there is a party with divisions like the PDP, so just be frank and tell us the real reasons. By the way, even in advanced democracies there are divisions among their politicians but they just compromise on real issues and that's what you seem to fail to understand.

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All your effort is geared towards achieving your personal interests and not to build a strong national opposition party for the general interest of Nigerians.

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It is not true. Nigerians should rise to the situation and free themselves of servitude because most of our present so-called elite are out for themselves and their wards. This is why they shamefully do what they do. The funniest part is they will say in politics "there is no permanent friend or enemy" since the whole purpose is about sharing national resources and nothing more. That is why they can always reconcile to continue in their paths.

Bashir
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State govts may go broke in June

IT is now necessary for the three tiers of government to start investing or improve their sources of revenue in order to avoid collapse due to the shortage of funds. Nigeria is large with a productive land mass that our governments can consider as another alternative.

Abubkr Badru Jkamshi
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...Over to you Governors. If a man is properly advised in the morning he may die in the evening without regrets. It is high time for states to look inward and close

perforations in the internally generated revenue. We condemn begging in its entirety on one hand while our states' governments are mega beggars on another hand.

Muhammad Guiwa
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This certainly is terrible news but not altogether surprising in a country where all attention of Government is centered on one source of revenue - oil - with little time left to explore other sectors that will generate revenue for the country. What more, with the

oil money ending up in private pockets, the governments at all level have lost the moral right to demand for payment of tax from the citizenry because the government have failed to live to its expectation of judiciously using the resources at its disposal for development.

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It is unfortunate that all these huge funds were shared to state and local governments with little meaningful development to show

for them. I suggest that Fiscal Responsibility Education should form part of our curriculum so that people will have financial discipline.

Babayo El-Nafaty
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This is so ridiculous! Budget deficit in Nigeria? What has the budget been used for apart from paying salaries and how can there be deficit? There are no tangible projects on ground.

Usman Ahmed Danbaba
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FCT minister suspends all plots from 2007

THE best thing is for the federal government to stop the sale of any land in Abuja completely. Public officers and civil servants have continued to generate confusion in the FCT for greedy and selfish reasons. Government must find a way of providing mass housing estates that will be given as owner-occupier and sold in competitive and open ways. Most FCT minis-

ters have so far failed to put things right but have instead made inappropriate allocations to individuals and self. Mechanisms need to be put in place to check-mate these irresponsible acts. People must also be made to face the wrath of the law so that it will serve as deterrent to others eyeing such activities.

Aji Isuwa Suleiman
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Why is it always a case one step ahead and four steps backward? Why is it that no minister of FCT has ever come up with any tangible development or innovation since El-rufai? It is either 'I revoke all allocations', 'I review land allocation fees', 'I suspend all plots from 2007' etc. None so far has done anything to improve upon what El-Rufai left. I mean,

what good will come out of this so-called suspension apart from just mere show of power? I think the minister should start with this bumps planted by Aliero... at least the masses will know that someone has come to save them from wheel balancing and alignment.

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By Azubuike Ishiekwene

An era ends, a story begins... (I)

In my column in *The Punch* on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, I left an unusual footnote, titled, "The bile this time." It was a subdued response to the wild allegations against me in the 7,000-word plus petition by the former Editor of the *Punch*, Mr. Steve Ayorinde, who was forced to resign by the Management of the company for conduct unbecoming of his office. My restraint was not because I could not defend myself or because I was guilty. However, I had to endure the wicked lies and fabrications against me because it was the fit and proper thing to do while the committee, set up by the Board and the company where I had worked for 21 years was trying to establish the truth.

The committee's work is done. Its report, and that of the Management committee, done after six weeks of exhaustive investigation, which I could not have influenced in any way, did not indict me of any fraud.

The wicked lies have been out now for almost six weeks, recycled in various forms and in various media by informed, half-informed and grossly ill-informed commentators all masquerading as the guardian angels of a benighted profession. I am not writing this for the benefit of those who already

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think they know all and who will not let the facts get in the way of their next malicious post or article. I'm writing for the benefit of those – and thankfully there are still a number left out there – for whom fairness, balance and pursuit of truth mean a thing.

The Board Committee had the following specific terms of reference:

1. To probe advert surcharges for premium pages from 2006 to date
2. To consider any other issue in the petition in respect of which any person submits documentary evidence to the committee.

After three weeks of sitting, minus one previous of investigations by the Management of the petition, Mr. Steve Ayorinde could not produce a shred of evidence in support of his claim that I used my office to enrich myself. Or that I was on the payroll of politicians, banks and some public officials. He had two clear opportunities to do this in five weeks – first on March 8 when the company wrote him to supply evidence, and later when he appeared before the Board committee on April 3. On both occasions, he failed to substantiate his allegations.

I voluntarily submitted my statement of account; IBTC Share Tender Form and UBA cheque number 80473333 dated September 27, 2007 in favour of Nigerian Motor Industries Limited for the sum of N1.95 million

with which I purchased the car that Mr. Ayorinde falsely alleged was given to me as a gift; and three-year visa pages from my international passport for the committee's inspection. I also submitted the original copy of my passport for citing.

And the surcharge pages? In his petition, Mr. Ayorinde gave the impression that Arik Air was the only company that published adverts on the early pages without paying a surcharge. This, of course, is incorrect. I must say that the charge that I had overstretched my authorised discretion in favour of the advertiser and that I did not fully disclose my relationship with the company, is regrettable. Yet, it is important to stress that neither the report of the Management committee nor the Board committee, nor yet the Board indicted me of any fraud either about the adverts or any other allegations by Mr. Steve Ayorinde. However, there were at least 23 other adverts in 2009, including full page colour adverts by Etisalat, First Bank, Zain, Globacom and the Lagos State Government for which surcharges were not paid but which also appeared on the early pages.

In his bid to throw the kitchen sink at me, Mr. Ayorinde was obviously not concerned about who else might have been in breach. The same Steve Ayorinde who told O'Femi Kolawole, in his book, titled, *The gatekeepers*, published in October 2009 but released in December 2009, that, "he (Ayorinde) opted to work in the daily edition (of *Punch*) with the man he had come to admire as one of the best in Nigeria's contemporary journalism, Mr. Azubuike Ishiekwene," is now singing a different tune three months later. The cocktail of lies...

a) Musikilu Mojeed's exit from *Punch*:

After Mr. Ayorinde's false allegations were published on the Internet, there was a sustained effort to keep the flames of falsehood burning. And no firewood, however, wet, was spared. Mr. Mojeed left *Punch* in December 2008 over a dispute he had with his editor, Mr. Steve Ayorinde, at the time. He had filed a number of stories that were not used and had taken offence that he had not been given sufficient explanation for why his stories were not published. He wrote a petition against Mr. Ayorinde and only copied me. I investigated the matter and wrote a memo to the MD/Editor-in-Chief on December 30, 2008. In the memo I agreed with Mr. Ayorinde in some areas but also suggested how the matter should be handled in future. To my utmost shock and surprise, this issue was stood on its head, lapped up by a few commentators and presented as proof that my only job in *Punch* was to "kill" stories. Conveniently, those behind it only published Musikilu's memo, leaving out the subsequent memo and the report of my investigations which would have shown clearly that Musikilu's grouse was against Mr. Ayorinde and not me.

To be concluded tomorrow.

Ishiekwene was until last week Executive Director (Publications) of Punch Newspapers.



By Tijjani Ibrahim Kiyawa

Lamido: Changing the face of Jigawa politics

His antecedents of political radicalism caused many to be apprehensive of Sule Lamido's quest 2007 for the governorship of Jigawa State. Three years after his stunning victory, those apprehensions have been proved unfounded, for Governor Lamido has performed beyond even the expectations of his detractors.

Being a grassroots man himself, Lamido has instead freed the people from the bandage of economic hardships, illiteracy, political apathy and general feeling of backwardness, among others.

True to his oft-repeated assertions that his goal was to make Jigawa state a model and a reference point in all human endeavours, Lamido has assiduously pursued that objective. In many respects, he has succeeded in making Jigawa a model in politics, education, agriculture, health, commerce, economic empowerment, sports, transportation and social life etc.

To achieve this political objective, Governor Lamido adopted the principles of good governance, respect for rule of law, transparency, and recognising the central role of the human capital. It is that governance attitude that he has sought, with a measure of success, to inculcate in all officers of his administration.

When he first took office, the state in general was only a shadow of II is today. Virtually all sectors including education, health, agriculture and economic were in a state of ruin. School enrol-

To turn around the ugly situation, Governor Lamido declared state of emergency in the educational sector

ment was abysmally low; classrooms lacked basic furniture and laboratories. Teachers were barely literate.

To turn around the ugly situation, Governor Lamido declared state of emergency in the educational sector. Thereafter, a massive programme for renovation of dilapidated schools got underway. It paid off.

Today, it is on record that of all the 36 states of the federation, Jigawa state was the only state that exceeds the UNESCO's policy of dedicating 26 per cent of a total budget of a state government to education sector. The state dedicated 26.6 percent of its total budget to education in 2009. In addition to this, Jigawa was the only state in the federation to secure Universal Basic Education intervention fund for two consecutive years (2007 and 2008).

With the UBE funds, the State Universal Basic Education Board

(SUBEB) embarked on renovation of 779 schools in the state. According to available data, 402 schools have so far been renovated under the first phase of the renovation exercise; the second phase is scheduled to commence soon.

Other sectors have also witnessed phenomenal revival. In housing for instance, Jigawa state has constructed

To stem the use of youths as thugs, the government has rehabilitated thousands of youth through empowerment

500 units at Danmasara and another 400 at Fatara, both in the state capital, Dutse, and aimed at tackling the problem of accommodation. While the Danmasara housing estate was meant for civil servants, that of Fatara estate was put in place for interested private organisations, companies or individuals. In addition to these, government has also through the state Ministry of Housing constructing another 500 set of housing along Shuwarin town for low-income workers, and yet another set of 500 houses is currently being constructed along Jigawar-Tsada road.

The transportation sector has not been left out either. The state government introduced the tricycle as means of transportation in the state. The manufacturing company of the tricycle was invited to Jigawa state. The company has established its plant at Maigatari Export Processing Zone, where it currently assembling tricycles. The benefit of locating the factory there is that it will also boost employment and the internal revenue base of the government.

One of the most talked-about programmes of the Lamido administration is the Talakawa Summit, under which the government empowers low-income earners in the state. Some N400m has so far been injected into the scheme for sharing among low income earners in the state. Over 5,000 people have so far benefitted from the programme.

Surveying the Jigawa polity, it is evident that Lamido has sanitised the system there by eradicating the use of thugs and other vices. Recently, it banned the pasting of posters on roundabouts, billboards and other public places.

To stem the use of youths as thugs, the government has rehabilitated thousands of youth through empowerment. Thousands of them have been trained on chalk processing, auto mechanic, leather works, cream making and shoe making among other skills acquisition schemes.

Kiyawa wrote from Masallachi Street, Hotoro Quarters, Kano.



Your Letters

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Lamenting academic inertia at ATBU

ASUU, SSANU and NASU strike actions and some 'academically unscrupulous' holidays in Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Bauchi (ATBU) are no longer news. Even as I write this, students were given some more four weeks to stay at home, despite spending five week

long semester break. From the day I've joined the university in January 2007, many industrial actions occurred in the university, but so far the issues resulting to such strikes are not yet resolved. Some of these actions that were taken by the university lecturers, created a gap of more than a complete session between many other Nigerian universities and the ATBU! To review 2008 alone, only a single semester was completed within that very year instead of a minimum of one session.

In 2009, students of the university stayed at home from March 13th, to November 9, where many among the undergraduates chose

to enrol for diploma and other alternative means of obtaining a minimum possible certificate. Then, why is all this happening? The answer is certainly, I don't know! But the well known thing is that the National Universities Commission (NUC) and the Federal government are aware of all that happened.

Because our right to get a good education is being trampled upon, the federal government should please intervene in the affairs of this university to look into the possibility of providing a lasting solution. We are tired!

Kabir Idris Pindiga, Gombe, (kabirip@gmail.com)

Text us on 08 131 8000 30

Re:Shinkafi, a self-assessment

HABA Sani Katuru! Zamfara State governor (MAS) has done nothing for the past three years. He pays salaries late, no student scholarship, he declined to pay students' registration fees, NECO 2009 yet to be paid, poor drinking water, hospital service nil, civil servants welfare zero, sharia stand still, poverty order of the day, fertilizer for farmers, no news, 12 billion naira for cargo port unaccounted for, Investment House hangover, Leave grant suspended and many more. Katuru should do justice to us: he should admit that MAS has done nothing, but

2011 will tell.
KABIR Ibrahim Gusau, 07033060737.

Who sent you?

I wish to inform MTN that I spent N25, 000 in their Treasure Hunt Promo without winning even a kobo or a biro; and they are here again with another promo!
ISA Aliyu, 08060161829.

Re: Ipole Owukpa

YOUR publication on the 18 April on the above is a demonstration of the national outlook of *Daily Trust*. Millions of dollars is wasting in Owukpa soil alone, without any apparent attempt to start the mining of coal in the area. The federal government should do

something; it is time we said no to mono-economy that the nation has become. Such venture will create huge employment opportunity for many Nigerians.

LIBERTY Agbo Mathias, Wuse 2 Abuja, 08039663726.

Nation Assembly

WHAT has happened to the bill proposed by Adolphus Wabara, former Senate President, which equated the salaries of pensioners who retired 20 years ago on GL 09 to that of the pensioners that just retired on the same level? These pensioners should be remembered; they faithfully served the country.

AKILA Samaila, Kaduna, 08033042906.



By Eugene Uwalaka

2011: Party realignments, mergers and alliances (II)

Cont'd from last week.

Will it be wrong to say that the expectation of Nigerians from the much touted Mega Summit Movement is far beyond the fixated and cyclical movement of the Balarabe Musas, the Olu Falaes, the Audu Ogbeks, the Peter Eseles, the S.O.Z Ejiofohs and the Abduwaheed Omars to mention a few. This group is unwittingly perhaps doing serious damage if not a great disservice to Nigerians to dash their hopes soon after raising them. The Mega Summit Movement is busy doing nothing if it has not yet tackled the constitutional problem posed by majority principle. The MSM has failed to realize that politics is a game of numbers – to win is to have a simple majority in two thirds of the states of the Nigeria federation.

Why would the Balarabe Musas, the Adams Oshiomoles, the Audu Ogbeks, the Olu Falaes, the Pat Utomis and other media-friendly political aspirants not adopt a psephological approach to this problem of peaceful overthrow of a rogue party? Such approach calls for thorough analysis and diagnosis of voters' behaviour coupled with a discriminating analysis of actual votes each participant member of the Mega Summit Movement earned at 1999, 2003 and 2007 General elections. If the votes earned by all other parties put together are not higher than the votes earned by the PDP, the Mega Summit Movement will seem dead on arrival!

The Mega Summit Movement is strong on catharsis i.e the public ventilation of our traumas, fear, apprehensions, frustrations, humiliations and unedifying performance to enable Nigerians to talk it out. The Mega Summit Movement has over the years done what can be done, rather than what ought to be done. It has refused to operate at the realm of realism and strategy to move away from Berkellian idealism and tactical error.

If the PDP is strong and real, it is because the MSM is still an illusion!! From the foregoing observations it may be pertinent to pose the following diagnostic questions: Who is the national leader of the MSM? When will Olawale Okunniyi give Nigerians a check list of parties to the merger or alliance coupled with a vertical schedule of votes earned in 1999, 2003 and 2007? Has the MSM evolved a matrix of peaceful strategies to wrest power from the dominant party, come 2011? It is mind-boggling and regrettable that the Mega Summit Movement is busy with pre-emptive defence strategy without consolidating both its position and flanking defences.

Politics has more to do with aggregation than the disaggregation of interests. Communication is better than violent confrontation provided the tools of communication used are goal-oriented, tactical and strategic. Note that if communication is misdirected, it will not achieve the desired results. The Mega Summit Movement has so far failed to talk to itself to look inwards, to see what is wrong with its internal organization. The MSM has not even directed its communications at the consuming power of the mass of voters. It prefers to take the easiest course of action to enter into verbal confrontation with the PDP. As the Mega Summit Movement tells the PDP, "I am OK – You are not OK" Nigerians are not clear headed about the number of minority parties entering into the merger or alliance and who their leaders are. Nigerians have not been told who the party-less or independent political aspirants in the alliance are and what they will bring to the movement other than votes. The vote is the lifeblood of a party. Serious plans, policies and programmes have to be put in place to earn this vote that confers both power and authority to lead the people. We cannot be separated in interest or divided in purpose. We must stand together until the purpose is achieved.

Concluded.

Uwalaka, author of Ethics of Political Leadership, wrote from Lagos.

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No-travel order on ex-ministers

Following the dissolution of the executive council of the federation, ex-ministers, particularly those that were not retained in the reconstituted cabinet were apparently issued a travel restriction forbidding them from leaving Nigeria without clearance issued by some security agencies. We had thought the order to be ludicrous until one of the former ministers, Babatunde Oshotimehin, was asked to produce such clearance before jetting out of the country. Oshotimehin could have missed his flight, but for the fact that he was able to report himself to the security agencies and obtain a clearance document which enabled him to proceed on his scheduled trip.

This specious travel ban is not only a violation of the Nigerian constitution, but all laws guaranteeing the liberty of persons, the right to remain and profess innocence until proven guilty; it arrogates to the security agency that issued the order powers it does not have and which belong to the courts. It has been decided in several judicial cases, that only the courts have a right to limit the liberty of any individual. Our constitution guarantees freedom of movement for all categories of citizens engaged lawfully in the pursuit of their personal or professional duties. It is an aberration of the highest order, and which must be condemned, to have such freedoms curtailed, except where the agency in question suspects anyone, in which case it must convince a magistrate and obtain an order to that effect.

In the case of the former ministers, there was no suggestion of suspicion of any kind. Indeed, none of the members was accused of any misdemeanour or crime to warrant their movements being curtailed. As a matter of fact, all the ex-ministers were said to have received "thank you" notes from the acting president for responding to the call of duty and for discharging their duties with due diligence. It is therefore totally repugnant that their liberties would later be curtailed on the whim of any security agency and that their right to travel either within or outside the country was subject to a clearance from any quarters.

The no-travel order on the former ministers is a terrible example of how to discourage principled persons from answering the call to serve. The move is equally a bad one. All over the world, a call to national service is the highest call that any citizen can receive. Although those who have been so called in the past have been remunerated in accordance with the relevant protocols, it is indeed necessary to say that no financial remuneration can compensate for the time that an appointee sacrifices for the sake of the nation. To be denied the freedom to move shortly after serving is a subtle public indictment which is capable of making good people turn down future offers to national service. No signal could be worse than that at a time when our country is in dire need of credible people to serve it.

This kind of blatant travel gag is not only unconstitutional and contrary to all known local and international protocols to which Nigeria is signatory, it creates the erroneous impression that those who have been so gagged are crooks. We believe that the agency concerned should immediately repudiate this order and publicly apologise for the erroneous impression it creates in the minds of the ordinary citizenry. Of course, where there is evidence that anyone had somehow breached the public's trust while in service, by all means make it public and let the law take its course. Until that is the case, we hope that in future, this kind of order is never issued and that no Nigerian is deprived of his rights without order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

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Understanding Goodluck Jonathan

Last week, on the fringe of the Nuclear weapon summit organized in Washington by President Barack Obama of USA, acting President Goodluck Jonathan chose CNN to lay bare his mind on the direction and thrust of his administration. His Washington's schedule included the controversial engagement with US Council on Foreign Relations. However, the interest of yours sincerely here is inspired by his full disclosure during a no bar interview with CNN's Christiane Amanpour. The CNN interview reopened the sour point of Yar Adua's alleged interview with one Mansur Leman of BBC in January this year during which his ailing boss, President Umaru Musa Yar'adua, allegedly broke his silence for the nation in suspense after 50 days. The point cannot be overstated! As self respecting people, critical national messages by national leaders must necessarily filter to us directly through national media. It is simply unacceptable that our leaders are eager to be more accountable to foreigners than to us at home. With all its limitations, 1999 constitution flows from "we the people of Nigeria" not some select foreign patrons of Nigerian leaders whether in Washington or London. Section 23 of chapter 11 of the Constitution enunciates the national ethics to include *Discipline, Integrity, Dignity of Labour, Social, Justice, Religious Tolerance, Self-reliance and Patriotism*.

At 50th independence anniversary, patriotism tasks our leaders to inform us on critical governance issues through our own national assembly and local Nigerian vibrant media not BBC and CNN (almost in that order!). No doubt about it; the acting President Goodluck Jonathan has addressed Nigerians since the doctrine of necessity legitimised his acting Presidency. The first address was on the first Jos' implosion. The second while accepting his new acting capacity and the third while inaugurating the new Cabinet recently. But none of these addressees touched on the critical national issues like his extensive interview with CNN. Even to get to know what his name Goodluck means, (already subject of local mischievous text messages) we had to tune to CNN, a privately owned reincarnation of the Voice of America (VOA). CNNization and Aljazeeraization of national discourse (apology to Professor Jonah Elaigwu!) is now fashionable in Nigeria. It reflects unhelpful dependent mentality and indeed inferiority complex. The local media lazily outdid each other to reproduce CNN interview as if it was the last article of national faith. Somehow the entire Nigeria's print media resigned to some received wisdom in place of their own original engagement with their own acting President. Nothing could be more diminishing! With freedom so recklessly exercised down loading CNN and BBC interviews, I bear witness that Nigerian media might not need freedom of information bill after-all. Christiane Amanpour

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was certainly patronizing of our acting President, even with a personalized picture to show for it! But let us still credit her for making us understand Jonathan and knowing what hitherto was a rumour.

So the acting President has not seen his boss since he returned from Saudi Arabia on medical trip and has not even spoken with him since November last year? What do we make out of this full disclosure in far away Washington? At personal level, Goodluck Jonathan emerged as a pitiable victim of some palace intrigues shut out by the first family thus deserving of global sympathy. We even saw a Jonathan with some strength of character that withstood successfully an open provocation. But as a presiding officer of a nation, what does

the hitherto promising Yar'adua/Jonathan ticket of knowledge-driven team has degenerated from team spirit, cohesion of vision (of 2020) into the same conflictual smithereens and chaos of OBJ-Atiku mess. But it has not always been in Nigeria's character that leaders maintain so much anti-party against each other. In his autobiography, *BECKONED TO SERVICE* (compulsory read for all Nigeria's current tit-for-tat civilian leaders) former President during the second Republic, Alhaji Shehu Shagari invokes the nostalgia of consensual leadership. According to him "I and Vice President, Alex Ekwueme worked very closely together, bound by shared purpose and vision for a united and prosperous Nigeria" Pray what vision separates both Yar'adua and Jonathan so soon? Certain not the vision for a prosperous, united Nigeria!

The acting President did well to have offhand dismissed the Amanpour's silly characteriza-

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his disclosure mean? The bigger picture emerging for Nigeria (and indeed Africa) is that of a nation that hardly gets simple things right. Ghanaian leaders could not have carried animosity too far before a foreign media. If the acting President could not see the President who was generously seen by clerics of varying persuasions, what then does the acting President would help us to see? "The thinking of the family is that they should isolate him from most of the key actors in government. I have not seen him. The Senate president has not seen him ... and at every single government function, I have not seen him" disclosed the acting President. The thinking of the Yar'adua family we know, but what is the thinking of the acting President and the other key actors of government?

It is certainly an advertised weakness for an acting President who (for whatever reasons) could not see his boss but nonetheless spent some days out, crossing Transatlantic- to see the President of another country, America?

Jonathan's disclosure ridicules and diminishes the nation even if it serves him personally. He should have simply dismissed Amanpour's cheeky question (designed for sensation than illumination!) on the health of Yar'adua by simply insisting that the issue had been over reported. By falling a pray to mischief, Jonathan unconsciously oiled the ideological CNN propaganda machine desperately to make another failed governance product out of Nigerian mess. It is self evident from CNN interview that

tion of the Jos crisis as "an explosion of violence...between Muslim and Christian". Obama says there is no black or white America but United States of America. What is good for America (indivisibility) is even better for Nigeria. "To hell" therefore with Amanpour's divide and misinform categorization of so called Muslims and so called Christians. But Jonathan's subsequent analysis that the Jos crisis was ethnic between so-called settlers and so-called indigenes is unhelpful at all. Acting President should use the category recognized by constitution which is citizenship.

The crisis of Plateau is crisis of governance. There is competition for resources everywhere for limited resources in Nigeria's 36 states. Plateau cannot therefore be an exception. Nothing however justifies mayhems and mass killings of women and children. The solution lies in good governance at Federal and state level in terms of security and access to resources by all. The acting President should continue what he is already doing to stabilize Plateau; intensive security, apprehension and punishment of the murderers. He should avoid emotive apartheid ethnic categories that tend to legitimize bad governance. Plateau state and indeed Nigeria used to be home to all. We must return to developmentalist Nigeria. And we don't need a week safari tour of Washington to do that. Rather we need more cabinet meetings (which sadly did not hold last week, again for whatever reason), with more creative ideas about development.

INTERNATIONAL

AU says Sudan polls 'free and fair'

SUDANESE polls were "free and fair" considering the context, African Union observers said yesterday, a day after observers from the European Union and the Carter Centre said they had failed to reach world standards.

"It was not a perfect election...

but it was a historic one," said Kunle Adeyemi who headed the AU observer mission in Sudan.

"Looking into the fact this is a country that had not had a multi-party election for almost a generation... to say they are free and fair, to the best of our knowledge we

have no reason to think the contrary," Adeyemi said. "We have not found evidence of fraud... we saw a vote that was very transparent."

Between April 11-15, Sudanese voters were asked to choose their president, legislative and

local representatives in the country's first multi-party polls in more than two decades. Earlier, observers from the Arab League said the election was an example that other African and Arab countries could follow, despite some deficiencies.

"The elections did not meet international standards but they are a big step forward compared to other countries in the region," said Salah Halima who headed a mission of 50 Arab League observers.

"They were an achievement despite the deficiencies," he told reporters in Khartoum. "There was no evidence of fraud, but there were deficiencies and mistakes. These mistakes however do not greatly affect the results."

The Carter Centre headed by former US president Jimmy Carter, with 70 observers, and 130 EU observers agreed that the vote

was below international standards but did pave the way for a democratic transformation in Africa's largest country.

"There is a consensus among international observers to say that what happened in Sudan is better than what has taken place in other African countries... We want Sudan to be an example for other African and Arab countries,"

Halima said. "If the elections did not meet all the international standards, it does not minimise the experience of democratic transformation for Sudan. "The Sudanese government has opened up space of democracy and we must make the most of it."

The elections are likely to see the re-election of President Omar al-Bashir, who came to power in a military coup in 1989, but they were marred by a boycott by the opposition and logistical problems.

....As Sudan state media report Bashir poll lead

SUDANESE President Omar Hassan al-Bashir scored overwhelming victories in a sample of results from national elections marred by fraud accusations and boycotts, state media reported yesterday.

Both European Union and Carter observers have said last week's elections did not meet international standards, but stopped short of echoing opposition allegations of widespread rigging.

The presidential and legislative polls, set up under a 2005 peace deal that ended two decades of north-south civil war, were supposed to help transform the troubled oil-producing nation into a democracy.

Bashir won between 70-92 percent of votes cast in presidential ballots in around 35 scattered polling centers, foreign voting posts and one state, said state news agency Suna. Those figures represent a fraction of the country and have not been confirmed by authorities.

Separately, Sudan's National Elections Commission announced the first official results of the contest on Sunday -- eight state assembly seats from north Sudan's River Nile state that all went to Bashir's National Congress Party (NCP) with big majorities.

Senior NCP official Rabie Abdelati told Reuters he was expecting similar results across Sudan. "This victory is a real victory... The counting of the votes took place under the sun, not in a dark room. The observers saw everything," he said.

Opposition groups said the huge majorities proved their accusations that the NCP had rigged the vote in the north, justifying the decision of many of the opposition parties to boycott.

"This proves what we said: that this election is false from A to Z. It was planned from the beginning," said Farouk Abu Issa, spokesman for a loose coalition of opposition groups. "If he thinks that being re-elected by a big majority will protect him from the International Criminal Court, he is mistaken."



HEAD of the technical committee at the National Election Commission, al-Hadi Mohammed Ahmed announces partial electoral results during a press conference in Khartoum, Sudan yesterday.

Landmine in Somali capital kills at least 10

A police official and witnesses say at least 10 people died, including five government soldiers, when a land mine exploded near a police station in south Mogadishu overnight. Witness Abdi Fatah said Sunday that the 10 people died instantly.

Ali Gab, a Somali police official said that five of his fellow police officers were killed in the attack. He blamed the militant group al-Shabab for the attack.

Fadum Hassan, a nurse at Medina hospital, said that 20 injured people had been admitted to the hospital and some are in critical condition.

The weak U.N.-backed Somali government is battling an Islamist insurgency. The impoverished Horn of Africa nation has not had a functioning government for nearly 20 years.

Mugabe rejects violence as Zimbabwe marks independence

PRESIDENT Robert Mugabe yesterday issued an unprecedented appeal for an end to politically and racially driven violence in Zimbabwe, as the nation marked 30 years of independence.

"The leadership of the inclusive government urges you to desist from any acts of violence that will cause harm to others and become a blight on our society," he told a ceremony in Harare marking the anniversary.

"As Zimbabweans, we need to

foster an environment of tolerance and treating each other with dignity and respect irrespective of age, gender, race, ethnicity, tribe, political or religious affiliation."

It was the first time Mugabe had ever issued such a call for non-violence, in a nation that has been wracked by political turmoil through much of its recent history.

Traffic jams clogged the streets around the National Sports Stadium as Zimbabweans gathered by the thousands for yesterday's

celebrations, including township residents bused in early in the morning.

The stadium was decked out in Zimbabwean flags, but participants wore normal street clothes after a warning earlier in the week that political gear and party regalia would not be allowed.

It is the second year running that Zimbabweans across the political divide have joined in the commemorations, which in previous years had turned into rallies for Mugabe's ZANU-PF party.

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International

China's leader reaches out to earthquake survivors

By Charles Onunaiju
with agency report

CHINESE President Hu Jintao called on rescuers

yesterday to keep searching for survivors as he visited victims of a powerful quake in the country's northwest that left more than 1,700

dead. The Chinese leader promised new homes and schools as he reached out to victims on a visit to the

region hit four days ago by a 6.9-magnitude quake that killed 1,706 people and left 256 missing.

Just before his arrival,

spirits were lifted by the rescue of a 68-year-old man trapped beneath rubble for more than 100 hours, the official Xinhua news agency reported, adding the man's condition was stable.

In an emotional demonstration of empathy, Hu stood amid the rubble in Jiegu, the largest city affected by the quake, and urged rescuers to keep going. "We will do our best to rescue people still trapped. If there is even one chance (of finding someone), we will make an all-out effort," he said in scenes broadcast on television.

At another stop, Hu told a crowd through a megaphone the government would provide essentials such as food, drinking water, shelter, quilts and warm clothing.

"The earthquake is merciless but human beings have compassion," Hu told the crowd, adopting a warmth more usually associated with Premier Wen Jiabao.

Iran displays military hardware

PRESIDENT Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said yesterday that Israel was on its way to collapse, as Iran's military displayed a range of home-built drones and missiles at the annual Army Day parade.

In a speech marking the event, the president also reiterated his view that the presence of foreign forces is causing conflict in the region.

"The Zionist regime is on its way to collapse," Ahmadinejad, known for his strong anti-Israel rhetoric, said in an address delivered near the shrine of Imam Khomeini, Iran's revolutionary leader, located south of Tehran.

Iran says its missiles can strike any target in Israel, which has never ruled out a military attack against Tehran's nuclear facilities to stop the Islamic republic's controversial atomic programme.



CHINESE President Hu Jintao (C) speaks to rescuers during his visit amid the earthquake devastation in Jiegu, Yushu country, in China's northwestern province of Qinghai.

Elaborate state funeral for Poland's first couple

SOME 150,000 Poles paid their last respects to Polish President Lech Kaczynski and his wife, Maria, as the couple were interred Sunday among kings, poets and statesmen in the ancient Wawel Cathedral in a ceremony long on tradition but short on world leaders whose travel plans were wrecked by the enormous plume of volcanic ash that blanketed Europe.

President Barack Obama, French President Nicolas Sarkozy and German Chancellor Angela Merkel were among those canceled at the last minute because of the expanding ash cloud, dangerous to airplane engines, that left nearly all of the continent's airports since late Thursday.

"All the French people will be, in their thoughts, with the Polish people" on Sunday, Sarkozy said in a letter sent to acting President Bronislaw Komorowski expressing his regret for being unable to attend.

The volcanic ash from Iceland did not deter everyone. The leaders of Baltic and Balkan states came by car for the stately event. Czech President Vaclav Klaus took the train and car to get to Krakow. Polish police estimated the number of mourners in Krakow at nearly 150,000.

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev flew by plane from Moscow for the funeral. His presence was a further sign of the warming ties between the two countries, which had been strained for centuries, most recently because of communism and the 1940 Katyn massacre.

Krakow Archbishop Stanislaw Dziwisz acknowledged those new ties in remarks to the congregation at the state funeral, noting that the tragedy had given rise "to many layers of good between the people and nations."

"The sympathy and help we have received from Russian brothers has breathed new life into a hope for closer relations and reconciliation between our two Slavic nations," Dziwisz said. "I direct these words to the president of Russia." Despite the dearth of global dignitaries, no one said the funeral should be postponed.

"I wouldn't move the funeral," said Bartek Kargol who was among thousands of people waiting for the event Krakow. "This event is for our president." Christian Stolter, a German student, said Poles need their time to mourn. "One cannot do anything about the fact that there are ashes around now," he said.

"The date was set and momentum was built and slowly it's time to find closure." In mostly Roman Catholic Poland, the funeral Mass was held at St. Mary's Basilica, a 13th-century red-brick Gothic church set on a vast market square in Krakow's Old Town.

Inside, scores of Poland's political elite were seated in the ancient pews, shoulder to shoulder with leaders from Estonia, Belarus, Armenia, Latvia, Lithuania and Ukraine. The Mass was led by Dziwisz. The Kaczynskis' daughter, Marta, granddaughter Ewa and the president's twin brother, Jaroslaw, sat nearby the two flag-draped coffins as Mozart's Requiem was played.

"Memory and truth are stronger than the greatest tragedies," Janusz Sniadek, the chairman of the Solidarity trade union, said. "The solidarity of Poles in these days of mourning is a tribute to you, your wife and all the victims."

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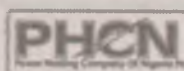
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The selected firm will be required to build:

- ✓ Local Area Network with about 180 nodes and fibre optic backbone
- ✓ Procure and configure network device switches, routers and security device.

BIDDING REQUIREMENTS

Qualifications requirements include:

1. Certificate of Incorporation issued by Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC);
2. Company Audited financial statements for the past three years;
3. Evidence of payment of Company Income Tax for the past three years valid up to December 31, 2009;
4. VAT Registration Certificate and Evidence of past VAT Remittances;
5. Evidence of Financial capability:
 - a. Bank Reference letter
 - b. Bank statement or evidence of financial backing from Bank.
6. List of similar projects handled in the past stating contracts sums and providing evidence of award and completion;
7. Company profile including list of key professionally qualified production personnel and their experience;
8. Evidence of compliance with Pension Reform Act 2004;

Procurement of the above items will be conducted in accordance with the Procurement Act 2007 and its applicable guidelines for the procurement of goods and services.

Tender documents

Tender documents can be obtained from

The office of the Commissioner for Insurance

NAICOM Shipper's Plaza Wuse Zone 5 Abuja between the hours of 10 am- 4 pm within Two weeks from the date of publication.

Signed
Management



FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
FEDERAL MINISTRY OF WORKS
ROAD SECTOR DEVELOPMENT TEAM (RSDT).

Federal Roads Development Project (FRDP)

Credit Number IDA 44150

IFB No.: FRDP/2010/IFB/W/01

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Invitation for Bids

for

PERIODIC MAINTENANCE WORKS: PHASE 1

This invitation for bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in the Development Business, Issue No.637 of 11 March 2005. The Federal Government of Nigeria has received a credit of about \$330M from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of the Federal Roads Development Project (FRDP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds to eligible payments under the Periodic Maintenance contracts listed below for which this Advertisement is issued.

The Federal Ministry of Works, represented by Road Sector Development Team (RSDT) (hereinafter called "the Employer"), now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the periodic maintenance of the roads. The periodic maintenance works is being done in collaboration with Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA).

The Maintenance Works shall include, but are not limited to: shoulder clearance, scarification of failed sections, earthworks in completely failed areas, desilting of existing culverts and drains, construction of culverts and drains, general bridge maintenance, protective works, laterite sub-base, crushed stone base course, asphaltic concrete surfacing, side drains, road markings and road furniture. Traffic management and social and environmental measures are also essential and important aspects.

The periodic maintenance contracts will be done in phases and the first phase includes:

1. Jebba - Lafiagi road in Niger State
2. Takai-Albasu-Gaya road in Kano State
3. Nafada-Gombeabba road in Gombe State

Advertisements for the roads in other phases will be released in due course as designs are completed.

The details of Phase 1 roads are as follows:

S/NO	CONTRACT NO	CONTRACT NAME	LENGTH (KM)	CONTRACT PERIOD	AMT OF BID SECURITY	COST OF BID DOCUMENT
1	FRDP/2010/NCB/W/01	JEBBA - LAFIAGI RD IN NIGER STATE	24	12 MONTHS	N15M	N25,000.00
2	FRDP/2010/NCB/W/02	TAKAI-ALBASU-GAYA ROAD IN KANO STATE	34.7	12 MONTHS	N15M	N25,000.00
3	FRDP/2010/NCB/W/03	NAFADA-GOMBEABBA ROAD IN GOMBE STATE	10	9 MONTHS	N15M	N25,000.00

Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loan and IDA Credits, May 2004 (Revised October 2006), and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Bidding Documents.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents at the Office of the Unit Manager, Road Sector Development Team (RSDT) at the address given below on working days from 10:00 hrs to 17:00 hrs (local time).

Qualification requirements include: **Eligibility** (Nationality, Conflict of Interest, Bank Ineligibility); **Historical Contract Non-Performance** (History of Non-Performing Contracts, Pending Litigation); **Financial Situation** (Historical Financial Performance, Average Annual Turnover, Financial Resources); **Experience** (General, Specific); **Personnel** (Availability for Key Positions) and **Equipment** (Access to key equipment).

A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders at the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee as stated in the above Table on working days from 10:00 hrs to 17:00 hrs (local time). The method of payment will be through bank draft or certified bank cheque in favour of "Federal Roads Development Project". Bidding Documents requested by mail will be promptly dispatched by courier on payment of additional charges of Naira 10,000.00 through bank draft drawn in a manner stated above, but under no circumstances will the RSDT be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents so mailed.

The Bidder may bid for one or more contracts. The Employer will evaluate and compare Bids on the basis of a contract, or a combination of more than one contract, in order to arrive at the least cost combination for the Employer by taking into account discounts offered by Bidders in case of award of more than one contract. If a Bidder submits successful bids for more than one contract, the evaluation will also include an assessment of the Bidder's capacity to meet the aggregated requirements.

Bids must be delivered to the address below by 14:00 hrs (local time) on Monday, 17th May, 2010. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security as indicated in the above Table. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened at 14:00 hrs (local time) on Monday, 17th May 2010 in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below.

Federal Ministry of Works
 Road Sector Development Team (RSDT)
 6 Niagara Close, off Erie Crescent, off Nile Street,
 Maitama, Abuja, Nigeria.

Attn: Unit Manager, Engr. L.A. Audi
 Tel: +234-7034044403
 E-mail: unitmgr.rsdt@yahoo.co.uk

FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE, GOMBE

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION AND TENDER FOR 2010 CAPITAL PROJECTS

The Federal Medical Centre, Gombe wishes to Execute/procure the below listed Projects/items under the year 2010 capital budget:

LOT	DESCRIPTION	QTY
WORKS		
I	- Construction of Female Orthopedic Ward	
11	- Construction of Male Oncology Ward	
111	- Construction of Female Oncology Ward	
V1	- Extension of Consultant Offices	
SUPPLY		
VI	- Supply of Ambulance	1no.
VII	- Supply of Sewage Van	1no.
VIII	- Supply of Water Tanker	1no.

Consequent upon the projects above, pre-qualification/tenders are hereby invited from suitably qualified and registered contractors with the hospital.

Applicants may indicate their interest in one or more lot(s). Each lot must however, have separate application and bear the relevant lot reference number

Only companies' with proven experience and track records in similar jobs would be considered for the pre-qualification and bidding.

COLLECTION OF PRE-QUALIFICATION/TENDER DOCUMENTS

Pre-qualification/tender documents can be obtained from the office of the SECRETARY, MANAGEMENT TENDERS COMMITTEE, FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE, GOMBE upon payment of non refundable fees of N20,000.00 (TWENTY THOUSAND NAIRA ONLY).

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.

- i. Certificate of Company registration with C.A.C.
- ii. Company profile.
- iii. Evidence of VAT registration
- iv. Tax clearance for three years. (2006-2008)
- v. Evidence of previous experience in similar contracts.
- vi. Evidence of payment of N20,000.00 non refundable fees.

SUBMISSION OF PRE-QUALIFICATION/TENDER DOCUMENTS

All completed pre-qualification/tender documents must be sealed in a wax envelop, addressed to "MEDICAL DIRECTOR" and clearly marked "PRE-QUALIFICATION/TENDER" at the top left corner of the envelop and should be dropped in the TENDER BOX situated at the ground floor of the ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING Federal Medical Centre, Gombe not later than two (2) weeks from the date of this advertisement by 12:00 noon.

PRE-QUALIFICATION AND TENDER OPENING

Pre-qualification/tender documents would be opened on 14th May 2010 by 2:00pm at the Hospital Board room. It is mandatory for all contractors or their representatives to attend the opening exercise.

Signed
Management

FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE, GOMBE

(Office of the Assistant Director of Administration)

STAFF VACANCIES

Applications are hereby invited from suitably qualified and interested candidates for the following posts:-

1. CONSULTANTS - No. of Vacancy 3

Family Medicine - (1), Paediatrics - (1), Ophthalmology - (1)

Salary: CONTISS 14

Requirements: Possessing the Part II Final Examination Certificate of the Fellowship of the Nigerian Post-Graduate Medical College or its equivalent.

2. REGISTRARS - 32

Medicine (8), Paediatrics (6), Surgery (10), Obstetrics & Gynaecology (5), Medical Radiology (3)

Salary: CONTISS 10

Requirements: Possessing a degree in Medicine (MBBS) registrable with the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria from a recognized institution and must have completed one year NYSC. Possessing primaries in relevant field will be an added advantage.

3. SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER II - No. of Vacancy (2)

Salary: CONTISS 11

Requirements: Possessing a degree in Medicine (MBBS) registrable with the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) from a recognized institution with at least three years post registration experience and must have completed one year NYSC.

4. MEDICAL OFFICERS - No. of Vacancy (10)

Salary: CONTISS 10

Requirements: Possessing a degree in Medicine (MBBS) registrable with the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) from a recognized institution and must have completed one year National Service (NYSC).

5. CASUALTY OFFICERS No. of Vacancy (4)

Salary: CONTISS 10

Requirements: Possessing a degree in Medicine (MBBS) registrable with the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) from a recognized institution and must have completed one year National Service (NYSC). Experience in A & E will be an added advantage.

6. OPTOMETRIST - No. of Vacancy 1

Salary: CONTISS 10

Requirements: Possessing a Doctor of Optometry Degree or equivalent qualification registrable with the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board of Nigeria and must have completed one year National Service (NYSC).

7. RADIOGRAPHERS - No. of Vacancy 4

Salary: CONTISS 9

Requirements: Possessing B.Sc. Radiology or its equivalent registrable with the Radiographers Registration Board or Nigeria from a recognized institution and must have completed one year National Service (NYSC).

8. NURSES

a. Staff Nurse/Staff Midwife - No. of Vacancies 25

b. Nursing Officer II - No. of Vacancies 25

Salary: CONTISS 6 (a) and 7 (b)

Requirements: Possessing the NRN or the NRM or equivalent qualification duly registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria (NMCN).

9. MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST I

Chemical Pathology - (4), Microbiology - (3), Histopathology - (1), Haematology - (2)

Salary: CONTISS 8

Requirements: Possessing of a Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science Degree (BMLS) or Associate of Medical Laboratory Science Council (AMLSC) in relevant field registrable with the Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria and must have completed one year National Service (NYSC).

10. SENIOR ACCOUNTANT - No. of Vacancy 1

Salary: CONTISS 9

Requirements: Possessing a degree in Accountancy from a recognized University with at least three years cognate experience or possessing Higher National Diploma in Accountancy plus the professional Diploma of the Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (ANAN) with at least six years cognate experience or possessing the professional qualifications of any of the following accounting bodies: ICAN, ACCA, ICMA, CIPFA and ICPA and must have completed one year National Service (NYSC).

11. STORE OFFICER - No. of Vacancy 2

Salary CONTISS 6

Requirements: Possessing HND in Purchasing and Supplies or Membership of the Institute of Purchasing and Supply, London or Intermediate Certificate of the Nigerian Institute of Chartered Accountants or Intermediate Certificate of the Institute of Costs and Management Accountants and must have completed one year National Service (NYSC) or duly exempted.

12. Principal Civil Engineer - No. of Vacancy: 1

Salary: CONTISS 10

Requirements: Possessing a degree in Civil Engineering or such other qualifications registrable with the Council of Registered Engineers of Nigeria (COREN) with at least 5 years working experience and must have completed one year NYSC or duly exempted.

13. Programme Analyst Grade II - No. of Vacancy 1

Salary: CONTISS 7

Qualifications Requirements: Possessing a degree in Computer Science or statistics with a Post-Graduate Diploma in Computer Science from a recognized University and must have completed one year NYSC or duly exempted.

14. Laundry Technician - No of Vacancy 1

Salary: CONTISS 7

Qualifications Requirements: Possessing a Higher National Diploma in Textile Cleaning Technology (Laundry) or equivalent.

CONDITION OF SERVICE:- The condition of service is as obtained in other Federal Tertiary Health Institutions in Nigeria.

METHOD OF APPLICATION:- All interested candidates should submit TEN copies each of TYPEWRITTEN applications with their curriculum vitae and relevant credentials which should be forwarded to the following address:-

The Medical Director
Federal Medical Centre
Ashaka Road
P.M.B. 0037
Gombe - Gombe state

Candidates should ask three of their referees to submit their reports directly to the address above.

CLOSING DATE : SIX (6) weeks from the date of this advertisement. Only the names of short listed candidates will be published in the newspapers.



**TOWN PLANNERS REGISTRATION COUNCIL (TOPREC)
&
NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF TOWN PLANNERS (NITP)**



DISCLAIMER

We have been inundated with calls and requests for clarifications from training institutions and professional colleagues both in Nigeria and abroad on the activities of a so called INSTITUTE OF PLANNING, Nigeria which was registered as a Limited Liability Company by the Corporate Affairs Commission (C.A.C.) and purporting to use that platform to seek professional charter.

This confusion is understandable because the word 'planning' or 'planners' worldwide, when used without qualification refers to 'Town Planning' or 'Town Planners'.

Therefore, the Regulatory and Professional bodies of Town Planners in Nigeria as recognized by CAP 431 LFN 1990 wish to disassociate ourselves, and clearly state that we are neither connected nor in support of the activities of the organization. We are indeed taking steps to rectify this anomaly as their activities continue to constitute encroachment into our practice and others already guaranteed by the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

We urge members of the public, particularly, National Assembly, all Universities/Polytechnics training prospective Planners, National Universities Commission (NUC), National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), Association of Professional Bodies of Nigeria (APBN), World Planners Congress (WPC), Commonwealth Association of Planners (CAP) and other international affiliates to please take note.

Signed:
TPL. K.L.M. Sanni, mnitp, mcilt.
Registrar
TOWN PLANNERS REGISTRATION COUNCIL OF NIGERIA (TOPREC)

Tel: 08033147076

**E-mail: info@toprecnig.org,
nitp@yahoo.com**

PRESENT

**THE MANDATORY CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMME (MCPDP)**

2010 EDITION

Theme:

**THE PRACTICE OF REGIONAL
PLANNING IN NIGERIA**

Recent Government pronouncement and interventions such as the creation of NDDC, NEPAD, MDGs, National Boundary Commission, economic blue print for the attainment of Vision 2020, and most recently the approval of the National Assembly to commence the preparation of a National Physical Development Plan (NPDP) make this theme appropriate and timely.

CENTRES	DATES
BENIN	21st - 22nd April, 2010
ABUJA	16th - 17th June, 2010
OWERRI	21st - 22nd July, 2010

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THIS EDITION

1. Enable participants to appreciate the importance of regional planning on urban perspectives.
2. Understand the new paradigms and components of a Regional Plan.
3. Develop skills and new understanding of preparing and implementing the various types of Regional Development Plans.

**COURSE FEES: N20,000 ONLY - PROFESSIONALS
N5,000 ONLY - STUDENTS**

NOTE: There will be a sensitization session on the NPDP 2010 - 2030 with the officials of the Regional Development Division of The Federal Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development during the training programmes .

PARTICIPATION

All Urban and Regional Planners, Allied Professionals, Members of the Legislative and Executive Arms in the services of Federal, States and Local Governments, Academic, Research and Private Institutions.

However, the programme is MANDATORY for all Registered Urban and Regional Planners(RTP) as well as Full members of the Institute (MNITP)

For further enquiries, please contact:
TPL K.L.M Sanni (mnitp, cmlt)
Registrar (TOPREC),
NITP-Bawa Bwari House, Plot 2047,
Michael Okpara Street, Wuse Zone 5, Abuja.
Tel: 09-7800818

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Website: www.toprecnig.org, www.nitpng.com



TRANSMISSION COMPANY OF NIGERIA (TCN) PUBLIC NOTICE

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR CONSULTANCY ON POWER SYSTEM DYNAMIC STABILITY STUDIES AND ASSOCIATED WORKS

INTRODUCTION

The Management of Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) hereby invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing consultancy services as indicated under the scope of works.

SCOPE OF WORKS

The Consultant's scope of works includes, but is not necessarily limited to the following:

1. Technical audit and collation of (i) existing generator controllers in the system, determination of requirements of generating unit governor at each power station. (ii) 330/132kV, 132/33kV and 33/11kV transformers and substation switchgears specifying their functional status.
2. Perform load flow (losses, compensation, voltage control and voltage collapse studies), short circuit studies to determine maximum symmetrical and asymmetrical fault levels at 330kV, 132kV, 33kV and 11kV bus bars and Transient Stability Studies; NEPLAN Power System Analysis Tool must be used.
3. Determine the minimum MW primary control power to secure the network for various network configurations corresponding to the following load levels: 6000MW, 10000MW, 15000MW and 20000MW.
4. Advise on distribution of the required primary control power among the Generating Units, to ensure system frequency stability for each of the load level.
5. Determine the suitability of existing switchgears at 330kV, 132kV and 33/11kV levels in terms of their Break and Make capacities and recommend appropriate break ratings at 330kV, 132kV and 33/11kV voltage levels at various locations in the grid.
6. Determine the Earth Resistance values and the integrity of earthing arrangement at various locations in the system with a view to recommending ways of improving them.
7. Review existing settings of protection relays and effectively set the relays where necessary to conform to the established fault levels taking into consideration the short circuit withstand capability of major equipment like transformers.
8. Carryout functional tests on all existing protection relay and recalibrate where necessary and identify faulty relays for replacement.
9. Co-ordinate effectively, protection relays at the various substations in the grid to ensure discriminatory tripping.
10. Determine the adequacy, or otherwise, of the entire protection system and establish a protection philosophy for the Grid System.
11. Provide drawings for all the protection schemes for the entire system (330/132kV, 132/33kV and 33/11k) and detailed documentations.
12. Establish an overall encompassing System Data Web Based Portal.
13. Determine the best options in the deployment of Carrier Aided Schemes.
14. Assess the present Communication Schemes and proffer solutions for the attainment of adequate infrastructure for EMS and SCADA.

PRE-QUALIFICATION PRE-REQUISITES

Interested firms/consultants must provide the following information:

1. That they are qualified to perform the services (through submission of brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff etc) and

must have had at least ten (10) years experience in similar works. Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

2. Certified Audited Account and Tax Clearance of the Company for the last three(3) years, certified by registered accounting firm along with the corresponding 3 years Tax Clearance Certificate (applicable to Nigeria Company only) which shall be verified and the original sighted on demand.
3. A copy of Certificate of Incorporation in Nigeria (Forms CO2 and CO7) or overseas.
4. Provision of Company Profile, experience records procedure of Quality Assurance / Quality Management System to be implemented.
5. Evidence of Technical Capability and Previous experience in Nigeria or developing countries.
6. Consultancy experience record for Power System Analysis and relay coordination / SCADA and related projects.
7. Submit evidence(s) of compliance with the provisions of the Pension Reform Act, 2004.
8. Nigerian companies must be registered with COREN.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- 1) This notice is not an invitation to tender.
- 2) PHCN Tender Board is not obligated to invite any company to submit proposal notwithstanding submission of EOI documents.
- 3) Only technically qualified companies will be invited to participate in the competitive tender for the consultancy works.
- 4) PHCN reserves the right to verify any claim by companies. Therefore, companies should include in their submission, necessary authority and guarantee for such verification.
- 5) Details of your referenced clients including their name, address, e-mail address and telephone numbers of the relevant contact person shall be included for each job referenced.
- 6) A Firm / Consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Procurement Act 2007.

SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The documents for the EOI should be in a sealed envelope and marked "POWER SYSTEM DYNAMIC STABILITY STUDIES" on the left hand corner of the envelope and submitted to the Office of:

The Asst. General Manager (Procurement), TCN,
Room 228/230, PHCN/TCN Corporate Headquarters,
Plot 441, Zambezi Crescent, Maitama, Abuja,
Tel: + 2348055027497.

not later than 12 noon, on Monday, 31st May 2010.

For further information and/or clarification, please contact the Asst. General Manager (PSPD), TCN, PHCN Corporate Headquarters, Zambezi Crescent, Maitama, Abuja.

Tel: +2348033119096, +2348052502117
e-mail: atalikut@yahoo.co.uk
oluwafemizaccheaus@gmail.com
atonack@yahoo.co.uk

Signed:
MANAGEMENT
TRANSMISSION COMPANY OF NIGERIA (TCN)



NIGERIA DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Plot 447/448 Constitution Avenue, Central Business District, Abuja
E- mail: info@ndic.org.ng Website: www.ndic.org.ng

INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE UPGRADE OF THE C-BAND VSAT INTERNET LINK AT THE CORPORATION'S HEAD OFFICE

The Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation [NDIC] wishes to invite reputable Internet Service Providers (ISPs) with good track record of performance and experience in the installation of VSAT Internet infrastructure to tender for the upgrade of the present C-band VSAT Internet bandwidth in the Corporation's Head Office, Abuja.

TENDER DOCUMENTS

Interested companies should obtain the tender documents from the Administration Unit, 2nd Floor, NDIC Headquarters, Plot 447/448 Constitution Avenue, Central Business District, Abuja upon payment of the tender fee of ₦10,000.00 in Bank Draft made payable to the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation, Abuja. However, those who have earlier paid this amount are excluded from new payment. Information about the existing infrastructure that requires the upgrade could be obtained from the **Head of Information Technology Department** at the above address. He could be reached either through the telephone numbers: 09-4601200, 08052263325 or e-mail addresses: amoosk@ndic-ng.com, samuellamoo@hotmail.com.

CONDITIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY

All bids must be accompanied with the following:

- Evidence of Company Registration with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) in Nigeria,
- The current 3 year Tax Clearance Certificate of the Company,
- The Company's audited accounts for the past three years,
- Evidence of Financial capacity and banking support,
- Evidence of having successfully carried out similar works within the past three years,
- Evidence of availability of requisite and appropriate staff/skill for the job,
- Evidence of VAT registration, and
- Evidence of compliance with the Pension Act.

SUBMISSION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS

The tender documents must be submitted not later than

two weeks from the date (19/04/2010) of this advert by 4:00 pm, securely bound and enclosed in a sealed envelope that is marked at the top right-hand corner "TENDER FOR THE UPGRADE OF THE C-BAND VSAT INTERNET LINK AT THE NDIC HEAD OFFICE", addressed to:

**The Secretary,
Tender's Board,
Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation,
Plot 447/448 Constitution Avenue,
Central Business District,
Abuja, Nigeria**

and dropped in the tender box on the 2nd Floor (Administration Unit) in the Head Office. Companies dropping tenders are expected to sign the tender register before dropping the tenders. Submission of tender by post or courier will not be acceptable, and any tender submitted after the closing date/time specified above stands automatically disqualified.

OPENING OF THE TENDERS

Opening of tenders shall be at 5:00 pm on the date of the closure of submission. The name of the successful company shall be posted on the NDIC Notice Board at the Head Office and the Corporation's Website.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- i] Failure to satisfactorily fulfill the conditions as requested above will result to invalidation of such tender.
- ii] NDIC shall reserve the right to verify the authenticity of claim[s] made by the tendering parties.
- iii] NDIC shall reserve the right to reject any submission based on unverifiable information.

Note:- The Advert is being placed in view of new specifications required on the Corporation's Internet link at Abuja for better bandwidth.

**SIGNED:
MANAGEMENT**



INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION

Plot 436, Zambezi Crescent, Maitama, P.M.B. 0184, Garki-Abuja

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

1. INTRODUCTION

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in pursuance of its statutory functions and in compliance with the due process requirements seeks to appoint reputable professional accountancy firms to carry out the statutory audit of the Commission for the year ended 31st December, 2009.

The Commission, therefore requests for proposals from competent, reputable and duly licensed Chartered Accountancy firms for consideration and appointment for the above assignment.

2. DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT

The accounting and auditing services required by the Commission has been categorized into the following "Lots"

A. Statutory Audit For The Year Ended 31st December 2009 For INEC State Offices And Half Year Special Audit From 1st January-30th June 2010

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|-------|--------|----------------------------------|
| LOTA. | (i) | Nassarawa, and Benue States |
| LOTA. | (ii) | Bauchi, and Gombe States |
| LOTA. | (iii) | Yobe and Borno States |
| LOTA. | (iv) | Lagos and Ogun States |
| LOTA. | (v) | Kogi and Edo States |
| LOTA | (vi) | Delta and Anambra States |
| LOTA | (vii) | Enugu and Ebonyi States |
| LOTA | (viii) | Akwa-Ibom and Cross River States |
| LOTA | (ix) | Adamawa and Taraba States |
| LOTA | (x) | Ondo and Ekiti States |
| LOTA | (xi) | Oyo and Osun States |
| LOTA | (xii) | Imo and Abia States |
| LOTA | (xiii) | Rivers and Bayelsa States |
| LOTA | (xiv) | Kano and Jigawa States |
| LOTA | (xv) | Kaduna and Katsina States |
| LOTA | (xvi) | Kwara and Niger States |
| LOTA | (xvii) | Sokoto, Kebbi and Zamfara States |
| LOTA | (xix) | FCT and Plateau |

B. The Commission's Headquarters Statutory Audit For The Year Ended 31st December, 2009 And The Consolidation Of The Auditing Financial Statement Of The Commission's 38 Nos Self Accounting Units.

- (i). Statutory Audit for the Commission Headquarters accounts for the year ended 31st December, 2009.
- (ii). Consolidation of auditing financial statements of the Commission consisting of the headquarters, 36 State offices and FCT office in Abuja.

3. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

The proposals from interested professional Accountants in additions to statement of fees and expenses for the assignment must include the following:

- (i). Registration with the Corporate Affairs Commission
- (ii). Three (3) years Auditing Accounts of the practicing firms
- (iii). List and evidence of similar assignments executed
- (iv). Registration with INEC
- (v). Experience/Technical qualifications of key personnel.
- (vi). Equipment/Technical capability and knowledge of the industry
- (vii). Three (3) years tax clearance certificate of principal partners of the firm.
- (viii). Professional practicing licenses of principal partners of the firm
- (ix). VAT Registration and past evidence of remittances.
- (x). Registration with the office of the Auditor General for the Federation.

4. GENERAL INFORMATION

- (a). All proposals must be accomplished with a non-refundable processing fee of N15,000.00 each.
- (b). For clarification and/or additional information you may contact Director Audit or HOD Finance and Account at INEC Headquarters, Abuja, between the hours of 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday during the period this advert is made public until the close of receipt of proposals.
- (c). The closing date for submission of the proposals shall be 14 days from the date of this advert
- (d). only successful professional accounting firms shall be contacted after evaluation of proposals.

5. SUBMISSIONS

All proposals indicating their 'Lot' of assignment references must be delivered in four (4) neatly bound copies in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Confidential Notice of Intent for Engagement as Professional Accountants/External Auditors for the year 2009 and No." and delivered to the address below not later than fourteen (14) days from the date of this publication.

The Secretary to the Commission
Independent National Electoral Commission
Plot 436 Zambezi Crescent
Maitama Distric, A5
P.M.B. 0184, Garki, Abuja.



INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION

PLOT 436, ZAMBEZI CRESENT MAITAMA DISTRICT, ABUJA.
(Information and Communication Technology Department)

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION : SUPPLY & DEPLOYMENT OF PORTABLE DATA TERMINALS FOR RESULTS TRANSFER FROM POLLING UNITS

1. INTRODUCTION

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) intends to deploy Portable Data Terminals compatible with GSM services for transmission of election results from polling stations, in preparation for the next general elections of 2011.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of the project includes the following:-

1. Provide a suitable palmtop data terminal compatible with local GSM transmission on data platform
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4. Palmtop size
5. Weather resistant and rugged construction.
6. Relevant training.

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2. Three (3) years company Audited Accounts
3. List and evidence of similar projects executed and knowledge of the industry.
4. Experience / Technical qualification of all key personnel
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6. Three (3) years tax clearance Certificate.
7. Equipment and Technical capability
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INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION

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(Information and Communication Technology Department)

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION:

SUPPLY & COMMISSION OF DIRECT DATA CAPTURE MACHINES TO SUPPORT REVIEW OF NATIONAL REGISTER OF VOTERS

1. INTRODUCTION

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) intends to carry out field work to review the National Register of Voters in preparation for next general elections of 2011.

In this regard, the Commission intends also to purchase a limited number of new Direct Data Capture equipment to support the exercise.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of the project includes the following:-

1. Provision of Laptop based Direct Data Capture equipment.
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6. Relevant technical training module.

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FROM right: Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Governor Sanusi Lamido Sanusi, CBN Deputy Governor Financial System Stability (FSS), Dr. Kingsley Moghalu and Deputy Governor, Operations, Mr. Tunde Lemo, during a press briefing by the Governor on the outcome of the Monetary Policy Committee meeting held in Abuja Friday.

\$42bn foreign reserves can finance 17 months import'

By Idris Ahmed

NIGERIA'S \$41.5 billion foreign reserve is enough to finance a year and five months importation, the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has said. This is well above the three months import cover which is internationally recommended, CBN Governor Sanusi Lamido Sanusi said at the weekend. The reserve which hit an all high of \$46 billion in August 2008 has been fluctuating between \$40 billion and \$42 billion.

Nigerians are concerned about the downward trends of the reserve but CBN said the reserve will pick up as soon as oil production improves.

Sanusi said the reserve will be buoyed with the "the rising price of crude oil in the international market in recent months, coupled with the improvement in output with peace in the Niger Delta, there is likely to be an improvement in the level of foreign exchange reserve." He said the reserve money which stood at N1.87 trillion at the end of December 2009, declined to N1.56 trillion and N1.63 trillion in January and February respectively, but rose to N1.78 trillion in March. As at April 8, the reserve money level of N1.71 trillion billion was just below the provisional 2010 second quarter indicative benchmark of N1.87 trillion by N162.76 billion or 8.69 per cent.

Provisional data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) indicates that real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew by 6.68 per cent in the first quarter of 2010, down from 7.44 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2009, but up from the 4.50 per cent recorded in the first quarter of 2009.

The growth was largely driven by the non-oil sector. Overall GDP growth for 2010 was projected at 7.53 per cent which is higher than the revised estimate of 6.66 per cent recorded in 2009. The Quarterly growth rates of 7.24, 7.36 and 8.51 per cent was projected for the second, third and fourth quarters of 2010.

FG, States, LGs share N888bn in Q1

By Idris Ahmed

THE federal, states and local governments shared N888 billion from the federation account in the first quarter of the year.

They shared N333 billion in January as recommended by the Federation Account Allocation Committee (FAAC).

In February, they distributed N273 billion, while they shared N285 billion for the month of March at the weekend as recommended by the FAAC.

There are already questions as to whether the money going into the federation account will be enough to finance major projects and pay workers' salaries at the states level.

It was argued that only Lagos State may be able to generate enough internal revenue to finance projects and pay workers in the state. The state generated

over N17 billion in 2009.

Many other states rely on revenue from the federation account which is not as buoyant as it used to be. Revenue from the Excess Crude account may not be there to be shared again as the account has depleted from \$20 billion to \$3.2 billion.

However, N108.226 billion was transferred to the Excess Crude Account which comes from Petroleum Profit tax (PPT) and Royalties out of the N436.953 billion earned in March.

The transfer represents an increase of N45.591 billion when compared to the N62.635 billion transferred in February.

Giving a breakdown of the March's distribution, the Accountant General of the Federation Ibrahim Hassan Dankwambo said the Federal Government received the largest share of the Statutory Allocation of N112.427 billion (about 52.68 per cent), as against the N108.756 billion received in the preceding month.

The 36 States received N57.025 billion (26.72 per cent) of the statutory allocation, an increase of N1.862 billion when compared to the N55.163 billion paid in February 2010.

The Local Governments' statutory allocation amounted to N43.964 billion (20.60 per cent) as against the N42.528 billion received in February.

The 13 per cent derivation accounted for the balance of the statutory allocation of N22.077 billion, which was distributed among the eight oil producing states.

States got the largest disbursement from the five per cent VAT of N24.549 billion (50 per cent), an increase of N2.259 billion over the amount shared in February.

The Federal Government received VAT allocation of N7.365 billion (15 per cent) while the Local Governments got N17.185 billion (35 per cent).

TRUST INDEX

Inflation	12.3%
GDP	6.90%
Budget	N4.6tr
Ext. Reserves Acct	\$41.5bn
Excess Crude Acct	\$3.2bn
Poverty Ratio	54.4%
Monetary Policy Rate	6%
Banks	24
Oil Price	\$85 a barrel
Power Supply	2,500MW
Oil output per day	2.6mbd
Broad Money Supply	N10,796,734.5m
Credit to Private Sector	N10,018,035.3m
Inter-Bank Rate	1.1600%
Treasury Bills	2.02%
Deposit Rate	12.28%
Prime Lending Rate	18.38%

CBN EXCHANGE RATES

	Buying (NGN)	Central (NGN)	Selling (NGN)
CFA	0.2853	0.2953	0.3061
DANISH KRONER	26.7938	26.8848	26.9757
EURO	199.4972	200.1742	200.8511
FRANCS SWITZERLAND	227.641	228.4135	229.1859
RIYAL	39.2933	39.4267	39.56
SDR	224.6203	225.3825	226.1447
SWISS FRANC	139.075	139.547	140.0189
US DOLLAR	147.35	147.85	148.35
WAUA	223.7664	224.5257	225.285
YEN	1.7902	1.7956	1.8010

Bureau de Change Rates

BUYING	
Dollar	N151
Euro	N204
Pound	N234
SELLING	
Dollar	N152
Euro	N206
Pound	N236

Source: S&J Bureau de Change, Wuse Zone 4, Abuja.



CBN

Business

DPR seals 151 fuel stations for diversion

From Mohammed Shosanya, Lagos

THE Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) has sealed 151 filling stations in the country between January and March this year.

Sixty nine of the stations, according to the head of the agency Billy Agah were sealed in January, 53 in February while 39 were shut in March this year.

Agah told newsmen at the agency's first quarter media briefing in Lagos that the sta-

tions were sealed for fuel diversion, hoarding, faulty pumps and selling above the statutory pump price.

He said the closure of the defaulting stations followed to 2,130 stations nationwide by the officials of the agency during the period in view.

According to him, during the period in view, 1403 filling stations nationwide has stock of Premium Motors Spirit [PMS].

The DPR boss who spoke on post removal of performance

deposit on prospective refinery owners by the agency said the development has paid off as four companies have been issued Approval to Construct.

These companies include: Resource Petroleum and Petrochemicals International, Sapele Petroleum Limited, Anthonio oil and Amakpe refinery.

Besides, he said four other companies namely; Ologbo Refinery Limited, Arrexium Refinery, Gasoline Refinery and Rehoboth Refinery have been issued Licence

to establish refinery by his agency.

On lubricant blending plants, Agah said equipment integrity and up to date licensing inspection were carried out within the quarter nationwide.

He said the development was sequel to the January 1 outlaw of sale of unpackaged and unbranded lubricants by the Federal government.

According to him, fifteen oil pipeline licenses and 20 permits to survey were issued during the period under review.

Auditing of oil firms ends June - FG

From Mohammed Shosanya, Lagos

THE Federal government said that there is no going back in its audit of the oil and gas reserves of oil exploration and production companies in the country.

Director of Department of Petroleum Resources Billy Agah who disclosed this weekend at a media briefing in Lagos said the exercise is on course and would be concluded by June this year.

He explained that the exercise is designed to validate and authenticate the reserve figures submitted to the Department of Petroleum Resources by the oil and gas companies in the country.

"The audit exercise is to validate and authenticate the reserve figures submitted to the Department of Petroleum Resources by the companies and will be concluded by the first half of 2010".

Agah also faulted criticism in some quarters that the DPR relies on data from oil companies and sometimes manipulate reserve figures.

According to him, the agency is on top of the situation and would not do anything that is unethical to the operation of oil and gas sector in the country.

Oil workers battle Shell over casualisation ..issue 7day ultimatum

From Mohammed Shosanya, Lagos

OIL workers under the aegis of National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers [NUPENG], Lagos chapter have planned a showdown with the management of Shell Petroleum Development Company [SPDC] over its anti-labour policies.

The union at a news conference in Lagos at the weekend decried the magnitude of casualization of workforce by the multinational oil company and issued a 7-day ultimatum for the company to address the situation.

The ultimatum starts last Friday and lapses April 22, after which the union would embark on indefinite strike.

'FG amends 165 sections on PIB to favour foreign oil firms'

From Mohammed Shosanya, Lagos

THE Federal Government said it has effected a total of 165 amendments to the draft Petroleum Industry Bill, PIB currently before the National Assembly.

The Group Managing Director of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation, NNPC Malam Shehu Ladan, who disclosed this in Lagos weekend said the amendments were in response to views expressed earlier by stakeholders like the International Oil Companies, World Bank, Labour unions and the Federal Inland Revenue Serv-

ices among others.

In a paper titled: **Petroleum Industry Bill and National Development at the 2010 Society of Petroleum Engineers Nigerian Council- Annual Oloibiri Lecture Series and Energy Forum**, the NNPC GMD stated that the Government Memorandum which was submitted to both Chambers of the National Assembly identified 14 critical gaps in the draft bill and sought to close those gaps with a plethora of amendments.

According to him, in closing these gaps, further interactions were held with various stakeholders resulting in the follow-

ing modifications. "A total of 56 changes made to respond favourably to comments made by the petroleum industry through OPTS, 36 changes made to respond to Federal Inland Revenue Services, seven changes made to respond to World Bank/IMF concerns and 66 changes made to respond to other stakeholders including the labour unions."

He noted that these changes are consistent with the general principles underpinning the PIB namely: "The need to remove outdated provisions in our current laws, encourage alignment with international best practice, remove opaqueness and lack of

transparency in the current statutes, enhance good governance practices and processes while developing a fiscal and contractual system that is responsive and flexible to the dynamics of the oil & gas industry".

Ladan said that despite the initial modifications, the Corporation is still open to future dialogue on the contentious issues especially as it affects the fiscal regime.

He also expressed the readiness of the Corporation to accommodate further dialogue with stakeholders on the oil reform legislation even as he observed that that

Dangote targets 95% noodle market share

By Sunday Williams

THE Senior Sales Officer of Dangote Noodles, Yinka Olatuju has said that the mission of the company is to take 95% market share in Nigeria within two years with the newly introduced product which is about six months old.

Speaking at the weekend to mark Dangote's Day at the 5th Abuja international trade fair, the senior sales manager said in order

to position the product for good competition, they have about three plants across the country that are currently producing the noodles with another one coming up soon.

He said: "Our president, Aliko Dangote came up with this strategy to show that he is serious and will want to compete favourably to be number one in Nigeria and all over Africa."

He said the Dangote Noodles has been certified by the Snack Association of America based in Virginia USA.

Dangote group also unveiled its other products at the fair which includes, Kally drinks, dansa, pasta etc.

Speaking, the first Vice President of Abuja Chambers of Commerce Mines and Agriculture (ABUCCIMA) Engr. Solomon Nyagba challenged Dangote group to give priority to indigenes rather than foreigners in their employment drive.



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Star Feature

Inside Gombe's vanishing forests

No fewer than 500 trees or 40 trucks full of fire wood from the felled trees leave the wood plantations of Gombe State to neighbouring states on daily basis. **Aliyu M Hamagam reports**

THE forest that cuts across 27 different locations in 10 out of the 11 local government areas of Gombe state, has suffered levels of deforestation, following the ceaseless felling of trees by the fire wood suppliers, bush burning, as well as by acquiring new farm lands by the farmers.

Shedding light on the degree of environmental degradation owing to the felling of trees which has resulted in a major disaster, the Gombe state commissioner of urban Development, Water, Environment and Town Planning, Muhammad Magaji Doho, said that over 300 hectares of plantation land in the state have suffered the menace of deforestation.

According to him the forests that hitherto lay within the dis-

40 gazetted game reserves that were ravaged by the unhealthy human activities, and the degradation does not stop at game reserves, but also to all forests and plantations in the state".

The game reserves that covered the distance of about 2000 kilometers, was devastated following deforestation, without the corresponding replacement of such, by the planting of new seedlings, which were supposed to take care of felled trees by those who purchase the felled trees.

Statistics have shown that the major markets of the fire wood, apart from the victim state are kano, Jigawa, Yobe and other neighboring states, and they get their supply through three identified outlets in the state.

According to the Commissioner, an investigation revealed that due to the high degree of deforestation in the state, desert encroachment was said to be moving at an astronomical speed of 600 meters per annum.

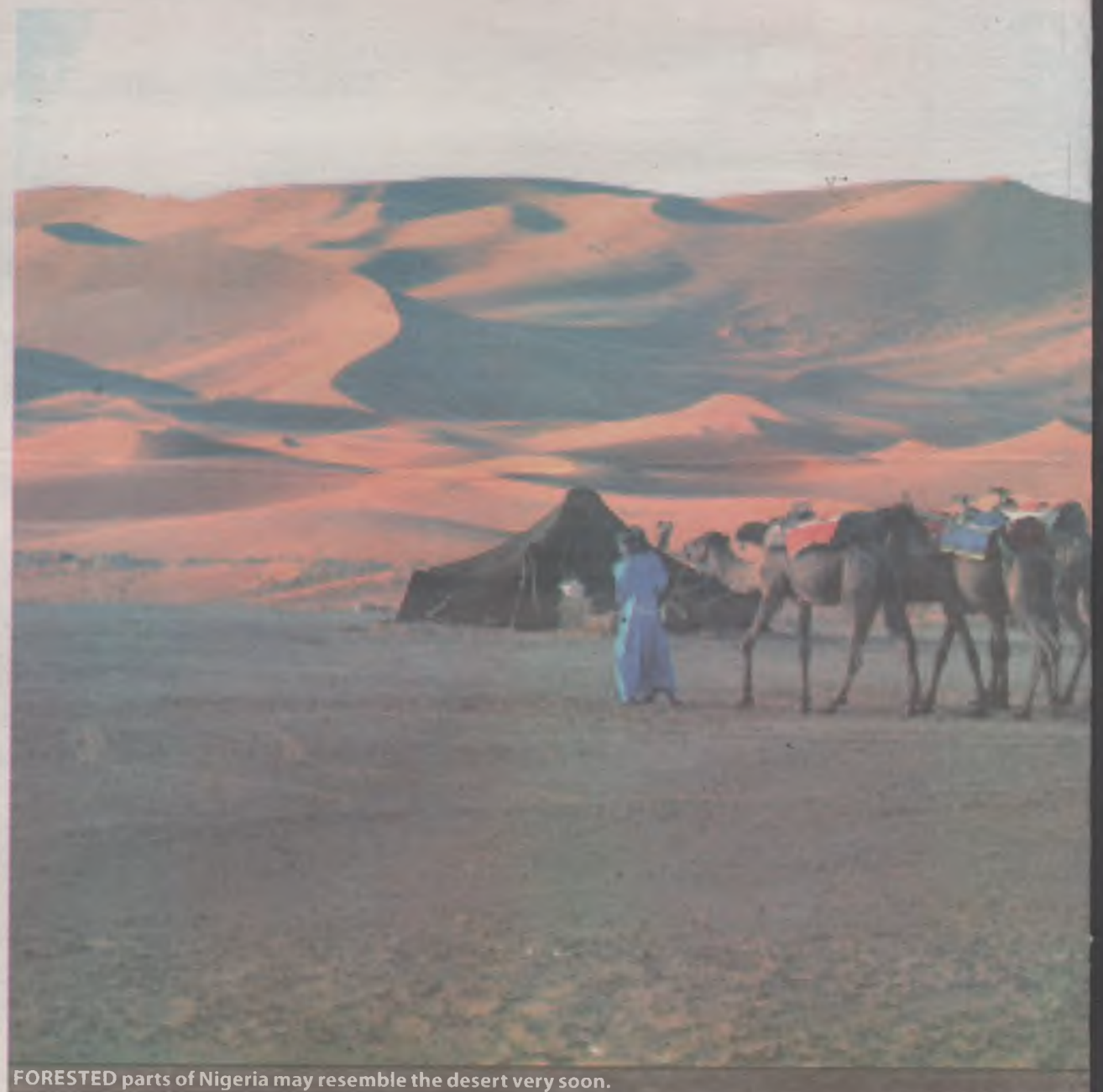
tance of two kilometers from the major highways, had been destroyed to a distance of about 60 kilometers from the initial frontier of the wood plantations.

The environmental degradation was not only limited to the wood plantations of the state, but also to the forest game reserves. According to Doho the state has about 40 gazetted game reserves.

He said, "The State has about

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The phenomenon of tree felling had defied all solutions, for the fact that the law protecting and prohibiting trespassing onto government forest reserves had outlived its time.



FORESTED parts of Nigeria may resemble the desert very soon.

This is because it is same law that had been in existence during the colonial era.

His words "the law that is preserving the sanctity of game reserves, forests and plantations in northern Nigeria, is no longer effective. You cannot expect the law that was inher-

ited from the colonials to be effective, and capable enough to guard and secure these treasures now".

There is a lacuna in the existing law for the control of the menace of the activities of tree felling. For this reason the authority concerned had to

embark on a sensitization programme, by enlightening the targeted population on the need to only cut down the trees that had died and dried, while those existing should be spared.

The state government has mounted three road blocks via the already identified outlets in the state; where trucks that hauled fresh trees as fire wood,

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NIGERIAN DEFENCE ACADEMY

**ARMED FORCES SELECTION BOARD INTERVIEW FOR THE
62ND REGULAR COURSE**

1. The candidates whose names appear in this publication were successful at the Nigerian Defence Academy Entrance Examination held on Saturday 27 February 2010. They are to appear for interview before an ARMED FORCES SELECTION BOARD (AFSB) from **Sat 15 May 2010 to 19 Jun 2010** at the Nigerian Defence Academy (Old Site), Kaduna. Candidates will come in 2 batches as follows:

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| <p>a. BATCH ONE
(Candidates to report to NDA on
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2. Candidates who fail to report by **Sun 16 May and Mon 31 May 2010** for batches one and two respectively will not be allowed to attend the interview. Any **second batch** candidate who is seen around the NDA premises before **30 May 2010** will be disqualified.

3. Only candidates who pass the screening exercise which involves certificates screening, medical and physical fitness tests will qualify to continue with the interview. Candidates **must** bring along the **original and photocopies** of the following documents:

- a. Academic certificates/statements of result, and testimonials for primary and secondary schools.
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- g. Sufficient money for transport to and from Kaduna.
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ARMED FORCES SELECTION BOARD INTERVIEW FOR THE 62ND REGULAR COURSE (Cont'd)

ABIA STATE

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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1.	8/AB/FASS/35	VJ Chimerenka
2.	23/AB/FASS/19	IO Ikwoegbu
3.	23/AB/FASS/7	ND Chigozie
4.	9/AB/FASS/4	AP Nkwachi
5.	8/AB/FASS/25	AJ Orji
6.	18/AB/FASS/15	ES Okeke
7.	8/AB/FASS/44	NV Ikechi
8.	8/AB/FASS/6	NG Uche
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13.	18/AB/FASS/4	RM Nonso
14.	22/AB/FASS/67	AE Chiemela
15.	23/AB/FASS/46	O Uchechukwu
16.	23/AB/FASS/60	VC Njoku
17.	23/AB/FASS/29	S Ogbonna
18.	23/AB/FASS/49	AM Chimela
19.	23/AB/FASS/39	AH Uka
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23.	3/AB/FE/4	EU Okorie
24.	13/AB/FE/7	OI Okeoma
25.	8/AB/FE/12	ON Ikechukwu
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28.	8/AB/FE/4	IJ Onyekwere
29.	19/AB/FE/24	JC Ogbah
30.	22/AB/FE/14	UK Ihejirika
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33.	22/AB/SC/1	IM Agbeze
34.	23/AB/SC/30	NK Uma
35.	9/AB/SC/1	OC Ogonna
36.	18/AB/SC/6	OI Enyinnaya
37.	8/AB/SC/3	N Man-Ugwueje
38.	23/AB/SC/20	JN Ehiemere
39.	19/AB/SC/23	E Ezinna
40.	23/AB/SC/13	M Okore

ADAMAWA

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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3.	17/AD/FASS/4	TL Nzadon
4.	23/AD/FASS/71	MH Ahmed
5.	23/AD/FASS/42	MS Kaumangar
6.	23/AD/FASS/6	DI Kissisi
7.	23/AD/FASS/115	OO Nzalgana
8.	23/AD/FASS/24	MA Gorko
9.	17/AD/FASS/7	EN Charles
10.	14/AD/FASS/2	MC Alexander
11.	23/AD/FASS/96	SI Abdullahi
12.	17/AD/FASS/103	MA Kawu
13.	23/AD/FASS/116	IMHammanyero
14.	23/AD/FASS/127	GA Yakubu
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16.	23/AD/FASS/32	UM Jada
17.	23/AD/FASS/21	GA Hailu
18.	23/AD/FASS/30	S Mustapha
19.	23/AD/FASS/85	TF Tumba
20.	23/AD/FASS/7	DR Noyuwa
21.	13/AD/FASS/7	A Jibril
22.	14/AD/FASS/10	AA Adamu
23.	17/AD/FASS/5	FG Luka
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24.	23/AD/FE/12	ZJ Tuwanga
25.	9/AD/FE/3	M Usman
26.	23/AD/FE/1	TM Bamanga
27.	23/AD/FE/17	A Mohammed
28.	23/AD/FE/33	I Buba
29.	23/AD/FE/31	G Zoaka
30.	23/AD/FE/5	MA Rufai
31.	23/AD/FE/8	Ji Tekwa
32.	23/AD/FE/6	US Abubakar
33.	17/AD/FE/9	M Ngida
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34.	23/AD/SC/40	B Nura

35.	22/AD/SC/2	UI Ahmad
36.	11/AD/SC/2	AS Adamu
37.	23/AD/SC/41	SS Godfrey
38.	11/AD/SC/5	MA Ismaila
39.	23/AD/SC/10	M Mohammed
40.	23/AD/SC/11	PS Vantsawa

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Serial (a)	Exam (b)	Name (c)
1.	23/AK/FASS/32	EE Daniel
2.	3/AK/FASS/72	UI James
3.	3/AK/FASS/1234	UV Effiong
4.	3/AK/FASS/55	UE Udo
5.	3/AK/FASS/54	Ji Okon
6.	3/AK/FASS/86	EI Ofonmbuk
7.	8/AK/FASS/30	EA Ananah
8.	3/AK/FASS/34	AI Henshaw
9.	3/AK/FASS/91	EF Ntiense
10.	19/AK/FASS/1	DJ Urmanah
11.	3/AK/FASS/93	EJ Idongesis
12.	19/AK/FASS/2	BF Edet
13.	3/AK/FASS/88	CS Effiong
14.	9/AK/FASS/9	MK Umoren
15.	1/AK/FASS/132	EA Ansa
16.	9/AK/FASS/5	AA Godspower
17.	1/AK/FASS/044	EJ Clement
18.	3/AK/FASS/58	EU Okon
19.	3/AK/FASS/4	EI Archibong
20.	1/AK/FASS/79	OD Otuekong
FACULTY OF ENGINEERING		
21.	3/AK/FE/5	UU Okon
22.	19/AK/FE/1	UN Donald
23.	3/AK/FE/58	UN Enefiok
24.	3/AK/FE/11	WE Okon
25.	3/AK/FE/21	EU Okon
26.	1/AK/FE/61	EC Effiong
27.	9/AK/FE/9	HH Akpan
28.	19/AK/FE/2	EE Effiong
29.	8/AK/FE/6	EP Kufre
30.	3/AK/FE/351	GN Ebukanson

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31.	1/AK/SC/51	MA Akaninwene
32.	3/AK/SC/24	OE Etim
33.	3/AK/SC/51	NA Stephen Asuquo
34.	23/AK/SC/9	SI Aniedi
35.	18/AK/SC/4	EU Uwem
36.	3/AK/SC/22	SE Idongesit
37.	22/AK/SC/12	AV Aniekan
38.	8/AK/SC/7	UD Ufofia
39.	1/AK/SC/41	DI Ime
40.	9/AK/SC/7	IU Kingdom

ANAMBRA

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Serial (a)	Exam (b)	Name (c)
1.	12/AN/FASS/39	AA Chiedoize
2.	24/AN/FASS/85	NW Iwuchukwu
3.	24/AN/FASS/10	EJ Ndubuisi
4.	12/AN/FASS/31	AP Arinze
5.	11/AN/FASS/03	NT Oluchukwu
6.	24/AN/FASS/73	AG Chidozie
7.	12/AN/FASS/13	CE Okeke
8.	18/AN/FASS/21	OV Chidozie
9.	12/AN/FASS/29	NB Onyeka
10.	3/AN/FASS/03	OZ Nnamdi
11.	13/AN/FASS/2	TE Nebeousa
12.	19/AN/FASS/09	N Nonso
13.	23/AN/FASS/62	IVC Chiemenam
14.	23/AN/FASS/40	I Chukwuebuka
15.	18/AN/FASS/18	EC Kizito
16.	23/AN/FASS/09	OC Chibueze
17.	22/AN/FASS/29	OSonyedikachukwu
18.	17/AN/FASS/01	OJ Obizoba
19.	9/AN/FASS/12	UK Chijoke
20.	12/AN/FASS/24	UK Nnaemeka
21.	23/AN/FASS/39	EE Innocent

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22.	9/AN/FE/14	USP Ezeonyeka
23.	9/AN/FE/12	OA Jideofor
24.	24/AN/FE/2	EK Chibuzor
25.	18/AN/FE/7	UE Nnaemeka
26.	18/AN/FE/1	CA Okpala
27.	23/AN/FE/32	OI Chinonso
28.	19/AN/FE/1	UA Chinagorom

29.	23/AN/FE/40	EE Uba
30.	19/AN/FE/4	OJ Emeka
31.	24/AN/FE/9	UE

Nwachukwu

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32.	11/AN/SC/01	EK Okafor
33.	23/AN/SC/27	CMA Eziuzo
34.	23/AN/SC/02	CS Muonagor
35.	24/AN/SC/04	ECL Uyanune
36.	19/AN/SC/17	EE Ebuka
37.	13/AN/SC/11	CE Umeh
38.	24/AN/SC/09	JNA Okechukwu
39.	11/AN/SC/02	OS Nonso
40.	23/AN/SC/19	U O Nduhuis

BAUCHI STATE

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Serial (a)	Exam (b)	Name (c)
1.	23/BA/FASS/20	MA Usman
2.	6/BA/FASS/04	BJ Mayallawas
3.	4/BA/FASS/34	IA Dahiru
4.	23/BA/FASS/09	WU Saleh
5.	23/BA/FASS/71	IB Yahaya
6.	4/BA/FASS/150	NG Adamu
7.	23/BA/FASS/15	A Jabri
8.	23/BA/FASS/29	S Abubakar
9.	23/BA/FASS/56	FI Tanko
10.	4/BA/FASS/01	MM Umar
11.	23/BA/FASS/74	SB Ya'u
12.	4/BA/FASS/83	A Ibrahim
13.	4/BA/FASS/151	AS Gambo
14.	23/BA/FASS/67	AU Usman
15.	11/BA/FASS/13	KG Mudansir
16.	6/BA/FASS/05	SU Saleh
17.	23/BA/FASS/05	A Mubarak
18.	13/BA/FASS/13	AM Salisu
19.	23/BA/FASS/16	AI Idris
FACULTY OF ENGINEERING		
20.	23/BA/FE/06	MI Aliyu
21.	4/BA/FE/1	M Bilyaminu
22.	11/BA/FE/06	JS Gideon
23.	4/BA/FE/05	J Benjamin
24.	23/BA/FE/01	GN Haroun
25.	4/BA/FE/24	JA Adamu
26.	23/BA/FE/03	Y David
27.	23/BA/FE/17	HM Mohammed
28.	18/BA/FE/4	H Sadiq
29.	23/BA/FE/10	S Auwal
30.	18/BA/FE/01	MA Sani
FACULTY OF SCIENCE		
31.	4/BA/SC/26	MS Gamawa
32.	4/BA/SC/07	SI Muhammad
33.	4/BA/SC/05	YG Yanga
34.	11/BA/SC/11	AS Adam
35.	23/BA/SC/07	AU Katagum
36.	23/BA/SC/26	UL Umar
37.	4/BA/SC/16	DB Baba
38.	23/BA/SC/60	L Dominic
39.	13/BA/SC/01	EW Yari
40.	18/BA/SC/04	C Gideon

BAYELSA STATE

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Serial (a)	Exam (b)	Name (c)
1.	21/BY/FASS/55	S Seiyefa
2.	21/BY/FASS/15	G Doubira
3.	21/BY/FASS/7	TBS Poweidei
4.	21/BY/FASS/10	GE Bobolayefa
5.	23/BY/FASS/26	IO Joshua
6.	22/BY/FASS/7	AME Daukuro
7.	3/BY/FASS/5	JS Woyengiemi
8.	23/BY/FASS/1	ED Oigoli
9.	21/BY/FASS/15	S Akpleyi
10.	23/BY/FASS/7	OLA Birisibe
11.	21/BY/FASS/15	IY Ayegbeni
12.	8/BY/FASS/51	F Amangele
13.	21/BY/FASS/4	K Werekumo
14.	22/BY/FASS/341	M Oyinmiebi
15.	22/BY/FASS/34	LJ Borme
16.	22/BY/FASS/45	E Godknows
17.	9/BY/FASS/4	KP Erpamo
18.	22/BY/FASS/122	MT Ipunumokumo
19.	9/BY/FASS/24	FM Oyingbara
20.	22/BY/FASS/22	MS Ukpozene

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21.	8/BY/FE/1	IR Amare
22.	23/BY/FE/7	W Eto
23.	8/BY/FE/7	OF Akpos
24.	8/BY/FE/5	EN Isiewayam
25.	11/BY/FE/1	SE Awala
26.	22/BY/FE/5	B Beker
27.	22/BY/FE/34	I Zeddy
28.	9/BY/FE/5	AG Tamaratare
29.	22/BY/FE/20	O Ebimene
30.	22/BY/FE/4	K K Godspower
FACULTY OF SCIENCE		
31.	22/BY/SC/1	CA Nyenye
32.	22/BY/SC/15	E Eyerinakpobo
33.	23/BY/SC/3	JV Izibegbalewo
34.	8/BY/SC/2222	DP Ebiwei
35.	22/BY/SC/31	R Koripamo
36.	22/BY/SC/55	ET Fekpoezon
37.	8/BY/SC/3	AJ Douye
38.	21/BY/SC/2	PG Temewei
39.	23/BY/SC/7	TM Diri
40.	9/BY/SC/3	DJ Enewarikoemi

BENUE STATE

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Serial (a)	Exam (b)	Name (c)
1.	2/BN/FASS/69	JP Aba
2.	2/BN/FASS/81	JD Shima
3.	18/BN/FASS/82	UC Tesem
4.	2/BN/FASS/264	SS Ikpambese
5.	2/BN/FASS/8	S Omadachi
6.	23/BN/FASS/13	AM Abu
7.	2/BN/FASS/257	UG Ahom
8.	23/BN/FASS/17	NM Aondona
9.	2/BN/FASS/61	AJ Ogbile
10.	2/BN/FASS/95	IG Oche
11.	2/BN/FASS/19	A Huseini
12.	11/BN/FASS/26	MO Adofikwu
13.	9/BN/FASS/5	JU Agabi
14.	23/BN/FASS/22	DA Ojobi
15.	11/BN/FASS/20	UF Liman
16.	23/BN/FASS/49	D Orinya
17.	18/BN/FASS/31	NA Okoh
18.	23/BN/FASS/34	TH Avalumun
19.	2/BN/FASS/80	M Terungwa
20.	23/BN/FASS/101	AJ Okopi
21.	2/BN/FASS/52	IM Nege
22.	23/BN/FASS/90	KR Terkimbi
23.	23/BN/FASS/202	P Oloja
24.	18/BN/FASS/27	KK Agor
25.	23/BN/FASS/39	AI Mver
FACULTY OF ENGINEERING		
26.	18/BN/FE/8	II Kizito
27.	2/BN/FE/1	DM Lanshima
28.	2/BN/FE/39	OA Ejeh
29.	2/BN/FE/13	E Adole
30.	23/BN/FE/47	IP Mvedaga
31.	23/BN/FE/1	TJ Mande
32.	23/BN/FE/208	S Oga-Uhia
33.	2/BN/FE/6	JA Adakole
34.	18/BN/FE/17	MK Ochayi
FACULTY OF SCIENCE		
35.	23/BN/SC/67	JA Enemona
36.	9/BN/SC/10	AJ Tersea
37.	23/BN/SC/20	EB Swern
38.	8/BN/SC/7	IA Adole
39.	23/BN/SC/14	T Terwase
40.	23/BN/SC/40	Y Abdullahi

BORNO STATE

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Serial (a)	Exam (b)	Name (c)
1.	23/BO/FASS/100	SA Makka
2.	11/BO/FASS/7	AM Kabiru
3.	2/BO/FASS/2	IM Aloma
4.	2/BO/FASS/1	BC Wadzani
5.	23/BO/FASS/49	ES Mshelia
6.	18/BO/FASS/2	TT Buratai
7.	14/BO/FASS/137	AA Msheliza
8.	11/BO/FASS/1	CH Gadzama
9.	23/BO/FASS/108	KI Aliyu
10.	23/BO/FASS/16	AS Ja'afaru
11.	23/BO/FASS/43	Y Hussaini
12.	23/BO/FASS/45	MA Yama
13.	23/BO/FASS/95	ME Hyelakuri

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14.	14/BO/FASS/24	SM Aliyu
15.	23/BO/FASS/48	AS Halilu
16.	15/BO/FASS/1	AB Kaigama
17.	23/BO/FASS/59	UI Chara
18.	23/BO/FASS/27	SB Ngorgi
19.	14/BO/FASS/41	YB Yamta
20.	14/BO/FASS/60	M Bala
21.	14/BO/FASS/14	MZ Shittima

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22.	18/BO/FE/3	UY Goya
23.	23/BO/FE/35	E Abdullahi
24.	8/BO/FE/1	GM Sanda
25.	23/BO/FE/28	BA Mohammed
26.	23/BO/FE/3	MAB Saleh

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27.	14/BO/SC/84	HJ Bwala
28.	13/BO/SC/102	B. K. I. A Talib
29.	14/BO/SC/123	EM Edliya
30.	23/BO/SC/19	H Grema
31.	14/BO/SC/15	SB Goni
32.	23/BO/SC/3	IM Sulaiman
33.	14/BO/SC/104	M Kalli
34.	18/BO/SC/14	AG Muhammed
35.	14/BO/SC/122	I Abubakar
36.	14/BO/SC/11	AJ Jibrin
37.	11/BO/SC/1	AA Muhammad
38.	14/BO/SC/94	SD John
39.	14/BO/SC/70	MB Gada
40.	14/BO/SC/16	HM Ja'afaru

**CROSS RIVER STATE
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Serial (a)	Exam Number (b)	Name (c)
1.	3/CR/FASS/181	EE Eta
2.	3/CR/FASS/39	AP Ekuru
3.	3/CR/FASS/205	MK Osam
4.	3/CR/FASS/31	UU Joe
5.	22/CR/FASS/11	OA Robert
6.	3/CR/FASS/35	OJ Ogbinyi
7.	3/CR/FASS/195	BA Edet
8.	11/CR/FASS/5	EE Bessong
9.	3/CR/FASS/18	EE Ikaba
10.	3/CR/FASS/101	IV Eyo
11.	3/CR/FASS/26	EN Jacob
12.	3/CR/FASS/19	EE Apeh
13.	23/CR/FASS/76	EM Ukagu
14.	3/CR/FASS/24	OE Ovat
15.	3/CR/FASS/340	BL Orok
16.	3/CR/FASS/185	AM Ojugbo
17.	23/CR/FASS/26	JE Owai
18.	3/CR/FASS/202	AA Ideba
19.	3/CR/FASS/244	SB Philip

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20.	3/CR/FE/94	EP Ekpu
21.	3/CR/FE/1	UE Henderson
22.	3/CR/FE/3	ET Amay
23.	3/CR/FE/77	EE Effiong
24.	3/CR/FE/20	SJ Ayong
25.	3/CR/FE/6	O B Obeten
26.	23/CR/FE/33	IM Ilansina
27.	9/CR/FE/2	JO Obi
28.	8/CR/FE/6	MG Eno
29.	9/CR/FE/01	EV Edem

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30.	3/CR/SC/35	OJ Ogbe
31.	3/CR/SC/70	OB Oka
32.	3/CR/SC/19	HG Bassey
33.	3/CR/SC/24	EP Asikpo
34.	3/CR/SC/4	OG Ushie
35.	3/CR/SC/51	MM Davis
36.	3/CR/SC/54	EJ Ansa
37.	18/CR/SC/11	OJ Ukeh
38.	3/CR/SC/73	IS Ekuri
39.	23/CR/SC/19	IF Ohotu
40.	3/CR/SC/112	EE Ekpo

**DELTA STATE
FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Serial (a)	Exam Number (b)	Name (c)
1.	13/DL/FASS/3	AM Akpononwe
2.	23/DL/FASS/76	EOK Etoho
3.	18/DL/FASS/5	ME Ola
4.	18/DL/FASS/7	OP Chukwuma
5.	18/DL/FASS/14	VIJ Okwechime
6.	8/DL/FASS/2	UR Okoata

7.	8/DL/FASS/18	OS Osuofa
8.	23/DL/FASS/86	MM Kolawole
9.	8/DL/FASS/107	C Ezeoba
10.	23/DL/FASS/11	ST Austin
11.	23/DL/FASS/64	PO Ohwotake
12.	8/DL/FASS/6	ER Ifechukwudi
13.	9/DL/FASS/63	UP Oghenemaro
14.	18/DL/FASS/9	OP Ifeanyi
15.	8/DL/FASS/27	JS Utebor
16.	23/DL/FASS/36	JO Iwebi
17.	9/DL/FASS/53	AM Onyeisi
18.	21/DL/FASS/13	OJ Igbo
19.	21/DL/FASS/88	G Ormadudu
20.	24/DL/FASS/26	EI Onyeukwu
21.	21/DL/FASS/136	OE Akpoduado
22.	24/DL/FASS/31	EA Aighor
23.	21/DL/FASS/160	DO Edegware
24.	21/DL/FASS/95	OE Onyero

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25.	8/DL/FE/25	AO Handel
26.	21/DL/FE/26	M Isheri
27.	18/DL/FE/10	JC Nwogo
28.	23/DL/FE/16	D Odioko
29.	15/DL/FE/2	UM Aziakpono
30.	8/DL/FE/18	AN Maduemezie
31.	10/DL/FE/1	F Ogbore
32.	23/DL/FE/11	E Tedjeke

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33.	21/DL/SC/6	OA Uwabujo
34.	24/DL/SC/52	OS Tebehaevu
35.	21/DL/SC/42	EO Ogholo
36.	23/DL/SC/18	S Godstime
37.	8/DL/SC/30	C Ochonogor
38.	18/DL/SC/6	JJ chukwuma
39.	23/DL/SC/8	JO Sunday
40.	11/DL/SC/2	EN Okpeki

**EBONYI STATE
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Serial (a)	Exam Number (b)	Name (c)
1.	23/EB/FASS/18	ME Chukwu
2.	23/EB/FASS/27	OE Aybaimemi
3.	23/EB/FASS/1	KA Okike
4.	21/EB/FASS/4	ID Igwe
5.	14/EB/FASS/1	OO Okosun
6.	23/EB/FASS/12	AM Okereke
7.	24/EB/FASS/7	JPO Orji
8.	4/EB/FASS/3	OO Nweze
9.	23/EB/FASS/10	A D Okpani
10.	12/EB/FASS/163	O J Agbom
11.	12/EB/FASS/143	C Alagba
12.	23/EB/FASS/9	MO John
13.	24/EB/FASS/6	SE Okemini
14.	9/EB/FASS/8	SO Nwachi
15.	12/EB/FASS/147	I N Amadi
16.	12/EB/FASS/182	B Nwazunji
17.	12/EB/FASS/189	CN Nwore
18.	12/EB/FASS/117	IP Agbafor
19.	12/EB/FASS/113	GI Erugba
20.	12/EB/FASS/9	JA Nkama

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21.	9/EB/FE/1	J Agada
22.	23/EB/FE/3	JU Oyor
23.	18/EB/FE/8	EO Eleri
24.	22/EB/FE/9	EE Ajah
25.	12/EB/FE/2	OC Alobu
26.	12/EB/FE/28	T Onwe
27.	12/EB/FE/49	IM Chima
28.	12/EB/FE/54	UK Ugwuocha
29.	23/EB/FE/8	JO Nwekpa
30.	12/EB/FE/23	NO Idam

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31.	23/EB/SC/1	NC Ekwe
32.	12/EB/SC/22	AC Nwokpuru
33.	12/EB/SC/68	SN Obini
34.	23/EB/SC/19	AJ Aloysius
35.	12/EB/SC/35	IM Obiya
36.	12/EB/SC/44	AM Nwovu
37.	23/EB/SC/6	IE Eleje
38.	23/EB/SC/16	SC Nweke
39.	23/EB/SC/23	T Kalu
40.	23/EB/SC/2	O Chukwunweike

**EDO STATE
FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Serial (a)	Exam Number (b)	Name (c)
1.	13/DL/FASS/3	AM Akpononwe
2.	23/DL/FASS/76	EOK Etoho
3.	18/DL/FASS/5	ME Ola
4.	18/DL/FASS/7	OP Chukwuma
5.	18/DL/FASS/14	VIJ Okwechime
6.	8/DL/FASS/2	UR Okoata

1.	23/ED/FASS/5	AG Osagie
2.	21/ED/FASS/32	LJ Ebhodaghe
3.	6/ED/FASS/4	MI Abdulwahab
4.	2/ED/FASS/146	E Isibor
5.	23/ED/FASS/84	SE Asemota
6.	21/ED/FASS/35	SO Abumere
7.	9/ED/FASS/57	MA Imonikhe
8.	10/ED/FASS/6	ES Osagie
9.	21/ED/FASS/226	KI Imoisili
10.	23/ED/FASS/106	EM Osadolor
11.	18/ED/FASS/26	OD Iregbeyen
12.	18/ED/FASS/3	H Ebbey
13.	18/ED/FASS/33	B Alfred
14.	21/ED/FASS/26	S O Itsueli
15.	23/ED/FASS/24	E U Uzemere
16.	21/ED/FASS/156	I D Aigbekalo
17.	22/ED/FASS/3	S Sunday
18.	8/ED/FASS/9	O Otor
19.	18/ED/FASS/49	L O Ehimikhuai
20.	23/ED/FASS/73	P O Okosmu
21.	23/ED/FASS/78	B Shaibu
22.	21/ED/FASS/228	E P Ofus

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23.	21/ED/FE/78	A Aniyu
24.	23/ED/FE/28	BA Oshomah
25.	21/ED/FE/36	GM Enahoro
26.	21/ED/FE/44	C E Imonhosen
27.	18/ED/FE/2	O K Esezobor
28.	18/ED/FE/8	J O Peter
29.	9/ED/FE/30	M A Ilegah
30.	11/ED/FE/2	P U Okodugha
31.	23/ED/FE/30	A Suleiman
32.	23/ED/FE/7	A Nasiru

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33.	9/ED/SC/6	E U Felix
34.	23/ED/SC/60	H M Asekomhe
35.	18/ED/SC/4	M Yusuf
36.	21/ED/SC/108	N O Aidudo
37.	21/ED/SC/11	E E Onwodi
38.	10/ED/SC/3	IM Aburime
39.	23/ED/SC/49	AG Oshomah
40.	9/ED/SC/12	MA Omorebu

**EKITI STATE
FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Serial (a)	Exam Number (b)	Name (c)
1.	8/EK/FASS/67	S D Jolayemi
2.	8/EK/FASS/56	T O Ayeni
3.	8/EK/FASS/16	AA Awolola
4.	9/EK/FASS/01	AA Ojuawo
5.	23/EK/FASS/11	YA Olaniyi
6.	8/EK/FASS/25	M Adeniyi
7.	9/EK/FASS/11	SE Ewenla
8.	5/EK/FASS/32	GO Ajewole
9.	8/EK/FASS/21	JO Bejide
10.	9/EK/FASS/20	DG Olofinlade
11.	5/EK/FASS/61	KK Ajayi
12.	8/EK/FASS/70	OF Darayola
13.	10/EK/FASS/22	TO Dada
14.	5/EK/FASS/31	AT Olowookere
15.	9/EK/FASS/10	FH Idris
16.	9/EK/FASS/11	S Akeredolu
17.	9/EK/FASS/28	AM Omotosho
18.	5/EK/FASS/17	JK Temitope
19.	8/EK/FASS/53	OE Akeju
20.	7/EK/FASS/02	UA Abdulazeez

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21.	5/EK/FE/48	OE Jegede
22.	5/EK/FE/09	TT Ibitoye
23.	8/EK/FE/13	AO Omoboye
24.	23/EK/FE/03	SM Ayeni
25.	15/EK/FE/1	OP Onibon
26.	5/EK/FE/45	TO Ogunyemi
27.	23/EK/FE/04	EA Olasunkanmi
28.	8/EK/FE/26	AR Folorunsho
29.	5/EK/FE/26	AO Ayeni
30.	9/EK/FE/5	JO Ige

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31.	10/EK/SC/20	KO Dada
32.	8/EK/SC/31	AO Ajibade
33.	09/EK/SC/01	SA Ojo
34.	8/EK/SC/36	SA Akingbade
35.	8/EK/SC/10	AD Fagorusi
36.	20/EK/SC/01	A Olarewaju
37.	23/EK/SC/08	GJ Aremu
38.	5/EK/SC/53	MH Aliu
39.	8/EK/SC/02	AO Akadri
40.	10/EK/SC/06	I A Atoki

**ENUGU STATE
FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Serial (a)	Exam Number (b)	Name (c)
1.	12/EN/FASS/34	CN Okpe
2.	23/EN/FASS/54	CC Mbadiwe
3.	12/EN/FASS/6	AD Obiajulu
4.	12/EN/FASS/108	IM Okpara
5.	23/EN/FASS/5	FC Ugwu
6.	8/EN/FASS/22	V Nworah
7.	4/EN/FASS/1	CI Okenna t
8.	23/EN/FASS/47	C Edeh
9.	23/EN/FASS/74	CN Onyishi
10.	23/EN/FASS/67	JA Okeke
11.	23/EN/FASS/82	O Onah
12.	23/EN/FASS/23	OM Ezeora
13.	11/EN/FASS/4	K Ugwuoke
14.	23/EN/FASS/41	GN Azegba
15.	23/EN/FASS/66	E Godwin
16.	23/EN/FASS/30	CC Ugwu
17.	9/EN/FASS/13	CE Chukwuma
18.	6/EN/FASS/6	Chukwu Nonso
19.	18/EN/FASS/2	IN Okoye
20.	19/EN/FASS/4	N Emmanuel

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21.	13/EN/FE/7	P K Ajibo
22.	12/EN/FE/56	CJ Eze
23.	19/EN/FE/1	P Udeh
24.	23/EN/FE/28	A Ormeje
25.	23/EN/FE/27	UC Agbo
26.	19/EN/FE/3	HI Ugwu
27.	15/EN/FE/7	DC Okibe
28.	12/EN/FE/51	JC Agbo
29.	19/EN/FE/14	II Omanu
30.	19/EN/FE/5	CV Orji

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31.	12/EN/SC/6	MA Omeife
32.	12/EN/SC/81	PC Okeke
33.	12/EN/SC/28	AC Okonkwo
34.	9/EN/SC/10	KN Oneh
35.	23/EN/SC/1	Ugbaja MO
36.	18/EN/SC/25	AY Heliru
37.	12/EN/SC/60	A Udeh
38.	8/EN/SC/14	OC Chime
39.	12/EN/SC/4	KE Chukwu
40.	12/EN/SC/59	HO Udeh

**GOMBE STATE
FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Serial (a)	Exam Number (b)	Name (c)
1.	19/GB/FASS/1	M I Usman
2.	23/GB/FASS/4	A D Mohammed
3.	4/GB/FASS/13	A Usman
4.	16/GB/FASS/69	J S Gaius
5.	11/GB/FASS/6	A A Abdulkareem
6.	16/GB/FASS/30	A U Maigari
7.	23/GB/FASS/7	S S J Akila
8.	8/GB/FASS/3	AA Andrew
9.	16/GB/FASS/10	A Musa
10.	16/GB/FASS/121	AH Pantami
11.	11/GB/FASS/3	I Ahmed
12.	16/GB/FASS/9	U S Magaji
13.	4/GB/FASS/8	P Timon
14.	16/GB/FASS/128	B Mohammad
15.	6/GB/FASS/2	S Abubakar
16.	23/GB/FASS/6	B Yahaya
17.	4/GB/FASS/11	A Muhammad
18.	11/GB/FASS/2	M M Ma'awiy

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19.	23/GB/FE/16	B Abdul-Azeez
20.	18/GB/FE/1	S A Hassan
21.	23/GB/FE/2	S I Usman
22.	23/GB/FE/15	Y K Arab
23.	13/GB/FE/1	J Boniface
24.	23/GB/FE/6	AM Musa
25.	23/GB/FE/17	AA. Yero
26.	23/GB/FE/75	B Yahaya
27.		

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32.	23/GB/SC/14	A Bello
33.	23/GB/SC/1	I Nuru
34.	16/GB/SC/52	Y Abdulmumini
35.	14/GB/SC/6	M Kabiru
36.	11/GB/SC/1	UA Bello
37.	16/GB/SC/76	MI Mohammed
38.	23/GB/SC/2	UH Mohammad
39.	16/GB/SC/51	AS Sa'ad
40.	4/GB/SC/7	AA Usman

IMO STATE

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Serial (a)	Exam Number (b)	Name (c)
1.	19/IM/FASS/170	CC Uhegbu
2.	19/IM/FASS/177	JA Enweh
3.	19/IM/FASS/167	AK Ariahu
4.	19/IM/FASS/157	VA Chidozie
5.	22/IM/FASS/43	EE Aguru
6.	19/IM/FASS/3	AA Mbadiwe
7.	23/IM/FASS/56	KI Ogudo
8.	8/IM/FASS/4	TE Okonkwo
9.	23/IM/FASS/5	CM Ozoemenam
10.	23/IM/FASS/34	EC Nwogu
11.	4/IM/FASS/1	CS Agu
12.	19/IM/FASS/166	CI Ohaegbulern
13.	23/IM/FASS/79	C Chimezie
14.	19/IM/FASS/116	JO Ihenacho
15.	23/IM/FASS/1	EC Alfred

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16.	20/IM/FE/1	OS Okoro
17.	19/IM/FE/85	JU Ekeh
18.	18/IM/FE/5	C Oporum
19.	19/IM/FE/80	CC Obi
20.	23/IM/FE/2	CK Amaechi
21.	9/IM/FE/11	KI Anyanwu
22.	19/IM/FE/14	IAB Nwaneri
23.	23/IM/FE/45	J Nwaigwe
24.	19/IM/FE/61	SO Ubochi
25.	23/IM/FE/14	JU Osundu
26.	19/IM/FE/120	CA Echibiri
27.	19/IM/FE/133	AO Orobe
28.	24/IM/FE/6	IC Nwagbara
29.	19/IM/FE/72	NH Ibeawuchi

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30.	11/IM/SC/2	SO Enyinnaya
31.	18/IM/SC/21	FO Njoku
32.	23/IM/SC/20	CG Onuoha
33.	23/IM/SC/42	JKN Okuma
34.	8/IM/SC/11	JI Okoro
35.	23/IM/SC/27	EO Anthony
36.	19/IM/SC/4	NG Ihenacho
37.	23/IM/SC/6	OE Ukonu
38.	19/IM/SC/28	VI Njoku
39.	3/IM/SC/2	DIE Ndiribe
40.	23/IM/SC/52	EU Godwin

JIGAWA STATE

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Serial (a)	Exam Number (b)	Name (c)
1.	23/JG/FASS/18	AT Haruna
2.	9/JG/FASS/1001	AS Mohammed
3.	19/JG/FASS/1	AS Ahmed
4.	7/JG/FASS/1	MM Mukhtar
5.	11/JG/FASS/1	IJ Abubakar
6.	23/JG/FASS/8	HM Buhari
7.	13/JG/FASS/6	DA Mohammad
8.	23/JG/FASS/2	AA Umar
9.	6/JG/FASS/103	AN Sani
10.	23/JG/FASS/22	S Hussaini
11.	18/JG/FASS/3	AA Yakubu
12.	23/JG/FASS/71	H Alhassan
13.	23/JG/FASS/51	MU Sani
14.	23/JG/FASS/2	AZA Bikos
15.	6/JG/FASS/7	A Habib
16.	23/JG/FASS/42	MA Suleiman
17.	6/JG/FASS/40	KJ Ibrahim
18.	23/JG/FASS/73	AA Garba
19.	6/JG/FASS/26	AMJ Lawal

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20.	10/JG/FE/1	A Abdullahi
21.	23/JG/FE/22	AA Sadiq
22.	23/JG/FE/24	UB Mohammed
23.	23/JG/FE/10	AM Haruna
24.	6/JG/FE/5	AG Mohammed
25.	23/JG/FE/13	NB Ahmad

26.	23/JG/FE/19	UW Balarabe
27.	6/JG/FE/6	WA Shamweel
28.	23/JG/FE/3	AK Galadanci
29.	23/JG/FE/11	MU Lawan

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

30.	23/JG/SC/3	YI Adam
31.	4/JG/SC/4	NA Haruna
32.	23/JG/SC/2	B Usman
33.	11/JG/SC/4	MA Shehu
34.	23/JG/SC/24	A Shehu
35.	6/JG/SC/44	UY Mukhtar
36.	23/JG/SC/11	S Mahmoud
37.	23/JG/SC/27	M Abubakar
38.	23/JG/SC/36	MH Tijjani
39.	23/JG/SC/22	MA Wada
40.	11/JG/SC/3	SA Idris

KADUNA STATE

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Serial (a)	Exam Number (b)	Name (c)
1.	23/KD/FASS/2	JA Madaki
2.	13/KD/FASS/2	C Mamman
3.	23/KD/FASS/8	S Hayatuddeen
4.	13/KD/FASS/101	A Usman
5.	23/KD/FASS/163	N Abubakar
6.	23/KD/FASS/198	J Marok
7.	23/KD/FASS/378	MA Ibrahim
8.	23/KD/FASS/162	US Sani
9.	23/KD/FASS/191	JM Ali
10.	23/KD/FASS/202	UA Samaila
11.	23/KD/FASS/40	BS Sa'eed
12.	13/KD/FASS/71	B Amos
13.	23/KD/FASS/248	MM Mammuda
14.	23/KD/FASS/266	S Abubakar
15.	23/KD/FASS/57	MJ Adamu
16.	23/KD/FASS/88	SM Umar
17.	23/KD/FASS/267	MA Abdullahi
18.	23/KD/FASS/311	SN Samuel
19.	23/KD/FASS/95	LD Abdulhamid
20.	23/KD/FASS/338	AM Ja'afar
21.	13/KD/FASS/118	A Sadiq
22.	13/KD/FASS/72	N Ishaya
23.	18/KD/FASS/31	A Ishaya
24.	23/KD/FASS/117	JT Abdullahi
25.	23/KD/FASS/357	IM Jamo

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26.	13/KD/FE/34	CY Galadima
27.	13/KD/FE/5	IA Madami
28.	8/KD/FE/3	U Hussaini
29.	23/KD/FE/1	BO Bature K
30.	23/KD/FE/54	A Tukur
31.	23/KD/FE/104	AK Musa
32.	18/KD/FE/1	VA Adze
33.	2/KD/FE/1	S Umar

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34.	23/KD/SC/103	A Haruna
35.	23/KD/SC/2	LM Michael
36.	13/KD/SC/16	HG Isaac
37.	23/KD/SC/159	S Ibrahim
38.	23/KD/SC/170	J Umar
39.	13/KD/SC/2	H La'aj
40.	23/KD/SC/180	YS Aliyu

KANO STATE

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Serial (a)	Exam Number (b)	Name (c)
1.	11/KN/FASS/3	MK Ishaq
2.	6/KN/FASS/276	IS Mohammed
3.	8/KN/FASS/7	AI Galadima
4.	23/KN/FASS/37	MY Mohammed
5.	6/KN/FASS/342	MI Gambo
6.	6/KN/FASS/69	AT Yusuf
7.	6/KN/FASS/279	AG Saifullah
8.	23/KN/FASS/4	II Idris
9.	23/KN/FASS/193	HY Abdullahi
10.	6/KN/FASS/49	A Abdulhamid
11.	23/KN/FASS/73	I Abdulkadir
12.	23/KN/FASS/82	SS Aliyu
13.	23/KN/FASS/132	S Adamu
14.	23/KN/FASS/143	ZK Mohammed
15.	6/KN/FASS/288	AH Garba
16.	6/KN/FASS/267	I Amir
17.	23/KN/FASS/199	LT Aminu
18.	6/KN/FASS/47	AS Wada
19.	23/KN/FASS/1	AA Sa'ad

20.	23/KN/FASS/127	IM Yusuf
21.	13/KN/FASS/6	AM Zaharahdeen

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22.	6/KN/FE/38	SM Abdurrahman
23.	6/KN/FE/69	NG Kabir
24.	6/KN/FE/56	SY Garba
25.	11/KN/FE/1	AM Ibrahim
26.	11/KN/FE/5	MM Bashir
27.	6/KN/FE/72	SA Mohammed
28.	6/KN/FE/76	MF Umar

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29.	23/KN/SC/1	Z Isah
30.	23/KN/SC/35	AB Bello
31.	6/KN/SC/144	MI Mohammed
32.	6/KN/SC/120	A Shuu'aibu
33.	6/KN/SC/58	UB Salisu
34.	6/KN/SC/122	SK Khalid
35.	6/KN/SC/23	Z Nabil
36.	23/KN/SC/7	KH Abubakar
37.	6/KN/SC/39	SN Hamza
38.	23/KN/SC/15	IA Ado
39.	23/KN/SC/5	A Mujaheed
40.	23/KN/SC/63	MU Halilu

KATSINA STATE

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Serial (a)	Exam Number (b)	Name (c)
1.	23/KT/FASS/79	AW Sani
2.	19/KT/FASS/1	SB Abubakar
3.	23/KT/FASS/5	Z Ibrahim
4.	23/KT/FASS/21	UK Sanusi
5.	23/KT/FASS/217	I Kabir
6.	23/KT/FASS/158	A Musa
7.	23/KT/FASS/33	U Ibrahim
8.	23/KT/FASS/64	TN Umar
9.	23/KT/FASS/69	R Nuhu
10.	13/KT/FASS/21	IA Sadeeq
11.	6/KT/FASS/9	SY Yusha'u
12.	18/KT/FASS/6	IM Yakubu
13.	23/KT/FASS/185	I Lawal
14.	23/KT/FASS/181	ID Haruna
15.	18/KT/FASS/3	AT Garba
16.	11/KT/FASS/1	NM Saleem
17.	6/KT/FASS/15	S Bello
18.	18/KT/FASS/1	AY Dabai
19.	23/KT/FASS/247	AS Nasir

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20.	6/KT/FE/13	A Imrana
21.	23/KT/FE/17	AM Sani
22.	23/KT/FE/1	MM Tahir
23.	18/KT/FE/1	S Abbas
24.	23/KT/FE/18	AU Lawal
25.	23/KT/FE/55	F Abdulazeez
26.	6/KT/FE/1	G Abdulrahman
27.	23/KT/FE/45	AL Idah
28.	13/KT/FE/3	WA Moukarim

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29.	23/KT/SC/20	S Ishaq
30.	23/KT/SC/3	AA Sani
31.	23/KT/SC/7	MA Kabir
32.	23/KT/SC/1	M Sani
33.	6/KT/SC/13	AM Kabir
34.	23/KT/SC/43	AA Aminu
35.	23/KT/SC/59	UU Yuguda
36.	23/KT/SC/36	AA Abdullahi
37.	23/KT/SC/42	AM Dikko
38.	23/KT/SC/75	AH Abdulhakim
39.	23/KT/SC/60	SM Mohammed
40.	13/KT/SC/6	H Abubakar

KEBBI STATE

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Serial (a)	Exam Number (b)	Name (c)
1.	10/KB/FASS/3	M Wana
2.	10/KB/FASS/2	KF Haruna
3.	7/KB/FASS/25	AA Zaga
4.	10/KB/FASS/1	JF Haruna
5.	7/KB/FASS/36	D Ango
6.	24/KB/FASS/1	F Mani
7.	11/KB/FASS/1	EN Patrick
8.	6/KB/FASS/4	AS Umar
9.	19/KB/FASS/1	A Useni
10.	23/KB/FASS/2	S Bawa
11.	7/KB/FASS/38	AH Usman
12.	7/KB/FASS/1	UF Ahmed

13.	7/KB/FASS/72	H Adamu
14.	23/KB/FASS/21	MA Musa
15.	18/KB/FASS/2	Y Bello
16.	18/KB/FASS/8	K Isa
17.	6/KB/FASS/2	MA Lawal
18.	3/KB/FASS/3	AF Tafida
19.	7/KB/FASS/13	M Abubakar
20.	23/KB/FASS/40	SM Tamba

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21.	23/KB/FE/5	A Aliyu
22.	6/KB/FE/1	YY Bello
23.	23/KB/FE/13	EK Haruna
24.	23/KB/FE/14	MA Abubakar
25.	7/KB/FE/9	SZ Umar
26.	23/KB/FE/22	H Mohammed
27.	23/KB/FE/16	A Umar
28.	23/KB/FE/27	J Bitrus
29.	8/KB/FE/1	MM Zakariyu
30.	23/KB/FE/11	HM Mohammad

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31.	7/KB/SC/41	ID Abdullahi
32.	23/KB/SC/10	AB Yahaya
33.	7/KB/SC/2	MI Joseph
34.	23/KB/FE/1	A Abdurrauf
35.	7/KB/FE/34	IB Yanko
36.	7/KB/FE/24	MZ Nuhu
37.	7/KB/FE/4	LM Abdulrahman
38.	23/KB/FE/12	NA Isah
39.	23/KB/FE/17	SH Sahabi
40.	7/KB/FE/47	M Abdulmajid

KOGI STATE

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Serial (a)	Exam Number (b)	Name (c)
1.	8/KG/FASS/1	SD Eniaye
2.	23/KG/FASS/153	E Akerejola
3.	23/KG/FASS/119	A Ahmadu
4.	9/KG/FASS/9	CA Noah
5.	13/KG/FASS/5	HO Abdullahi
6.	13/KG/FASS/37	OM Daniel
7.	20/KG/FASS/3	A Obeneye
8.	23/KG/FASS/9	S Mohammed
9.	18/KG/FASS/51	AA Sale
10.	23/KG/FASS/156	S Adam
11.	9/KG/FASS/6	B Gagarau
12.	9/KG/FASS/21	OO Faleke
13.	23/KG/FASS/16	BG Ismaila
14.	18/KG/FASS/29	YJ Odo
15.	18/KG/FASS/6	MA Yusuf
16.	23/KG/FASS/29	OM Omoraiyewa
17.	23/KG/FASS/22	OM Toluju
18.	6/KG/FASS/4	S Musa
19.	18/KG/FASS/86	E Ogohi
20.	20/KG/FASS/133	A Sadiq
21.	18/KG/FASS/105	HK Ahmed
22.	23/KG/FASS/38	DD Abu
23.	18/KG/FASS/77	SA Teidi
24.	20/KG/FASS/4	SP Williams
25.	23/KG/FASS/95	H Nelson

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26.	23/KG/FE/15	N Musa
27.	23/KG/FE/70	OJ Tolorunshagba
28.	4/KG/FE/5	KS Haruna
29.	20/KG/FE/16	TA Ibrahim
30.	4/KG/FE/6	PA Andrew
31.	13/KG/FE/2	J Yahaya
32.	23/KG/FE/82	AO Akindola

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33.	13/KG/SC/1	H Shehu
34.	23/KG/SC/88	MO Abdullahi
35.	8/KG/SC/6	SA Daniel
36.	23/KG/SC/60	I Abdulmalik
37.	13/KG/SC/5	ST Ali
38.	21/KG/SC/2	OB Okpanachi
39.	23/KG/SC/63	OA Paul
40.	18/KG/SC/13	PG Ajibogwu

KWARA STATE

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Serial (a)	Exam Number (b)	Name (c)
1.	10/KW/FASS/57	O Adetoyi</

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6.	23/KW/FASS/192	M Kamaldeen
7.	8/KW/FASS/75	AO Raji
8.	23/KW/FASS/36	JB Komolafe
9.	23/KW/FASS/171	A Abdurasaq
10.	8/KW/FASS/38	YO Habeeb
11.	23/KW/FASS/1	OO Omotosho
12.	23/KW/FASS/45	TM Lawal
13.	8/KW/FASS/84	HA Ibrahim
14.	9/KW/FASS/15	AO Salami
15.	9/KW/FASS/113	ME Jamiu
16.	8/KW/FASS/86	RI Abdulsalam
17.	23/KW/FASS/134	IG Mohammed
18.	23/KW/FASS/90	TO Adisa
19.	10/KW/FASS/21	K Jamiu
20.	10/KW/FASS/41	M Ibrahim

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21.	8/KW/FE/30	MM Azeez
22.	22/KW/FE/2	OK Olatunji
23.	8/KW/FE/25	AB Jimoh
24.	10/KW/FE/8	NO Ajibade
25.	23/KW/FE/4	A Mustapha
26.	4/KW/FE/1	FA Durojaiye
27.	23/KW/FE/5	AY Buniyamin
28.	8/KW/FE/9	KA Salau
29.	23/KW/FE/16	B Auwal
30.	23/KW/FE/12	TA Yahaya

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31.	18/KW/SC/1	JO Owolabi
32.	8/KW/SC/9	AB Kamaldeen
33.	23/KW/SC/127	TO Oladoja
34.	13/KW/SC/3	YO Gambari
35.	15/KW/SC/8	JO Olaoye
36.	23/KW/SC/33	A Awoseyin
37.	9/KW/SC/28	AK Ajao
38.	23/KW/SC/21	A Funsho
39.	10/KW/SC/5	KA Ganiyu
40.	23/KW/SC/5	HO Oniyangi

LAGOS STATE

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Serial (a)	Exam Number (b)	Name (c)
1.	9/LG/FASS/78	P Ajikobi
2.	8/LG/FASS/28	J Ayodele I
3.	9/LG/FASS/1051	SS Olalekan
4.	9/LG/FASS/31	BA Sodiq
5.	9/LG/FASS/12	AO Waheed
6.	9/LG/FASS/93	YM Olorunfemi
7.	8/LG/FASS/41	A Olabisi
8.	8/LG/FASS/142	JO Gabriel
9.	23/LG/FASS/11	AF Oguntinyinbo
10.	9/LG/FASS/24	AM Temitayo
11.	8/LG/FASS/46	DA Boluwatife
12.	8/LG/FASS/47	AO Olumide
13.	9/LG/FASS/28	BA Afolabi
14.	8/LG/FASS/124	JO Samuel
15.	8/LG/FASS/53	LO Nasir
16.	9/LG/FASS/36	SA Adejuwon
17.	8/LG/FASS/105	O Ismaila
18.	8/LG/FASS/127	OO Rasheed
19.	9/LG/FASS/36	KH Folorunsho
20.	9/LG/FASS/04	MO Toheed

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21.	8/LG/FE/29	BT Olulana
22.	9/LG/FE/20	AI Adeshola
23.	10/LG/FE/02	MA Abiola
24.	9/LG/FE/29	AI Lanre
25.	9/LG/FE/3	HI Ademola
26.	23/LG/FE/01	O Olakazeem
27.	9/LG/FE/35	ST Adekunle
28.	9/LG/FE/07	FO Odunsi-Ojora
29.	6/LG/FE/1	OE Oseni
30.	8/LG/FE/50	AO Bamigboye

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31.	8/LG/SC/211	SR Temitayo
32.	9/LG/SC/34	AO Ahmed
33.	9/LG/SC/12	SI Olamilekan
34.	23/LG/SC/2	OO Olubunmi
35.	9/LG/SC/29	OA Dayo-Karim
36.	8/LG/SC/14	OJ Lanre
37.	18/LG/SC/4	OL Tunde

38.	8/LG/SC/12	A Tajudeen
39.	8/LG/SC/22	AO Adekunle
40.	9/LG/SC/2	OK Kolapo

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Serial	Exam Number	Name
31.	8/NG/SC/3	T Yunusa
32.	23/NG/SC/6	I Umar
33.	18/NG/SC/4	IA Aminu
34.	23/NG/SC/39	AD Mohammed
35.	15/NG/SC/3	L Ahmed
36.	23/NG/SC/70	PE Aruye
37.	23/NG/SC/12	UA Gambo
38.	23/NG/SC/67	AS Maitanki
39.	15/NG/SC/35	IT Gado

(a)	(b)	(c)
1.	23/NAS/FASS/80	DT Anyam
2.	18/NAS/FASS/40	AM Keffi
3.	18/NAS/FASS/115	F Iyakwari
4.	23/NAS/FASS/39	D Ahmad
5.	23/NAS/FASS/167	EA Oyibo
6.	11/NAS/FASS/5	VI Ngbede
7.	18/NAS/FASS/111	AG Ayaka
8.	23/NAS/FASS/13	PM Jatau
9.	2/NAS/FASS/2	IA Sogiji
10.	23/NAS/FASS/97	Y Abubakar
11.	23/NAS/FASS/132	DG Danjuma
12.	23/NAS/FASS/145	A Adamu
13.	18/NAS/FASS/1	OD Gyewado
14.	23/NAS/FASS/125	A Barnaiyi
15.	18/NAS/FASS/22	AS Sarki
16.	18/NAS/FASS/90	AI Alaku
17.	23/NAS/FASS/132	HA Almakura
18.	23/NAS/FASS/64	AN Waziri
19.	23/NAS/FASS/140	I Umar
20.	11/NAS/FASS/48	AI Zakari
21.	4/NAS/FASS/1	BA Umar
22.	13/NAS/FASS/15	E Jude
23.	2/NAS/FASS/15	A Labaran

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24.	23/NAS/FE/35	UA Sadau
25.	23/NAS/FE/18	C Likita
26.	13/NAS/FE/6	DJ Douglas
27.	23/NAS/FE/45	A Abdullahi
28.	23/NAS/FE/3	H Khalid
29.	11/NAS/FE/1	MA Yuhuza

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30.	23/NAS/SC/56	AI Abdullahi
31.	23/NAS/SC/2	Mohammed Aribi
32.	23/NAS/SC/37	SS Lawee
33.	18/NAS/SC/7	DC Umari
34.	23/NAS/SC/34	AA Muhammad
35.	23/NAS/SC/75	T Zubairu
36.	23/NAS/SC/11	MU Mubarak
37.	2/NAS/SC/3	UU Shehu
38.	14/NAS/SC/1	DA Mamman
39.	23/NAS/SC/3	MY Sadau
40.	18/NAS/SC/3	MM Abubakar

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30.	23/NAS/SC/56	AI Abdullahi
31.	23/NAS/SC/2	Mohammed Aribi
32.	23/NAS/SC/37	SS Lawee
33.	18/NAS/SC/7	DC Umari
34.	23/NAS/SC/34	AA Muhammad
35.	23/NAS/SC/75	T Zubairu
36.	23/NAS/SC/11	MU Mubarak
37.	2/NAS/SC/3	UU Shehu
38.	14/NAS/SC/1	DA Mamman
39.	23/NAS/SC/3	MY Sadau
40.	18/NAS/SC/3	MM Abubakar

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Serial (a)	Exam Number (b)	Name (c)
1.	15/NG/FASS/34	KY Abdullahi
2.	15/NG/FASS/16	I Yazeed
3.	18/NG/FASS/2	B Rabi
4.	23/NG/FASS/22	GA Mohammed
5.	15/NG/FASS/96	A Ibn-Umar
6.	15/NG/FASS/122	MM Ashafa
7.	15/NG/FASS/54	H Alhassan
8.	18/NG/FASS/17	SA Mohammed
9.	18/NG/FASS/9	M Ibrahim
10.	23/NG/FASS/15	AA Ladan
11.	15/NG/FASS/109	JS Tswana
12.	15/NG/FASS/89	M Yisa-Doko
13.	23/NG/FASS/7	A Abdulkarim
14.	23/NG/FASS/49	AB Raba
15.	23/NG/FASS/19	MB Bawa
16.	23/NG/FASS/112	M Jamilu
17.	23/NG/FASS/65	BA Muhammad
18.	23/NG/FASS/162	HI Suleiman
19.	23/NG/FASS/109	NI Shehu
20.	23/NG/FASS/108	A Mohammed

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21.	15/NG/FE/41	M Aminu
22.	13/NG/FE/9	A Sani-Ango
23.	15/NG/FE/44	A King
24.	15/NG/FE/13	CY Gana
25.	23/NG/FE/5	BS Mohammed
26.	15/NG/FE/18	A Jibrin
27.	6/NG/FE/1	AM Sani
28.	23/NG/FE/14	DP Augustine
29.	4/NG/FE/1	IZ Muhammed
30.	15/NG/FE/16	AU Baffah

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31.	8/NG/SC/3	T Yunusa
32.	23/NG/SC/6	I Umar
33.	18/NG/SC/4	IA Aminu
34.	23/NG/SC/39	AD Mohammed
35.	15/NG/SC/3	L Ahmed
36.	23/NG/SC/70	PE Aruye
37.	23/NG/SC/12	UA Gambo
38.	23/NG/SC/67	AS Maitanki
39.	15/NG/SC/35	IT Gado

40.	15/NG/SC/8	Y Dauda
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Serial (a)	Exam Number (b)	Name (c)
1.	9/OG/FASS/93	OS Akanbi
2.	10/OG/FASS/27	OD Patrick
3.	9/OG/FASS/87	SO Balogun
4.	9/OG/FASS/80	RS Adewale
5.	9/OG/FASS/75	SK Olaiekan
6.	23/OG/FASS/4	AF Nasiru
7.	15/OG/FASS/2	OA Tunde
8.	10/OG/FASS/14	IY Olawale
9.	9/OG/FASS/58	OZ Adebola
10.	9/OG/FASS/2	OM Oloade
11.	23/OG/FASS/5	NA Ibrahim
12.	8/OG/FASS/254	OA Moses
13.	23/OG/FASS/52	KB Solomon
14.	21/OG/FASS/2	IA Habeeb
15.	9/OG/FASS/3	HE Seun
16.	8/OG/FASS/26	SK Olumide
17.	9/OG/FASS/70	OA Alabi
18.	18/OG/FASS/8	AL Adeola
19.	8/OG/FASS/12	TT Joshua
20.	9/OG/FASS/90	KR Olakunle

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21.	9/OG/FE/26	OA
22.	8/OG/FE/32	S Azeez
23.	8/OG/FE/13	AA Adisa
24.	9/OG/FE/37	O Oladipupo
25.	8/OG/FE/22	AA Olufemi
26.	8/OG/FE/20	AO Mukhtar
27.	9/OG/FE/7	FT Olarewaju
28.	9/OG/FE/39	SM Olanrewaju
29.	10/OG/FE/1	AY Timothy
30.	23/OG/FE/9	YI Babatunde

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31.	8/OG/SC/81	OO Michael
32.	8/OG/SC/24	OO Ayobami
33.	8/OG/SC/39	OG Badmus
34.	9/OG/SC/2	SO Oladimeji
35.	8/OG/SC/16	OI Oluwasegun
36.	8/OG/SC/30	SO Rotimi
37.	8/OG/SC/54	OO Ahmed
38.	8/OG/SC/33	VM Oluwatonsin
39.	23/OG/SC/15	OH Abayomi
40.	9/OG/SC/3	AI Babatunde

ONDO STATE

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Serial (a)	Exam Number (b)	Name (c)
1.	5/ON/FASS/89	OD Oluwayemisi
2.	5/ON/FASS/90	OV Temitope
3.	3/ON/FASS/6	KM Idowu
4.	5/ON/FASS/118	OO Ganny-Dauda
5.	10/ON/FASS/34	OJ Aje
6.	5/ON/FASS/84	AO Enitan
7.	5/ON/FASS/102	OY Samuel
8.	23/ON/FASS/18	YG Rafiu
9.	23/ON/FASS/29	O Ashimiyu
10.	9/ON/FASS/13	DO Akinbomi
11.	5/ON/FASS/9	AE Morakinyo
12.	18/ON/FASS/3	OR Agoke
13.	10/ON/FASS/18	OA Adegboye
14.	23/ON/FASS/5	LD Oluwadaisi
15.	8/ON/FASS/87	AO Olanrewaju
16.	5/ON/FASS/149	OC Akindileni

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17.	8/ON/FE/10	OT Oluwasanmi
18.	21/ON/FE/4	AS Adebayo
19.	5/ON/FE/26	IJ Ajagunna
20.	5/ON/FE/7	AA Ridwanullahi
21.	5/ON/FE/33	A Seun
22.	8/ON/FE/7	OO Oluwadamilola
23.	5/ON/FE/35	BJ Olatunde
24.	3/ON/FE/1	RN Akinseye
25.	5/ON/FE/31	OE Dele
26.	5/ON/FE/37	OS Oluwasesan

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27.	8/ON/FS/5	AO Micheal
28.	23/ON/FS/12	OI Akinfolarin
29.	23/ON/FS/25	AZ Usman
30.	23/ON/FS/3	BA Abdulazeez
31.	5/ON/FS/46	A Gbenga

32.	5/ON/FS/37	OS Abayomi
33.	13/ON/FS/1	OS Adeniyi
34.	21/ON/FS/3	CD Ekundayo
35.	5/ON/FS/87	DR Ashawe
36.	9/ON/FS/11	AS Obisike
37.	8/ON/FS/13	IA Adebayo
38.	5/ON/FS/14	LJ Azeez
39.	23/ON/FS/1	YI Oladele
40.	5/ON/FS/36	AR Adesanya

OSUN STATE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Serial (a)	Exam Number (b)	Name (c)
1.	17/OS/FASS/2	AM Lukman
2.	9/OS/FASS/11	OP Adetunji
3.	10/OS/FASS/17	AA Mukaila
4.	10/OS/FASS/35	AB Adeyinka
5.	9/OS/FASS/26	AS Adeniyi
6.	23/OS/FASS/87	AO Babatunde
7.	9/OS/FASS/17	AM Emmanuel
8.	10/OS/FASS/2	OO Ebenezer
9.	10/OS/FASS/3	R Tajudeen
10.	08/OS/FASS/75	PK Temitayo
11.	23/OS/FASS/10	LI Olalekan
12.	23/OS/FASS/47	TA Adekanye
13.	11/OS/FASS/3	OO Ebenezer
14.	9/OS/FASS/4	OA Olaniyi
15.	9/OS/FASS/14	OJ Itunuoluwa
16.	08/OS/FASS/91	AS Adejare
17.	8/OS/FASS/34	OK Olabisi
18.	18/OS/FASS/18	OE Banji
19.	8/OS/FASS/97	AT Martins
20.	10/OS/FASS/53	OO Johnson

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21.	8/OS/FE/21	AJ Omotayo
22.	15/OS/FE/3	YM Olakunle
23.	23/OS/FE/16	OI Adeniran
24.	23/OS/FE/36	OQ Saheed
25.	23/OS/FE/12	GM Iyiola
26.	10/OS/FE/36	FF Abiola
27.	23/OS/FE/2	A Mohammed
28.	9/OS/FE/9	OE Adeola
29.	8/OS/FE/67	SM Adepoju
30.	23/OS/FE/35	AM Kola

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31.	10/OS/FS/27	GW Olawale
32.	13/OS/FS/2	LS Leye
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25.	9/OY/FE/17	AKT Olaegbe
26.	18/OY/FE/4	INO Ayandele
27.	18/OY/FE/5	OD Adebayo
28.	23/OY/FE/3	F Abdulrazaq
29.	10/OY/FE/11	OH Ayodeji
30.	10/OY/FE/139	YA Adegoke

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31.	23/OY/SC/7	AA Adetunji
32.	8/OY/SC/8	FA Tajudeen
33.	23/OY/SC/43	AN Adekunle
34.	10/OY/SC/82	SK Oyebo
35.	9/OY/SC/22	OA Afolabi
36.	9/OY/SC/3	OH Olagoke
37.	10/OY/SC/91	AJ Ayepada
38.	23/OY/SC/14	AK Abdulkareem
39.	10/OY/SC/14	RA Kamaldeen
40.	9/OY/SC/8	OO Olaoluwa

PLATEAU STATE

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Serial Exam Number	Name
(a) (b)	(c)
1.	23/PL/FASS/39 AJ Yikang
2.	23/PL/FASS/74 SA Mudi
3.	11/PL/FASS/57 AM Longji
4.	23/PL/FASS/91 K Emmanuel
5.	19/PL/FASS/1 ED Pamza
6.	11/PL/FASS/205 J Badung
7.	11/PL/FASS/125 PM Dabot
8.	23/PL/FASS/118 AU Datti
9.	23/PL/FASS/70 NV Fenan
10.	11/PL/FASS/138 MA Hassan
11.	18/PL/FASS/25 AA Nimtur
12.	9/PL/FASS/4 DE Davou
13.	23/PL/FASS/49 M Guwap
14.	23/PL/FASS/23 M Jeff-Zanni
15.	11/PL/FASS/142 PBD Dagnong
16.	23/PL/FASS/27 EY Tyem
17.	18/PL/FASS/19 M Bature
18.	23/PL/FASS/2 J B Dandam
19.	11/PL/FASS/181 PH Piyo
20.	11/PL/FASS/24 KR Zakari
21.	9/PL/FASS/1 BD Nanyak
22.	4/PL/FASS/13 AS Aware
23.	13/PL/FASS/2 EN Farnwang

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24.	8/PL/FE/4	IP Chinbes
25.	8/PL/FE/3	JE Manji
26.	8/PL/FE/2	SS Gowal
27.	8/PL/FE/1	A Zulkiflu
28.	18/PL/FE/3	JW Gofinan
29.	9/PL/FE/2	AJ Giwa
30.	23/PL/FE/11	LY Idris
31.	11/PL/FE/17	GR Chungwom

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32.	23/PL/SC/17	PB Dagah
33.	23/PL/SC/1	NS Babankanti
34.	23/PL/SC/121	A Miri-Da-She
35.	23/PL/SC/16	A Alqasim
36.	23/PL/SC/26	Jl Shwardshakka
37.	23/PL/SC/12	D Emmanuel
38.	8/PL/SC/1	HM Goldben
39.	23/PL/SC/23	MM Gulloma
40.	11/PL/SC/20	MM Tangsan

RIVERS STATE

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Serial Exam Number	Name
(a) (b)	(c)
1.	3/RV/FASS/2 SB Naabor
2.	1/RV/FASS/1 V Berebue
3.	8/RV/FASS/2 I M Amafina
4.	8/RV/FASS/5 PN Nwafor
5.	8/RV/FASS/4 IE Edward
6.	8/RV/FASS/1 A Horsfall
7.	8/RV/FASS/3 AL Amaechi
8.	3/RV/FASS/4 TJ Tamunokuro
9.	3/RV/FASS/323 A Nathaniel
10.	22/RV/FASS/36 DD Young
11.	9/RV/FASS/10 NP Ochindo
12.	22/RV/FASS/19 IS Inengim
13.	7/RV/FASS/2 STJ Minimah
14.	23/RV/FASS/1 G Idalla
15.	18/RV/FASS/1 RF Awoteim

16.	22/RV/FASS/206	KU Okoro
17.	22/RV/FASS/51	SI Blessing
18.	23/RV/FASS/17	MC Amah
19.	22/RV/FASS/141	SPO Ngeribika
20.	22/RV/FASS/29	ES Papa

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21.	8/RV/FE/1	DD Oribu
22.	10/RV/FE/1	B Kogam
23.	10/RV/FE/2	VE Opene
24.	9/RV/FE/1	RJ Tomwini
25.	9/RV/FE/2	NC Nwiesae
26.	22/RV/FE/132	OC Thankgod
27.	22/RV/FE/1111	C Agomuo
28.	22/RV/FE/120	CN Ohia
29.	22/RV/FE/50	B Lawson
30.	22/RV/FE/46	OB Ikuru

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31.	22/RV/SC/23	TO Minainyo
32.	22/RV/SC/94	YE Jeremiah
33.	19/RV/SC/5	AN Elleh
34.	22/RV/SC/164	CG Nwamanah
35.	19/RV/SC/4	EK John
36.	8/RV/SC/1	DK Bobmanuel
37.	22/RV/SC/73	GC Ketuphel
38.	22/RV/SC/49	EL Egbe
39.	8/RV/SC/4	NP Dennis
40.	22/RV/SC/65	K Leeh

SOKOTO STATE

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Serial Exam Number	Name
(a) (b)	(c)
1.	9/S0/FASS/3 T Abdulazeez
2.	23/ S0/FASS/1 AM Mohammed
3.	9/ S0/FASS/1 U Abubakar
4.	9/ S0/FASS/2 N Abubakar
5.	23/ S0/FASS/31 IMT Aliyu
6.	12/ S0/FASS/1 MA Amin
7.	23/ S0/FASS/59 M Usman
8.	23/ S0/FASS/9 SM Abdullahi
9.	23/ S0/FASS/51 BW Jamilu
10.	23/ S0/FASS/56 I Shuaibu
11.	11/S0/FASS/3 AA Abubakar
12.	23/S0/FASS/19 JS Aminu
13.	23/S0/FASS/46 KH Mijinyawa
14.	23/S0/FASS/5 A Ishaku
15.	23/S0/FASS/14 BA Adamu
16.	23/S0/FASS/6 AG Yaro
17.	7/S0/FASS/51 DH Buhari
18.	23/S0/FASS/22 AG Marafa
19.	23/S0/FASS/57 A Sani
20.	7/S0/FASS/64 AA Anas

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21.	23/S0/FE/73	B Muhammad
22.	23/S0/FE/8	FD Abubakar
23.	7/S0/FE/30	A Umar
24.	23/S0/FE/1	M Ibrahim
25.	9/S0/FE/1	M Abdullahi
26.	23/S0/FE/715	MI Sodangi
27.	7/S0/FE/1 AM	Mohammed
28.	7/S0/FE/17	YA Sale

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29.	23/S0/SC/9	L Nuraddeen
30.	7/S0/SC/1	M Ahmad
31.	3/S0/SC/1	YI Garba
32.	7/S0/SC/45	B Abubakar
33.	7/S0/SC/6	LMN Abubakar
34.	7/S0/SC/15	HA Bello
35.	7/S0/SC/3	AM Ibrahim
36.	7/S0/SC/2	MH Yusuf
37.	7/S0/SC/14	MB Rilwanu
38.	7/S0/SC/20	NS Abubakar
39.	7/S0/SC/20	MM Haruna
40.	7/S0/SC/2	AM Muazu

TARABA STATE

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Serial Exam Number	Name
(a) (b)	(c)
1.	23/TR/FASS/5 IY Aliyu
2.	23/TR/FASS/26 AS Ardo
3.	23/TR/FASS/14 A Japhet
4.	23/TR/FASS/15 AU Idabo
5.	23/TR/FASS/22 B Abubakar

6.	23/TR/FASS/3	JS Yanusa
7.	23/TR/FASS/69	MM Abdulmumini
8.	23/TR/FASS/113	SK Ahmed
9.	23/TR/FASS/25	JS Bulus
10.	2/TR/FASS/3	U Sirajo
11.	23/TR/FASS/122	A Ziyaulhaq
12.	13/TR/FASS/10	KA Maigari
13.	13/TR/FASS/3	A Mairiga
14.	23/TR/FASS/33	SM Modibbo
15.	23/TR/FASS/4	GA Jalingo
16.	23/TR/FASS/78	BM Galadima
17.	18/TR/FASS/16	AD Adam
18.	17/TR/FASS/17	ZD Gana

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19.	17/TR/FE/3	A Bomiti
20.	17/TR/FE/2	EJ Micah
21.	17/TR/FE/11	AB Nuruddeen
22.	17/TR/FE/18	AA Aminu
23.	17/TR/FE/24	AL Ilu
24.	23/TR/FE/18	SG Simon
25.	23/TR/FE/16	UM Musa
26.	23/TR/FE/19	A Nafu
27.	17/TR/FE/1	A Mohammed
28.	17/TR/FE/15	S Rabiu

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29.	17/TR/SC/3	AS Biliya
30.	17/TR/SC/5	BS Yedak
31.	17/TR/SC/6	YM Jasawa
32.	17/TR/SC/17	A Ahmad
33.	23/TR/SC/44	I Garba
34.	17/TR/SC/20	S Nuruddeen
35.	23/TR/SC/45	DI Lafal
36.	23/TR/SC/2	MI Kifasi
37.	23/TR/SC/32	PB Augustine
38.	23/TR/SC/14	M Kwande
39.	17/TR/SC/23	AS Jibrin
40.	17/TR/SC/11	AU Jabire

YOBE STATE

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Serial Exam Number	Name
(a) (b)	(c)
1.	6/YB/FASS/2 A Ibrahim
2.	9/YB/FASS/2 S Aminu
3.	14/YB/FASS/26 I Adamu
4.	23/YB/FASS/21 S Babafada
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22.	14/YB/FE/1	AS Abba

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25.	23/YB/SC/14	MA Bashir
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27.	23/YB/SC/6	AY Nayaya
28.	6/YB/SC/2	AS Galadima
29.	14/YB/SC/8	A Mohammed
30.	23/YB/SC/31	HP Mohammed
31.	14/YB/SC/4	IM Kura
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38.	8/YB/SC/2	AM Danlami
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5.	23/ZA/FASS/118 A Abubakar
6.	23/ZA/FASS/68 RT Abubakar
7.	6/ZA/FASS/2 M Salisu
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9.	23/ZA/FASS/75 H Abdulrahman
10.	23/ZA/FASS/78 IK Loninga
11.	23/ZA/FASS/26 M Mustapha
12.	23/ZA/FASS/40 H Gidado
13.	23/ZA/FASS/3 UJ Qamar
14.	23/ZA/FASS/20 IM Nura
15.	23/ZA/FASS/4 HM Mohammed
16.	23/ZA/FASS/48 A Zaharadeen
17.	23/ZA/FASS/85 NM Bello
18.	23/ZA/FASS/107 AI Mukhtar
19.	23/ZA/FASS/93 BM Auwal
20.	23/ZA/FASS/63 K Jibrin
21.	7/ZA/FASS/16 N Bashir
22.	23/ZA/FASS/35 A Idris
23.	23/ZA/FASS/91 A Omar
24.	23/ZA/FASS/115 S Abubakar

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25.	23/ZA/FE/30	M Umar
26.	23/ZA/FE/31	ST Adamu
27.	23/ZA/FE/36	A Abdullahi
28.	23/ZA/FE/3	Y Dalhatu
29.	23/ZA/FE/1	S Ziyaulhaq
30.	23/ZA/FE/39	JM Mohammad

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31.	7/ZA/SC/8	SS Gusau
32.	7/ZA/SC/16	A Sufyanu
33.	7/ZA/SC/11	IK Sani
34.	23/ZA/SC/31	MK Suleiman
35.	23/ZA/SC/35	SI Abdulrahman
36.	23/ZA/SC/5	AM Bello
37.	7/ZA/SC/10	M Jamilu
38.	23/ZA/SC/44	AB Abdullahi
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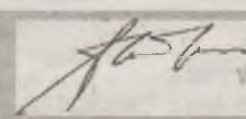
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7.	23/FCT/FASS/39 H Safiyanu
8.	23/FCT/FASS/24 E D Bala
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10.	23/FCT/FASS/33 M Bello
11.	15/FCT/FASS/1 U P Mohammed
12.	18/FCT/FASS/59 Y Y Sarki
13.	21/FCT/FASS/1 AO Charles

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15.	18/FCT/FE/7	I G Allah
16.	18/FCT/FE/8	O E Oluwayemi
17.	18/FCT/FE/11	M Abdullahi
18.	23/FCT/FE/15	N Ibrahim

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19.	23/FCT/SC/11	H A Haladu
20.	15/FCT/SC/12	N G Shigaba
21.	8/FCT/SC/1	Y Joseph
22.	6/FCT/SC/2	I Y Abubakar



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Brigadier General
Academy Registrar



FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, KANO

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION

1. INTRODUCTION

The Federal College of Education, Kano hereby invites interested, reputable and competent contractors to submit documents for pre-qualification of the following Year 2010 Capital Projects:

- FENCING OF ANNEX LAND
- PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF EARLY CHILD EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
- PROPOSED SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES PHASE II
- PROCUREMENT OF SCIENCE AND VOCATIONAL EQUIPMENT

2. PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

It is expected that the contractors should be reputable and technically competent with verifiable track record of performance on similar projects.

All pre-qualification documents shall be subjected to technical evaluation. Consequently, interested contractors are invited to submit the following pre-qualification documents:

- i. Evidence of Incorporation
- ii. Registration with relevant Federal Ministry as a contractor.
- iii. Evidence of Tax Clearance Certificate for three (3) years (2007, 2008 & 2009)
- iv. Company Audited Account for three (3) years (2007, 2008 & 2009) prepared by Chartered Accountant, duly signed and stamped with ICAN or ANAN Seal).
- v. Evidence of Financial Capability and Banking Support (Bank Reference, Recent Statement of Account).
- vi. Experiences/Technical Qualification and experience of key personnel (Company Profile, CV and Credentials).
- vii. Evidence of Similar Projects executed over the last three (3) years and evidence of knowledge of the industry (Award letters of projects executed and completion certificates).
- viii. Equipment and Technology Capacity (Evidence of ownership/ Lease agreement)
- ix. Annual Turnover.
- x. VAT Registration and evidence of past VAT remittances
- xi. List of On-going Projects

* Original copies of documents listed above must be produced for sighting after being pre-qualified, before collection of Tender Documents.

3. SUBMISSION OF COMPLETED PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS

The pre-qualification documents must be submitted for each project in a separate sealed envelope and clearly marked "Pre-qualification to tender (name of the Project)" and shall be delivered to:

**The Secretary (Tender),
Federal College of Education,
P. M. B. 3045, Kano.**

Not later than two (2) weeks from the date of this publication. The documents will be opened at 12:00 noon on the closing date at the College Council Chambers. No late submission will be entertained after 12:00 noon on the expiration of the 2 weeks stated above.

Please note that the College reserves the right to verify any claim by the bidders.

Note: This is not an invitation to tender. Full tendering procedures will be applied only to bidders that have been pre-qualified and found capable of executing the projects.

**SIGNED
Alhaji Muhammad Aliyu
REGISTRAR**

NATIONAL ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL, DALA - KANO.



DATE: 16th April, 2010

INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE HOSPITAL'S 2010 CAPITAL PROJECTS.

INTRODUCTION:

National Orthopaedic Hospital Dala – Kano invites interested and reputable Contractors with relevant and good track record to tender for the execution of the following projects in the Hospital:

S/NO	LOT NO.	PROJECT TITLE	TENDER FEE N
01	LOT 1	Supply of Utility Vehicles	20,000
02	LOT 2	Construction of Plant House, Supply & Installation of Oxygen Plant.	30,000
03	LOT 3	Gas piping to the Theatres, OPD, I.C.U and NHIS Clinic	30,000
04	LOT 4	Incinerator house construction and relocation of Incinerator	30,000
05	LOT 5	Equipping of ERCE Suite	30,000
06	LOT 6	Supply of Laundry Equipment	30,000
07	LOT 7	Furnishing and Equipping of expanded Post Basic Orthopaedic Nursing School	40,000
08	LOT 8	Construction and Furnishing of Consultant Block	40,000
09	LOT 9	Construction of an Admin. Block	40,000
10	LOT 10	Internal Road Network Construction and Rehabilitation	40,000

EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be considered for any project, interested Companies must submit the following (Please take care to arrange in the following order):

1. Certificate of Registration with C. A. C
2. Evidence of TAX Clearance for the last Three (3) years
3. Evidence of VAT Registration and Remittance
4. Company profile with names and qualifications of key personnel
5. Evidence of experience with similar jobs in the last Three (3) years in Nigeria Names (s) of Clients and contract sum (s) should be provided
6. Evidence of Financial Capability to handle the job by way of turnover figures backed by bank statement and audit reports.
7. Evidence of Registration with Federal Ministry of Housing, Environment and Urban Development for construction works.

Completed Tender/Bid Documents should be prepared along with the above Documents enclosed in separate, sealed and appropriately labeled envelopes (i Tender Documents, ii Evaluation Documents). The labeling should indicate the LOT (S) of interest.

Tender Documents will be provided at the *Planning Unit* of Administration Department of the Hospital from the hours of 10.00am to 2.00pm (Monday to Thursday) and 10.00am to 1.00pm (on Fridays) from Friday 23rd April 2010.

Submission should be made to the Office of the Medical Director and addressed as follows:

**Medical Director
National Orthopaedic Hospital,
Kofar Ruwa Road
P. M. B. 3087,
Dala – Kano.**

Closure and opening of the submissions will be done as follows:-

1. LOT 1–6 - 12noon on Monday 17th May, 2010
2. LOT 7–10 - 12noon on Monday 24th May, 2010

Venue is Board Room, National Orthopaedic Hospital, Dala – Kano.

Tenderers and other stake holders are encouraged to attend.

Tenders/Bidders are to note that the hospital is not bound to accept the lowest bidder.

For more information, visit www.orthopaedicdala.org.

**SIGNED:
MANAGEMENT**



CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA

PREVALENCE OF ILLEGAL OPERATORS IN THE FINANCIAL SECTOR

There has been an upswing in the activities of unscrupulous people parading themselves as fund managers/ finance companies to swindle members of the public of their hard earned funds. Unfortunately, many people out of ignorance have fallen victims of the activities of those illegal institutions.

The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), in collaboration with other Agencies and stakeholders in the financial sector, is working to get rid of the illegal institutions from the system and ensure that their promoters are brought to justice. It has been discovered that the perpetrators are however, migrating from one part of the country to the other and continue to enjoy patronage from unsuspecting members of the public.

Please note that financial services in whatever form are regulated activities which can be carried out only by the institutions that are duly licensed by the CBN or Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to do so.

Consequently, members of the public are hereby advised to ensure that they confirm the status of any company offering alluring incentives and interest rates on deposit/investment from the CBN or SEC before entrusting their money with them.

Anyone that patronizes unlicensed institutions does so at his/her own risk and the regulatory authorities will not be responsible for any loss that may result from patronage of such unscrupulous elements under any guise.

Please be warned and be appropriately guided.

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THE desert draws closer at an average speed of 600 meters annually.

environmental degradation was moving in the state, the authorities concerned were forced to present the matter before the state House of Assembly, for the passing of a bill that will help in checking the matter.

While waiting for the passage of the law by the House of Assembly, the state Ministry of Environment has raised not less than 3000 assorted seedlings, for distribution to the general public for planting. According to the commissioner of Environment, if the aggressive approach of planting adequate seedlings was maintained for some years to come, the desert frontier states would be able to arrest the situation that was considered to be going out of control.

The commissioner added that a plan was underway to partner with the state ministry of education, in championing the crusade of tree planting, by introducing the campaign into Secondary schools' extra-curricular activities. Here, each of the secondary schools students would plant a tree that would be dedicated to him/her, and the nursing of the tree to maturity, would be vested on each of the respective students.

"If we are able to establish bondage between the students and the seedlings, the seedling will grow to maturity with ease," he stated.

He said the wisdom behind the newly conceived plan was to avoid the past mistakes of launching a tree planting campaign, that was usually occa-

sioned with fanfare across the northern states by the top government functionaries, only to be abandoned few days after the campaign was held.

On the other hand, when our reporter visited the fire wood market, located along Dukku road in the capital of Gombe state, he gathered while speaking with the Chairman of the Fire Wood Sellers Association, Alhaji Muhammad Laddo, that about 20,000 head loads of firewood are conveyed to the states on daily basis.

He said before they could get fire wood now, it takes them not less than 25 to 30 kilometers into the plantation forest of the state, to get the required quantity of the needed product.

He explained that following the recent sensitization by the ministry of environment, their members had now stopped felling trees indiscriminately, and only limit themselves to the trees that naturally died and had dried in the forest.

According to him, they made brisk business as firewood sellers, because for a full load of a pickup van that cost N9,000, could make a gain of as much as N3,000 to N3,500, saying this little profit in the business helps many men and women to fight poverty in the state.

He said "Most of the underprivileged that had once felt rejected and dejected, have bounced back to life, by engaging in the fire wood business".

Loddo added that the firewood business did not only provide employment opportunity to the teeming unemployed, but also improved the level of poverty among women and youth, where the former were mostly involved in the business of buying and selling, while the latter were busy in the forest felling trees.

When contacted by our

the chairman explained that they have woken up from their slumber of aiding desertification in northern Nigeria, by being in the vanguard of fighting the menace, and championing the cause of the tree planting campaign, that was devoid of government intervention.

He said their union of firewood sellers had identified one of the problems that most often than not aggravated the felling of trees that created room for desert encroachment. He said most of the rural youth venture into tree felling during the dry season, as an alternative to checking joblessness, as well as a source of generating income pending raining season comes, where they would all go back to farm.

The Chairman stressed that his union had concluded arrangements to come up with a nursery for some assorted seedlings, saying initially the union had planned to produce 2500 seedling and thereafter, the quantity would be increased periodically.

He also explained that they had carefully studied the obstacles that had hindered the nurs-

His words "the law that is preserving the sanctity of game reserves, forests and plantations in northern Nigeria, is no longer effective. You cannot expect the law that was inherited from the colonials to be effective, and capable enough to guard and secure these treasures now."

reporter on whether he knows the risk involved in cutting and felling trees, particularly in the desert prone states like Gombe,

ing of seedlings to maturity, and proffered solution to them. Laddo stated that they intended to distribute gum Arabic which is an economy tree to their members, saying the rationale behind that was to discourage their members from engaging in felling trees during the dry season, and instead they would remain busy in harvesting the gum Arabic from the plant that was in high demand in the international market.

"When our people became familiar with the gum Arabic farming, they will abandon the hard work in the bush of felling trees, and concentrate on multiplying their gum Arabic trees," he added.

The chairman further explained that their campaign of tree planting would not be confined to their members, but had proposed to widen it, by taking the campaign to churches and mosques, saying by the end of April, 2010 the distribution of the seedlings would began.



SOME of the firewood sellers at their Gombe market.

ld be impounded and the load of the wood to be confiscated. This, to some extent at the beginning started producing profits, but it was later discovered that people have started cutting down fresh trees, allowing them to dry in the bush, before transporting them to the next available mar-

in noticing the great pace at which the



The Jigawa State Governor
Alhaji Sule Lamido

*Cordially Invites the General Public
to the*

OFFICIAL COMMISSIONING CEREMONY OF:
Hantsu - Miga - Dangyatum Road

That would be performed by
Senator Dr. A. A. Ali Fss, GCON

Date: 20th April, 2010

Venue: Hantsu Town, Miga L.G

Time 9.00 AM

Signed

Alhaji Aminu Muhammad
Commissioner for Information, Youth,
Sports and Culture, Jigawa State

Business/Agric

Springfield to start tractor assembling in Kaduna

From Auwalu Umar, Kano

SPRINGFIELD Agro Nigeria Limited, makers of agro-chemicals and farm implements, will establish a plant in Kaduna next year for assembling tractors, Mr. Tarun Das, an executive director with the firm, has said.

Speaking during the company's annual promotion and distributors' forum in Kano at the weekend, the executive director said discussions are already on between the firm and Kaduna government on the proposed plant, saying the company chose Kaduna as site for the plant because it is a central market for the entire north.

He said at present the company has two tractor assembling plants in Nigeria, one in Ibadan and the other in Enugu. In the last three years, according to him, 1,500 tractors were sold in Nigeria by the company.

The expatriate company also launched a new chemical specifically for the healthy production of rice. The new chemical, Spring Bond, is a combination of two herbicides essentially prepared to kill grass, sedge and broad leaf weeds of rice.

Unveiling the new herbicide for rice production, the company's General Manager in charge of agro chemicals, Mr. Pradeep Sarkar, said the chemical also protects rice against insects and increases yield.

The general manager, however, cautioned rice farmers on the use of the herbicide, as it could only be used in wet land, failure of which, he said, could harm the plants.

All the chemicals the company markets in Nigeria, he said, were not manufactured in the country. He also said the company sources all its raw materials from China and India.

Seven items were distributed to the company's major distributors and sellers from the north, including two KIA cars, 36 motorcycles, 42 television sets, 34 gas cooker, 28 fridges, 14 air conditioners and 54 Nokia handsets. The cars were won by two top distributors from Gombe and Maiduguri while other items were distributed to other lucky winners at the promotion forum.



A new chemical specifically for the healthy production of rice.

Nigeria releases improved cowpea varieties

By Tina A. Hassan

NIGERIA has released two varieties of improved cowpea ahead of the fifth World Cowpea Research billed to hold in Dakar, Senegal from 7th September to the 1st of October.

Scientists working at the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Ibadan in collaboration with the Institute for Agricultural Research of Ahmadu Bello University Zaria among others said the variety is suited for planting in the middle of July in the Sudan Savannah region.

In the northern Guinea savannah, it is best suited for planting between early to mid August while in the Southern Guinea savannah it can be planted by the end of August but where rainfalls up to end of October, it can be planted in September.

The Extension and Dissemination Specialist of IITA Dr. Hakeem Ajeigbe, said the new species are an improvement from available improve varieties.

He said the new improved varieties "have been tested extensively in these areas and is well accepted by farmers."

"The variety performs well as a sole crop and an inter-crop. It could also be planted as a relay crop with maize in the Guinea savannas," he added

Niger to flag off distribution of fertilizers

From Ayegba Israel Ebije, Minna

PLANS have been concluded by the Niger state government to flag off distribution of fertilizers to farmers for the next farming season, the commissioner for agriculture, Alhaji Adamu Yusuf said at the weekend in Minna.

The commissioner while addressing a press conference Saturday said already 24,500 metric tonnes of fertilizers are available at the cost of N1.8 billion, adding that an additional 10,000 metric tonnes is expected by May at the cost of N750,000m.

He said the state government had earlier demanded for 30,000 metric tonnes of fertilizers, adding that 20,000 metric tonnes has been delivered while a total of 4,500 metric tonnes

where left over from last year's stock.

Yusuf disclosed that the state government has made a 60% reduction on fertilizer products, saying that MPK will now go for N2,500, Uriah, N2,100 and SSP to go for N1,800.

"The reason for this reduction is more than 15 percent of last year which was 45 percent as the state government is committed towards giving the best affordable prices to farmers at the earliest possible time for a bumper harvest in this year's cropping season," he said.

Speaking on the issue of product diversion by racketeers, the commissioner stated that measures have been put in place to check such cases as the price on the product is average, adding that it is not too low to attract the attention of black marketers.

Mark tasks regulatory agencies on food security

By Turaki A. Hassan

WIFE of the Senate president Mrs. Helen Onma Mark has tasked regulatory agencies in the country to be more alive in the discharge of their duties of protecting Nigerians of the hazardous effects in the consumption of street-vended foods.

She cautioned Nigerian consumers to be mindful of the risk in the consumption of contaminated foods saying, several hazardous substances exist in street-foods.

Her media aide Soji Okotun indicates that, Mrs. Mark in Makurdi, Benue State at the weekend during the national workshop jointly organized by Consumer Protection Council, (CPC) and National Orientation Agency, (NOA), on the Quality and Safety of Street Vended Foods in Nigeria, Mrs. Mark said safety of food has become increasingly pertinent to avoid the occurrence of food poisoning arising from the consumption of contaminated and expired foods by consumers.

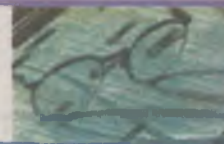
"Much more needs to be done in relation to the inspection

of premises and facilities of food vendors, and the constant check of retail outlets of food products to avoid the interposition of fraudulent expiry dates on either expired or soon-to-expire products. Our regulatory agencies like, Consumer Protection Council, NAFDAC, Standard Organization of Nigeria and many others have done commendably well with regards to the monitoring of production of products and endorsement of product life-span, enforcement of quality and hygiene standards and total quality control. But they all need to improve on the present level and introduce new approaches at eradicating the menace," said Mrs. Mark.

The Director-General of the CPC, Mrs. Ify Umenyi said the council survey over the past years was depressing in terms of quality and safety which presupposed that the situation could be worse in the hinterland where most facilities like potable water, electricity are in shorter supply.

Participants for the three-day workshop were drawn from the 36 states of the federation including Abuja.

Business/Finance



Nigerian Stock Exchange
(Source: APT Securities)
Friday, April 16, 2010

STOCK Name	Prev Day Close	Open	High	Low	Price	Change	Deals	Volume Traded	Value
ZUP	40.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.98	0.00	14	17,650	759,303.00
ABCTRANS	1.12	1.07	1.07	1.07	1.07	-0.05	33	3,661,146	3,917,615.25
ACCESS	10.50	10.79	10.95	10.51	10.90	0.40	212	6,124,178	65,644,316.00
ADSWITCH	2.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.09	0.00	1	2,462	4,899.38
AFRIBANK	2.94	2.96	3.00	2.80	2.86	-0.08	129	6,285,621	18,022,090.00
AFROMEDIA	0.57	0.59	0.59	0.59	0.59	0.02	14	12,420,000	7,327,800.00
AGLEVENT	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.53	4.53	-0.22	33	533,186	2,480,027.75
AIICO	1.57	1.50	1.64	1.50	1.64	0.07	139	12,584,235	20,042,978.00
AIRSERVICE	3.69	3.87	3.87	3.87	3.87	0.18	20	613,461	2,373,449.00
AP	45.14	47.30	47.39	47.30	47.39	2.25	112	849,934	40,205,380.00
ASHAKACEM	22.48	21.53	23.00	21.53	22.82	0.34	207	5,451,571	125,135,800.00
ASOSAVINGS	0.69	0.72	0.72	0.68	0.71	0.02	105	12,627,395	8,976,896.00
BAGCO	3.61	3.65	3.74	3.50	3.50	-0.11	307	4,588,146	14,511,000.00
BCC	63.81	64.05	64.05	64.05	64.05	0.24	25	231,982	14,926,457.00
BECONPETRO	1.56	1.63	1.63	1.50	1.60	0.04	57	297,877	1,300,389.00
BERGER	7.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.57	0.00	15	93,054	738,848.75
BETAGLAS	16.00	16.00	16.80	15.20	15.20	-0.80	22	498,100	8,032,008.00
BIGTREAT	1.11	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	-0.05	47	1,304,787	1,383,074.25
BOCGAS	10.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.22	0.00	30	109,660	1,122,685.62
CADBURY	19.70	20.00	20.65	20.00	20.65	0.95	82	1,728,333	35,092,304.00
CAP	29.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.67	0.00	13	4,099	120,133.83
CAPOIL	0.52	0.52	0.54	0.52	0.52	0.00	25	2,072,830	1,101,128.25
CCNN	23.10	23.50	24.10	23.50	24.16	1.06	90	1,536,998	36,911,280.00
CHAMS	1.02	0.98	1.02	0.97	1.00	-0.02	107	12,528,794	12,322,606.00
CHELLARAM	13.43	12.76	12.76	12.76	12.76	-0.67	4	113,770	1,451,705.25
CHEVRON	69.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	69.79	0.00	10	6,727	492,887.28
CILEASING	3.79	3.61	3.62	3.61	3.61	-0.18	46	866,434	3,135,704.25
CONOIL	48.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.51	0.00	20	10,783	549,178.19
CONTINSURE	0.97	0.96	0.99	0.96	0.97	0.00	19	5,333,900	5,167,707.00
CORNERST	0.75	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.03	30	8,612,979	6,718,123.50
COSTAIN	8.23	8.30	8.64	8.30	8.64	0.41	90	3,139,970	26,854,760.00
COURTVILLE	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.00	6	475,000	237,500.00
CRUSADEK	0.86	0.90	0.90	0.86	0.90	0.04	13	921,797	820,580.56
CUSTODYINS	3.52	3.68	3.68	3.68	3.68	0.16	19	328,500	1,206,747.62
CUTIX	3.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.59	0.00	3	15,161	57,005.36
DAARCOMM	1.44	1.37	1.38	1.37	1.37	-0.07	144	3,317,996	4,556,784.50
DANGFLOUR	22.99	23.10	24.13	23.10	24.13	1.14	531	4,949,748	118,370,392.00
DANGSUGAR	19.50	19.74	19.93	19.50	19.90	0.40	145	4,152,750	81,966,352.00
DIAMONDBNK	9.52	9.55	9.80	9.53	9.53	0.01	104	11,087,909	106,292,320.00
DNMEYER	3.53	3.61	3.61	3.61	3.61	0.08	9	145,225	527,725.12
DUNLOP	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.00	14	110,574,960	55,287,880.00
ECOBANK	5.99	6.20	6.28	6.20	6.28	0.29	68	1,451,328	9,048,787.00
EQUITYASUR	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.00	10	296,500	148,250.00
ETERNAOIL	7.99	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.30	0.31	51	315,629	2,561,016.75
FCMP	9.01	9.01	9.46	9.01	9.46	0.45	108	14,691,137	138,199,680.00
FIDELITYBK	3.12	3.16	3.27	3.16	3.27	0.15	141	5,534,920	17,902,826.00
FIRSTALUM	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.00	12	205,472	103,412.42
FIRSTBANK	16.50	16.65	17.12	16.65	17.05	0.55	824	14,871,287	252,096,864.00
FTNCOCOA	1.09	1.07	1.10	1.06	1.07	-0.02	48	1,294,600	1,404,899.00
GLAXOSMITH	27.96	27.70	27.70	27.60	27.60	-0.36	33	309,644	8,719,118.00
GOLDINSURE	0.87	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.83	-0.04	7	335,740	278,664.19
GTAASURE	2.85	2.90	2.99	2.90	2.99	0.14	33	3,067,127	9,018,076.00
GUARANTY	23.30	23.75	24.46	23.75	24.46	1.16	707	20,368,998	492,707,264.00
GUINEAINS	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.00	4	199,740	99,870.00
HMARKINS	0.52	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	-0.02	15	1,311,295	655,647.50
INTENEGINS	0.69	0.71	0.71	0.66	0.66	-0.03	67	18,145,743	12,586,083.00
INTERCONT	2.02	2.00	2.08	2.00	2.00	-0.02	68	3,278,117	6,580,776.00
IPWA	1.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.20	0.00	1	15,000	17,100.00
JAPAUOIL	1.95	1.91	2.00	1.89	1.90	-0.05	313	10,375,760	20,301,376.00
JBERGER	50.93	53.47	53.47	53.47	53.47	2.54	22	302,052	16,150,720.00
LASACO	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.56	0.57	-0.01	59	5,485,252	3,129,936.25
LAWUNION	0.66	0.69	0.69	0.63	0.63	-0.03	34	15,297,300	10,285,645.00
LINKASSURE	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00	2	10,000	5,000.00
LIVESTOCK	0.98	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	0.04	40	2,867,612	2,924,964.25
LONGMAN	8.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.50	0.00	1	61,665	550,051.81
MAYBAKER	7.50	7.19	7.87	7.19	7.87	0.37	54	819,691	6,226,151.00
MBENEFIT	0.60	0.63	0.63	0.58	0.62	0.02	45	5,483,500	3,375,523.25
MOBIL	144.23	151.44	151.44	151.44	151.44	7.21	14	83,106	12,585,573.00
NIGERINS	1.06	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11	0.05	7	832,428	923,995.06
OANDO	116.87	122.71	122.71	120.00	120.51	3.64	249	2,060,377	251,586,608.00
OASISINS	0.89	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	-0.04	2	81,000	68,850.00
OCEANIC	2.09	2.10	2.15	2.02	2.02	-0.07	155	4,050,792	8,304,317.00
PZ	31.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.94	0.00	44	155,367	4,754,092.50
REDSTAREX	3.87	3.87	3.88	3.82	3.88	0.01	43	1,370,157	5,274,568.00
REGALINS	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.00	1	107,000	53,500.00
SKYBANK	7.92	8.00	8.08	7.53	7.98	0.06	225	7,850,566	62,436,068.00
SOVRENINS	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.00	8	367,200	183,600.00
SPRINGBANK	1.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.05	0.00	20	173,886	188,649.16
STDINSURE	0.59	0.57	0.61	0.57	0.60	0.01	88	9,437,240	5,578,573.00
STERLN BANK	2.27	2.21	2.38	2.21	2.38	0.11	177	12,492,505	29,322,424.00
TOTAL	184.91	194.15	194.15	194.15	194.15	9.24	44	183,750	35,669,452.00
TRANSCORP	0.52	0.52	0.54	0.52	0.54	0.02	30	2,013,652	1,068,522.12
TRIPPLEG	4.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.37	0.00	1	2,520	10,483.20
UAC-PROP	25.00	25.03	26.25	25.02	26.25	1.25	42	1,185,981	30,564,232.00
UACN	54.20	54.56	54.99	54.01	54.50	0.30	99	2,848,604	155,008,208.00
UBA	16.65	16.56	16.91	16.56	16.70	0.05	314	12,026,085	202,658,944.00
UBN	5.85	5.90	6.14	5.90	6.14	0.29	182	5,483,540	33,445,802.00
UNIC	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.94	0.94	-0.04	35	904,126	862,060.88
UNILEVER	25.43	25.51	26.00	25.51	26.00	0.57	76	681,878	17,829,174.00
UNIONDICON	4.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.91	0.00	2	25,000	116,750.00
UNITYBNK	1.05	1.00	1.05	1.00	1.00	-0.05	44	3,034,774	3,057,444.75
UNITYKAP	0.60	0.60	0.63	0.60	0.63	0.03	15	19,062,350	11,760,570.00
UNIVINSURE	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.00	5	1,000	76,681.50
WEMABANK	1.16	1.14	1.14	1.11	1.11	-0.05	42	2,588,173	2,895,518.75
ZENITHBANK	14.72	15.02	15.45	15.02	15.45	0.73	359	13,968,602	214,833,440.00



TRANSMISSION COMPANY OF NIGERIA (TCN) PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION FOR THE SUBMISSION OF QUOTATIONS FOR THE SUPPLY OF TOYOTA AND LAND ROVER VEHICLES

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Management of Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN), requires the supply of Toyota and Land Rover vehicles to the Company.

2.0 SCOPE OF WORK

Consequently, the Company wishes to invite **ONLY ACCREDITED** Toyota and Land Rover dealers to submit quotation for the supply of:

- i. Toyota 30 Seater Coaster Bus (Full Option), Air Conditioned, Petrol Engine, Stereo, Airbag.
- ii. Toyota Hilux Pick-Up 2WD, Double Cabin, Air Conditioned, Stereo, Power Assisted Steering.
- iii. Land Rover S/W, 4-Wheel Drive, 6 Speed Manual, 5 Doors, Metal Top, Petrol or Diesel Engine, Power-assisted Steering, Alloy Wheels, Factory Fitted Air Conditioner, Radio and CD Player.

Communication Accessories - each Land Rover shall be installed with the following:

1. One (1No.) Motorola GM 140 VHF Radio.
2. One (1No.) HICOM 700 Series HF Radio.

3.0 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Only ACCREDITED Toyota and Land Rover Dealers wishing to carry out the above job should submit the following:

- a) Registration with CAC.
- b) Current Tax Clearance Certificate.
- c) Evidence of accreditation by Toyota Nigeria Ltd/Land Rover.
- d) Evidence of compliance with provisions of the Pensions Reform Act, 2004.
- e) Quotation should include cost of Registration and Comprehensive Insurance.
- f) The vehicles are to be delivered to the TCN 132/33kV Transmission Station at Apo, Abuja, FCT.
- g) Quotation should also indicate completion period for the supply.
- h) A non-refundable Tender fee of **Fifty Thousand Naira (N50,000.00)** only for each lot, in Bank Draft, payable to the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN),

should be included in the submission.

- i) Indicate percentage discount in the event of bulk purchase.
- j) The quotation should be inclusive of all taxes.
- k) Only 2009 model is preferred.

4.0 SUBMISSION

Quotations should be forwarded in a sealed waxed envelope boldly marked at the top left corner:

"Quotation for the supply of Toyota 30 Seater Coaster Buses"

Or

"Quotation for the supply of Toyota Hilux Pick-Up 2WD"

Or

"Quotation for the supply of Land Rover S/W"

and submitted to the address below:

**Assistant General Manager
(Procurement),
Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN)
Room 228, 2nd Floor, PHCN CHQ,
Plot 441, Zambezi Crescent, Maitama, Abuja.**

For further information/clarification, please contact:

Tel: +2348055027494

e-mail: atonack@yahoo.co.uk

solaakinniranye@yahoo.com

5.0 CLOSING DATE

All submissions must be received at the above address on or before **12 Noon, Monday, 3rd May, 2010.**

6.0 OPENING DATE

Tenders will be opened on **Monday, 3rd May, 2010, at 12:15pm.**

Signed:

**MANAGEMENT
TRANSMISSION COMPANY OF NIGERIA (TCN)**



**FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION
FCTA TENDERS BOARD SECRETARIAT**

FCTA Secretariat, Kapital Road, Area 11, P.M.B. 24, Garki Abuja, Nigeria

**INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION AND TENDER FOR VARIOUS
PROJECTS UNDER ABUJA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
SYSTEMS (AGIS)**

Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) through the Abuja Geographic Information System (AGIS) has provisions in the FCT 2010 Statutory Budget proposal and is hereby inviting competent and interested companies to submit Technical and Financial bids for the following projects:-

- i. Supply of various Survey Equipments
- ii. Supply of Computer Materials (cartridges and papers)
- iii. Supply of Computer and Materials
- iv. Supply of Office Materials and Supplies
- v. Supply of Office Furniture
- vi. Printing of Non-Security Documents
- vii. Supply and installation of Sound Proof 500KVA Generators
- viii. Supply and installation of Package Air Conditioning Unit

B. PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Interested companies are to forward copies of the following documents and the originals are to be made available for sighting during the tender opening:-

- i. Evidence of Registration with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) and Articles of Memorandum of Association.
- ii. Interested companies should have up to date returns with CAC and be informed that due diligence could be conducted.
- iii. Company's Audited Account for the last three year from a registered Chartered Accounting Firm.
- iv. Tax Clearance for the last three (3) years.
- v. List of verifiable documentary evidence of similar jobs successfully executed within the last three years (copies of letter of contract award, completion certificates etc).
- vi. Reference letter from a reputable bank.
- vii. Sworn affidavits in line with the provisions of Part iv Section 16, Subsection 6(e-f) of the Public Procurement Act, 2007
- viii. Letter of Authority to FCT Administration to cross check the company's account.
- ix. Evidence of remittance of contributory pension fund for staff of the company as provided in Section 16, Subsection 6(d) of the Public Procurement Act, 2007.

C. COLLECTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS

Interested companies are to collect tender documents from the Director Administration and Finance, AGIS, No. 4 Peace Drive, Area 11, Garki - Abuja upon the presentation of a proof of payment of N10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Naira only) non-refundable tender fee into FCT Treasury Account at Fidelity Bank, Central Business District, Account No. 051503010000426.

D. SUBMISSION

The prequalification and Financial bid documents should each be sealed and labeled "Technical and Financial bids as appropriate" separately and the two envelopes be put in another envelope that should be sealed and labeled as Tender for "(Project Title)". The technical and financial bids should be submitted in three (3) copies (one original and two other copies) and all pages are to be duly endorsed by the bidder. The document is to be dropped in the Tender Box in the Office of the Secretary FCT Tenders Board, Room 043 (Former Public Building Block), Area 11, Garki - Abuja not later than 12.00pm, 18th May, 2010. The representatives of the bidding companies are invited to witness the opening of the tenders on the same date at Room G9 Archives and History Bureau Building near AGIS, Peace Drive, Area 11, Garki-Abuja at 2.00pm. The advert is for a period of six (6) weeks.

E. Successful companies could be requested to provide Performance Bond, whose value shall not be less than 10% of the contract sum before signing the contract.

NOTE:

- i. Interested bidders are not allowed to bid for more than one (1) of the listed projects.
- ii. Interested members of the general public, especially the Civil Society Organisations are invited to attend the opening exercise.
- iii. Company's representatives are to come along with a letter of introduction indicating name, rank and sample signature to the opening exercise.
- iv. FCTA is not bound to accept the lowest bid or any other tender.

HAJARA MUHAMMED
DD (Proc.)/Secretary, FCTA Tenders Board



**FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION
FCTA TENDERS BOARD SECRETARIAT**

FCTA Secretariat, Kapital Road, Area 11, P.M.B. 24, Garki Abuja, Nigeria

**INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION AND TENDER FOR
VARIOUS PROJECTS UNDER FCT ARCHIVES AND HISTORY
BUREAU**

Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) through the Archives and History Bureau has provisions in the FCT 2010 Statutory Budget proposal and is hereby inviting competent and interested companies to submit Technical and Financial bids for the following projects:-

- i. Procurement of Office Materials
- ii. Procurement of Library Books and Periodicals
- iii. Procurement of Computer Materials
- iv. Procurement of Utility Vehicles
- v. Procurement of Backup-Equipment
- vi. Procurement of Alternative Power Source

B. PREQUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Interested companies are to forward copies of the following documents and the originals are to be made available for sighting during the tender opening:-

- i. Evidence of Registration with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) and Articles of Memorandum of Association.
- ii. Interested companies should have up to date a returns with CAC and be informed that due diligence could be conducted.
- iii. Company's Audited Account for the last three year from a registered Chartered Accounting Firm.
- iv. Tax Clearance for the last three (3) years.
- v. List of verifiable documentary evidence of similar jobs successfully executed within the last three years (copies of letter of contract award, completion certificates etc).
- vi. Reference letter from a reputable bank.
- vii. Sworn affidavits in line with the provisions of Part iv Section 16, Subsection 6(e-f) of the Public Procurement Act, 2007
- viii. Letter of Authority to FCT Administration to cross check the company's account.
- ix. Evidence of remittance of contributory pension fund for staff of the company as provided in Section 16, Subsection 6(d) of the Public Procurement Act, 2007.

C. COLLECTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS

Interested companies are to collect tender documents from the Director, FCT Archives and History Bureau, Area 11, Garki- Abuja upon the presentation of a proof of payment of N10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Naira only) non-refundable tender fee into FCT Treasury Account at Fidelity Bank, Central Business District, Account No. 051503010000426.

D. SUBMISSION

The prequalification and financial bid documents should each be sealed and labeled "Technical and Financial bids as appropriate" separately envelopes be put in another envelope that should be sealed and labeled as Tender for "(Project Title)". The financial and technical bids should be submitted in three (3) copies (one original and two other copies) and all pages are to be duly endorsed by the bidder. The document is to be dropped in the Tender Box in the Office of the Secretary FCT Tenders Board, Room 043 (Former Public Building Block), Area 11, Garki - Abuja not later than 12.00pm, 17th May, 2010. The representatives of the bidding companies are invited to witness the opening of the tenders on the same date at Room G9 Archives and History Bureau Building near AGIS, Peace Drive, Area 11, Garki-Abuja at 2.00pm. The advert is for a period of six (6) weeks.

E. Successful companies could be requested to provide Performance Bond, whose value shall not be less than 10% of the contract sum before signing the contract.

NOTE:

- i. Interested bidders are not allowed to bid for more than one (1) of the listed projects.
- ii. Interested members of the general public, especially the Civil Society Organisations are invited to attend the opening exercise.
- iii. Company's representatives are to come along with a letter of introduction indicating name, rank and sample signature to the opening exercise.
- iv. FCTA is not bound to accept the lowest bid or any other tender.

HAJARA MUHAMMED
DD (Proc.)/Secretary, FCTA Tenders Board



**FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION
FCTA TENDERS BOARD SECRETARIAT**

FCTA Secretariat, Kapital Road, Area 11, P.M.B. 24, Garki Abuja, Nigeria

**INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF
VARIOUS GOODS UNDER 2010 STATUTORY BUDGET**

The Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) through the FCT Procurement Department has provisions for the procurement of various goods under the FCT 2010 Statutory Budget proposal. Competent and interested companies are hereby invited to submit Technical and Financial bids for the following projects:-

I. Supply of Office Materials:

Brief scope of works

The scope of supplies include but not limited to the following:

- 4-Drawer Office Cabinet
- Digital Camera and Cam Coder
- Paper Shredding Machine
- Digital Multifunctional System AM 400
- Metallic Binding Machine and;
- A4 and A3 White Photocopying Papers

II. Supply of Computer Materials

Brief scope of works

- Supply and Installation of HP LaserJet (A3) Colour Printers
- Supply of Laptop Computer
- Supply of Toner Cartridges for LaserJet Printers

III. Supply of Utility Vehicles

The Scope comprises of the Supply of 1 No. 2.7 liters double cabin vehicle and 2 No. 1.8litres 2009 Model Salon Cars complete with accessories.

TECHNICAL (PREQUALIFICATION) REQUIREMENT

Interested companies are to forward copies of the following documents and the originals are to be made available for sighting during the tender opening:-

- Evidence of Registration with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) and Articles of Memorandum of Association.
- Audited Account for the last three years from a registered Chartered Accounting firm.
- Tax Clearance for the last three (3) years.
- Interested company should have up to date returns with CAC and note that due diligence could be conducted.
- List of verifiable documentary evidence of similar jobs successfully executed within the last three years.
- Current Bank reference and Statement of Account for the last twelve (12) months.
- Letter of authorizing FCTA or its representative to cross check the submitted account of the company.
- Sworn affidavits in line with the provisions of Part iv Section 16, Subsection 6(e-f) of the Public Procurement Act, 2007
- Letter of introduction of the authorized representative of the bidder with his/her sample signature.
- Evidence of remittance of contributory pension fund for staff of the company as provided in Section 16, Subsection 6(d) of the Public Procurement Act, 2007.

COLLECTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS

Interested companies are to collect Tender Documents from the Office of the Director, FCT Procurement Department, Room 042, Block 'B' Former Public Building, FCTA Secretariat, Area 11, Garki-Abuja upon presentation of evidence of payment of N10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Naira only) non-refundable tender fee into FCT Treasury Revenue Account at Fidelity Bank, (Central Area), Account No. 051503010000426.

SUBMISSION

The Technical (Pre-Qualification) and Financial documents should each be sealed and labeled (Technical and Financial Bids as appropriate) separately and the two envelopes be put in another envelope that should be sealed and labeled at the top right hand corner as (Technical or Financial stating the name of the project in each case). The Technical and Financial Bids should be submitted in three (3) copies (one original and two other copies) and all pages to be duly endorsed by the authorized representative of the bidder. The document are to be submitted in the Office of the Secretary FCT Tenders Board, Room 043 (Former Public Building Block), Area 11, Garki - Abuja not later than 12.00pm, 13th May, 2010.

NOTE:

- The representatives of the bidding companies and members of public especially Civil Right Organizations are invited to witness the opening of the tenders on the same day at 2.00pm at Room G9 Archives and History Bureau Building near AGIS, Peace Drive, Area 11, Garki-Abuja at 2.00pm on 13th May, 2010 but should adhere to the code of conduct issued by the Bureau of Public Procurement.
- Companies should not express interest in more than one project.
- FCTA is not bound to accept the lowest or any other tender.

HAJARA MUHAMMED

DD (Proc.)/Secretary, FCTA Tenders Board



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FCTA TENDERS BOARD SECRETARIAT**

FCTA Secretariat, Kapital Road, Area 11, P.M.B. 24, Garki Abuja, Nigeria

**INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION SMALL
VALUE PROCURMENT**

Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) through the FCT Procurement Department is desirous to register reputable Contractors and Suppliers for Small Value Services (N2.50Million and below).

2. Consequently, interested companies for small value services are hereby invited to submit application for prequalification specifying area of specialization from the list below: The purpose is to maintain a Data base of particulars and classification/categorization of reputable suppliers and services providers for ease of access and identification.

3. The services are classified into:-

- Suppliers of Books and Stationeries
- Suppliers of Officer Equipments including Computers and Consumables
- Suppliers of General Officer Furniture and Furnishing items
- Maintenance/Repair Services providers of Office Equipments.
- Maintenance/Repair Services providers of Motor Vehicles and other Mechanical Works.
- Maintenance/Repair Services Providers of Air-conditioners/Refrigerators and other electrical appliance.
- Maintenance/repairs of Computer Hardware.

4. REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION ARE:

- Evidence of Registration with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) and Articles of Memorandum of Association.
- Evidence of Tax Clearance for last three (3) successive years.
- Evidence of Audited Accounts (3years).
- Up to date annual returns with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC).
- Sworn affidavits in line with the provisions of Part iv Section 16, Subsection 6(e-f) of the Public Procurement Act, 2007.
- Any relevant information that can assist in decision making.
- Evidence of remittance of contributory pension fund for staff of the company as provided in Section 16, Subsection 6(d) of the Public Procurement Act, 2007.

5. Interested companies are to indicate area of interest and specialty of services in their Presentation/Submission. Prequalified companies would be categorized according to area of specialization in the Data Bank of FCTA for the purpose of invitation to bid for minor value procurement for the year 2010.

6. SUBMISSION

The prequalification documents should be sealed and labeled "Prequalification Bid of Registration for Minor Value Procurement for the Year 2010" and deposited in the tender box at the Office of the Secretary FCT Tenders Board, Room 043 (Former Public Building Block), Area 11, Garki - Abuja not later than 12.00pm, 29th April, 2010. The advert is for three (3) weeks. The representatives of the companies are invited to witness the opening of the document on the same date at 2.00pm at Room G9 Archives and History Bureau Building near AGIS, Peace Drive, Area 11, Garki-Abuja. Interested companies are hereby informed that original documents are to be made available for sighting during documentation.

HAJARA MUHAMMED

DD (Proc.)/Secretary, FCTA Tenders Board



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FCTA Secretariat, Kapital Road, Area 11, P.M.B. 24, Garki Abuja, Nigeria

**INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION AND TENDER FOR
VARIOUS SUPPLIES UNDER ASO TELEVISION SERVICES**

Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) through the Aso television Services has provisions in the FCT 2010 Statutory Budget proposal and is hereby inviting competent and interested companies to submit Technical and Financial bids for the following projects:-

- i. Supply of Laptop and Desktop Computers
- ii. Supply of Uninterruptable Power Supply
- iii. Supply and Installation of Power Transformers and Power Generators
- iv. Supply of Furniture for New Administrative Block
- v. Supply of Operational Vehicles

B. PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Interested companies are to forward copies of the following documents and the originals are to be made available for sighting during the tender opening:-

- i. Evidence of Registration with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) and Articles of Memorandum of Association.
- ii. Interested companies should have up to date returns with CAC and be informed that due diligence could be conducted.
- iii. Company's Audited Account for the last three years from a registered Chartered Accounting Firm.
- iv. Tax Clearance for the last three (3) years.
- v. List of verifiable documentary evidence of similar jobs successfully executed within the last three years (copies of letter of contract award, completion certificates etc).
- vi. Reference letter from a reputable bank.
- vii. Sworn affidavits in line with the provisions of Part iv Section 16, Subsection 6(e-f) of the Public Procurement Act, 2007
- viii. Letter of Authority to FCT Administration to cross check the company's account.
- ix. Evidence of remittance of contributory pension fund for staff of the company as provided in Section 16, Subsection 6(d) of the Public Procurement Act, 2007.

C. COLLECTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS

Interested companies are to collect tender documents from the Director Administration and Finance, Aso Television Service, Katampe Hills upon the presentation of a proof of payment of N10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Naira only) non-refundable tender fee into FCT Treasury Account at Fidelity Bank, Central Business District, Account No. 051503010000426.

D. SUBMISSION

The prequalification and Financial bid documents should each be sealed and labeled "Technical and Financial bids as appropriate" separate envelopes be put in another envelope that should be sealed and labeled as Tender for "(Project Title)". The technical and financial bids should be submitted in three (3) copies (one original and two other copies) and all pages are to be duly endorsed by the bidder. The document is to be dropped in the Tender Box in the Office of the Secretary FCT Tenders Board, Room 043 (Former Public Building Block), Area 11, Garki - Abuja not later than 12.00pm, 11th May, 2010. The representatives of the bidding companies are invited to witness the opening of the tenders on the same date at Room G9 Archives and History Bureau Building near AGIS, Peace Drive, Area 11, Garki-Abuja at 2.00pm.

E. Successful companies could be requested to provide Performance Bond, whose value shall not be less than 10% of the contract sum before signing the contract.

NOTE:

- Interested bidders are not allowed to bid for more than one (1) of the listed projects.
- Interested members of the general public, especially the Civil Society Organisations are invited to attend the opening exercise but should adhere to the guidelines issued by Bureau of Public Procurement.
- Company's representatives are to come along with a letter of introduction indicating name, rank and sample signature to the opening exercise.
- FCTa is not bound to accept the lowest bid or any other tender.

HAJARA MUHAMMED

DD (Proc.)/Secretary, FCTA Tenders Board



**FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION
FCTA TENDERS BOARD SECRETARIAT**

FCTA Secretariat, Kapital Road, Area 11, P.M.B. 24, Garki Abuja, Nigeria

**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TENDERING EXERCISE FOR
VARIOUS GOODS FOR DEPARTMENT OF ESTABLISHMENT &
TRAINING, FCTA**

Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) through Department of Establishment and Training has provisions in the FCT 2010 Statutory Budget proposal and is hereby inviting competent and interested companies to submit Technical and Financial bids for the following projects:-

1. Supply of Computers and Accessories for the Computerization of Personnel Records
2. Supply of Utility Vehicles
3. Supply of Office Materials

B. PREQUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Interested companies are to forward copies of the following documents and the originals to be made available for sighting during the Tender opening.

- I. Evidence of Registration with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) and Articles of Memorandum of Association.
- II. Interested companies should have up to date returns with CAC and be informed that due diligence could be conducted.
- III. Company's Audited Account for the last three year from a Chartered Accounting Firm.
- IV. Tax Clearance for the last three (3) years.
- V. List of verifiable documentary evidence of similar jobs successfully executed within the last three years (copies of letter of contract award, completion certificates etc).
- VI. Reference letter from a reputable bank.
- VII. Sworn affidavits in line with the provisions of Part iv Section 16, Subsection 6(e-g) of the Public Procurement Act, 2007.
- VIII. Interested companies whose work force is more than twelve (12) persons would be required to provide evidence of remittance of contributory pension funds in line with Section 16, Subsection 8, Clause (d) of the Public Procurement Act.
- ix. Letter of Authority to FCT Administration to cross check the company's account.
- x. Evidence of remittance of contributory pension fund for staff of the company as provided in Section 16, Subsection 6(d) of the Public Procurement Act, 2007.

C. COLLECTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS

Interested companies are to collect tender documents from the Director, Establishment & Training, Area 11, Garki - Abuja, upon the presentation of an evidence of payment of N10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Naira only) non-refundable Tender Fee into FCT Treasury Revenue Account at Fidelity Bank, (Central Area), Account No. 051503010000426.

D. SUBMISSION

The prequalification and Financial bid documents should each be sealed and labeled (Technical and Financial bids as appropriate) separately, and the two separate envelopes be put in another envelope that should also be sealed and labeled as "(Project Title)". The financial bids should be submitted in three (3) copies (one original and two other copies) and all pages are to be duly endorsed by the bidder. The document is to be submitted to: Secretary, FCT Tenders Board, Room 043 Former Public Building Block, FCTA Secretariat, Area 11, Garki - Abuja not later than 20th May, 2010 by 12.00pm that is for a period of six (6) weeks. The representatives of the bidding companies are invited to witness the opening of the tenders on the same date at Room G9 Archives and History Bureau Building near AGIS, Peace Drive, Area 11, Garki-Abuja at 2.00pm.

E. Successful companies could be requested to provide Performance Bond, whose value shall not be less than 10% of the contract sum before signing the contract.

NOTE:

- i. Interested bidders are not allowed to bid for more than one (1) of the listed projects.
- ii. The administration is not bound to accept the lowest bid.
- iii. Members of the general public, especially in the Civil Society Organization are invited to the opening exercise. They are however to abide by the code of Conduct issued by the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP).
- iv. Company's representatives are to come along with a letter of introduction indicating name, rank and sample signature to the opening exercise.

HAJARA MUHAMMED

DD (Proc.)/Secretary, FCTA Tenders Board

DIGEST

Three women, one man and the historic baby they've created together



Team effort: Claire Horner, middle, with surrogate Cheryl Richards, left, and egg donor Cathy

THEY are divided by geography and share no family link. But Claire Horner, Cheryl Richards and Cathy Sidaway are united by a very special bond: they have joined forces to have a baby.

After battling breast cancer three times, Mrs Horner's dearest wish was to have a baby brother or sister for her four-year-old son, Jack.

But doctors warned her and husband Dennis that she should not fall pregnant again as it could raise the risk of the cancer returning. So in a remarkable case Miss Sidaway donated her eggs, which were fertilised using Mr Horner's sperm and Mrs Richards agreed to act as a surrogate to carry the baby.

Now Mrs Richards is more than 12 weeks pregnant, in what

is thought to be a British fertility care first.

Consultant gynaecologist and fertility specialist Mark Sedler, who is handling the case, said: 'It is the first time that we have had a situation like this where all parties know each other, yet are unrelated to each other, and there has been a successful ongoing pregnancy.'

Part-time magistrate and nursing sister Mrs Horner was just 37 when she was diagnosed with cancer after discovering a lump in her breast while on holiday with her husband, now 49. She underwent surgery to remove the lump, but the cancer returned for a second time a year later. At the time the couple, who live in Richmond, Surrey, were undergoing IVF treatment to start a family of their own but had to put their plans on hold. 'We never gave up on our hopes for a family,' said Mrs Horner, who is in her mid-40s. 'But I had to concentrate on trying to beat cancer for the second time.' This time she had surgery, followed by aggressive chemotherapy and radiotherapy, and managed to beat the disease again. The couple then started IVF treatment again, using donor eggs.

Mrs Horner's eggs were not of good quality so there would have been no benefit freezing them before cancer treatment.

Thrilled: Mr Horner and four-year-old son Jack. To their delight Mrs Horner became pregnant with son Jack. But 30 weeks into the pregnancy came the devastating blow. The cancer had returned. 'I felt another lump in my left breast and I knew what it was straight away,' said Mrs Horner. 'This time I

couldn't have any scans to see if the cancer had spread as I was still pregnant, so I had to spend eight weeks not knowing whether it had, which was terrible.'

Jack was born in March 2006, and just a week later Mrs Horner underwent surgery for a third time to remove the lump. Fortunately scans showed the cancer had not spread, but the new mother had to endure more exhausting chemotherapy.

When Jack was nine months old they decided they wanted another baby. 'I didn't want to take any risks, as I wanted to be a mother to Jack,' said Mrs Horner. 'I couldn't put my life at risk by falling pregnant, so we decided to look into surrogacy.'

The couple were put in touch with Mrs Richards, 27, who wanted to act as a surrogate. They went to a clinic in Cyprus and had three failed surrogacy attempts, using eggs from an anonymous donor and sperm from management consultant Mr Horner. Mrs Horner said: 'It was devastating. Cheryl wanted to carry on helping us, as by now she had become a friend to us and she could see how much we wanted a baby.'

Then in March last year, Mrs Horner met business development manager Miss Sidaway, 30, at a health and wellbeing show in London, and they struck up a friendship. When Mrs Horner told Miss Sidaway, who doesn't have children of her own, about her search she volunteered her own eggs.

Say sorry to your wife - it may help her live longer, according to scientists

SORRY may be the hardest word - but scientists claim it could be one of the healthiest.

Researchers have discovered that women who receive an apology for hurtful behaviour suffer less stress and potential damage to their heart than those who don't.

It may be of little comfort to Tiger Woods' wife Elin, who received several fulsome apologies from the golfer for his serial infidelity, but it is claimed that the pulse of a wronged woman returns to normal 20 per cent quicker after a well-timed 'sorry' than without it.

Unfortunately for men, a male heart-beat takes longer to recover after an apology than without, according to the research, suggesting that men become irritated when there is an admission of guilt. The research was undertaken by American scientists using 29 men and 59 women whose diastolic blood pressure was measured throughout an experiment.

Diastolic blood pressure is a measure

of pressure in the blood vessels between heartbeats - if it is persistently high it can increase the chances of stroke or heart attacks.

The men and women were asked individually to undertake a mathematical task. They were told they had five minutes to complete it but were interrupted after two minutes and told harshly to carry out the arithmetic more quickly.

They were interrupted twice more before five minutes had elapsed and told to speed up. Finally they were told: 'You're obviously not good enough.'

Two minutes later half of the men and women were given full apologies.

The researchers found that, on average, the women's diastolic blood pressure returned to normal 20 per cent quicker if they received an apology, while the men's took 20 per cent longer to return to normal after a sorry.

One of the researchers said: 'Results indicate that there are potentially healthy benefits to forgiveness and apology.'



SORRY tale: Tiger Woods has made several fulsome apologies to his wife Elin for his infidelity

Sign Language



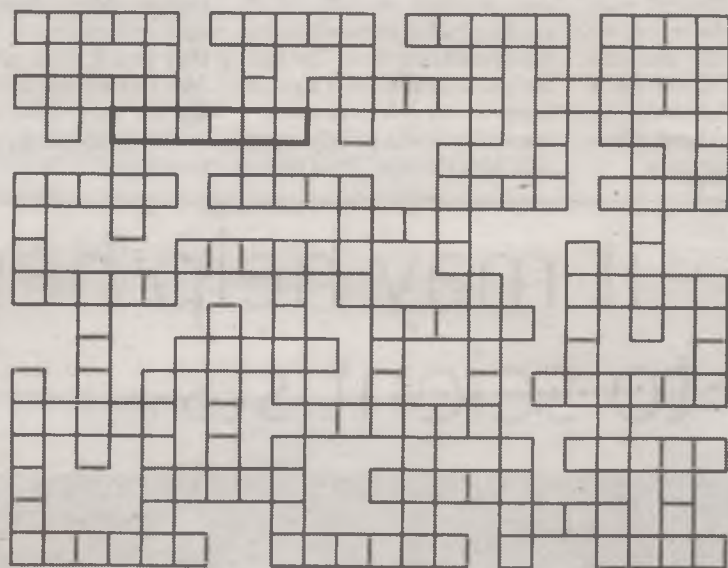
Okay, WING, oops, RING the bell
 Photo location: Hong Kong, by Erik Munch-Fals
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KRISS KROSS

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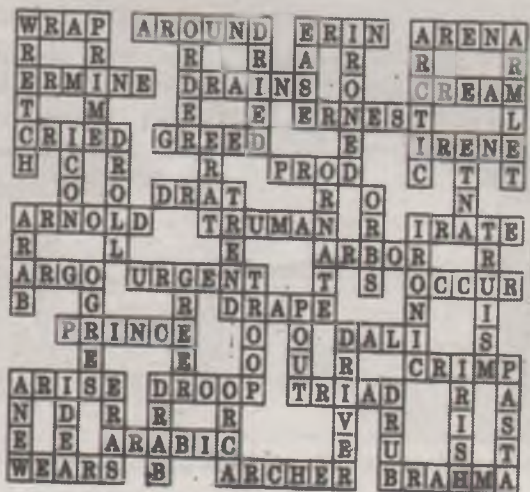
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SOLUTION TO KRISS KROSS

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SUDOKU

The Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 square grid made up of smaller 3x3 square grids (regions). The numbers already present within the puzzle are "given" - these are there to start you off. The aim is to complete the puzzle by filling the empty cells. Every digit from 1-9 needs to fit in each row, column and region of 9 squares. Each row, column and region must contain just one instance of each number, 1-9.

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Solution to Sudoku 129

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NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE PUBLIC NOTICE

INTRODUCTION

1. National Defence College (NDC) intends to execute the underlisted projects under its year 2010 Capital Budget. To this end, competent and experienced contractors are invited to tender in line with the defined scope and specifications of the Projects below:

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

2. The works include:

- a. **LOT 1.** Furnishing of Participants Quarters I. This involves the supply and installation of furniture items, laundry and gymnasium equipment to an 8 floor accommodation for Participants at NDC Permanent site Piwoyi.
- b. **LOT 2.** Construction of Officers' Mess/ Games facilities. This involves the construction of a Mess lounge, a 2 floor guest suite of 26 rooms and access roads and parking lots at NDC Permanent site Piwoyi.
- c. **LOT 3.** Renovation of NDC Blocks of flats at Apo. This involves general repairs especially painting, plumbing, electrical and carpentry works.
- d. **LOT 4.** Renovation of Soldiers Blocks at NDC Camp Ushafa. This involves general repairs especially painting, tiling, plumbing, electrical, masonry and carpentry works.
- e. **LOT 5.** Provision of Training Aids.
- f. **LOT 6.** Renovation and furnishing of syndicate rooms Joint War Studies. This involves the Procurement of furniture, installation of multimedia and video conferencing facilities in 11 Syndicate Rooms.
- g. **LOT 7.** Renovation/Furnishing of NDC Headquarters. This involves general repairs such as roof works, painting, tiling, electrical and plumbing works. Other works include upgrading of entrance foyer, construction of gymnasium, paving of ground surfaces and supply of furniture items.
- h. **LOT 8.** Extension of Nursery/Primary School Ushafa. This involves the construction of 2 blocks of 4 classrooms each, establishment of children's recreation park and general renovation works.
- i. **LOT 9.** Upgrading of College Library. This involves the establishment of e-library comprising procurement/installation of appropriate server, digitalization, implementation of software application for indexing, cataloguing and archiving and training of personnel.
- j. **LOT 10.** Demolition/Construction of NDC Quarters Gwarimpa. This involves the demolition of a failing one-storey duplex and the construction of a new storey block of 4 flats.
- k. **LOT 11.** Installation of Wifi System for NDC Quarters Apo. This involves the procurement and installation of wireless internet server and other hard and softwares in Apo CyberCafe.
- l. **LOT 12.** Extension and upgrading of equipment in NDC Medical Centre. This involves the purchase and installation of medical Ophthalmic and Laboratory equipment and other items.

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

3. The following requirements for pre-qualification /tender must be submitted:

- a. Evidence of registration with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC). Forms C 02 & 07 to be included.
- b. Evidence of tax payment for the past 3 years. Certificate supplied with TIN; Pension and Social Security contributions.
- c. Value Added Tax (VAT) registration and evidence of remittance of VAT.
- d. Company's audited financial accounts and funding information over the past 3 years endorsed by a firm of chartered accountants.
- e. Evidence of financial capability from a reputable bank(s).
- f. Company's profile organogram and resume of key Technical staff including individual attestation of availability. Copies of professional certificates to be sealed and endorsed.
- g. List of similar projects previously undertaken including letters of award, completion certificates, completion period and project costs.
- h. Verifiable list/type of construction equipment including an indication of whether owned or on lease; for owned equipment evidence of ownership shall be required.

COLLECTION/SUBMISSION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS

4. Qualified companies are to collect standard tender documents for Lots 3 to 12 only after paying a non refundable tender fee of N10,000.00 only by Bank Draft to National Defence College Abuja from the Office of the Director of Logistics, NDC.

5. Pre-qualification/ tender documents must be submitted in sealed envelopes marked, "CONFIDENTIAL PRE-QUALIFICATION OR TENDER FOR NDC 2010 FISCAL YEAR CAPITAL PROJECT". Technical and Financial Bids for Lots 3 to 12 should be Sealed in separate envelopes and clearly marked so.

Documents are to be submitted not later than 30 April 2010 for Lots 1 and 2 and 12 May 2010 for Lots 3 to 12 to the address below:

The Commandant
National Defence College,
Herbert Macaulay Way (North)
PMB 323
Abuja Nigeria

BID OPENING

5. Public opening of the Bids for Lots 3 to 12 shall take place same day ie 12 May 2010 at 2.00pm in Abacha Hall, National Defence College, Abuja.

NOTES:

1. Only companies with a minimum of N500 Million annual turn over need apply for Pre-qualification for Lots 1 and 2.
2. No company should express interest in more than 2 of the available Lots.
3. Submission of the pre-qualification/tender documents is not a guarantee for award of contract. Only

Commandant
National Defence College, Abuja



INVITATION TO BID

CONSTRUCTION OF DYKE (X1) AT WARAWA AND FLOOD RETENTION GATE WITH WING WALLS (1) AT JOKA JURIYE

Introduction

The Hadejia Jama'are Komadugu Yobe Basin Trust Fund (HJKYBTF), which is intended primarily to address the shared land and water resources management problems of the basin, wishes to execute dyke construction (1 in number) and flood retention gate with wing walls construction (1 in number) pilot projects at strategic locations in the basin. Firms registered with the Trust Fund are hereby invited to make firm sealed offers for the pilot projects as spelt out further below.

Objectives

The objective of the pilot projects is to ease the flow of water away from where it is not desired and towards where it is needed. For the construction of a dyke, a stable bund is to be erected along the river bank at the specified locations to prevent flooding of areas behind the bunds; for flood retention gate with wing walls, it is to stop flood waters on fadamas from retreating back into the river channel after the level of flow in the river channel has dropped.

Outputs

The expected outputs of this exercise should consist of, but not limited to the following:

- (a) The evacuation of the specified quantum of silts and weeds at the specified locations;
- (b) Construction of stabilized dyke/bund as spelt out in the designs at the specified location;
- (c) Construction of flood retention gates with wing walls as spelt out in the design at the specified location.

Eligibility

Firms with cognate experience with the Trust Fund and in position of the required equipment, as well as having working relationships with our partners, are eligible to bid for the execution of the projects:

1 DYKE CONSTRUCTION

A. Wudil Warawa Earth Dyke :- Length of 500 meters, base width of 12 meters, crest width of 04 meters, and height of 02 meters.

2 CONTROL GATES CONSTRUCTION

A. Joka Juriye Additional Work on Double Valves Gate with wing walls— gate length 7.0m, gate width 7.0m, height 1.5m, top right wing wall extension 03m, bottom right wing wall extension 2.2m, top left wing wall extension 3.5m, bottom left wing wall extension 8.5 m, height of 1.5m across.

Documents

The documents consisting of the specifications, details of requirements, letter of Submission of Bids and draft contract agreement are to be obtained from the Administrative Secretary of the HJKYBTF at the Trust Fund's Secretariat in Km 6 Potiskum Road, Damaturu, Yobe State. He can also be contacted on the following phone number: 08080989282 or 07062061288.

Submission of bids

The bids, with all information requested in the instruction to Bidders (to be collected from the Administrative Secretary), shall be delivered to the office of the Administrative Secretary, HJKYBTF on or before Tuesday 27th April by 12:00 noon local time. Late entries cannot be considered.

Signed
Dr. Hassan H. Bdliya



NATIONAL TEACHERS' INSTITUTE, KADUNA

NOTICE OF MEETING IN PREPARATION FOR THE 2010 NATIONWIDE CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOPS FOR TEACHERS UNDER THE MDGs

The National Teachers' Institute (NTI), Kaduna, wishes to invite Chairmen of all State Universal Basic Education Boards (SUBEBs) and the FCT to an important stakeholders' meeting, in preparation for the conduct of the 2010 nationwide Capacity Building Workshops for Teachers under the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The meeting is scheduled to hold on :

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Time: 9 a.m.

Venue: NTI headquarters, KM 5, Kaduna-Zaria Express Way, Rigachikun-Kaduna, Kaduna State.

**Dr Aminu Ladan Sharehu,
Director-General/Chief Executive,
ANNOUNCER.**



**THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
FEDERAL FIRE SERVICE**

FIRE HEADQUARTERS, AREA 10, MUHAMADU BUHARI WAY
PMB 43, GARKI ABUJA

INVITATION FOR PRE – QUALIFICATION

PREAMBLE: Applications are invited from competent, reputable and interested contracting firms (local and international), with relevant experience and good track records for pre – qualification for the design and construction of some training props at the National Fire Academy Shada.

A. PROJECT SCOPE/DESCRIPTION:-

- The extent of works includes design and construction of:
- i. Fire House
 - ii. Crashed Aircraft Fire Training Prop
 - iii. Oil Spillage Fire Prop.

B. PRE – QUALIFICATION CRITERIA:-

- i. Evidence of Registration with the Corporate Affairs Commission.
- ii. Company Tax Clearance Certificate for the last three (3) years.
- iii. Audited Annual Financial report of the Company for the last three (3) years.
- iv. Evidence of similar jobs earlier executed within the last three years (attached letters of award and job completion certificates).
- v. Company profile and Organizational structure including names, resume, and telephone numbers of key personnel, including registration with professional bodies e.g ARCON, COREN, NIGS etc.
- vi. Corporate Registration with ARCON, COREN etc.
- vii. Equipment and Technology Capacity.
- viii. Evidence of Financial strength (Bank Statement for the Last 6 Months), credit worthiness and readiness to instruct bankers to supply financial information on the Company as may be required.
- ix. VAT registration and evidence of past remittances.
- x. A sworn affidavit that none of the directors have been convicted in any country for criminal offence, including fraud and financial impropriety.
- xi. Evidence of remitting employer and employee pension contributions to the appropriate pension fund custodian. (Local bids only)
- xii. Evidence of transferring all Pension Funds and Assets prior to the commencement of the pension Reform Act to licensed pension operators. (Local bids only)
- xiii. Evidence of payment of N25, 000.00 (Twenty-Five Thousand Naira) only as tender fees.

C. SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS

The pre-qualification documents should be addressed and forwarded in sealed envelope to reach the address below not later than 12.00 noon, two weeks from the date of this publication.

**The Secretary
Service Tender's Board
Federal Fire Service
Area 10, Garki, Abuja.**

D. OPENING OF BIDS

Bids will be opened immediately after closing on the date and time as above. Venue of opening of bids is the Lecture Hall, Federal Fire Service, Area 10, Garki Abuja. Only pre-qualified bids shall be considered for invitation to tender.

**Signed:
Management**



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News Extra

Stay out of Africa this time, Nelson Mandela's wife tells Britain

Graça Machel condemns UK on its Zimbabwe policy, telling Westminster politicians to 'keep quiet' about former colonies

One of Africa's most eminent political figures has condemned Britain for taking a patronising "big brother" attitude to its former colonies.

Graça Machel, a founder member of the Elders group of world leaders and the wife of Nelson Mandela, warned British politicians to "keep quiet" about countries such as Zimbabwe and let African diplomacy take its course.

Machel, 64, is a former first lady of Mozambique, where she served as education minister, and has won numerous international awards for her advocacy of women's and children's rights.

In an interview with the Guardian in Johannesburg, she indicated that the crisis in Zimbabwe has revealed the shortcomings of a persistent imperialist mindset.

"Can I be a little bit provocative?" Machel said. "I think this should be an opportunity for Britain to re-examine its relationship with its colonies. To acknowledge that with independence those nations will want to have a relationship with Britain which is of shoulder to shoulder, and they will not expect Britain to continue to be the big brother."

“When a nation is independent, there is no big brother. They are partners. Part of the reason why Britain finds it difficult to accept Zimbabwe is precisely because that relationship of a big brother is influencing [efforts] to try to understand.”

Britain, along with the EU and US, has imposed travel restrictions and asset freezes on Zimbabwe president Robert Mugabe and his political and business allies. It has defied calls from South Africa to end these measures for the sake of the power sharing agreement between Mugabe's Zanu-PF and the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC).

Earlier this year David Miliband, the foreign secretary, said the UK would be "guided by what the MDC says to us about the conditions under which it is working and leading the country". Critics said this handed Zanu-PF a propaganda coup, allowing it to portray the MDC as a puppet of Britain and blame it for sanctions.

Machel added: "I'm not saying things are OK, they're all fine in Zimbabwe. I'm saying a different kind of dialogue, a different kind of bridge to try to understand the other side could have produced a different result from what it is."

"The more the British shout,



GRAÇA Machel, who has criticised Britain's 'big brother' attitude to Zimbabwe and other former colonies, with her husband Nelson Mandela in parliament.



PRESIDENT Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe behind the Queen at a Commonwealth meeting in 1999.

the worse the situation will be in terms of relationship with Zimbabwe. That's why sometimes I really question, when something happens in Zimbabwe and Britain shouts immediately. Can't they just keep quiet? Sometimes you need just to keep quiet. Let them do their own things, let SADC (Southern African Development Community) deal with them, but keep quiet, because the more you shout, the worse [it is]."

Asked if Britain's attitude is patronising to its former colonies, Machel replied: "I'm afraid so. And what I'm saying is they have expectations which do not always coincide with what are the aspirations

and expectations of those who are their former colony."

"When you change the relationship, you just have to give yourself to take the humility to stop and listen. And when you listen, then you take into account the other side. You put your case, then you take the other side. In a way, you harmonise interests of both sides."

Zimbabwe marked 30 years of independence yesterday. Britain remains politically and economically influential and denies Mugabe's claim that it reneged on promises to fund the redistribution of land to the black majority. Mugabe's response, the chaotic seizure of white-owned farms, has

been blamed for the collapse of Zimbabwean agriculture. Machel, whose first husband was the late Mozambique president Samora Machel, called on Britain to take a broader view of the African continent. "That's one of the issues, particularly with the British people: because of the emotional attachment they have with Zimbabwe, in many cases they define the continent in terms of Zimbabwe. Zimbabwe is one country among 53 countries, so you have all the rest of 52 countries. Well, let us put aside Somalia also, which is a failed state. But you have 50 countries who are running a relatively normal situation in the continent."

“I would like to raise with you the issue that yes, Zimbabwe has failed, and it is hurting British people directly, but there's much, much more to Africa than Zimbabwe.”

Machel, who became Mandela's third wife in 1998, also accused developed countries of double standards on CO2 emissions and climate change.

"This has been very clearly stated at the negotiations to Copenhagen. They know - the developing world, including China - that Africa has very small responsibility in the impact of climate change, but Africa is the one paying the highest price."

Britain's intentions are still treated with scepticism in Zimbabwe, even among some members of the MDC. Eddie Cross, policy coordinator general of the MDC, said: "Perfidious Albion. I tell you, you Brits have a well-deserved reputation for perfidy in your colonial relations ... I think Britain's always been very sophisticated in its relations with its former colonies - it's got more experience than any other state in the world - but it doesn't necessarily make them right."

"Britain's role in the last 10 years has often been difficult for us in the MDC to interpret and read. Sometimes they've backed certain initiatives in Zimbabwe which have not been helpful in terms of pursuing a principled transfer of power and I think sometimes the Brits regard us as being rather naive in the MDC and they have a rather jaundiced view of Africa and African politics."

But Cross, an economist and MP, added that other European powers probably behaved worse: "Samora Machel once said to me: 'If you were to choose to be colonised, you would never choose to be colonised by the Portuguese'. The colonial record was pretty dismal. For the British it was probably the best."

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“When a nation is independent, there is no big brother. They are partners”

News Extra

Uganda crowns youngest king



KING Oyo Nyimba Kabamba Iguru Rukidi IV

The "world's youngest king" assumed his official duties with an apparent air of reluctance on Saturday in a quiet town at the foot of Uganda's Rwenzori mountains.

Oyo Nyimba Kabamba Iguru Rukidi IV, 18, was crowned as head of the Kingdom of Toro in a traditional ceremony in his hilltop palace overlooking his capital of Fort Portal.

Draped in a long embroidered gown of blue and gold, the tall, lean Oyo hardly smiled through much of the ceremony, often staring straight down at the floor.

His symbolic authority covers the area known as the Mountains of the Moon straddling the borders of Uganda and Democratic Republic of

Congo.

The young king had officially succeeded to the throne at the age of three when his father died of a heart attack in 1995, but coronation takes place only upon reaching adulthood.

Those who know Oyo suggested that he is far more comfortable when he is not surrounded by animal skin wearing, spear wielding tribal chiefs from across Africa.

"He's a teenager! He loves Arsenal!" proclaimed Princess Dorothy Kagoro, when asked to describe the king's nature.

During a ritual characterized by kingdom officials as the most important part of the coronation, clan leaders lined up to present Oyo with a range of traditional gifts.



UGANDAN President Yoweri Museveni (left) wearing a traditional Toro kingdom head gear with Ugandan king Oyo Nyimba Kabamba Iguru Rukidi IV during the coronation.

I saw the earth explode: How a photographer witnessed the eruption that closed Europe

It was a ferocious volcanic eruption that belched out tons of white-hot molten rock, sent a billowing plume of ash miles into the sky – and

would lead to chaos in the airports of northern Europe.

And these astonishing pictures, taken by British freelance photographer John

Beatty, record the spectacular events which took place at the now-infamous Eyjafjallajökull (Island-Mountain-Glacier) volcano in Iceland,

and which have had such a dramatic aftermath.

Mr Beatty, 58, happened to be in Iceland's glacier fields on an assignment to take pic-

tures for an outdoor clothing company when he found himself at the centre of the awe-inspiring natural phenomenon.



THE big bang: A breathtaking view of the Icelandic volcano in full flow



A spectacular and terrifying view of the volcano in action with magma bubbling and boiling as it breaks through the Earth's crust

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CORBON inducts 179 new members

By Mustapha Suleiman

THE Council of Registered Builders of Nigeria (CORBON), last Friday in Abuja inducted 179 new members into the Council.

In his address at the occasion, Chairman of CORBON Bldr. (Prof) Akin Akindoyeni disclosed that the newly inducted 179 members is the highest number ever admitted on one occasion and that most of them are graduates of tertiary institutions at home and abroad.

He observed that the demands for the services of professional builders is increasing astronomically as a result of

the awareness by the governments that there ought to be an element of planning in the development of our built environment."

"The industry depends on governments to realise that investment in the development of the built environment deepens the investment structures of our economy. To succeed in this government at all levels must ensure that adequate planning laws are enacted to keep the playing ground level and to give teeth to the National Building Code and conclude the process of the enactment of the National Building Code Enforcement Bill in the National Assembly," he said.

In his keynote address, Minister of Works, Lands, Housing and Urban Development Mr. Nduse Essien said that the efforts of the Council over the years have improved the level of performance of Builders especially through its policy of consistent capacity building for its members.

He charged them to pursue a vigorous programme that would equip Builders to perform based on best practices standards.

"I therefore appeal to the Council to improve on its programmes and encourage its members to participate fully in providing decent and affordable accommodations for our people," said the minister.

Doma to commission, inspect rural projects

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

THE first tour of local government areas of Nasarawa State by Governor Aliyu Akwe Doma will lead to the commissioning and inspection of some rural projects across the 13 local government areas and 16 development areas.

State Information Commissioner, Mamman Alakayi had told Daily Trust that the tour was planned to enable the governor to thank the people for their support as well as commission and inspect some projects at the grassroots. The commissioner could not, however, name the projects, more than one week after he sought for time to list them.

But Daily Trust recalls that the 2010 "Budget of Reality" outlines and provides for many projects at the grassroots, most of which the governor promised completion, while others are for commencement at various times in the course of the year. The budget has the capital expenditure of N40,646,265,383.00, representing 60 percent of the entire budget. Some of the capital projects, especially in the water and roads sub sectors, are in rural areas, according to the budget.

Governor Doma's budget speech promises the completion of water supply schemes at Nasarawa and Nasarawa Eggon. "Keffi, Akwanga, Obi, Toto, Keana and Awe water supply schemes shall be expanded and upgraded". It also proposes new water schemes at Wamba, Assakio, Agbashi and Azara, just as it adds that "all the ongoing borehole projects in the state shall be completed during the year."

In works and transport sub sector, the budget outlines a plan for both rural and urban infrastructure. "We shall continue to open up our rural areas for socio-economic activities and to stem rural/urban migration."



L-R: Minister of Works Senator Sanusi Mohammad Daggash, right, and Anambra State Governor, Mr. Peter Obi during the visit of the Governor to the Minister at his Mabushi, Abuja office last week.

FCTA to blacklist failed contractors

By Nasir Imam

HENCEFORTH, the FCT Administration (FCTA) will blacklist contractors that fail to execute contracts according to the terms of contractual agreement with the government.

The FCT Minister, Senator Bala Mohammed, dropped this hint while inspecting the multi-billion-naira 225-Karu General Hospital at the weekend in Abuja.

The contract for the building of the Karu General Hospital was awarded to H & S Nigeria Limited while the contract for its equipment was awarded to Vamed Nigeria

Limited in April 2005 respectively with a completion period of 55 weeks.

The Minister warned that the FCT Administration under him will not condone lackadaisical attitude from any contractor as contracts must be delivered on schedule.

According to him, "I will not partner with any contractor who delays work and turns round to request for contract variation".

He directed the Executive Secretary of the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA), Engineer Muhammad Sani Alhasan to immediately take over the completion and taking over of the hospital; stressing that

the residents yearn for the services there.

Senator Mohammed lamented that the equipment to be installed in the Hospital has been on ground for the past three years while the construction contractor is delaying the job.

The Minister gave the contractor four weeks to complete and handover the main structure or be blacklisted.

His words: "The residents of the Federal Capital Territory are in dire need of the Hospital facilities and therefore the FCT Administration cannot afford any further delay."

W/Bank spends N1.5bn on Kogi projects

From Isiaka Wakili, Lokoja

THE World Bank-Assisted Community and Social Development Agency says it has spent N1.5 billion on various community micro projects in Kogi State.

The Head of the Human Development Segment of the Agency, Professor Foluso Ogunmadewa, who visited the state yesterday, disclosed this to pressmen at the Government House in Lokoja.

He noted that the activities of the Agency in the state were primarily on the improvement of the education sector, especially in the area of school infrastructure and science laboratories.

Other areas where the Agency has also made impact, he said, included provision of health centres, potable water and the construction of feeder roads in rural communities across the state.

Ogunmadewa confirmed that the state government last year paid N100 million as

counterpart funds for the execution of micro projects in the state.

He further stated that the World Bank annually earmarked N200 million to execute community projects in each state of 28 in the federation actively involved in the partnership programme.

He hinted that before the end of the year, the Agency was expected to execute over 300 projects, 54 of which would be on education, in the state.

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Cultural centre contract revoked

From Hamza Idris, Damaturu

GOVERNOR Ibrahim Gaidam of Yobe state has revoked the contract for the building of the Damaturu Cultural Centre awarded to BCC International Company owned by former head of state General Yakubu Gowon for failure to abide by contract agreement.

Saleh Abubakar, the Chief of Staff to the Governor, who spoke to journalists in Damaturu yesterday, said the decision was taken because of repeated failures of the company to handle and complete the cultural centre project which was awarded in 2000 at the cost of N155 million.

"The contract value was reviewed twice by the state government in 2003 and in June, 2007 but the contractors could not complete the project."

Saleh said government has re-awarded the contract to DESIX Integrated Services at the cost of N58.9 million to complete the project which would be commissioned in May this year.

"The projects monitoring committees from the ministry of works and housing would continue to work closely with contractors handling government projects to ensure that the terms of contracts are not violated by any of the contractor" he said.

He said government will continue to revoke contracts that failed to leave up to expectation.

"This is why the state government always insists on the presentation of performances bond by contractors before contracts are awarded and we always ensure regular assessment of projects," he added.

FG to construct overhead bridge for Kogi market

By Mustapha Suleiman

MINISTER of Works, Senator Mohammad Daggash, while inspecting Abuja -Lokoja road on Wednesday, paid a courtesy call on Kogi State Governor Alhaji Ibrahim Idris, promising at the request of the governor to construct an overhead bridge at the Kogi State International Market to ease traffic congestion that often occurs there.

The minister, accompanied by the minister of state Engineer Chris Ogiemwonyi appealed to the governor to help talk to the local chiefs at the Koton Karfe section of the road being handled by Gitto construction company over the claim of the indigenes that their ancestral fathers are buried there, thereby hindering construction work there.

The minister appealed thus: "at the third section of the road towards Koton Karfe from Abuja, there has been a bit of constraints because it's supposed to be a dual carriage way but that could be because of the issue of ancestral home of our fore fathers with regards to that area. This road is being built for today, my believe is that the road has to be built for today and tomorrow. We know the constraints of NNPC pipeline, communication lines and others but the investment that is on presently will handle this issue other than doing 2 lanes and 5 years down the lane we will go through another process of saying we want to award another contract to expand the road"

Earlier, governor Ibrahim Idris said that the state has embarked on the constructions of several federal roads namely: Shintako-Odugbo, Ganaja-Ajaokuta, Idah-Onyedega and Igbagun -Ifeolukotau -Ponyan roads.

He asked for refund of the states government expenses on these roads while calling for the construction of other federal roads in the state, describing the state as a major transit route to the federal capital territory which should



NASARAWA State governor, Aliyu Akwe Doma, receiving a signed copy of the Nasarawa State Government/Federal Housing Authority (FHA)/Sharp Little City Limited tripartite agreement on the planned construction of 11,450 Karu Housing Units called "Little City", last week in Lafia. Commissioner for Housing, Environment and Urban Development, Mohammed Yamusa, hands the agreement. PIC: HIR JOSEPH



MINISTRY OF POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT, MAIDUGURI, BORNO STATE.

INVITATION TO TENDER FOR RENOVATION/REHABILITATION AND EQUIPPING OF SEVEN SKILLS ACQUISITION CENTERS AT BIU, BAMA, LASSA, GWOZA, GAMBORU-NGALA, GUBIO AND MONGUNO TOWN

The Borno State Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Youth Empowerment hereby invite tenders from suitably qualified building contractors/suppliers of skills acquisition equipment, who have good track record of performance in similar work, to submit their quotations for the renovation/rehabilitation and or equipping of the Skills Acquisition Centers as follows:-

- A.
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| i. Bama | ii. Biu | iii. Gamboru-Ngala |
| iv. Gwoza | v. Gubio | vi. Lassa |
| vii. Monguno | | |

B. QUALIFICATION/REQUIREMENT

- i. Evidence of registration and incorporation by the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)
- ii. Valid tax clearance certificate for the last three years
- iii. Evidence of registration with the Borno State Government as a contractor/supplier of skills acquisition equipment.
- iv. Verifiable evidence of previous experience in handling such projects including letter of completion Certificate/Certificates.
- v. Evidence of financial capability to execute the work in accordance with the specifications.

C. TENDER INSTRUCTION

Interested building contractors and suppliers of skills acquisition equipments should collect Bid documents from the Secretary, Tender's Board, Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Youth Empowerment, after due payment of non-refundable tender fee of N25,000 (Twenty-five Thousand Naira Only) for each center and each contract or supply from 19th April, 2010 to 3rd May, 2010.

D. SUBMISSION OF BID DOCUMENTS

The completed tender documents is to be submitted to the Secretary, Tender's Board, Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Youth Empowerment, Room B03, Musa Usman Secretariat, Maiduguri latest by 12:00 noon on 3rd May, 2010.

E. OPENING OF TENDER

Further details shall be communicated to the tenderer as soon as possible.

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And Statistics)

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Thunderbolt strikes down mechanic

By Aliyu Yahaya

A motorcycle mechanic, Ifeanyi Ani, was of Friday evening stuck dead by lightning at his workshop in Field Base junction at Suleja, Niger State.

According to a witness, Malam

Ango Mukhtar, the thunder started shortly before a heavy downpour which made the mechanic pack his tools and move under a tree.

"The lightning struck him under the tree and he died instantly," the witness said.

The Federal Road Safety Com-

mission's Head of Operation Suleja, Malam Abubakar Musa confirmed the incident and said FRSC officials evacuated his body to the mortuary.

Malam Musa advised people not to take refuge under trees during heavy downpours.



THE spot where lightning struck and killed a motorcycle mechanic Friday.

Immigration officer sues police over gunshot wound

By Abubakar Yakubu

AN Immigration Officer, Hussaini Haruna Coomassie, has sued the inspector-general of police, the attorney-general of the federation, FCT police commissioner and one Victor Udegbe over a bullet wound he received near Force Headquarters in Abuja.

In a motion of notice dated April 16, the immigration's lawyer, Barrister Nnaemeka Ejiogor is claiming 100 million from the respondents on behalf of his client as exemplary and aggravated damages for alleged reckless shooting, inflicting grievous harm, torture, degrading treatment and illegal detention of the immigration officer at National Hospital, Abuja.

The motion seeks for a declaration that the alleged shooting of the immigration officer on the hand by the men and officers of the inspector-general, FCT police commissioner and Victor Udegbe is unlawful, unwarranted, illegal, callous and contravenes Section 33(1) of the 1999 Constitution of Nigeria.

"A declaration that the shooting of the applicant's vehicle severally and subsequent infliction of injury on his arm amounts to inhuman and degrading treatment, contrary to Section 34(1) of the 1999 Constitution and Article 6 of African Charter on Human as well as Peoples Right," the motion read.

Other reliefs sought are a declaration that the detention of the applicant by the police in the National Hospital from November 6 to 26, 2009 is unwarranted, illegal and contravenes Section 35 (1) of the 1999 Constitution and Article 6 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights; A declaration that the frequent

order directing the applicant to report at Asokoro Police Station by inspector-general, FCT police commissioner and Victor Udegbe without just cause even when they are aware of his being treated at the Orthopedic Hospital, Kano and the prevention of the immigration officer from travelling overseas to seek medical treatment they allegedly inflicted on him is unlawful.

The immigration officer also wants the court to compel the respondents or their agents from further harassing, arresting or declaring him wanted or to prevent him from taking steps to travel abroad.

In an affidavit in support of the motion on notice, Coomassie explained that he had just finished Jumat prayers on November 6, 2009 when Victor Udegbe allegedly mounted the door foot rail of his Lincoln Navigator Jeep with registration number EE 120 ABJ and started to bang hard on the side glass which made him drive to force headquarters as he was trailed by three vehicles.

"I managed to get close to force headquarters gate, when Victor Udegbe shouted 'armed robber' and few seconds later I heard a gunshot and stopped barely 30 metres away from the force headquarters gate," he immigration officer stated.

He explained that as he made to come out of the vehicle, the gunshots continued and a few seconds after, a mobile policeman riding a bike shot twice, directly at him on the head but he shifted and a bullet got him on his right arm before he managed to walk towards the gate of force headquarters, identify himself to a police inspector and faint.

DRTS to commence e-enforcement Aug 2

By Ogechi Ohalee

THE Directorate of Road Traffic Services (DRTS) would as from August 2 begin to apprehend defaulters of valid vehicle documents that use electronic devices.

DRTS FCT Director, retired Major Adamu S. Argungu, who disclosed this, said the enforcement period which was extended from April to August was necessary for a maximum publication on the device.

"E-enforcement is a welcome development, as it is a global trend, where in most developed countries, vehicle documents is not usually checked manually but with the use of this electronic device," he said.

Argungu stressed further that the FCT is a developing city that strives to rank amongst developed cities in the world and must adopt some of the things that are practiced there technologically.

Peace Corp members take over sealed office

By Usman A. Bello & Hussein Yahaya

PEACE Corps of Nigeria officials Friday forced open the gate of their corporate office in Abuja that was allegedly sealed by the police since October 1, 2009 and resumed work in the place.

The action was as a result of a protracted argument in an FCT

High Court, where the police filed a counter affidavit and denied sealing the place.

Simeon Lough, a police superintendent, had told the court that the office was not sealed but a padlock placed at the gate, to which Justice Sylvanus Orji warned on the implication of such action.

In a press briefing at the premises, Ambassador Dickson Akoh, leader of corps, said they have taken the police action in good faith and will not think bad against them.

"It is unfortunate that this can happen in a developing society, where those entrusted to enforce laws, disobey them,"

he lamented.

He advised Peace Corps members nationwide to maintain peace as always as the body is claiming N200 million for the locking up of its offices and harassment of its members, adding that if the police have evidence for their action, they should bring it up in court.

Corrigendum

In our news story titled ANPP congratulates Abaji council boss, we mentioned Alhaji Nuhu Aliyu instead of the party's acting Chairman in Abaji, Alhaji Mohammed Shawai Mazawaje as the person that congratulated the council boss.

We regret any inconveniences the mistake might have caused Alhaji Nuhu Aliyu, the ANPP aspirant in the council's poll.

PDP calls for bye-election at Kwali

By Abubakar Yakubu & Abubakar Sadiq Isah

THE chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) at Ashara ward in Kwali Area Council, Mr Hashimu Danfulani, at the weekend called on the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to conduct bye-election in the ward.

He complained that the recent council poll was marred by irregularities in Riwaza, Tek-

pesse, Pukafa and Konamada, all polling stations in Ashara ward.

According to him, the results of voting in the affected stations were withheld but INEC surprisingly announced the overall results in the chairmanship poll in Kwali.

"Thugs believed to be working for an opposition party attacked polling booths and carried away electoral materials, thereby preventing eligible voters from voting," he added.

Also reacting to the results, Kwali Area Council's acting Chairman, Mr. Danlami Saleh Yebu, last Wednesday petitioned INEC over alleged irregularities observed during the poll.

The petition was addressed to FCT INEC Commissioner, Mr. Steven Bawa Many and copied to the FCT minister, FCT police commissioner, the FCT director of State Security Services (SSS), police area commander, Kwali divisional police officer as well

as the SSS boss at Kwali.

In the petition, the council boss alleged that voting processes were disrupted by suspected thugs working for a party, who carted away ballot papers and election materials at Tekpesse, Pukafa, Riwaza and Kwanan-Mada communities in Ashara ward of the council.

He said the thugs emerged from nowhere and damaged a ballot box containing people's votes at Riwaza polling unit and disappeared with ballot papers

from some polling units.

The council boss further alleged in his petition that most of his supporters who came to cast their votes at Pukafa and Riwaza villages were allegedly chased away at the polling units by the suspected thugs, who displayed knives, charms and dangerous weapons.

He told the INEC FCT boss that four suspected thugs arrested by the police have been taken to FCT Police Command for further investigation.

...As FOMWAN congratulates ANPP candidate

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

THE Federation of Muslim Women Associations of Nigeria (FOMWAN), Kwali Area Council branch, Friday congratulated the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) Chairmanship aspirant, Mr. Joseph Shazin, for winning the council election.

FOMWAN's Amira in Kwali, Aishatu Yamta Bukar, who led members of the association to the council chairman elect's residence, said the decision to visit him was to remind him of the promise he made to Muslim women during his electioneering campaign.

"We took it upon ourselves to support as well as pray for him and now there is victory, we are here to show happiness with him and to tell him that Muslim women at

Kwali stood firmly behind him during the election," she said.

The Amira pledged the association's continued prayers to the chairman elect as he pilots the affairs of the council, assuring that Muslim women will not entertain any form of rumours or slander on his person.

Responding, the council chairman elect, Mr. Joseph Shazin, thanked the Muslim women for their support and constant prayers in ensuring his victory, noting that FOMWAN has been contributing to the development of society.

He therefore assured FOMWAN that girl-child education will be given priority immediately he take over the mantle of leadership at the council and promised to carry them along in his administration.



PARTICIPANTS at a Hand and Skills Initiative workshop at Redeem Church Mararaba Saturday.

Residents trained on empowerment skills

By Ogechi Ohalee

RESIDENTS of Mararaba as well as those from the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) were Saturday given certificates for attending a two-day practical workshop on hands and skills initiative that took place at Mararaba.

Participants were taught how to

make hair creams, tie hats, beads, odour control devices, liquid soap, tie and dye, among others.

Coordinator of Hand and Skills Initiative, Mrs Fwogos Simi Wunmi said her organisation aims to get a large number of unemployed persons empowered this year by going into craft businesses where the capital needed to operate is minimal.

She lamented the difficulties faced by unemployed persons in the society and said which such training, such people can fend for themselves as well as take care of their families.

"Our appeal is for government to partner with us so that we reach a larger number of people, especially in the rural areas," she added.

FCT Water Board condemns street car washers

THE Director of FCT Water Board, Mr Jibrin Ibrahim, Saturday said it is illegal to engage in car wash business outside filing stations in the territory.

Ibrahim, who made the clarification during an interactive session with newsmen, said that engaging in such business outside the designated area was capable of distorting the master plan of the city.

He said the board and FCT Administration are against such activities in places other than petrol stations, especially when such operators source their water illegally.

"Most of the people operating outside the filing stations are engaged in illegal business as they don't make any payments to the board.

In fact, we don't even know that they exit and they destroy the serv-

ices meant for law abiding citizens," Ibrahim disclosed.

He said such illegal operators use the treated water meant for human consumption to wash cars and thereby deprive legal consumers of the commodity.

"In fact, they are distorting the master plan, because they are not supposed to wash cars everywhere and mess up the place," he said. (NAN)

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LATE ALHAJI MOHAMMED ABUBAKAR RIMI

The Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA) announces with regret the death of Alhaji Mohammed Abubakar Rimi, a Charismatic Politician and Statesman. Alhaji Rimi served the NIIA meritoriously in the capacity of Administrative Secretary from February 16, 1976 to September 1, 1978. He will surely be

missed by those who loved him.

The NIIA extends its heartfelt condolence to Alhaji Rimi's family, the Government and people of Kano State, his numerous political associates and supporters.

May his soul rest in perfect peace.

Signed:
Professor Osita C. Eze
Director General

CITIZENS UNITED FOR DEMOCRACY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE (CUDGG)

OUR STAND ON THE TENURE OF MAURICE IWU AND CREDIBLE ELECTIONS IN 2011

Against the back drop of the chequered history of our dear country in the conduct of elections, all patriotic Nigerians, her friends and well-wishers have variously expressed the wish that the year 2011 general elections should be positively different from the nation's unseavoury past experiences. All are agreed that the forthcoming general elections must be successful by being credible, as a guarantee for the survival of our nascent democracy. In this regard, several groups and individuals have been making suggestions on the best ways to improve upon the machinery and processes of conducting elections in the country. Of the cacophony of ideas that have been advanced, the one that seems loudest and most strident is the one from the groups and individuals demanding the sack of the National Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission, INEC, in the person of Professor Maurice Iwu. This, to us is as way off the mark as it is simplistic and unrewarding.

According to those calling for the removal of Professor Maurice Iwu as INEC Chairman, the man appears to them as, "inherently incompetent" or "too corrupt" and "too partisan" to supervise free and fair elections. To buttress their stance, they point to the 2007 general elections, rightly classified in many quarters as falling below world best standards. In their perception therefore, the removal of Maurice Iwu is an antidote against a repeat of the 2007 electoral fiasco. The self-appointed world watch dog of democracy, the United States of America, USA, has apparently been bought on this line of thinking when her Special Envoy on Africa, Jonnie Curson, was recently reported to have audaciously declared Maurice Iwu as incompetent to supervise credible elections!

As a group of patriotic Nigerians who are genuinely craving that our country should have a hitch free and fair elections in which the votes of the electorate count in 2011, we believe that Professor Maurice Iwu is **NOT** the impediment to credible elections and therefore, his removal does not in any way tantamount to the solution. Our position is predicated on the following grounds:

1. In 2007 as in the preceding elections, Professor Maurice Iwu was neither at all the polling stations and scenes of reported incidents of ballot box stuffing or ballot box snatching and other forms of election rigging at the base of elections. The politicians, the political thugs, polling agents and very significantly, the law enforcement agents should be squarely blamed for the heinous crimes.

2. In 2007, President Olusegun Obasanjo and **NOT** Professor Maurice Iwu should be held as the lone culprit that bastardized the electoral process and subverted the people's votes by using instruments of state such as the police, the SSS, the army and the EFCC to harass political opponents as well as in the day-light manipulation of the ruling PDP's primaries at all levels. Nigeria would not have been undergoing this National agony and trauma of an ill-disposed President if President Obasanjo had not so crudely interfered in the electoral processes at all stages.

3. The Judiciary and **NOT** Professor Maurice Iwu should be held responsible for the questionable delay in adjudicating over cases of election petitions as well as, in delivering contradictory and weird verdicts that implied a rape of the electorate of their votes.

4. Also, the politicians who insist that they must win elections at all cost, by hook or crook and therefore, engage in all forms of criminalities are to blame and **NOT** the individual electoral officials who conduct elections. It goes without saying that, the politicians and **NOT** Professor Maurice Iwu, have a much greater role to play in ensuring credible elections in 2011. A change of attitude on the part of our politicians and not a change in the INEC leadership is what is more imperative and much more rewarding.

5. In the 2009 governorship election in Anambra state, an election that was regarded by political pundits as a window into what to expect in 2011, Professor Maurice Iwu's INEC proved that, unencumbered, the agency is very capable of conducting credible elections. Maurice Iwu cannot therefore be "inherently incompetent" or "too partisan". If he were, either his so-called mentor, Dr. Andy Ubah of the Labour Party or, Professor Charles Soludo of the ruling PDP should have won the recent Anambra governorship election instead of Dr. Peter Obi of the All Progressive Grand Alliance, APGA.

6. The 2011 general elections are merely a few months away and it is our candid opinion that it is **TOO DANGEROUS** and **TOO LATE** in the day for a new chairman of INEC to come on board. With the experience he has garnered on the job, coupled with the crucible of fire he has undergone in the hands of all sorts of critics, there cannot be a better equipped person to handle the 2011 general elections than Professor Maurice Iwu.

In conclusion, it is our considered and patriotic view that the question of credible elections goes far beyond an individual. Instead of the rash, unrewarding clamour for the removal of Professor Maurice Iwu as INEC Chairman, it is in the Nation's best interest that the man should be. For a credible election to hold in 2011 there should be an urgent solution found to the demonstrated chronic inability of our security agencies to carry out their statutory roles during elections. The judiciary should re-invent itself to enable it to dispense justice, timely and fairly on matters of election petitions that may be brought before it in the 2011 general elections.

Most importantly, the National Assembly, the Presidency and all other relevant bodies should expedite actions on the Justice Lawal Uwais' Report on Electoral Reforms, which to us, is the road map to credible future elections in Nigeria. Also very significantly, we are encouraged to be optimistic in the 2011 elections by the declared disposition of Acting President Goodluck Jonathan to allow for a free and fair elections which to us, implies that unlike President Obasanjo, we don't expect to see a presidency that is out to subvert the electoral machinery, rules and procedures in 2011. This happened in Anambra state, we saw the result and so we expect very credible elections in 2011.

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Rural ICT: USPF considers solar powered connectivity

By Yunus Abdulhamid

DIRECTOR/SECRETARY of the Universal Provision of Fund (USPF) Barrister Funsho Fayomi has said the fund was presently considering the use of alternative power sources like solar energy to power its ICT connectivity to rural areas where electricity was a huge challenge.

The USPF is a federal govern-

ment agency created by the 2003 Communications Act and affiliated to the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC). It has a primary mandate of taking ICT connectivity to the un-served and underserved parts of the country.

Mr Funsho was speaking at a stakeholder Consultation Forum held in Minna, Niger State, for the North Central zone of the country. He said the forum was

meant to interact with opinion leaders and stakeholders in the zone to help build a bottom up strategy to meet their ICT needs. The forum was attended by stakeholders from the six states of the zone. These include Niger, Kwara, Plateau, Kogi, Nasarawa, Benue states as well as the FCT.

He disclosed that the Federal Executive Council has approved the use of solar power for the

deployment of ICT facilities across the country.

The last year 327 projects of the school access programme and 550 for this year will be solar powered, he said.

In his remarks, the Programme Director of the Common Wealth Telecommunications Organisation (CTO) Bashir Patel observed that "Africa has the least penetration of ICT in the world."

He said 65% of the population of Africa are in the rural areas and that even the ubiquitous mobile phones haven't gotten to so many rural areas.

He said communication is as vital today as anything else and the digital gap needed to be bridged. To catch up with the rest of the world, Nigeria especially need to learn from the developed economics, Bashir said.



FROM right: Director/Secretary of USPF Funsho Fayomi at the stakeholders consultative forum organised by the fund in Minna last week

SAP introduces software for Nigeria's oil and gas sector

From Chris Agabi, Lagos

SYSTEM Application Product (SAP) has unveiled its enterprise resource planning (ERP) software for Nigeria's oil and gas industry. SAP, one of the world's biggest software manufacturing firm is based in Germany and has strong presence in Nigeria and Africa.

Introducing the software to over 50 oil and gas top players in Nigeria at a round table meeting in Lagos, the regional manager, West Africa SAP, Noble E. Ekajeh said SAP software captures the best practices in all areas of the

oil and gas sector.

"For Nigerian companies that are trying to compete with well established large international oil players, using these tools give them a template to develop world class standards and practices" he said, adding that SAP provides software solutions in the oil and gas companies and other industries as well.

He explained that, because Nigerian organisations will begin to go outside, they will have to run their entire organisation, processes and systems, at the same level as world class operators and

almost all the world class operators use the SAP ERP software. "So we have the benefit of capturing their experiences into our software. So, even downstream players who want to migrate to the upstream sector will do so without challenge. Enterprise applications are a necessity for most companies that have grown" he noted.

The round table details included trends, development and challenges in the ERP market and designed to Ensuring Superior performance in a volatile and complex market by oil and gas firms.

Nigeria/UK telecoms summit holds in May

By Zakariyya Adaramola

A United Kingdom-based group, Lancaster Conferences and Nigerian Communication Commission (NCC) are organising a Nigeria/UK Telecommunications Summit 2010 with support from United Kingdom Trade and Investment (UKTI).

This event, according to a statement signed by Lancaster Conferences' Sarah Payne, will be held in London, England, from the 13th to the 14th of May 2010, at Savoy Place, with a Gala event on the second evening.

The essence of the summit, she said, is to provide a forum for learning which allows all established investors and new investors in the Nigerian telecommunications industry to meet with their peers and ultimately, expand their businesses.

"The Nigeria UK Telecommunications Summit is a gathering of the telecommunications industry and those with vested interests in its welfare. Attracting the most-senior professionals from around the globe, the summit will provide a forum for the broad cross-section of stakeholders to exchange views, share ideas, challenge assumptions and plan for the future. This forum will be used to attract new investors to the Nigerian telecommunications industry", said Sarah Payne she said confirmed speakers for the forum are industry leaders from Nigeria and UK including representatives from Nigerian Communications Commission, Ministry of Information and Communication, Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Nigerian Investments Promotion Commission (NIPC), Etisalat, MTN, Helios Tower, Synchronica, Multilinks, Zain, Mobitel, National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion (NOTAP); DAAR Group, BEN TV, Starcomm etc.

'Over 60% of IT identities attacked in 2009'

From Zakariyya Adaramola

OVER 60 per cent of identities exposed in 2009 were attacked by hackers, Symantec Corp. has said. The risk to confidential information continues to grow as Information Technology executives are facing an increasing number of threats to their information from both internal and external sources. Today's attacks are proving to be more sophisticated, well-organised and covert in nature than attacks seen in years past, thus requiring a new approach to security.

But Symantec, in a statement at the weekend, said its study had revealed that over 100 percent of companies and individuals experienced some type of cyber loss in 2009.

Starcomms begins data modem exchange offer

By Zakariyya Adaramola

STARCOMMS says it is now offering a data exchange service in which its customers can trade in old internet modems for new ones on Starcomms network. With this plan, the company said, it would be receiving old modems of any kind bought previously and replace them with Starcomms iZAP modem for half its price. "Internet service subscribers in the country who may have been using their lower grade or old models of modems can upgrade now to Starcomms iZAP, an enhanced version of Rev. A EvDo internet USB modems at an affordable cost", Starcomms said in a statement.

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Issuance Date: 19th April, 2010

1. This invitation for bids follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in Development Business issue no.591 of 2nd July, 2007.
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INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION AND TENDERING FOR SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF 1000KVA GENERATOR AND THE RENOVATION OF MAIN AUDITORIUM AT THE NIGERIAN LAW SCHOOL ABUJA

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Secretary
Procurement Planning Committee
April 2010

Nigeria LEAD Position Announcement

RTI International (www.rti.org/idg) is an independent organization dedicated to conducting innovative, multidisciplinary research that improves the human condition. Founded in 1958, with a worldwide staff of more than 2,500 people, RTI offers innovative research, development, and a full spectrum of multidisciplinary services.

RTI International implements a five-year, USAID funded Leadership, Advocacy, Empowerment, and Development (LEAD) project aimed at improving governance and service delivery at the local government level in **Bauchi** and **Sokoto** states. We are seeking expressions of interest from highly qualified professionals for the following positions:

- Senior Local Governance Specialist
- Senior Local Services Specialist
- Senior Local Finance Specialist
- Local Governance Specialist
- Local Finance Specialist
- Training Managers
- LGA Coordinators

Senior Local Government Specialist. The Senior Local Governance Specialist will oversee the technical and management aspects of the LEAD local governance capacity building activities and be responsible for implementation, quality control, reporting, monitoring, and staff management. The candidate we seek is a **Local Governance Specialist** who has expertise in the areas of systems strengthening at the LGA level, capacity building for participatory planning and budgeting of public funds, civil society capacity building, and working with local governments to improve the delivery of services to people. The position is at grade 10 and reports to the Technical Manager.

Responsibilities: The Senior Local Governance Specialist will have direct responsibility for management and coordination of all technical aspects of the local governance strengthening program, ensuring that component objectives are met and that the technical approach is integrated, effective, and well-monitored. **REQUIRED Experience, Skills, and Qualifications:** Bachelors degree and 10 years or MA degree plus 6 years experience; Degree in Political Science, Public Administration, International Relations, Development Studies or related fields.

Senior Local Finance Specialist. The SLFS will oversee the technical and management aspects of LEAD budget transparency activities and be responsible for implementation, quality control, reporting, monitoring, and staff management of the component. The candidate we seek is an experienced local government or municipal finance specialist with a proven track record of assisting local government authorities to better account for public funds and improve overall fiscal and budget transparency. The position is at grade 10 and reports to the Technical Manager. **Responsibilities:** The SLFS will have direct responsibility for management and coordination of all technical aspects of LEAD budget transparency and related activities, ensuring that component objectives are met and that the technical approach is integrated, effective, and well-monitored. **REQUIRED Experience, Skills, and Qualifications:** Bachelors degree and 10 years or MA degree plus 6 years experience; Degree in Political Science, Public Administration, Municipal Finance, International Relations, Development Studies or related fields.

Senior Local Service Specialist. The SLSS will oversee the technical and management aspects of the LEAD service delivery improvement and coordination activities and be responsible for implementation, quality control, reporting, monitoring, and staff management for the component. The candidate we seek is an experienced local government specialist with proven track record of working with local governments to improve the delivery of services to people. The position is at grade 10 and reports to the Technical Manager. **Responsibilities:** The SLSS will have direct responsibility for management and coordination of all technical aspects of LEAD service delivery improvement and coordination activities, ensuring that component objectives are met and that the technical approach is integrated, effective, and well-monitored. **REQUIRED Experience, Skills, and Qualifications:** Bachelors degree and 10 years or MA degree plus 6 years experience; Degree in Political Science, Public Administration, International Relations, Development Studies or related fields.

Local Finance Specialist. The LFS will contribute to and assist in the implementation of technical and management aspects of LEAD budget transparency and accountability activities, including program reporting and monitoring. The candidate we seek is an experienced local government or municipal finance specialist with a proven track record of training and assisting local government authorities to better account for

public funds and improve overall fiscal and budget transparency. The position is at grade 9 and reports to the Senior Local Government Specialist (SLGS). **Responsibilities:** The LFS will provide direct support and assistance to the Senior Local Finance Specialist in the design and delivery of budget transparency and accountability activities, meeting component objectives and ensuring that the technical approach is integrated, effective, and well-monitored. **REQUIRED Experience, Skills, and Qualifications:** Bachelors degree and 6 years or MA degree plus 3 years experience; Degree in Political Science, Public Administration, Municipal Finance, International Relations, Development Studies or related fields.

Local Government Specialist. The Local Governance Specialist will contribute to and assist in the implementation of all technical aspects of the LEAD local governance capacity building activities including program reporting and monitoring. The candidate we seek is a **Local Governance Specialist** who is experienced in the areas of systems strengthening at the LGA level, capacity building for participatory planning and budgeting of public funds, civil society capacity building, and working with local governments to improve the delivery of services to people. The position is at grade 9 and reports to the Senior Local Government Specialist (SLGS). **Responsibilities:** The Local Governance Specialist will provide direct support and assistance to the Senior Local Government Specialist in the design and delivery of the local governance strengthening activities, meeting component objectives and ensuring that the technical approach is integrated, effective, and well-monitored. **REQUIRED Experience, Skills, and Qualifications:** Bachelors degree and 6 years or MA degree plus 3 years experience; Degree in Political Science, Public Administration, International Relations, Development Studies or related fields.

Training Manager. The Training Manager will oversee all logistical and coordination activities necessary for the conduct of LEAD capacity building and program events and activities. The position is at grade 10 and reports to the Technical Manager. **Responsibilities:** Overall responsibility for organization and implementation of LEAD LGA and civil society capacity building/ training activities, workshops, conferences, and stakeholder meetings; Work closely with LGA Coordinators and technical staff to ensure implementation of activities are completed according stated timelines; Coordinate logistical arrangements for all field based program activities, events, etc; Facilitate collaboration with other USG assisted programs when training needs or activities overlap. **REQUIRED Experience, Skills, and Qualifications:** Bachelors degree and 10 years or MA degree plus 6 years experience; Degree in Political Science, Public Administration, International Relations, Development Studies or related fields; Excellent coordination, organizational, and managerial skills.

LGA Coordinators. LGA Coordinators will contribute to and assist in the coordination and implementation of all technical aspects of the LEAD local governance capacity building activities. We seek highly motivated and organized program specialists with a proven track record of community development or organizing. LGA Coordinators will be based in offices located in the target LGAs. The position is at grade 9 and reports to the Senior Specialists. **Responsibilities:** Serve as crosscutting members of the overall technical team, the LGA Coordinators will help mobilize local government counterparts, civil society, media, citizens, and the private sector in each target LGA, and facilitate coordination among the technical teams to ensure an integrated approach that will create the cross-sectoral synergies needed to achieve the Project's objectives in each LGA. **REQUIRED Experience, Skills, and Qualifications:** Bachelors degree and 6 years or MA degree plus 3 years experience; Degree in Political Science, Public Administration, or related fields. Fluency in Hausa language.

ALL positions are based in Bauchi or Sokoto and require: Nigerian Residency; Excellent technical skills; Excellent communication (verbal and written) and interpersonal skills; The ability to identify creative and practical approaches to overcome challenges, and to manage in diverse ethnic and political environments; fluency in English; excellent team player who works well independently; experience in Northern Nigeria preferred.

To Apply:

Please include 'Nigeria LEAD and Position Title' in the subject line and email your cover letter and full and updated CV in reverse chronological order (including email and phone contacts) to info@lead.rti.org. Deadline to apply is April 30. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. No phone calls please.

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Inside Politics

Shekarau wants removal of immunity clause

GOVERNOR Ibrahim Shekarau of Kano State says he supports the removal of immunity clause from the Constitution because "It will give equal opportunity to all Nigerians in the face of the law."

He said the purpose of inserting immunity clause in the Constitution had been abused and needed to be removed.

"The immunity clause is for a purpose but because of our failure to exhibit exemplary conduct at leadership level, it is being abused. There is no doubt about that from what we have seen so far," Shekarau told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in the United States on Sunday.

He noted the various charges in the courts and the kind of revelations whereby governors, deputy governors and chairmen of local governments reportedly embezzled public funds and connived with fraudulent people to deny people of their rights.

He said the law could not handle such political office holders because of the immunity clause.

"This is sad. Let there be equal treatment of all on the face of the law," Shekarau said.

The governor, who was on a tour of the U.S. to interact with Nigerians living abroad, advised the National Assembly Constitution Review Committee to also put a proviso that would forestall making false allegation against elected people.

"The only snag is that there must be some provision alongside to deal with whoever is found to have made false allegations.

"If one writes a petition that Governor Shekarau is a thief and is unable to prove it in the court, he or she must also face the wrath of law.

"But on the surface of it, I don't think we need immunity," Shekarau said.

According to him, the removal of immunity will help to put in checks and balances and make chief executives to be upright.

He also supported independent candidacy, saying that it would give a wider opportunity for more Nigerians to express themselves politically.

"I am for Independent candidacy. This gives a much wider opportunity for citizens to decide who governs them.

"From the attitude where parties manipulate the candidates, denying the public of a credible person to serve them, let there be an open ground.

"If you are an independent candidate and you are able to sell yourself, good luck to you," Shekarau added.

He also threw his weight behind the creation of additional states in the country. He, however, said that the states should be self-sustaining.

"As far as I am concerned, there is nothing wrong in state creation or local government creation. The purpose is to bring government closer to the people as the argument is, all the time.

"On the other side, you need to look at the viability of the government. People only see the state and local governments; it goes along



GOVERNOR Ibrahim Shekarau

with over-head cost.

"If you create a new state, you will be talking of new secretariat, new commissioners, and so on and so forth.

"Let's look at the viability of the states. Sometimes, a good number of those agitating for states, want to become X, Y or Z and not for the progress of the state they are asking for," he said.

He added: "a situation whereby you create a state and you totally depend on external sources for sustenance is not helpful to us. I am for state creation and for local governments' creation."

Shekarau said that he would want a situation like what was obtainable in the U.S., where power devolved to the states down the line.

Alkali denies interest in late Dukku's senatorial seat

By Muideen Olaniyi

NATIONAL Publicity Secretary of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Professor Rufai Ahmed Alkali yesterday denied declaring interest to contest the Gombe North Senatorial Seat following the recent death of Senator Kawu Reto Dukku.

Alkali's reaction came amid media reports suggesting that he had declared his intention to vie for the Senatorial seat in 2011.

Alkali, who stated this through his Special

Assistant on Media Elisha Ingla, described the report as "maliciously speculative, ill-informed, unfounded and misleading."

Ingla said Alkali did not at any time or forum disclose to anybody his intention to contest the vacant senatorial seat, advising people to disregard the publication.

Ingla said: "This unfortunate development is accentuated by the fact that while the entire people of Gombe are still in deep shock and sorrow over the loss of their

two senators, undesirable shallow reporting on consequential issues in a manner that injures the sensibilities of the people became the best beat to engage a reporter's time and energy.

"It is not time to politic over the seats of these fallen distinguished senators. When it is time, the leadership and the entire members of the PDP in the affected senatorial zones in Gombe will determine who flies the flag of the party and eventually emerge as senator," Alkali's media aide added.

TUC asks IBB, others to quit politics

By Francis Okeke

TRADE Union Congress (TUC) has called on former military ruler Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida and other old politicians to quit politics and allow new generation of Nigerian leaders to emerge.

TUC President General Comrade Peter Esele stated this in an interview with *Daily Trust*. He condemned the continuous domination of the country's political space by the political elites whom he described as "analogue" and who have been ruling the country since independence.

Calling on Babangida and others to quit politics, he said "You are talking about

their coming back because they are patriotic or whatever, what is the structure they put in place?"

"If we had solid structures from 1979 and another one in 1985 till date, we will not need an Obasanjo or a Babangida as well as a Buhari. But the structures are weak, deliberately made to be weak so that certain people will be relevant forever.

"How can a country rejuvenate itself when all the time you are going through your past? You are bringing analogue guys to come and lead in a digital age; you can't move nor grow!" Esele stated.

The TUC leader questioned the patriotism of our leaders with regards to their

level of openness to Nigerian people.

His words: "How do you talk about patriotism when Yar'adua who talks about the rule of law was indisposed and the people he chose to talk to were the BBC? Now, the Acting President had been telling us that he has been talking with the President; but he told the CNN that he has not been talking with the President.

"The comment he also made about the health of the President was also the first time we were hearing the Acting President say that. If you love your country so good, that is not the right thing to do. You can express that through the local media."

'Oshiomhole will not anoint any candidate'

From Vincent Egunyanga in Benin

POLITICIANS seeking elective positions in the 2010 local government elections and the 2011 national Assembly elections have been warned to stop claiming Edo

State Governor Adams Oshiomhole's blessing as he has no interest in anointing anybody for any election in the state.

The governor's warning was made through the Director Poverty Alleviation Evelyn Igbafe in

Benin on Sunday noting that the war against godfatherism in the state is for real.

She said Oshiomhole is an apostle of one man, one vote and cannot show preference to any candidate in the elections

explaining that the acts of selecting candidates has been banned in the state.

"The state government therefore, warned all those seeking elective positions in the state to go to the fields and get the votes

of his or her people," she said.

Igbafe also challenged national officers from the state especially those at the National Assembly to come and explain to their people what they have done or the federal projects they have attracted



MONTHLY TRAINING CALENDAR

April, May & June, 2010

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2. Consequently and in compliance with the provisions of the Pension Reform Act 2004, the following additional information are required to be submitted for all expression of interest and tender submissions by firms and contractors:-

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S/No	ADVERT PROJECT TITLE	DATE OF PUBLICATION/ CLOSE OF SUBMISSION	MEDIA
1	Request for expression of interest for Consultancy Services	18th March, 2010 19th March, 2010	Daily Trust Daily Sun
2	Invitation to Tender for 2010 Capital Project:- Lot 1:- Construction of Pharmacy Department. Lot 2:- Construction of Gynaecology Ward Lot 3:- Supply of Equipment for Obstetrics and Gynaecology Clinic. Lot 4:- Supply of Equipment for Theatre/ ICU. Lot 5:- Supply of Equipment for Physiotherapy Department. Lot 6:- Supply of Equipment for Radiology Department.	29th March, 2010 29th March, 2010	Daily Trust Daily Sun

3. Following these amendments; all consultancy firms and contractors that have already made submission in respect of the adverts should forward the above information within one week of this publication to:

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Signed:
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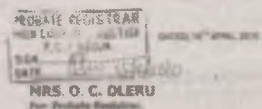
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The general public is hereby notified that the above named foundation has applied to Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under the Companies and Allied Matters Act No. 1 of 1990 Part C. of the company and allied matter act, 1990 (as amended), Cap C20 LFN 2004.

- THE TRUSTEES ARE:**
1. Engr. Rawal Gambo
 2. Sada Garba Inde
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- AIMS AND OBJECTIVE**
1. To unite the youth members of the association
 2. To eradicate social vices among the youth
 3. To inculcate in the youth, the spirit of leadership and followership so as to make them morally and socially responsible to their various societies.

Any objection to this registration should be forward to the registrar general, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420 Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama P.M.B 198 Garki, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

SIGNED: ENGR. LAMAL GAMBO

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This is to inform the General Public the above named ministry has applied to the corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) for registration under part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act No. 1 of 1990.

- The trustees are :-**
- 1. Mrs. Benedicta Nwakaego Aregbesola - Chairman
 - 2. Mr. Timothy Oluwagboyega - Secretary
 - 3. Mrs. Justina Kess Agbases - Member

- Aims and Objectives**
1. To help Ministers toward effective Mission and Ministry hereby fulfilling the great Commission of our Lord Jesus through support, encouragement and all necessary assistance as the Lord enable.
 2. To partners with Ministry by supporting, encouraging and celebrating their mission and ministry towards the fulfillment of the great commission of our Lord Christ.

Any objection to this registration should be forward to the registrar general, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420 Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama P.M.B 198 Garki, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

Signed
Mrs. Benedicta Nwakaego Aregbesola
Chairman

THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE.

No 6 Noad Avenue, Tekan Headquarters Jos

This to inform the general public that the above named organization has applied for Registration to the Corporate Affairs Commission under part C of the Companies and Allied Matter Act 1990.

- TRUSTEES:**
1. Dr. John Mallo
 2. pastor (Dr.) James movel wuye.
 3. Mrs. Naomi mankikik

- AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:**
1. To allow the youths prefer solution to national economic growth and development.
 2. To empower the youth in educational development in the society.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar general Corporate Affairs Commission Abuja within 28 days of this publication

SIGNED: Sabo longji kwarkas
Audu Daspan & co
No. 9 Nunku Road.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to notify the general public that the Original Certificate of Occupancy with registration No. KD 19325, Plot No. 15A Road 'P' is declared missing. The said document is issued to Ibrahim I Ocheje 'M' of the New Nigeria Newspapers by the Kaduna State Government.

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This is to notify the general public the loss of Original Documents relating to the Land Property of No. B5 and B6 locating at Mogadishu City Centre, Kaduna. The said documents belong to Rhabana Venture Ltd. Mohammed Adamu of No. 37, Inuwa Wada Road, GRA, Kaduna.

Anybody with useful information relating to the recovery of the said documents should please contact:
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AKANKALI EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

The general public is hereby notified that the above named Foundation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act of 1990.

- THE TRUSTEES ARE:**
1. DR. JUSTIN AKANKALI
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 3. PROF. IMEGWU CHUKWUMAH UJOMA
 4. PROF. SAMUEL AZIKIWE AZUBUIKE ZELIBE
 5. DR. DJI PETER BONNYFACE OPIA
 6. MRS. JOYAKANKALI
 7. MR. MIKE ODUH
 8. PROF. PAT UTOMI
 9. PROF. PATRICK OSIEGBU

- THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES ARE:**
1. TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO UNDER PRIVILEGED MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY THROUGH AWARD OF EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP
- Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission Plot 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama Abuja, within 28 days of this publication.

Signed:
BARR. TONNIE NWAOKWU

FRESH FISH SELLERS ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA

The general public is hereby notified that the above named Association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act of 1990.

- THE TRUSTEES ARE:**
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| 1. Aminu Adamu | 2. Sani Shehu |
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| 7. Alh. Ibrahim Suleiman | 8. Usman Husaini |
| 9. Abdulsalam Abubakar | 10. Usman Jibrin |
| 11. Alh. Isah Abdullahi | 12. Tukur Hassan |

- THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES ARE:**
1. To cater for the welfare of members
 2. To promote unity and development of members

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission Plot 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama Abuja, within 28 days of this publication.

RIVERINE FISHERMEN ASSOCIATION

The general public is hereby notified that the above named Association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act of 1990.

- THE TRUSTEES ARE:**
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 3. General Musa Garba (m)
 4. Alh. Musa Mohammed
 5. Abdulsalam Mohammed
 6. Haruna Balar
 7. Alh. Abassan Abubakar
 8. An. Adamu Isah Bagama
 9. Baba Ibrahim Akau
 10. Umar Harhad
 11. Abdullh Adamu
 12. Alh. Umar Ishata

- THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES ARE:**
1. To promote the economic interest of its members
 2. To encourage members to produce the highest grade of product and market it in the best condition
 3. To enable members obtain loan for the necessary purpose at reasonable interests.
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SIGNED:
BARR. (MRS) GRACE ACHESON WEY
0803875494

CHRIST MINISTRY AND CHARITY AMONG THE SICK

This is to inform the general public that the above named Ministry has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part c of the companies and allied matters act No. 1 of 1990.

- The trustees are:**
- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Tema Segher | 2. Sewuese Segher |
| 3. Asua Ivom | 4. Serumun Aber |
| 5. Mr. Dum Akaaza | 6. Mr. Peter Akerigba |
| 7. Elijah Ushi | |
| 8. Rev. Tarseer Shagba | |

- Aims and objectives:**
1. To propagate the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 2. To engage in charitable works.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight 28 days from the date of this publication.

Signed:
Secretary

CHANGE OF NAME

I, formerly HADIZA PRECIOUS MUSA, now wish to be MRS HADIZA OYIZA WILFRED. All former documents remain valid. Dept. of State Services and general public to note.

I, formerly MISS ALAKU UCHECHUKWU NGOZI, now wish to be MRS OKE UCHECHUKWU NGOZI. Former documents remain valid. National Institute for Cultural Orientation, Enugu State University of Science & Technology, general public take note.

I, formerly DR MARYAM SHAIBU AMODU, now wish to be known as DR (MRS) MARYAM ABDULMUMINI SANNI. All former documents remain valid. MDCN and general public to take note.

I, formerly known as KUNLOMIYA ADI, now wish to be known as DIVID IBRAHIM ADI. All former documents remain valid, general public and NYSC note.

I, formerly known as MISS JUMMAI EMBUGUSHIKI DAVID, now wish to be known as MRS JUMMAI PATIENCE KIGBU. All former documents remain valid, general public note.

I, formerly known as GLADYS EMEGHOGHENA ILUEBBEY, now wish to be known as MRS GLADYS EMEGHOGHENA SUNDAY MOMOH. All former documents remain valid, general public note.

I, formerly known as MISS NKIRUKA CHIADIKAOBI ERINNE, now wish to be known as MRS NKIRUKA CHIADIKAOBI CHIDI OHAEGBU. All former documents remain valid, Fidelity Bank PLC and general public note.

I, formerly known as CHIEF EDU GODWIN ELUEMUNOH, now wish to be known as GODSWILL CHIEDU ELUEMUNOH. All former documents remain valid, general public note.

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OTUKPO CLUB 1945

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the above named club has applied for registration under Part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.

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1. CHIEF BABA ODANGLA
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 3. CHIEF AUGUSTINE IWODI
 4. CHIEF CLEMENT IGOCHE
 5. CHIEF (BARR.) JOHN OCHOGA
 6. MAJ. EBUTE UGBOR (RTD)
 7. CHIEF ADOGAEDDIE ANYEBE

- OBJECTIVES**
- a. To foster friendship, co-operation and understanding between and among members in particular and between other clubs in the country as well.
 - b. To encourage sporting activities and competition within the club and other clubs.

Any objection to this registration should be forwarded within twenty eight (28) days of this publication to the registrar-general, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420 Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja.

Signed:
A. Albert Achegbulu Esq
08026719203
(Solicitor)

Auction! Auction!! Auction!!!

This is to inform the general public that there will be public Auction Sales of Trucks and other Vehicles in Abuja, Lagos and other states by the Federal Ministry of Interior (Prisons).

Date: April 21, 2010.
Venue: Old Secretariat, Area 1, Prisons Head Quarters, Abuja.

Auctioneer
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08034514702

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This is to inform the general public that the Original letter of Acknowledgement dated 08/25/04, file no MISC 50112, issued by AGIS in favour of Stallion property & Dev. Co. Ltd in respect of a parcel of land in Dutse district B14, is missing. All effort to trace the document proved abortive. Please if found return to AGIS or the nearest police station.

One man, One Vote One Woman, One Vote One Youth, One Vote

Nearly fifty years after independence, Nigeria still grapples with ineffective governance emanating from a systemic failure attributed to election rigging.

In view of the clamour for change, Edo State Government, in collaboration with Labour and Civil Society groups invites all patriotic Nigerians to a mass rally in support of electoral reforms anchored on "One Man, One Vote."

Day 1:

Premiere of the film, "DEFENCE OF A MANDATE" (The Oshiomhole Story)

Date: Tuesday 20th April, 2010
Venue: Oba Akenzua Cultural Centre
Time: 5:00p.m.

Day 2:

Sensitization/Awareness Rally

Date: Wednesday 21st April, 2010
Venue: Ogbe Stadium
Time: 10:00 a.m

Guest Speaker:

Apostle of "One Man, One Vote" Comrade Adams Oshiomhole, Governor of Edo State And important personalities across all political parties, labour leaders, civil society leaders, religious leaders and student leaders

Be part of the rally and let us put an end to election rigging in the country.
Join the "One man, One Vote" campaign for credible elections today!

**One Man, One Vote
One Woman, One Vote
One Youth, One Vote**

Signed
Hon. Charles Idahosa
Chairman, Planning Committee

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Lagerback picks Kanu, Utaka for World Cup

By Ismaila Lere

SUPER Eagles manager Lars Lagerback yesterday unveiled the much-awaited list of 44 players he pencilled down for Nigeria's pre-World Cup training camp slated for the United Kingdom later this month.

The list, a rehash of the much-villified Eagles squad that performed woefully at the African Cup of Nations in Angola in January, will disappoint many soccer pundits who see the emergence of Lagerback as a dawn of new era in Nigerian football.

The list is made up of five goalkeepers, 12 defenders and 27 midfielders and strikers.

Top on the list is Portsmouth's bench-warmer Nwankwo Kanu, his deputy Joseph Yobo and the likes of Yakubu Aiyegbeni, Seyi Olofinjana, Obafemi Martins, Seyi Olofinjana and Rabiu

The list is made up of five goalkeepers, 12 defenders and 27 midfielders and strikers.

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There is also room for home-based players such as Bassey Akpan, Terna Suswan, Gabriel Reuben, Ahmed Musa, Solomon Okpako and Bartholomew Ibenegbu.

The five goal-tenders are Vincent Enyeama (Hapoel Tel Aviv, Israel), Dele Aiyenugba (Bnei Yehuda, Israel), Austin Ejide (Hapoel Petah Tikva, Israel), Greg Etafia (Moroka Swallows, South Africa) and Bassey Akpan (Bayelsa United, Nigeria).

The 12 defenders invited to jostle for a place in the final 23-man squad for the Mundial are Taye Taiwo (Olympique Marseille, France), Elderson Echiejile (Rennes, France), Chidi Odiah (CSKA Moscow, Russia), Onyekachi Apam (OG Nice, France), Olubayo Adefemi (US Boulogne, France), Joseph Yobo (Everton, England), Daniel Shittu (Bolton Wanderers, England), Ayodele Adeleye (Sparta Rotterdam, Netherlands), Michael Odibe (Siena, Italy), Sam Sodje (Charlton Athletic, England), Rabiu Afolabi (SV Salzburg, Austria) and Terna Suswan (Lobi Stars, Nigeria).

Also listed in the 44-man squad are 27 midfielders and strikers namely Yakubu Aiyegbeni, Victor Anichebe (Everton, England), Chinedu Obasi (TSG Hoffenheim, Germany), Nwankwo Kanu, John Utaka (Portsmouth, England), Obafemi Martins (Wolfsburg, Germany), Brown Ideye (FC Sochaux, France), Femi Ajilore (Groningen, Netherlands), Joseph Akpala (FC Brugge, Belgium), Peter Utaka (Odense Boldklub, Denmark), Michael Eneramo (Esperance, Tunisia), Ikechukwu Uche (Real Zaragoza, Spain), Obinna Nsofor (Malaga, Spain), Kalu Uche (Almeria, Spain), Dickson Etohu (Fulham, England) and Mikel Obi (Chelsea, England).

Others are Sani Kaita (Alaniya, Russia), Haruna Lukman (AS Monaco, France), Yusuf Ayila (Dynamo Kiev, Ukraine), Osaze Odemwingie (Lokomotiv Moscow, Russia), Seyi Olofinjana (Hull City, England), Onyekachi Okonkwo (FC Zurich, Switzerland), Omatosone Aluko (Aberdeen, Scotland), Gabriel Reuben (Enyimba, Nigeria) Ahmed Musa, Solomon Okpako (Kano Pillars, Nigeria) and Bartholomew Ibenegbu (Heartland FC).



SUPER Eagles captain Nwankwo Kanu has been named in Nigeria's pre-World Cup squad.

Golf: Gray, Okatta shine at IBB Captain's Cup

By Orkula Shaagee

THE 2010 edition of the IBB Captain's Cup 2010 came to a glorious end on Saturday, with P Gray and E Okatta emerging the Best Gross and Runners up respectively. Both golfers carded 81 gross.

The Captain's Cup, which precedes the elective Annual General Meeting of the club, is the last event of an outgoing executive and it is organized annually.

In the men's longest drive A Roda carded 250 metres to emerge winner while S Suwa carded 180 m to win the longest drive women. M Tarfa also won the nearest to the pin men with a 1.77m score.

O Igwe and G Ihonabere were winners in the driving range longest drive men and women respectively with 264 and 226 metres respectively, while V Lot, Bo Williams and Tim Menakaya won the veterans category.

Lot had a nett score of 12 and 74 gross to emerge victorious, Williams had a nett score of 51 and 73 gross while Menakaya had 21 nett and gross.

In the special guests' category, J Maraud Des Grotes carded 22 nett and 77 gross to win while A Obonor and C Momah placed second and third with nett score of 10 and 78 gross, and 14 nett, 81 gross respectively.

There were also winners in the men's handicap 0-9, 10-18, 19-28 categories.

Super Eagles Team B win WAFU Cup

MIDFIELDERS Reuben Gabriel and Solomon Okpako celebrated their call-ups to the Nigeria World Cup squad with second half goals that helped Nigeria win the WAFU Cup title on Sunday and ease the pain of failure to qualify for the African Nations Championship.

Reuben took advantage of being allowed acres of space in the Senegalese box to head

in Ikechukwu Ibenegbu's tasty delivery from a free-kick, and Okpako finished off a sweeping counter-attack with three minutes of time left.

Overwhelming favourites to win the tournament after having beaten the Senegalese during the group stages, the Nigerians took some time to settle into the game, as the Teranga Lions poured forward in the opening minutes.

But the Super Eagles gained composure as the game progressed and gradually worked their way into the encounter, with Ahmed Musa a threat down the wide areas and Ibenegbu outstanding in his creative midfield role.

But despite their dominance, the Nigerians failed to find a goal in the first half, with ThankGod Ike's header cleared off the line

the best chance of the half.

All that was to change barely five minutes into the second half. Musa streaked down the left side with intent, and had to be hauled down for a free-kick. Ibenegbu's delivery was inch-perfect and Gabriel must have been as surprised as anyone when he found himself with acres of real estate two yards out.

That did not stop him from

heading in for Nigeria's opener.

The goal sparked the Lions into life and a five-minute spell of sustained pressure was only rebuffed by some desperate defending from the hosts.

All that was to prove academic when substitutes Chinedu Ezimorah and Ejike Uzoenyi combined to set up arriving skipper Okpako for the simplest of tap-ins and wrap up the win.

Basketball Premier League dunks-off April 30

THE Nigeria Basketball Federation (NBBF) have fixed April 30 as jump-ball date for the 2009/2010 basketball season.

The announcement was made after a delegation of the Nigeria basketball ruling body led by the president, Tijjani Umar held a crucial meeting with Lagos-based team owners at the media centre of the National Stadium, Lagos at the weekend.

The NBBF team which also include the federation's first Vice President, Muktar Khaleh and other basketball bigwigs and representatives of the sponsor Multichoice inspected facilities at the national stadium, University of Lagos Sports Centre and the Rowe Park Sports Centre.

Though the inspection team certifies all the venues visited as meeting the requirement to host games, but all the teams' owners and representatives unanimously agreed to continue to use the Indoor Hall of the National Stadium, Lagos as their home venue for the present season.

With the agreement by Lagos-based teams to use the national stadium as home venue for their league games the number of venues that would be used for this season comes to nine scattered across seven states of the nation.

The venues include national stadium, Surulere, Lagos (Ebun Comets, Customs, Dodan Warriors, Islanders, Police Batons and Union Bank), sports hall of Asaba Township stadium, Delta State (Delta Force) and Civic Centre Port Harcourt, Rivers State (Royal Hoopers) for team in Atlantic conference.

Teams in the Savannah conference will have their games in Sports Hall of the Sani Abacha Stadium (Kano Pillars and AHIP); Kadan Stars will have its home games at the sports hall of the Murtala Mohammed Square, Kaduna. Plateau Peaks and Tapgun Rockets will play their home games at the sports hall of the Ahmadu Bello Stadium, Kaduna State as the NBBF rule out the Jos stadium; Niger Potters still retain its Minna, Niger State base just as Bauchi Net and Yelwa Hawks will have their home games at the Multi-purpose hall and the newly refurbished National Sports Commission gymnasium.

Fixtures for the coming season will be released to the public this week as teams get set for the first jump-ball.

Meanwhile, the Nigeria federation has set-up an 11-man league board to over see the running of the league.

The body is made up of NBBF first Vice-President Muktar Khaleh as chairman, representative of the sponsor, Dodan Warriors basketball club owner Col. Sam Ahmedu representing teams in the Atlantic Conference, owner of Yelwa Hawks's basketball club, Hon. Tanko Dutse representing teams in the Savannah conference.



CARMELO Anthony of Denver Nuggets, right, argues a call and gets hit with a technical foul by referee Joey Crawford during Game One of the Western Conference quarter finals against Utah Jazz in the NBA play-offs in Denver, Colorado, United States on Saturday.

FIFA may sanction Nigeria over litigations

FIFA has warned the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) to put its house in order and ensure that all court litigations were ended forthwith or be prepared to face sanctions.

FIFA's warning followed the suit filed in an Abuja High Court by Dr Sam Sam Jaja over his disqualification from the Nigeria Premier League (NPL) elections.

Jaja is a former NFF member. NAN reports that FIFA's Statutes requires that all football matters should be settled amicably without recourse to law courts.

The court last Thursday

adjourned Jaja's case till Monday.

A statement by NFF spokesman Ademola Olajire said on Saturday that FIFA, earlier this month, reminded the federation of its Article 64 paragraph 2, frowning at football matters being taken to law courts.

It warned that efforts should be made to ensure the litigant withdrew the case and should take action against him if he failed to comply.

"FIFA member associations must ensure that their own members comply with the Statutes (art. 13, par. 1 (d) of the FIFA Statutes).

"As a consequence, we request the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) to ask for an immediate withdrawal of the claim and, in case of non-compliance by the claimant, to take sanction against him.

"We remind you that if the NFF does not comply, FIFA could have to act according to art. 13 par. 2 of the FIFA Statutes which states that violation of obligations by any member may lead to sanctions."

The NFF had earlier banned Ray Nnaji from football activities after he failed at the law court.

Meanwhile, the NFF has given Amaju Pinnick a deadline of April 22 to appear before its Disciplinary Committee to clarify statements credited to him in the media.

Pinnick was reported to have accused the NFF of overbearing in its handling of issues involving Sharks FC of Port Harcourt.

The letter to Pinnick, who is the Chairman of the Delta FA as well as the Delta Sports Commission, declared: this is the last opportunity for you to defend yourself, as the committee will take its decision on 22nd April, 2010."

Gombe faults Bio on sports summit

By Orkula Shaagee

SPORTS critic and former Gombe FA Chairman Alhaji Ahmed Gara Gombe has picked holes in the decision by Sports Minister and Chairman National Sports Commission Alhaji Ibrahim Isa Bio to convene a national sports summit.

The minister last week told a meeting of presidents of national sports federations in Abuja that the commission would organize a sports summit in the second week of May to find lasting solution to the problem of funding sports activities in the country.

But Gombe, who spoke to

reporters in Abuja at the weekend, advised that rather than call for a fresh summit on sports, the minister should study the files containing the recommendations made by past sports panels to come out with a working document for the nation's sports sector.

In his opinion, there is no problem to the nation's sports sector that has not been addressed by the recommendations of the past panels and Vision 2010 committee, adding that convening a sports summit at this stage is a mere waste of resources.

"There is no need calling for fresh sports summit because the

recommendations of past committees have addressed everything associated with sports. The recommendations of Vision 2010 Committee has also done a great job on that, so I would advise the minister to study the recommendations and come out with a solution to Nigerian sports.

"There is the Emeka Omeruah panel, Ogbemudia, Babayo Shehu, Ishola William committees reports and Vision 2010 Committee document that can be useful to what he wants to do to improve sports in Nigeria; organizing a sports summit is a waste of money", Gombe said.

Gombe, who stated that the planned summit would produce no meaningful results, advised the minister to clean the sector of corruption before embarking on such a mission as no responsible organization would be willing to put its money into the development of sports in Nigeria.

"The minister should first clean the sports sector of corruption that has eaten deep into it before going out to meet sponsors. No responsible organization would not want to contribute its money to the sector when past contributions have not been accounted for", he noted.

Last-gasp Sampdoria end Milan's title hopes

By Barnaby Chesterman (AFP)

There was late drama as Sampdoria ended AC Milan's hopes of winning the Serie A title while taking their own chances of winning in next season's Champions League with a 2-1 win in Genoa yesterday.

Luca Pazzini scored the winner two minutes into injury time as the hosts came back from a goal down to beat the seven-time European champions, who had been reduced to 10 men eight minutes into the second half.

Milan are now six points behind leaders Inter Milan with four games left and could find themselves seven points off the top if Roma beat city rivals Lazio in the final game.

Inter's win means they are in the final Champions League qualification position, six points ahead of

fifth-placed Palermo, who drew 2-2 at Cagliari.

Napoli are sixth after a 2-1 win at Bari but five points behind Sampdoria.

With Inter beating Juventus 2-0 on Friday night, Milan knew they had to win to stand any chance of remaining involved in the title shake-up.

The visitors took a 20th-minute lead when striker Marco Borriello rose in the box to head a Mancini corner past former Milan goalkeeper Marco Storari.

Just three minutes later Milan had a gilt-edged opportunity to double their advantage as Borriello returned the favour for Mancini, teeing him up in front of an open goal only for the Brazilian to send his shot high into the sky.

Sampdoria were enjoying plenty of pressure and possession without creating many clear-cut chances, although

enigmatic forward Antonio Cassano was marginally off target with a header.

It was he who earned and converted the 54th-minute penalty that restored parity, as Daniele Bonera was dismissed for a foul on the errant playmaker, who dusted himself down and converted from 12 yards.

Down to 10 men and having lost one of his centre-backs, Milan coach Leonardo was forced into a change, bringing on full-back Massimo Oddo for winger Mancini, having also been forced into replacing injured midfielder Massimo Ambrosini with full-back Gianluca Zambrotta early in the second period.

It meant Milan were now playing a 4-3-2 but with a full-back and a defensive midfielder in the middle of the park.

And yet they came agonisingly close to scoring as Gen-

naro Gattuso brought a fine save out of Storari and Borriello squandered what looked a certain goal, put on a plate by Ronaldinho, by weakly slicing wide with the goal gaping.

But after that little flurry, Sampdoria regained control and Pazzini popped up in injury time to head home, giving goalkeeper Dida no chance.

Palermo staged a remarkable late fightback in Sardinia to keep alive their Champions League hopes.

Andrea Cossu had given Cagliari a first-half lead and when Brazilian Jeda doubled that advantage three minutes from time all seemed over for the Sicilians.

But a minute later Fabrizio Miccoli pulled a goal back and Uruguayan teenager Abel Hernandez equalised five minutes into injury time.



WENGER

Wigan shatter Arsenal's title aspirations

ARSENAL conceded three goals in the last 10 minutes yesterday to lose 3-2 at Wigan and seemingly surrender its faint hopes of winning the Premier League title.

The Gunners were winning 2-0 and on course to rebound from Wednesday's 2-1 defeat at Tottenham until midfielder Ben Watson scored in the 80th minute for Wigan.

Titus Bramble then equalized in the 89th following a fumble by goalkeeper Lukasz Fabianski and the brittle Arsenal defense gave Charles N'Zogbia space in injury time to run across the edge of the box and hit a curling shot in at the far post.

Wigan's first league win over Arsenal lifted it seven points clear of the relegation zone and left the Gunners six points behind leader Chelsea with three games to play.

Defending champion Manchester United is a point behind Chelsea after beating local rival Manchester City 1-0 on Saturday.

Twente move close to first Dutch title

TWENTE Enschede moved one win away from securing their first Dutch title after a 2-0 home victory over Feyenoord yesterday.

Managed by former England coach Steve McClaren, Twente will secure the crown if they beat NAC Breda away in their final game of the season on May 2.

Twente have 83 points from 33 matches, one ahead of Ajax Amsterdam who kept up their relentless pressure on the leaders with a 4-0 drubbing of Heracles Almelo. Ajax play away at NEC Nijmegen in their final game.

"We have put ourselves in a great position after a difficult match and are now just one win away from our target," McClaren, who joined Twente in July 2008 after failing to guide England to Euro 2008, told reporters.

Twente, who suffered their second league defeat this season in losing to AZ Alkmaar in mid-week, made a nervous start against cup finalists Feyenoord and wasted several good chances before opening the scoring five minutes before the break.



GOALKEEPER Brad Friedel of Aston Villa makes a diving save during the English Premier League match between Portsmouth and Aston Villa at Fratton Park in Portsmouth, England, yesterday.

Suso of Celtic win title

By Watson (AFP)

WENGER moved to within two points of a second successive league championship as a late Kenny Miller penalty sealed a 2-0 win over ten-man Hearts at Ibrox.

WITH Celtic's last minute winner against Hibernian on Saturday reducing their lead at the top, nerves were on show from several Rangers players in the first-half as they failed to create any clear-cut chances against a well-organised Jambos side.

However, a half-time team talk from manager Walter Smith seemed to inspire them and Lafferty headed Rangers in front nine minutes after the interval much to the relief of the home support.

Hearts were reduced to ten-men six minutes from time when Eggert Jonsson received his marching orders for conceding a penalty which Kenny Miller dispatched to set up a potential title party against Hibernian next Sunday.

Rangers had made two changes with prolific goalscorer Kris Boyd returning for Steven Naismith while Maurice Edu made way for Kevin Thomson.

Jamie MacDonald had to be alert early on when he was forced to tip over a Madjid Bougherra cross that looked to be dipping under the bar.

Kris Boyd missed a chance to end his six-game goal drought when he failed to control Miller's pass from the right before Lee McCulloch's shot from Kevin Thomson's corner was cleared off the line by Laryea Kingston.

Suso Santana sent Craig Thomson scurrying off down the right wing but Allan McGregor cut out his pass as he attempted to pick out David Obua in the box.

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All Quiet on the Political Front

It is puzzling, is it not, that with only months to go before the Presidency of the Federal Republic, the governorships of 27 states, every single seat in the National Assembly and every single State Assembly seat come up for grabs, the political scene in this country is as quiet as the Western Front was in early 1940?

The old German novel *All Quiet on the Western Front* was about a German soldier's dreary life in World War One. The phrase later came to describe the Phoney War of 1939-1940, when 110 Anglo-French divisions stood idly by on German's Western Front and made no move to crush the 23 German divisions lined up against them, until Adolf Hitler finished with the Poles in the east, turned around and launched the Blitzkrieg in the West in May 1940.

Nigerian politicians' justification for this quiet is that there is as yet no timetable for next year's polls. INEC cannot produce such a timetable because its commission is not properly constituted. Besides, it needs to be guided by an Electoral Act, and the National Assembly has been foot-dragging on that one, waiting for the political landscape to become clearer. In particular, everyone is now waiting for Acting President Goodluck Jonathan to show his hand, and to indicate whether he intends to abide by the PDP's announced zoning of the presidential ticket to the North or to repudiate it. In Nigerian politics these days, a man with the Presidency in his hands holds the Ace of Spades.

Last week, in paying tribute to the recently deceased Alhaji Muhammadu Abubakar Rimi, we discussed the end of colour, oratory and audacity in Nigerian politics. Let us carry this story a little bit further by making a few comparisons with the political scene in the Second Republic at the onset of elections and in the period afterwards.

By this time in 1978-79, with elections on the horizon, we had endless political rallies and processions, party posters on every available wall, many street fights, many landlords throwing out tenants for supporting other parties, many husbands divorcing their wives because of different party affiliations, and many fathers-in-law withdrawing their daughters from sons-in-law who supported other parties. At the time, we thought politics was the end of the world.

With six months to go to elections in 1979, everyone knew the NPN's house and corn symbol, the UPN's sun, PRP's key, the GNPP's palm tree and NPP's family logo. Everyone knew the UPN's Four Cardinal Programs, the NPN's Green Revolution, PRP's Democratic Humanism, NPP's Power to the People, and there was not one Nigerian who didn't know GNPP leader Uncle Waziri's *Politics Without Bitterness* motto.

Why can't General Babangida write a political letter today to electrify the scene, such as the one that Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe wrote in late 1978 in reply to the many people who criticised his re-entry into politics, after initially sitting on the sidelines? Among those who bore the brunt of Zik's letter was NAP leader Dr. Tunji Braithwaite, who said at 78, Zik was too old for politics. The great Zik said in 1935, when he was a young member of the Nigeria Youth Movement, if he had told its leader the Reverend Braithwaite, who was Tunji's uncle, to step down because he was too old, he would have quoted the Bible and said, "Generation of vipers!"

Today, there is no equivalent of the tax certificate saga involving Zik and Malam Aminu Kano. PRP's treasurer Alhaji Bala Keffi said when he asked Malam to give him his tax receipts for onward transmission to FEDECO, "Malam got up, opened his drawers, brought out the receipts, dusted them and gave them to me..." The ace radio reporter then said, "Sir, Malam should not have dusted them up! The dust on the receipts would have proved that he paid his taxes as and

when due..."

Today, there is talk on the political scene of Atiku Abubakar re-cross-carpeting to PDP. That is nothing compared to the great cross-carpeting of the Second Republic, when the PRP *Mai Santsi* leader Mohamed Abubakar Rimi and his followers crossed over to NPP in 1983 and took to wearing Zik-style neckbeads. For their part, GNPP's Borno State governor Muhammadu Goni crossed over to UPN while his Gongola State counterpart Abubakar Barde went over to NPP.

The great party factionalisations of those days were much more intense than the lame factionalisations of today. The original NPP, for example, split into NPP and GNPP because Alhaji Waziri Ibrahim refused to give up either party chairmanship or presidential candidacy to Zik, as demanded by the party's Club 19 component (Solomon Lar and others). GNPP later split into more factions, Nduka Eze faction and Mahmud Waziri faction, the latter clearly sponsored by NPN.

Today, many ambitious politicians are waiting for Jonathan to show his hand, despite his fairly mediocre standing as a politician even by recent Nigerian standards. In the Second Republic, President Shehu Shagari was not overwhelming even within his own party; despite his open support, his friend Alhaji Sulaimanu Takuma was defeated by Senator Uba Ahmed for the post of National Secretary at the NPN's Kano convention in 1982.

Ten years of this Republic is yet to produce men like Rimi, small upstarts who took on the political greats and make a huge impact. Rimi challenged Malam Aminu Kano and split PRP right down the middle; whereas it won Kano State with 75% of the vote in 1978, in the 1983 elections, the *Tabo* faction got 38% while Rimi's *Santsi*

faction got 33% of the vote. NPN improved from 17% to 28%. Some UPN chieftains also took on Chief Awolowo, with less success.

Today, there is much fear of INEC *ojoro* in elections. Which is not new, because after 1979, FEDECO did a lot of *ojoro* to the ruling NPN's behest. Such as, registering Tunji Braithwaite's NAP in 1982 but refusing to register PPP, a coalition of UPN, NPP, the PRP *Tsantsi* and a GNPP faction supported by its two governors. And then in 1983, FEDECO agreed to reorder the elections and hold the presidential elections first, in line with the plan by Dr. Umaru Dikko, Director General of Shagari's re-election campaign.

These recent years, we haven't had anything like the drama at Benin Airport, when President Shehu Shagari visited old Bendel State and UPN's Governor Ambrose Alli banned rallies and processions. Thousands of NPN men defied him and came marching to the airport; Shagari's Police Affairs Minister Professor Emmanuel Sunday Osamor, a Bendelite himself, ordered the police to open the airport gates and allow the marchers in.

May be there is despondency today because many powerful men in this Republic have not achieved their full potential in politics, which explains the restlessness of men such as General Babangida, General Buhari, Atiku Abubakar, Chief Olu Falae and Asiwaju Bola Tinubu. Well, many people will never realise their full potential in any Republic. Dr. K.O. Mbiadiwe, who lost a Senate election in Imo State and then became Presidential Adviser on National Assembly, deserved more than that, as did Alhaji Yusuf Maitama Sule, who was Ambassador to the UN and then Minister of National Guidance in the Second Republic. This is not to mention NPN's top financier Chief MKO Abiola, the first Nigerian ever to publicly donate one million naira to a political party in 1979.

Not only colour; all else is gone in Nigerian politics.

SPORTS REPORT



NADAL celebrates after beating his Spanish compatriot Fernando Verdasco in the final of the Monte Carlo Masters.

Nadal sweeps aside Verdasco

A breathtaking performance from Rafael Nadal saw him brush aside Fernando Verdasco in the all-Spanish final at the Monte Carlo Masters.

Nadal was in dominating form as he dispatched Verdasco 6-0 6-1 in one hour 25 minutes to win his sixth consecutive title. The sixth seed, who beat world No2

Novak Djokovic in yesterday's semi final, could find no answer to Nadal's supremacy.

Verdasco had never beaten his compatriot in nine previous meetings and was the underdog.

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MATIAS Suarez

Anderlecht wins 30th league title

Anderlecht clinched its 30th Belgian title by beating chief rival FC Brugge 2-1 yesterday to build an insurmountable lead in the league playoffs.

Anderlecht went ahead in the 28th minute through midfielder Jelle Van Damme, who scored following a blistering counterattack.

Argentine forward Matias Suarez tapped in Anderlecht's second two minutes from the end after being fed by compatriot Lucas Biglia, with Wesley Sonck scoring Brugge's consolation goal in injury time. Anderlecht claimed its first title in three years, having ceded the championship to Standard Liege the last two seasons.

