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# Presidency c'ttee cautions against 3rd term

An internal committee of Nigeria's seat of power, the Asok Rock Villa, has cautioned President Olusegun Obasanjo against any bid to extend his stay in power beyond his current term which expires on May 29, 2007.

By Emmanuel Bello,  
Political Editor

Sources in the presidency say that the advice was given by the committee comprising senior administrative and security officials in the Asok Villa.

In arriving at its position, the committee evaluated the growing national opposition to the perceived third term ambition of elected officials in the country. It also explored the different scenarios that could arise in the event of an extension of the tenure.

The committee concluded

that the upheaval it could generate will be harmful to both the country and the president. In fact, the report of the committee stated that such a move could plunge the country into serious civil unrest that the security agencies may find difficult to contain.

The committee therefore

is said to have advised the president to leave power at the end of his tenure. It also suggested that the president should quietly choose and groom a successor he could back in the next election. Daily Trust learnt that the report was submitted a few weeks ago.

President Obasanjo, sources say, appeared dissatisfied with the conclusion of the committee. He is said to have asked the committee to

go back and reconsider the issue. At the moment, it is unclear if the committee has made any fresh recommendations to the president.

Another source who confided in Daily Trust said that similar recommendations were made by a different committee which consisted of some presidential aides and the head of a federal government agency involved in promoting foreign investment.

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## 2003 election in Lagos was rigged - Obasanjo

President Olusegun Obasanjo has declared that the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), will retain all the performing governors to contest the 2007 elections. He also alleged that the 2003 gubernatorial elections in Lagos State were rigged.

President Obasanjo who was on a three day state visit to Ogun State, made the allegation yesterday at a meeting with the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), governors of the Southwest held at the June 12 Cultural Centre, Kuto, Abeokuta, Ogun capital.

He said that the Peoples Democratic Party will retain all the performing governors to contest the 2007 elections.

President Obasanjo who expressed surprise over the loss of Lagos State to the Alliance for Democracy (AD), said shortly after the elections, the person that rigged the Lagos election came to him and apologized in the presence of Chief Olabode George.

"In my response, I told him that he cannot rig the election if God had not helped him, ordinarily his hands would have been afflicted with leprosy."

President Obasanjo who

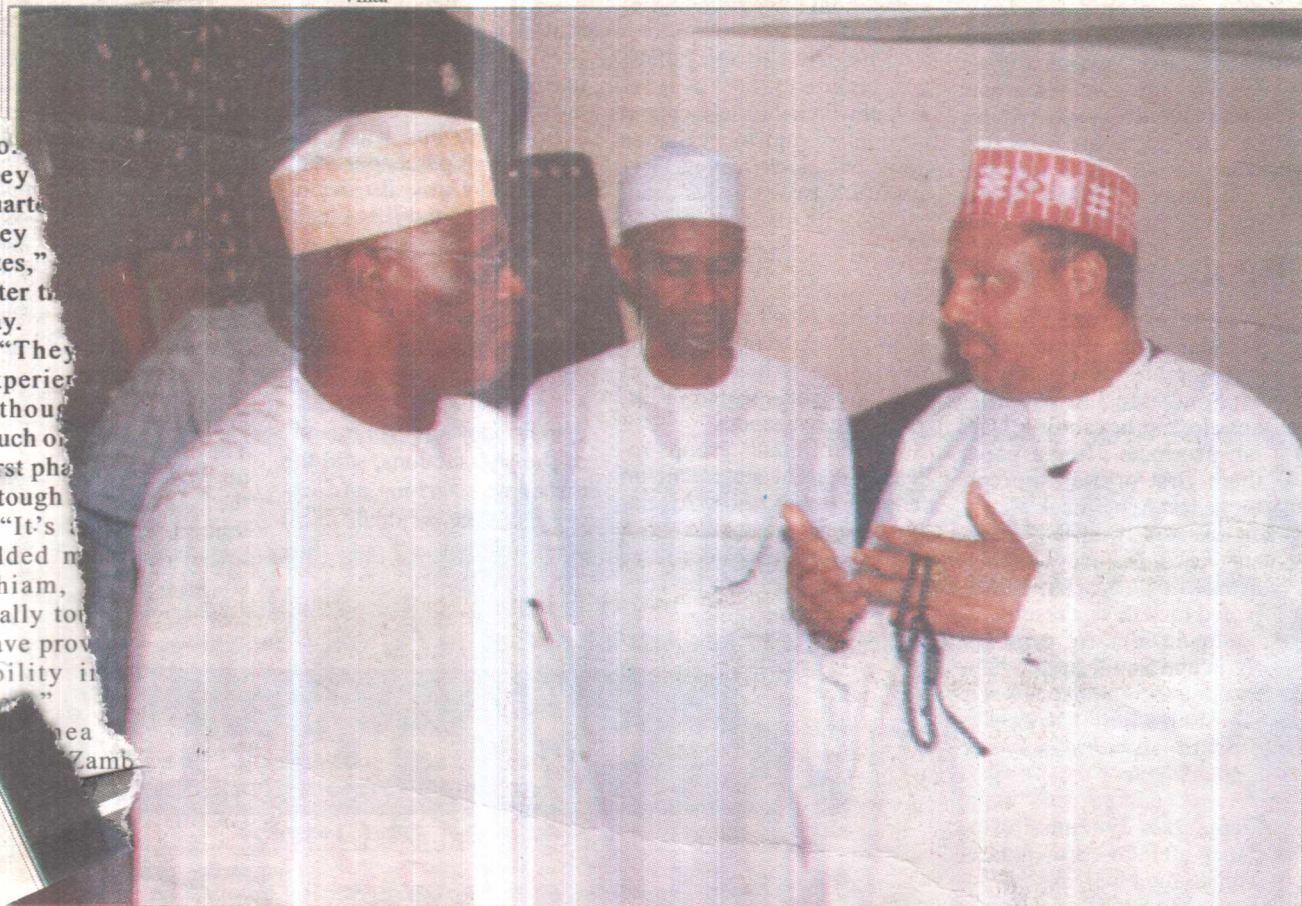
From Kayode Ajibola,  
Correspondent Abeokuta

urged party members to join hands to fight opposition parties in the next elections, boasted that the PDP will win Lagos State in 2007.

"At the 2003 elections, we wondered why we lost Lagos State. Shortly after, the person who rigged the election came to me and apologized. I said that it was because God allowed it, his hands would have been afflicted with leprosy."

Obasanjo explained that he and the five governors of the PDP from the Southwest often hold meetings to discuss issues paramount to their

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Vice President Atiku Abubakar (left) Governor Boni Haruna of Adamawa State (middle) and Alhaji Abubakar Rimi during a condolence visit to the later over the death of his son in Kano... recently. Pic: Joe Oroye.

## Protests spread over cartoon controversy

Protests have spread across the Muslim world over the publication in Europe of cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad.

The drawings, first printed in Denmark, sparked a fresh row when they were re-run in several papers leading to the sacking of a French editor.

Hundreds demonstrated in Pakistan on Thursday, chanting "Death to Denmark" and burning Danish and French flags.

But one Jordanian paper has reprinted the cartoons,

By Abdu Labaran, Foreign Desk Editor, with agency reports

with an editorial urging Muslims worldwide to "be reasonable".

Palestinian gunmen

briefly surrounded EU offices in Gaza to demand an apology over the cartoons.

Freedom of speech has its limits when it concerns others...How would it feel if Jesus Christ was the one insulted instead?

Norway has closed its mission in the West Bank to the public in response to threats from two militant groups against Norwegians, French and Danes.

Foreign Ministry spokes-

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## Auto crash kills 14 in Yobe

Fourteen people were burnt to death following a fatal auto crash on the outskirts of Potiskum, Yobe State.

The accident, according to reports occurred when an

From Isa Umar Gusau,  
Correspondent (Damaturu)

eighteen seater bus and a Dana canter collided head on Tuesday night along Potiskum-Bauchi road.

The remains of the 14 victims were buried en mass on Wednesday evening.

The sector commander, Federal Road Safety Commission, FRCS, Yobe Command,

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# News

## Presidency *Cont. from pg. 1*

Some sources however say that the president's hawkish inner circle are still keen to get an extension of his rule. The group who are mainly part of his economic team, believe that it is only through such an extension of tenure that the economic achievements of the present government can be guaranteed.

The effort to get an extension of the president's tenure is so far mainly hinged on the work of the Senator Ibrahim Mantu led constitutional amendment committee. Its sub committee has recommended a 3 four-year-term for elected officials to replace the existing 2 four year term in the 1999 constitution. The recommendation was however on Wednesday, thrown out by the main committee as it prepares to go round the country on public hearings on the amendments. However, Senior Special Assistant to the president on media matters and publicity, Mrs. Oluremi Oyo, reacting to the story, told *Daily Trust* there was no such group or activity within Aso Rock and dismissed it as mere hearsay.

Speaking to *Daily Trust* in Maiduguri, the Borno state governor, Alhaji Ali Modu Sherrif, said that "simply because one or two or three senators have said that they would resist any attempts to amend the constitution, "does not mean all senators have the same view," Governor Sherrif made the remark yesterday in reaction to the decision of the National Assembly Joint Constitutional

Review Committee to shelve its amendment report.

"If you want to know what the National Assembly thinks, you as a pressman must talk to 110 senators and over 300 members of the House of Representatives. My opinion is that at the end of the day, the majority will have their way while the minority will have their say," Governor Sherrif said.

The governor who believes in the relevance of constitutional amendments to the continued survival of democracy, added that governors who believe that reviewing the constitution is vital, want the current National Assembly to accomplish the task before the end of its current tenure.

On his part, the Yobe state governor, Alhaji Bukar Abba Ibrahim, told *Daily Trust*, that he does not wish to make any further comments on the subject at this stage except to say that he stands by what the chairman of the governors meeting had earlier said.

"I have nothing more to say now. The chairman has said everything in his press address," he said.

Other governors in the North East such as Jolly Nyame of Taraba state and Boni Haruna of Adamawa state were at the meeting but left before it ended; an action widely interpreted to refer to their disagreement with the contentious issues associated with the planned constitutional amendment. On his part, governor Danjuma Goje did not attend the meeting.

## EFCC asks court to keep Plateau accounts frozen

The EFCC says it is investigating 15 principal functionaries of the Plateau State government over allegations of diversion of huge state funds in collusion with Gov. Joshua Dariye. EFCC's counsel, Rotimi Jacobs, made the submission yesterday while persuading Justice Muhammed Shuaib of the Federal High Court, Lagos, not to vacate the order it made freezing 33 accounts of the state government with various banks.

Shuaib had on December 20, 2005, granted EFCC's application for an interim order, freezing the accounts pending the conclusion of its investigations into allegations of money laundering.

The other allegations are abuse of power, corruption and diversion of state funds by Dariye and some state functionaries.

Last week, the Plateau State government filed an application seeking to discharge the order which it said had grounded its activities.

In his argument, Jacobs said that the state's Commissioners for Finance, Works, Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs were being investigated together with others.

The others include the Accountant-General, his predecessor, the Auditor-General and the Vice-Chancellor of the Plateau State University.

"Between January 16 and November 2005, the Accountant-General made several payments from the state's accounts with Intercontinental Bank, Jos branch, to the tune of N4,489,607," the EFCC stated in its counter-affidavit.

It alleged that Dariye, in connivance with the state

functionaries, stashed state funds in private accounts with banks.

Jacobs said the essence of the interim order was to curb the corrupt act, arguing that since evidence before the court showed that there was an allegation of corruption, the order was properly made because the functionaries were acting for the state.

"The state government is an artificial body that cannot commit an offence on its own but does so through its functionaries.

"Evidence clearly shows that investigations were being carried out on the functionaries and the order was made pending the conclusion of the investigations," Jacobs submitted, urging the court not to vacate the order.

The counsel said Section 34 of the EFCC Act empowered the court to grant such

orders when necessary, stressing that the order did not contravene the provisions of the constitution.

The Attorney to the state government, Mr. Conrad Joseph, had earlier in his argument in support of the motion, said it was wrong for the court to make an order against someone who was not a party before it.

Joseph submitted that there was no evidence before the court showing any allegations against the government.

"If there was an allegation against the state, the EFCC would have joined it as a party in the suit," he argued.

The counsel said the allegations were made against individuals alone, pointing out that any order of the court should have been directed to those being investigated.

## 2003 election *Cont. from pg. 1*

states, "Issues like education, health, agriculture e.t.c, he said.

President Obasanjo expressed the readiness of the PDP to takeover all states of the federation in the 2007 elections, said they will not overate or overestimate their political adversary in any form.

"Though our party's enemies are few, but then, we will

not overate or over estimate them. We will not take them for granted either. We will ensure that they do not give us any surprise in the 2007 presidential elections."

Obasanjo however urged the PDP members not to fight each other declaring that they should go out and vie for all the elective posts, adding

that what is on ground is enough fo the members to share.

In attendance included: Otunba Gbenga Daniel, the host governor from Ogun State, Dr. Segun Agagu of Ondo State, Mr. Ayodele Fayose of Ekiti State, Prince Olagunsoye Oyinlola of Osun

State and Otunba Alao Akala of Oyo State.

Others include: Chief Olabode George, Vice-Chairman South (PDP), Chief Yinka Omilani, Southwest Vice Chairman of the PDP, all members of the National Assembly from the south-West and other PDP party stalwarts.

## Auto *Cont. from pg. 1*

Zakariya Mamman, confirmed the accident to *Daily Trust*, yesterday at the command's headquarters, in Damaturu.

According to Mamman, the accident was said to have occurred at about 9.00 p.m when the bus with registration number XC995GME ran into the Diana, Toyota Can-

ter without registration number.

One of the front tyre of the bus reportedly bust as a result of which the bus went out of control and the vehicles went into flames, leaving drivers of the two vehicles dead, along with twelve others,

while three people were admitted into hospital.

"The accident happened just about three kilometers outside Potiskum, by the NTA office. The bus was fully loaded with passengers, and at the same time it carrying one hundred and fifty chick-

ens, which were tied round the bus.

Witness said, there was a tyre burst, and the bus ran into the truck. "So there was a head on collision. Then and then there was fire break, and the passengers were all trapped and death.

Mamman added fire outbreak may have sulted from excess the bus, and as there was no room for air on the part of driver. The command confirmed that the "victims were all buried on Wednesday evening with the help of the military union leaders, since the victims were all of them

## Protests *Cont. from pg. 1*

man, Rune Bjaastad, told the BBC news website the office would remain closed until further notice but no decision had yet been made about withdrawing staff.

Egyptian President, Hosni Mubarak, warned that the decision by some European papers to publish the cartoons could encourage terrorists.

Afghan President, Hamid Karzai, also strongly condemned their publication, saying it was "an affront... for hundreds of millions of people".

Hundreds of students demonstrated in the Pakistani cities of Lahore and Multan, burning flags and effigies of the Danish prime minister.

The row intensified on Wednesday when France Soir, alongside the 12 original cartoons, printed a new drawing on its front page showing Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim and Christian holy figures sitting on a cloud, with the caption "Don't worry Muhammad, we've all been caricatured here".

Publications in Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain also re-ran the Danish cartoons to show support for free speech.

Islamic tradition bans depictions of the Prophet or Allah.

France Soir's editor, Jacques Lefranc, was dismissed by the paper's French Egyptian owner in response to criticisms from Muslim groups.

But journalists at France Soir stood by their editor's decision on Thursday, printing a front page picture and editorial in which they strongly defended the right to free speech.

Jordanian independent tabloid, *Al-Shihan*, reprinted three of the cartoons on Thursday, saying people should know what they were protesting about, AFP news agency reports.

"Muslims of the world be reasonable," wrote editor, Jihad Momani.

"What brings more prejudice against Islam, these caricatures or pictures of a hostage-taker slashing the throat of his victim in front of the cameras or a suicide bomber who blows himself up during a wedding ceremony in Amman?"

The article in *al-Shihan* also included a list of Danish products.

• 1989: Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini, calls on Muslims to kill British author, Salman Rushdie, for alleged blasphemy in his book, "The Satanic Verses."

2002: Nigerian journalist, Isioma Daniel's article about the Prophet and Miss World contestants sparks deadly riots

2004: Dutch filmmaker, Theo van Gogh, killed after the release of his documentary about violence against Muslim women

2005: London's Tate Britain museum cancels plans to

display sculpture by John Latham for fear of offending Muslims after July bombings

Some Muslim countries are already boycotting Danish products after a paper there first printed the cartoons last September.

Danish-Swedish dairy giant, Arla Foods, says its sales in the Middle East have plummeted to zero as a result.

In diplomatic protests, Syria and Saudi Arabia have recalled their ambassadors to Denmark and Libya has closed its embassy in Copenhagen.

The caricatures from Denmark's Jyllands-Posten paper included drawings of Muhammad wearing a head-dress shaped like a bomb, while another shows him saying that paradise was running short of virgins for suicide bombers.

The offices of Jyllands-Posten had to be evacuated on Tuesday because of a bomb threat.

The paper had apologised a day earlier for causing offence to Muslims, although it maintained it was legal under Danish law to print them.


Danish Prime Minister, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, welcomed the paper's apology, but has rejected calls to punish the paper, saying the government cannot censor the press.

Danish, French and Norwegian nationals after cartoons depicting the Prophet Muhammad appeared in European newspapers.

Two militants groups released a joint statement on Thursday that said: "All nationals and those who work in the diplomatic corps of these countries can be con-

sidered targets of the Popular Resistance Committee and Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades."

Abu Mudjahid, a spokesman for the "joint command" of the two factions, said the threat was serious and extended to the nationals of all countries that had published the caricatures.

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# News



President Olusegun Obasanjo (middle), flanked by Governor Gbenga Daniel of Ogun State and his wife responding to cheers from the crowd during his visit to Ogun State... Wednesday  
Pic: Oladipupo Odunewu

## 3<sup>rd</sup> term is dead – ANPP lawmakers

By Habeeb I. Pindiga,  
Assistant Political Editor

Following Wednesday's decision by the National Assembly Joint Constitution Review Committee to dump reports of its sub-committees, All Nigeria People's Party (ANPP) Senators and members of the House of Representatives yesterday declared that the plot to give President Olusegun Obasanjo a third term in office is dead and buried.

Chairman of the ANPP National Assembly caucus, Senator La'wal Shu'aibu told *Daily Trust* in Abuja yesterday that the third term agenda has been defeated and no magnitude of

pressure from any quarters would resuscitate it in the federal legislature.

"Let me tell you, the third term issue is dead, at least for now. I can give you this assurance nobody will have the guts, nobody will have the audacity to resuscitate the issue of third term during the current dispensation." He said.

Reminded of the fears that the proposed public hearing on constitution review would be manipulated to achieve third term, Shu'aibu said "They can't manipulate the public hearing

because it will be done in the public. We don't have any fear regarding public hearing."

Asked how the lawmakers intend to stave off any pressure from the state governors, the ANPP leader said: "We have never impressed on the governors to do what they do in their states. So I don't see the governors impressing us to do what we are here to do."

The Ibrahim Mantu-led constitution review committee on Wednesday discarded the reports of its subcommittees, including the proposal of three terms of four years tenure for the president and state gover-

nors. Rather than subject the subcommittee reports to public debate as Mantu and some others wanted, the panel decided to use the 1999 constitution as its working document in the planned public hearings.

Shu'aibu said though this was a milestone in the crusade against third term, the opposition lawmakers would sleep with an eye open to ward off any attempt to reintroduce the agenda.

Meanwhile the Conference of Nigerian Political Parties (CNPP), through its publicity secretary, Osita Okechukwu, yesterday urged the lawmakers not to succumb to pressure from the governors and go a step further by suspending the constitution review process till after 2007.

"Governors are beneficiaries of the extension plot. So naturally you expect them to be part of the agenda. We don't trust them either. To put an end to all these, the lawmakers should not listen to the governors, in fact the constitution review committee should be disbanded now, let's wait till after 2007." He said.

Speaking to *Daily Trust* in Abuja, Okechukwu said "Our position is that the constitution review process should be stopped till after 2007. We are sceptical of the position of the lawmakers, in fact we are cynical. This process of reviewing the constitution started since 2000. They have been sleeping all along, so why should they embark on late amendment? They can't just wake up; let them continue their slumber on this review. The fact that they dump the subcommittee reports is not enough to convince us that they have halted the third term agenda. Don't forget that some of them are magicians, they can work some magic and before you know it

## Globacom presents 1700 free GSM lines to workers

Globacom, one of the leading GSM service providers in Nigeria, yesterday presented 1700 free lines to workers in the Federal Ministry of Employment, Labour and Productivity in order to enhance productivity among workers.

The company also presented to the ministry 55 telephone directory with information on Globacom beneficiaries within and outside the country.

Presenting the items to the ministry, the company's Special Project Executive Director, Mr. Mike Jituboh, said that free GSM lines for all federal government staff was introduced by the company to enhance productivity in government circles.

He said that the company is of the belief that having access to the Globacom network by the workers would be of great help to the workforce and the

By Abdullahi M. Gulloma,  
Reporter

country at large adding that over five million subscribers have so far been hooked to the network and that the company will enhance its network and make it available and affordable in remote villages across the country in order to make communications much easier for the people.

In his remarks, the Minister of Employment, Labour and Productivity, Dr. Hassan Muhammad Lawal, commended the company and urged them to extend the gesture to workers in the private sector.

He said that communication is no more a luxury but a necessity, hence the need for the entire country's workforce to have access to communication for the improvement of economic growth and national development.

## Teachers protest non-payment of salaries

By Abdullahi M. Gulloma,  
Reporter

Teachers in the Jabi local education authority (LEA) of the Abuja Municipal Council (AMAC), yesterday protested the non payment of their August 2005 salaries.

The teachers, who gathered in one of the classes in the school to find ways of confronting the authorities on the issue, also passed a vote of no confidence on the executive council of the Nigeria Union of Teachers (NUT), AMAC council.

They accused the NUT officials of taking sides with the authorities in order to make life unbearable for them, stressing that they would resist attempts to sell what they referred to as their "birth rights."

But the NUT chairman, Mr. Affia Ita, told *Daily Trust* that the union has done its best to ensure that the teachers receive their salaries from the authorities, saying that the NUT executive council cannot be on the side of government at the detriment of teachers.

He said that the cheque for the August salaries has actually been signed by the authorities but was trapped in All States Trust Bank, one of the commercial banks that failed to meet up with the N25 billion capital base stipulated by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN).

## Northern gov accused of double standards

From Musa Umar Kazaure,  
Regional Editor, Kano

Northern State governors have been accused of double-standards in the on going quest by the North to shift the presidency to the North in 2007.

A chieftain of the ANPP in Kano state Alhaji Saidu Dattijjo Adhama, who made the accusation during a visit to *Daily Trust* office in Kano, said the Northern state governors had earlier in Kaduna unanimously endorsed the position of the ACF and other Northern leaders of repute that power must shift to the north in 2007.

He therefore wondered why they would join the Forum of Governors to ratify and support the amendment of the constitution which everybody knows is meant to extend President Obasanjo's tenure beyond 2007.

Alhaji Adhama also accused the governors of having a hidden agenda otherwise areas and sections of the constitution they want amended should have been mentioned in their communiqué. He added, "Giving blanket support to

Obasanjo's third term agenda. These are the same governors who supported their entire delegates to National Conference on the issue of no third term for Obasanjo and also just last week in Kaduna, they reaffirmed their support for power shift to the north. Why are they jumping the gun? The federal government has not even taken a position on the National Conference report, why this rush on amendment of the constitution?"

The former ANPP gubernatorial aspirant in Kano state warned that the recent decision by the National Assembly Joint Constitution Review Committee to discard the Mantu report and adopt the 1999 constitution as the basis for the review of the constitution should not be a reason to relax on the agitation against President Obasanjo's third term quest adding that proponents of the extension will soon come out again with another trick to smuggle in their

agenda should be dogmatic about the review of the constitution for a third term this critical hour when other issues adopted by the National Delegates Conference like the immunity clause of governors, poverty, environmental degradation are not considered.

On the ANPP crisis in Kano, the ANPP Chieftain said General Buhari's position on the recently concluded state party election was in conformity with his usual position of seeking justice and fairness in all endeavours.

He added, "We are aware that the first letter sent to the ANPP sole Administrator directed him to conduct election at ward, local government and state level. But some people went and complained that the tenure of the wards and local government Party Officials has not expired, so another letter was sent that it should be held at state level only. Buhari was only aware of the first letter, and the party's constitution requires that all the

## NPI commences polio immunization

By Sunday Ejike Benjamin,  
Senior Reporter

In the renewed effort to interrupt the transmission of the Wild Polio Virus (OPV) by the end of the year, the National Programme on immunization (NPI) has announced dates for both the first and the second National Immunization Days (NIDs) to be carried out nation-wide.

Disclosing this in a statement made available to *Daily Trust* in Abuja, the Director, Communications and Essential Services, Hajia Wosilat O. Giwa said the first round of NIDs will hold between Saturday 11 and Tuesday 14 February, 2006, while the second round will commence on Saturday 11 and ends on Tuesday March 14, 2006.

The statement said NPI and Partners have fixed May and June this year for the Sub-National Immunization Days which would be implemented in some selected states based on the surveillance data of the epidemiology

ment National Immunization Days and Sub-National Immunization Days are special days set aside for the administration of Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) to children from the age Zero age to 59 months, regardless of their prior immunization status.

The essence of the efforts, the statement added is to interrupt the transmission of the virus in the country and therefore enjoined Nigerians to ensure that all their eligible children are immunized and saved from paralysis and premature death.

Immunization, it noted, is the right of every child and a collective responsibility of all, pointing out that parents should make use of the advantage of routine immunization services for the immunization of their children against other killer diseases.

# News

## Malpractices rock Christian pilgrimage to Israel

Uncertainty hangs over the performance of this year's Christian pilgrimage to Israel two weeks after the Jan. 14 deadline for the commencement of the exercise.

Briefing newsmen yesterday in Abuja, members of the National Assembly sub-committee on Christian pilgrimage, attributed the problem to insincerity and dishonesty on the part of two flight operators contracted by the Christian Pilgrims Committee.

Sen. Effiong Bob, Chairman, joint National Assembly Committee on Christian Pilgrims Committee (CPC) said the CPC in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs had arranged for offshore inspection of aircraft preparatory to flying pilgrims to Israel.

A delegation comprising National Assembly members, CPC officials, some staff of the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) and representatives of two short-listed flight operators, were split into two groups for separate inspections in Spain and the United Kingdom, he said.

Narrating further, Dr. Chris Oghenechovwen, deputy chairman, House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs, who was on the UK team, said the seven-man team was dribbled about by the purported flight operators without getting to inspect any aircraft.

"We spent one full week in the UK and returned to Nigeria on Saturday, Jan. 28. Departure of pilgrims was planned to begin on Jan. 14. Two weeks later, we don't know where we are heading," he

lamented.

He said the constitution of the teams was a fallout of years of malpractice in which the safety and security of pilgrims had been compromised with chartered flight operators defrauding both the CPC and the pilgrims.

"Malpractices included engaging the services of ancient or expired aircrafts, reconfiguration of cargo aircraft to convey passengers and possible collaboration of Nigerians in rigged aircraft inspection," he said.

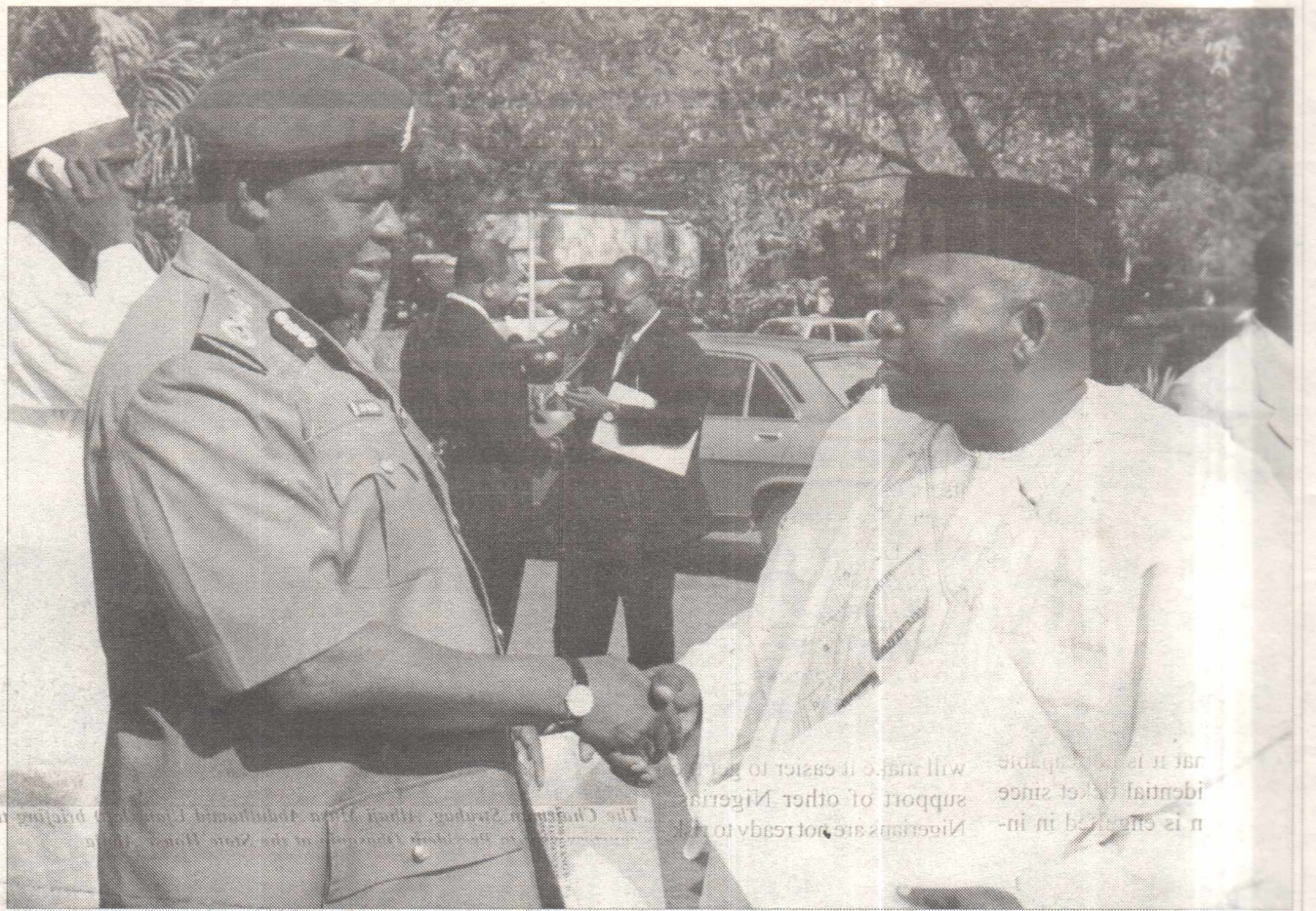
Contributing to the briefing, Hon. Osinakachukwu Ideozu, who was on the trip to Spain, also complained of similar dribbling tactics, saying his group could not inspect any planes but was also stranded for several days in Spain.

"CPC seems to see the National Assembly as an intruder in the business of conveying pilgrims from Nigeria to the Holyland," Ideozu said, adding that the CPC was initially reluctant to submit its choice of flight operator to the National Assembly for screening.

According to him, the mix-up in UK and Spain is deliberate, because CPC and the flight operators were not sure there was any aircraft for the delegations to inspect.

"Nigerians should be patient. It is better for Nigerians to be safe and alive than for them to risk this annual ritual in conditions of uncertainty," he advised.

Bob said the sub-committee would appropriately reflect its findings in its report.



The Comptroller General of Customs, Mr. Buba Gyan (l), exchanging greetings with the minister of state for Internal Affairs, Dr. Joseph Odidi Itotoh, at the meeting with President Olusegun Obasanjo on Tourism in Nigeria at the state House, Abuja ...recently. Pix: Joe Oroye.

## Katsina seeks upward review of Hajj fares

From Lawal Ibrahim, Correspondent (Katsina)

The Katsina state deputy governor, Alhaji Abdullahi Garba Aminchi, has called for an upward review of Hajj fares per pilgrim in Nigeria.

The deputy governor who was addressing newsmen in his office, said the federal government should henceforth, allow the Department of Pilgrims Affairs (DPA), to

charge a proper and adequate fare per intending pilgrim in order to avert further problems that have bedevilled the exercise.

Said he, "Nigerian pilgrims paid 900 Riyals each as opposed to other pilgrims in the world who paid over 1000 Riyals which explains why major international carriers did not participate in the airlift of Nigerian pilgrims, adding that the federal government allows pilgrims airlift to usually incompetent carriers who source aircrafts from other places.

Aminchi backed his call for an upward review with the favourable an instant experiences of international pilgrims who paid higher fares in order to perform their pilgrimages successfully.

The deputy governor also called for the decentralisation of the Hajj airlift and said the present arrangement was unfair to states which collected fares, screened pilgrims but left them in a quagmire because they lacked the control of airplanes and other logistics.

Meanwhile, the Katsina state government has blamed the Department of Pilgrims Affairs (DPA) for the inability of many of its intending pilgrims to perform their rites in 2006 even as it alleged be-

ing snubbed by Meridian Air Ltd assigned to airlift the state's pilgrims.

The state also admitted being beaten by two pregnant women who escaped their screening system only to deliver babies at the holy land while performing their hajj rites.

The state's deputy governor, Alhaji Abdullahi Garba Aminchi, who led the state's delegation to Mecca, disclosed to newsmen that the DPA refused to notify the state of the revocation of contract with International Trans-Air assigned to airlift Katsina state pilgrims earlier and the appointment of Meridian Air Ltd against the laid down procedure which gives the states right to choose their carriers.

Aminchi said that it was on the basis of a news report that the state contracted the DPA which told them of the

contract revocation and the new airline which could not meet the three-day deadline before the closure of Jeddah airport.

"To our dismay, the carrier snubbed us and informed us that they had to finish with states that initially chose them before commencing our airlift" and said the states initiated moves to secure aircrafts to airlift its intending pilgrims at a time they were insufficient since all the major airlines were involved in Hajj operations worldwide.

On the pregnant women, the deputy governor urged husbands to thoroughly check their wives but noted that some women have small and less visible pregnancies while some were not due for delivery but for the pressure of performing the Hajj rites which may result into unscheduled deliveries.

## Four corps members die during service in PH

Four corps members lost their lives in Rivers State during the batch A 2005 service year, which ended last Tuesday.

Speaking yesterday at the passing out ceremony of the corps members in Port Harcourt, the state coordinator of the scheme, Mrs Farmobi Babalola, said a total of 1,634 corps members participated in the scheme during the period. She regretted the death of four of the corps members during the year and asked for the repose of their souls as they died serving their fatherland.

She said that in compliance with the policy of the scheme, about 85% of the corps members served in various schools in the state. She said the feedback she got from the schools indicated that the corps members performed very well during the service year as

they exhibited a high level of integrity and discipline in discharging their duties in their areas of primary assignment.

Mrs Babalola said that three corps members who distinguished themselves during the service year won

From Ikenna Emeka Okpani, Bureau Chief, Port Harcourt

the chairman's award for commitment and dedication to service to the nation. She thanked the government of Rivers state for the support the scheme enjoys from the state and called for greater cooperation between the two to enable the scheme achieve the purpose for which it was set up in the first place.

Earlier, the Chairman of the Governing board of the NYSC in the state and the secretary to the state government, Mr Moses Aduma, congratulated the corps members on the successful completion of their service year and charged them to be good ambassadors of the state. He said the corps members embarked on various community development projects which he said had impacted positively on the lives of members of the various communities.

Elated by the performance of the corps members, the governor of the state, Dr Peter Odili, who read the address of President Olusegun Obasanjo at the occasion, announced a special allowance of N10,000 for each of them.

the state as their second home since they did their service in the state and promised them that they would always be welcomed to the state.

He expressed satisfaction with their participation in government programmes like the NPI immunization exercise, HIV and AIDS awareness programmes and the trial census and Area Demarcation.

Some of the corps members who spoke with to our reporter said they were considering staying back in the state to start something on their own but are worried by the increasing level of restiveness in the region.

Others said they would go into the labour market with the hope that something would come their way very soon.

Meanwhile, it was an unusual business day for most business centres in Port Harcourt as hundreds of corps members stormed their offices to make photocopies of their discharge certificates or to laminate them for protection. The corps members had to queue at some of the business centres due to the large number of them who needed

## Aliero wants free, fair elections in 2007

Gov. Adamu Aliero of Kebbi State has urged INEC to be free and fair in the conduct of the 2007 elections.

Receiving the commission's chairman, Prof. Maurice Iwu on Wednesday, Aliero said what happened in some states during the 2003 elections was uncalled for.

According to him, INEC should respect peoples' wishes at the polls and announce

results based on what they vote.

He called for the independence of the commission so that its activities could be accepted by Nigerians.

Aliero observed that it would not augur well for the future democratic process if the nation's electoral body was not fully independent.

"Total independence is to be free from all sorts of control, financial and otherwise," he added.

He said that it was unfortunate that the commission was yet to have funds for the conduct of the 2007 elections, adding that such could hamper its preparations.

Iwu had earlier told the governor that his commission has mapped out strategies and plans to ensure a free and fair elections in 2007.

He said INEC has embarked on a stakeholders' forum in all the states for people to

## Gombe PDP elders endorse Goje for 2nd term

PDP elders forum in Gombe state has endorsed Gov. Danjuma Goje as its gubernatorial candidate for 2007.

Fielding questions from newsmen, the secretary of the forum, Mr David Albashi, said their decision to support Goje, was sequel to the governor's

state's commissioner of works, said the decision was not informed by any selfish reasons.

The secretary, however, said that the endorsement does not mean that other aspirants are bared from contesting the seat.

He said such persons would, however, have to convince the people of the state

NEWS

# 2007: Crisis threatens South South presidential bid - PDP scribe

The aspiration of the South-South geopolitical zone to secure the presidency in 2007 is being threatened by internal wranglings among top politicians from the zone.

This was declared by a chieftain of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), in Yobe state, Mr. Ezekiel Ibrahim, at a press briefing in Damaturu.

According to Ibrahim, the Niger Delta has proved to Nigerians that it is not capable of a presidential ticket since the region is engulfed in internal strife.

"The South-South quest for leadership is being threat-

**From Isa Umar Gusau, Correspondent (Damaturu)**  
ened by internal strife within the zone itself. How can other Nigerians submit to a leadership that could not relate with itself?

"It is a known fact that the Niger Delta region is the hot bed of internal crises in Nigeria. For anybody to aspire to lead the country from that region, he should have the capability and ability to make peace within the region. That will make it easier to get the support of other Nigerians. Nigerians are not ready to risk their future," he stated.

Ibrahim also decried the presidential quest of the South-East, noting that the activities of some groups in the region threatens the unity of Nigeria.

"The activities of MOSSOB in the South East region is not helping matters for the South-East's quest for the presidency. How can one aspire to be president in a country you don't have faith in and expect the rest of the citizens to support such acts of disintegration?"

"Anybody aspiring to be president from that region should have confidence in Nigeria and assure other Nigerians of the commitment of the region to the Nigerian state and its indivisibility," the PDP scribe said.



The Chairman Strabag, Alhaji Musa Abdulhamid Ujah (left) briefing the state journalists on his company's plans for the country during their courtesy visit to President Obasanjo at the State House Abuja. Pix: Joe Oroye

# Obasanjo wants cocoa processed in Nigeria

President Olusegun Obasanjo on Wednesday commenced a three day official visit to Ogun state even as he charged cocoa industrialists against exporting raw cocoa abroad.

President Obasanjo who commissioned the Multi-Trex Investment Limited, a cocoa processing plant at Ibafo, and the Trailer Parks and Garages in Ogere Remo, Ogun state respectively Wednesday, disclosed that Nigeria is producing 150,000 tonnes of cocoa annually.

The president who was given a rousing welcome by the people of the state at Iseri-Lagos-Ogun state boundary,

**From Kayode Ajibola, Correspondent (Abeokuta)**

further disclosed that Nigeria is saving about one million tonnes of cocoa every year.

He said that though what Nigeria and its sister countries in Africa are producing in terms of cocoa was not enough, efforts are being made to meet demands in the nearest future.

Obasanjo charged cocoa industrialists against exporting cocoa abroad without processing as it will only fetch little foreign currency. But when processed into chocolate, bournvita, Milo etc, it will earn more hard currency, he said.

The president was accompanied to Ogun state by the three senators representing Ogun state, nine members of the House of the Representatives, Works Minister and

member of the Peoples Democratic Party, Board of Trustees, Chief Tunde Osunide and others

He commissioned the multi-millionaire trailer park and garage located at Ogere-Remo, and praised the foresight of Otunba Daniel for constructing the park.

He said that there was no doubt that the garage will go a long way to forestall incessant accidents often experienced in the area, adding that the level of traffic jam within that axis will reduce.

The President who expressed concern over Nigerian government's culture on road construction, said "ideally if a major road is being constructed, parks and garages should be constructed along with it. We have not been doing," he said.

Earlier, the Ogun state

governor, Otunba Gbenga Daniel, had explained the construction of the trailer park, as according to him, apart from the fact that this will fetch money to the coffers of the state, the indiscriminate parking often experienced along the expressway would be checked.

Otunba Daniel who described the park as the first international trailer park in Nigeria, said it could accommodate 350 trailers.

Also reeling out some facilities in the park, Daniel said it has a 100 bed room motel, hostels, 100 lockup shops, police post, clinic, shopping mall and the gateway petrol station.

Governor Daniel however disclosed that his government may likely construct another park at Ibafo going by the level of trailers parking along the road there.

# Don't increase public officers remuneration

## Makarfi warns

**From AbdulRaheem Aodu, Correspondent (Kaduna)**

Governor Ahmed Mohammed Makarfi of Kaduna state has warned against the increase in the remuneration package of political and public office holders in order not to worsen the country's economy.

Governor Makarfi gave his warning yesterday when he received officials of the Revenue Mobilisation Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC), on a working tour of Kaduna state at his Sir Kashim Ibrahim House office.

He said remuneration should be a function of the money available to government while increments must be based on a factor, adding that any increment must be justified, foreseeable and equitable in relation to other sectors especially the workers.

"We need to be careful. It is easy to increase remuneration but it would be difficult to bring it down without a sort of revolution. It's not sufficient to say you can go below the commission's figure, but you cannot go higher than that because it is impracticable.

Look at local councils. If the local councils and most of the states are to depend on themselves, they cannot raise their revenue.

"Excess crude oil can only last a few years then what? Money raised now should be used to diversify the economy and create employment," he submitted.

# Five corps members get automatic employment in Plateau

The Plateau State government has offered automatic employment to five out of the 1,224 corp members who successfully completed the 2005 Batch "A" service year in the state.

The five corps member also received state honour awards for distinguishing themselves in their various fields.

Speaking at the passing out ceremony of the corps members in Jos on Wednesday, the state governor, Chief Joshua Dariye, also announced that the corps members will receive N20,000 each, courtesy of the state government in appreciation of the qualitative service rendered during the service year.

The five youth corps members include Dr. Moses Oyedele, Dr. Ikechukwu Joshua Madumere, Mr. Adeyemi Adesola, Miss Chinyere Emenogu and Ayola Afolayan.

Governor Dariye commended

**From Rakiya A. Muhammad, Correspondent (Jos)**

ended the out-going corps members for their dedication to duty during the service year.

He however urged them to build upon what they have acquired from their host communities during the course of their assignment.

Also speaking at the occasion, the Plateau state co-ordinator of the National Youth Service Corp (NYSC), Mr. Johnson Oyelade, stressed the need for a permanent orientation camp for the state NYSC.

While tasking the state government on the permanent camp, Mr. Oyelade noted that the next batch of corps members will be going for their orientation programme less than two weeks at the temporary site of the Government Science School, Kuru. This, he noted, will disrupt the school's academic programme.

# ...19 to repeat service in Yobe

As the Batch "A" 2005 members of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), passed out nationwide yesterday, nineteen of them are to repeat the one year service in Yobe state following their abscondment during the service year. This was announced by the state's co-ordinator of the NYSC, A. H. Taura, during his remarks at the passing-out ceremony of the corps members in Damaturu.

According to Taura, the nineteen youth corps members were among a total of 38 who will be penalised for various offences they committed during the service.

He noted that while 19 absconded and would therefore repeat the service, nineteen others would extend their services by one or six months following different offences

committed.

Those whose services will be extended will remain in Yobe while those to repeat may be redeployed to other states in the country.

"38 corps members have one form of disciplinary case or the other against them for which their services have been extended. Nineteen out of this number is for abscondment. They will be remobilised, that is repeating the service either in Yobe or any other state of the federation, whichever the NDHQ, Abuja desires. The rest have their services extended by one to six months because of unauthorised journey, fake sick papers and low performance," Taura declared.

He also announced that of the 996 members deployed to the state in the Batch "A" 2005, the Yobe NYSC lost

three to death.

He however announced that during the year under review, 22 corps members were carefully selected for outstanding performance and would be given certificate of commendation, adding that their names will be forwarded to the NYSC national headquarters for the national honours award.

Taura recalled that some five former corps members who served in Yobe state were decorated during a recent NYSC presidential award held last December in Abuja.

The coordinator noted that those honoured were chosen due to their dedication and outstanding performances in various community development projects embarked upon by the corps members in various places they served.

# News

## FCC to get budget boost

### - Gabasawa

By Charles Onunaiju

The Federal Character Commission (FCC), whose activities in the past has been marred by poor funding, would get a financial life-line in the current budget allocation.

This was disclosed to *Daily Trust* by the House of Representatives Committee Chairman on Federal Character, Hon. Nasiru Abduwa Gabasawa, in Abuja.

According to Gabasawa, the commission has concluded arrangements to move to its new headquarters and is to purchase a property jointly owned by the Bauchi and Gombe state govern-

ments.

The money for the property, he said, has been provided in the 2006 budget after the House Committee on Federal Character made representation to the presidency on the need to strengthen the operations of the commission and boost its activities.

Also, the chairman disclosed that the commission is to establish functional offices in the six geo-political zones of the country to enable it

perform its statutory of ensuring the equitable distribution of appointments and employments to reflect the operating federal structure.

Gabasawa said that his committee, along with the commission and other relevant institutions, is aware that the task before them is fundamental to the political and social stability of the country and expressed confidence in the ability of the commission to discharge its functions creditably to ensure equity and fairness.

## Nasarawa commended over dev projects, peace

By Abbas Ola Jimoh

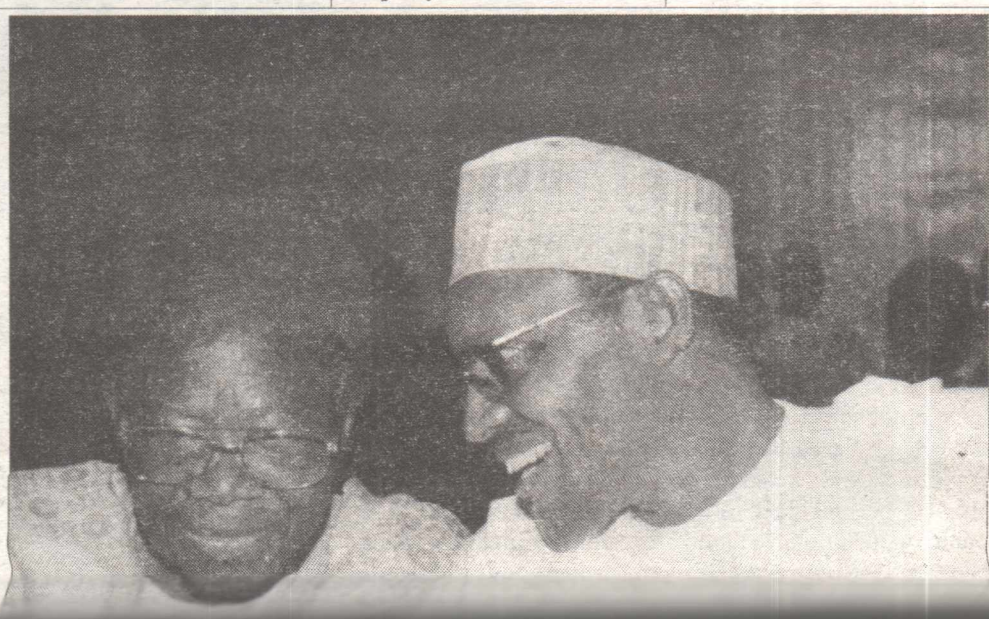
Nasarawa state has been commended for according priority to project implementation and for championing the cause of peace in the state.

The commendation was contained in a statement by the chairman of Nasarawa local government, Barrister Zubairu Salihu Namama.

Zubairu said governor Adamu Abdullahi, has ensured peace and tranquillity in Nasarawa state in the six

people of the state."

According to the him, the executed projects by Governor Adamu include: establishment of State University, State Polytechnic, two health institutions, construction of primary and secondary schools in all the local government councils of the state, construction of roads, electrification of rural areas and the establishment of six commu-



Former Head of State, General Muhammadu Buhari (rtd.), right, discussing with ACF Chairman, Chief Sunday Awoniyi, during the General Assembly of Arena Consultative Forum, held in Kaduna...recently. Pic: Shehu K. Goro

## Students criticize Mbadinuju's trial

By Abbas O. Jimoh

The Senate of the National Association of Nigeria Student (NANS), has described the trial of former governor of Anambra State, Dr. Chinwoke Mbadinuju as politically motivated and an abuse of judiciary process.

NANS Senate President, S Mr. Ugochinyere Imo Ikeagwuonu, speaking in Enugu, said the immediate rearrest and arraignment of Dr. Mbadinuju after he was granted bail by an Abuja chief magistrate court on the same matter was an abuse of judicial process and an act of sponsored wickedness.

NANS, while describing the whole arraignment episode as a ploy calculated to embarrass and intimidate Dr. Mbadinuju, stated that it was illegal and an affront on the rule of law for him to be arraigned in an Onitsha chief magistrate court on the same issue when the matter is still in an Abuja court.

"It is obvious that the matter now on Mbadinuju's arrest undoubtedly has political undertones. If not why are these happening now? Does it mean that Mbadinuju has not been available for trial since 2002 when the murder was committed?" NANS president queried.

Nasarawa State to maintain peace and support the governor in his developmental crusade in order to enjoy the dividends of democracy.

Commenting on the Peoples Democratic Party chances in the 2007 polls, the local government chairman said the party will once again sweep the polls, saying that the party members are intact and very committed.

He praised Governor Abdullahi for his effort towards the speedy development of PDP not only in the North but the whole country.

Barrister Zubairu called on religious leaders in Nigeria to continue to propagate the gospel of peace, unity and togetherness to enable the country move forward.

## el-Rufa'i to commission N3.5bn shopping mall

By Hamisu Muhammad, Business Reporter

The residents of the affected area of Wuse zone four, Abuja will have a new shopping mall that will contained about 500 shops and offices of various sizes, the chairman, Wuse Zone Four Property Development Company, Abubakar Sani has said.

Speaking while briefing newsmen on the forthcoming foundation laying ceremony of the Zone Four Neighbourhood Centre yesterday in Abuja, Sani said the building worth N3.5 billion will be completed within 18 months.

He said the first allocation priority will be given to the shop or office owners who were residing in the demolished area of Wuse Zone four

The Gombe state government will engage National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) members who have just completed their service year as supervisors and monitors during the forthcoming national population and housing census scheduled for March.

Governor Mohammed Danjuma Goje who announced this Wednesday at

From Muhammad Abubakar, Correspondent (Gombe)

the passing out ceremony of the 2005 Batch 'A' NYSC members who served in the state, said this was due to the regards government places on some of them who performed well during the service year.

"Some of you will be engaged as supervisors during the forthcoming national population and housing census from the 21-25 of March, 2006, while others will serve as monitors for the payment of the allowances to the ad-hoc staff of the exercise," the governor told the corps members.

Governor Goje also disclosed that he has approved the conferment of the NYSC State honours award on some members who have distinguished themselves by contributing their own quota in executing laudable community development projects in the places they served.

## Kwara PDP dispels rumour of fake party cards

From AbdulRazaq Adebayo, Correspondent (Ilorin)

Addressing journalists at the state secretariat of the party in Ilorin, the Secretary, Malam Yekini Ilobu, said "apart from the secretariat, no other body or person is handling the distribution of cards or the registration of people."

He said 95,000 party cards have been distributed to the wards in the state out of the 100,000 cards received from Abuja, headquarters of the party.

The party secretary said a letter instructing the office to continue with the registration of party members was received 10 days ago while the monitoring team led by Senator Okoro for Kwara State was still in the state for the exercise.

He said the distribution of party cards was being carried

out based on party structures on ground and as directed by the headquarters in Abuja.

Malam Ilobu said the party was not jittery over parallel registration of members as the secretariat remains the only authentic source of distribution of the cards.

## Kaduna set to boost irrigation farming

From AbdulRaheem Aodu, Correspondent (Kaduna)

The Kaduna state government has signed a Memorandum of Un-

derstanding (MOU), with the federal government for the channelisation of federal dams in the state in order to boost irrigation farming.

Minister of Water Resources, Alhaji Mukhtar Shagari, who signed on behalf of the federal government, said Kaduna state is the first to sign the MOU which is aimed at boosting agriculture in all states of the federation and the FCT.

The Kaduna State Commissioner for Water Resources, Architect Aliyu Ibrahim Arab, signed on behalf of the Kaduna state government and took delivery of a copy of the MOU.

government has come up with a comprehensive irrigation scheme with a view to ensure all year round agricultural activities.

## Gombe to engage corps members for census

He advised them to seek legal and profitable means of livelihood using opportunities provided by various government agencies such as the NDE,

NAPEP and SMEDAN.

The governor commended the youth corps members for their contributions to the state in various fields of human endeavour.

## Islamic New Year: Group organises education programme

By Abdulwahab Ajikobi

The Piwoyi Muslims Forum (PMF) of Abuja has line-up special educative and enlightenment programmes to mark the commencement of the new Islamic year-1427 A.H Hijrah.

Programmes packaged for the event includes: Islamic lectures and (Islamic procession) rally. The celebration which comes-up on Sunday 5th February 2006 (6th, Muharram 1427 A.H) at the LEA primary school ground is expected to commence in the early hours of the morning with an Islamic procession around the community.

In a statement made available to *Daily Trust* by the coordinator of the event Abdul Semiu Fajinbola, stated that

an Islamic lecture with the theme: "Hall mark of Islam is unity" is expected to be delivered by an Abuja based prominent Islamic scholar, Ustaz Mustapha Mai-suna and Alhaji Muhammed Moshood Kewuyemi who will be the guest lecturer.

Also to grace the occasion is the district head of Galadimawa who also doubles as the Royal Father of the day and special guest of honour.

The event is expected to bring together Muslims brothers and sisters from various walks of life as they join the Muslim Ummah to celebrate the new Islamic year.

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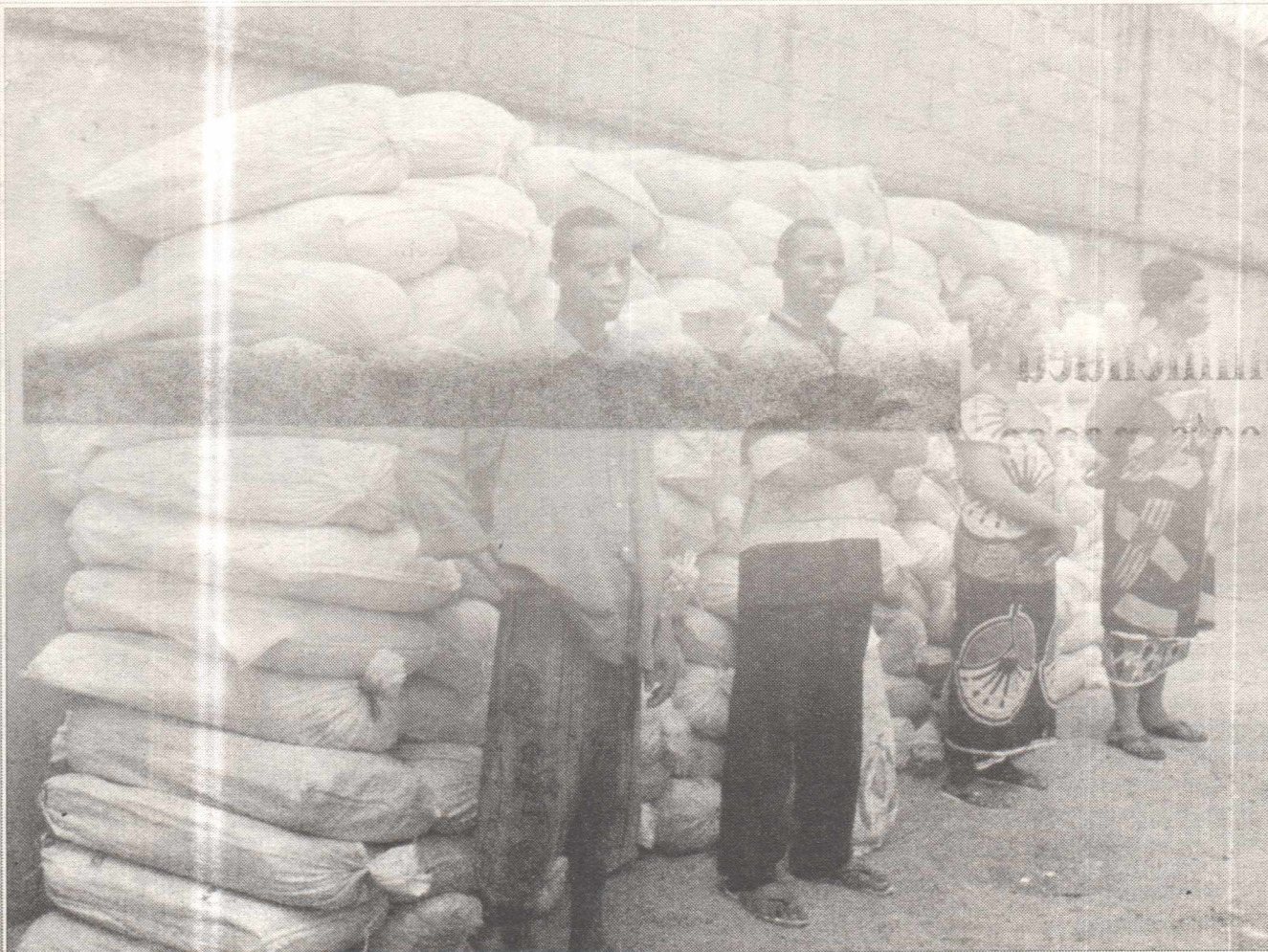
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Suspects paraded with bags of marijuana by the Lagos State command of the NDLEA at the Murtala Mohammed Airport in Lagos... recently. Pic: Oladipupo Odunewu.

## LG boss faces charges at Federal High Court

By Ruby Rabi, Senior Reporter

The chairman of Okpokwu local government council in Benue State, Mr. Abba Patrick Moro, has appeared before a federal high court in Abuja for alleged of illegal possession of fire arms.

Mr. Moro, aged 45, pleaded not guilty to the two count charges.

According to the charge sheet, the accused person, last year at Le Meridian Hotel, Garki, Abuja, was found with a prohibited firearm, a brownie pistol with no. NAF PO358 while the accused had no valid licence or permit to handle such equipment.

The second charge states that the accused also had in his possession 7 rounds of ammunition meant for the brownie pistol.

The two offences are contrary to section 3 of the firearms Act CAP F28, laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, punishable under section 27[1] (a) of the same Act and section 8 of the firearms Act, CAP F28.

Counsel to the federal government, Chief Adegboyega Awomolo [SAN], told the court that he was ready to proceed as he has all his witnesses assembled.

But counsel to the accused person, Chief Wole Olanipekun (SAN), said that he has filed a motion before the court challenging the jurisdiction of the court and the validity of the charges and that it ought to be heard before trial can commence.

## Four Bakassi boys to hang for murder

Justice Chidi Uwa of the Umuahia high court, has sentenced four members of the Bakassi vigilante group to death by hanging for the murder of two persons in 1999.

The convicted men are Ezeji Ephraim, Obisike, Adiele Ndubuisi and Stanley Azuogu.

The judge found the men guilty of killing and burning the remains of Chukwudozie Nwachukwu and Okechukwu Maduekwe at the Safari Restaurant on Azikiwe Road, Umuahia, on July 9, 1999.

Nwachukwu, an operations manager with a Lagos fish trawling company, and Maduekwe, a police sergeant, were killed on the suspicion that they were armed robbers.

Describing the action of the convicts as barbaric, Uwa said the men and others now at large had set out from their base in Aba as members of Bakassi on the day of the incident with the intention "to do away with their victims".

She dismissed the submission of the defence counsel that the convicts acted on the orders of the state government, stressing that no government would support barbarism.

She said that while it was possible that the government might have invited the group to "come and keep a watch on crime," it could not have authorised it to kill.

Uwa said that the convicts were criminally negligent by not ascertaining the identities of their victims, pointing out that the deceased were not armed robbers.

She said that considering the mode of executing the assignment, the convicts did not act in self-defence, pointing out that while they were armed and outnumbered their victims, the latter were unarmed and relaxing in a restaurant.

She said it was not necessary for a medical report to confirm the cause of death, pointing out that the victims' limbs and bodies had been dismembered and burnt.

The judge stressed that the dismemberment of the bodies and burning was to ensure that the victims were dead, adding that the convicts did not give the deceased a chance of survival.

"If every suspected armed robber was to be slaughtered along the street, everyone would be living in fear of being killed," she said.

Uwa remarked that the Bakassi vigilante group was an illegal security organisation, which was not authorised to carry arms.

She noted that even if the group was invited by the state government, it was not bound to obey an unlawful order, stressing that "obedience to superior order must be lawful order".

Reacting to the judgment, Mr. Nze Nwachukwu, the father of Chukwudozie, said: "This is the climax of our struggle since 1999. These men had done great harm to us."

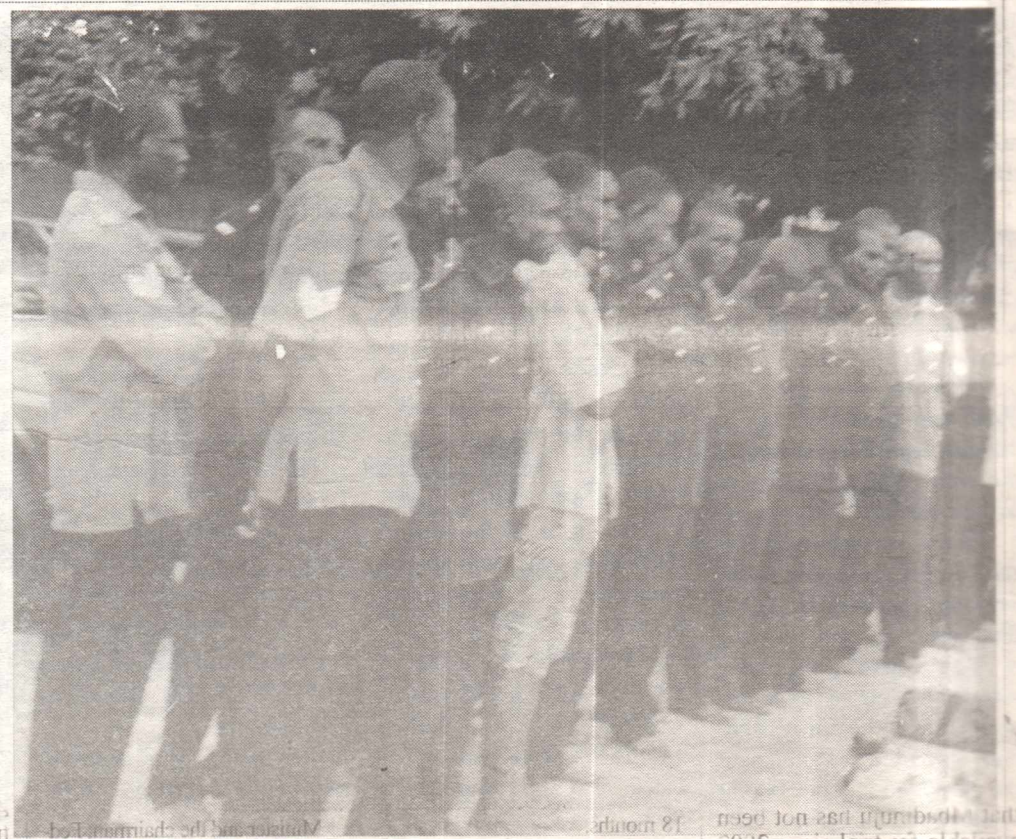
He thanked the judge for not perverting justice, saying: "Our son was never a criminal. The defence counsel Mr. ...

Francis Amaefule, promised to brief his senior, Chief Mike Ahamba (SAN), for a decision on the next course of action after they might have obtained a copy of the judgment.

He, however, said that there were grounds to contest the decision at a higher court.

Mr. Femi Ojekunle, lawyer to the deceased families, described the judgment as "a landmark decision which will stand the test of time".

He said the judgment would stand as a warning to those who decide to take the law into their hands.



Policemen recently arrested for extortion in Lagos. Displayed also are the squeezed naira notes recovered from them.

# CRIME & PUNISHMENT

## Car snatching increases in the FCT

Car theft is on increase in the Federal Capital Territory, *Daily Trust* investigations have revealed.

Our findings showed that criminals often dress expensively and hang around markets, business centres, parks, business plazas and parking lots at ministries and parastatals to monitor the movement of vehicles and then settle on the ones they will steal.

The chief security officer of Mack Securities, a private security firm in Abuja, Mr. John Adana, said that cases of car theft at the Federal Secretariat, markets and business places were becoming very alarming.

He said his men guarding several places always file in reports of car theft attempts they foiled and in some cases, they had to invite the police in cases where the cars were stolen.

With regards to car snatching, an Abuja resident, Alhaji Sabo Audu Pyakasa, said

By Shehu Abubakar,  
Reporter

people with flashy cars drive in fear in Abuja even in the day-time because armed robbers and car snatchers may strike anytime. He said the case of car snatching is increasingly becoming a problem.

"I know two of my friends whose cars were snatched at gun point. Though the police were able to recover the KIA saloon, the Honda belonging to Dr. Hamisu Galadima is yet to be recovered. The situation is indeed frightening," he said.

Commenting, FCT Police Commissioner Lawrence Alobi said the police were doing their best in recovering stolen vehicles in the territory.

He said between 1<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2006 alone, fifteen vehicles stolen or snatched from the owners were recovered through the combined efforts of detectives and various patrol teams in the com-

mand.

He said the vehicles recovered by the command are Audi 80, with registration number AV 528 JIN; Honda Accord with reg. no. KL 613

KJA; V-Boot Mercedes Benz, with reg. no. BS 286 LSR; Mercedes 190, reg. no. BX 416 LSR, and Honda Accord, reg. no. AT 684 BDG.

Others are Mazda car, reg. no. XB 272 AKK; Mercedes

Benz, reg. no. DL 809 ABC; Mazda car, reg. no. DF 09 ABC; BMW 5 series, reg. no. CH 635 ABJ; Honda V-Tel, reg. no. CV 332 BEN; Blue Bird, reg. no. AL 298 GWA; Nissan Blue Bird, reg. no. BB 300 ABJ; V-Boot Mercedes Benz, reg.

no. DC 809 ABC; Mazda G26, reg. no. DF 09 ABC and Honda Accord 90 model, reg. no. KL 613 KJA.

He said the police had started releasing the recovered vehicles to the owners with evidence of ownership.

## Court remands student, artist for forgery

A student and an artist yesterday appeared before an Abuja Chief Magistrate's Court on the charges of theft, forgery and criminal breach of trust.

Aniefiok Etukudo, a student, and Okechukwu Thomas, an artist, both residents of Abuja allegedly connived and defrauded a customer of Zenith Bank Plc, Area 7, Garki to the tune of N32,030.

Prosecuting police officer Sergeant Andrew Chimade told the court that one David Olayemi, a staff of the bank, reported to the police on January 12, this year that a customer of the bank, Mrs. Maryanne Udoh, gave the sum of N52,030 to Aniefiok Etukudo of Durumi II, Abuja to deposit in her account but he deposited only N20,000.

Etukudo, according to the prosecution, allegedly conspired with Okechukwu Thomas of Jiwa village, Abuja, who carved out a Zenith Bank stamp.

This, the prosecution alleged, they used in stamping another deposit slip written in the sum of N52,030 and gave to their victim.

The court was told that the suspects allegedly converted the sum of N32,030 to their use.

The prosecution said when the accused were interrogated by the police, Etukudo revealed that he spent the money to pay house rent to one Chris Ozongwu, a landlord at Garki, Abuja.

Chris Ozongwu, who was

By Abdulwahab  
Deji Ajikobi

charged with receiving stolen property, told the court he did not know that the money paid as house rent by his tenant was stolen.

Delivering his ruling, presiding Chief Magistrate Usman Ahmad discharged and acquitted the landlord, saying he had no hand in the theft.

He ordered that the two accused be remanded in prison custody and adjourned the case to February 10 for ruling.

## Police arrest 74 persons for smoking, hawking Indian hemp

The Kano State Police Command has arrested a business woman and 73 others for allegedly smoking and hawking weeds suspected to be Indian hemp.

Addressing newsmen yesterday in Kano, the state's Commissioner of Police, Alhaji Muhammad Abubakar, said the suspects were arrested when the police raided their hideouts in various locations in the Kano metropolis.

He said the police recovered from them 3,756 wraps of weeds suspected to be Indian hemp, 764 tablets suspected to be D-5, 151 bottles of rubber solution and 99 bottles of an intoxicant, popularly known as *madarar Sukudai*.

These suspects were nabbed by FCT police detectives in Abuja for allegedly stealing this goat for the Christmas feast.

## Residents protest massive arrest by police

Residents of Port Harcourt are complaining over new steps taken by the police to check rising cases of crime in the city, including mass arrest of people

From Ikenna Emeka  
Okpani, Bureau Chief, Port  
Harcourt

said to be going about their lawful businesses.

Some residents who spoke to *Daily Trust* said many of them were arrested Tuesday night after watching the Nigerian match against Senegal as they gathered to discuss the match. They said they were taken to the Olu Obasanjo Police Station where they claimed they paid various sums of money to free themselves.

Our reporter gathered that about six people were arrested in front of their houses and bundled into a waiting police van at Anyama/Okija Street, Mile 1, Port Harcourt on the grounds that they were suspects.

"We were then taken to the Olu Obasanjo Police Station where we were asked to sit down in a crowded office belonging to the road traffic department. We met 14 others who said they were arrested in a similar fashion. I was only

putting on shorts and some others were already wearing pajamas. The police said our offence was that we were suspects," a victim told our reporter.

He said they told the police they were at home and could not be charged with wandering, but the police refused to allow them even to alert their parents or relations of the development and quickly ushered them into a waiting vehicle.

The six of them, he said, paid six thousand naira to gain their freedom that night. One of them gave money to a policeman to call his brother who came and freed the six of them by paying the money.

Another victim said he had gone to a barber's shop with two of his younger brothers and as they were leaving the place, the police accosted and forced them into a waiting van and took them to the station where they were charged with wandering.

"We were only released this morning when the occupants of the office that we were

kept started reporting for duties," he said.

Two sisters who had seen off a friend were also arrested and taken to the Olu Obasanjo Police Station. They were released in the morning, as they had no money to pay.

Among those arrested included some suspected prostitutes who some of those arrested said were released after some of them paid the police 'in kind'.

"We suspect that the girls were released after the police 'had' them, because we watched as they were taken out one after the other to the back of the station only to be seen leaving the station some minutes later," one of the victims claimed.

Meanwhile, the police said the raiding of hot spots was a routine police work and that people are promptly released once they were found to be innocent. The police denied collecting money to free anybody, claiming that such raids had often resulted in the arrest of hoodlums in various parts of the state.



# CRIME & PUNISHMENT

## Sheraton sues customer, claims N250m

**A**buja Sheraton Hotel and Towers has dragged a business woman, Mrs Admau Mira, before an Abuja Magistrates' Court demanding N250m for an unpaid hotel bill, as well as damages.

Sheraton Hotel alleged that Mrs Mira has refused to settle her bill of N46, 653.00 during her stay in the hotel.

The plaintiff stated that it had let out on licence suite 766 to the defendant who it claimed had used the suite as a guest house for herself.

The plaintiff added that the defendant pays them a discount rate of N13, 305.50 on daily basis.

It added that Mrs Mira had accumulated the sum of N46, 653.00 for unpaid room bills and is still occupying the suite, pointing out that they had reviewed the rate of the

By Shehu Abubakar, Reporter

room from N13, 305.50 to N52, 325.00 and notified the defendant, as well as withdrawing her discount, effective from January 2, this year.

It further alleged that over the period, the plaintiff had conducted herself in a manner unbecoming of a hotel guest, which it explained to mean delayed non-payment of licence fees, housing too many guests, misuse of electricity, in-house cooking and discourteous treatment of the hotel's staff.

Sheraton thus is asking the court to order its repossession of the suite from the defendant, as well as full payment of the new room rate of N52,325.00 until vacation and the sum of N250m being the cost of prosecuting the suit.

However, in her defence, Mrs Mira Admau, through her defence counsel, Barrister Josiah Daniel Ebune, said she had settled all her bills with the hotel, adding, "the disputed balance between the parties as at the date of this suit is the sum of N6, 653.05 which has since been settled."

The defendant further

averred that as at January 5<sup>th</sup>, days after the suit was filed, she made a cash deposit of N20, 000.00 in respect of the disputed suit in the hotel. She said the payment afforded a credit balance in her favour.

When the matter first came up for hearing on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January, 2006, Magistrate Gulma, who aligned herself with the argument of the

defence counsel, Barr. Ebune, struck out the suit.

Barr Ebune argued that the court was incompetent to entertain the suit because at the time the plaintiff filed the suit, the mandatory notice to quit the hotel suite was not served on the defendant.

Meanwhile, Magistrate Gulma had advised the two parties to settle their dispute

out of court. Magistrate R. Gulma said yesterday that the matter should better be settled out of court by the plaintiff and the defence counsel as, according to her, "the best lawyer is the one that tries to settle matters out of court." Magistrate Gulma gave the two parties up to 16<sup>th</sup> of February for the report of settlement. She said the matter was the type that can be easily settled, and advised the two parties to co-operate with each other in settling their differences.

## Hotel manager charged over theft of guest's property

**T**rial has begun in Lagos of the manager of Tropicana Hotel, Maryland, who was alleged to have stolen property valued over N204, 400.00 belonging to a guest to the hotel.

From Adelanwa Bamgboye, in Lagos

Hotel where he was told that he should always drop the keys to his room before leaving the hotel.

He informed the court that about two days before his brother travelled back to Europe, his friends came to meet him in the hotel.

According to him, the victims then left his room, dropped the keys and went to meet his friends at the gate where they chatted for some time outside the gate of the hotel.

He told the court that before his brother returned to his room, the room had been broken into and all the items carted away.

He informed the court that his brother immediately called their mother who in turn called him (witness). He added that the management of the hotel did not report the matter to the police until he (witness) did.

Having arrested everybody in the hotel, the police reportedly detained the suspects until the next day when the lawyer to the hotel bailed them.

He told the court that at that time, the owner of the hotel was away in London, hence there could be no negotiations as to settlement.

He said that when the owner of the hotel returned, he (owner) said that he had no money for settlement.

Meanwhile, the fifty year-old embattled hotel manager Bola Awoloye, has been admitted to bail. Further hearing has been fixed for next Friday.



**FLASH BACK:** Ten rifles, one pistol, ammunitions and cartridges recovered from a gang of armed robbers from Niger Republic that terrorise Nigerian towns and villages. The ammunitions were concealed in a palm oil gallon. They were captured by Ali Kwara and paraded by the police...recently. Pix: Shehu Abubakar.

## 18 convicted for forgery

**A** Federal High Court sitting in Kaduna has sentenced eighteen persons involved in fraudulent activities who were arrested during the raid of Oluwola area of Lagos by the EFCC and police operatives.

By Ruby Rabi, Senior Reporter

The eighteen suspects have been convicted and sentenced to various jail terms, ranging from six months to four years imprisonment with or without an option of fine.

Among those convicted are Suleiman Abass, Nureni Shodalubi, Sesan Mustapha, Timothy Ayanuga, Ganiyu Arowolô, Ibrahim Sanni and Shola Adeyemi, who bagged four years jail term each; and Salami Mufutau Kadiri Alabi, Yemi Okumola, Olawuyi Tubi, Dabiri Abiola, and Iyabo Reis.

A statement signed by the head, Media and Publicity of the EFCC, Mr Osita Nwajah, said that most of the convicted fraudsters were charged with forgery and altering.

It would be recalled that dozens of suspected fraudsters were arrested in the Oluwola district of Lagos in August, 2005 by a combined team of security agents, including men of the EFCC. The joint security team was set up in response to a presidential directive to dislodge the fraudsters who had turned the district to their headquarters.

"The EFCC has concluded investigations and is currently prosecuting the suspects in Kaduna. Before the Oluwola convictions, the commission had ordered thirty-five contracts and cases of corruption and advance-fee fraud, among other," Nwajah said.

## Apo six: Counsel disagree over Okiro panel report

**P**rosecution and defense counsel in the trial of the six police officers involved in the alleged murder of the six Apo traders yesterday disagreed over the admission of the Okiro panel report set up by the Inspector General of Police to investigate the murder of the traders.

Justice Ishaq Bello had earlier ordered the police to present

the Okiro panel report following a motion by the lead defense counsel, Ricky Tarfa, requesting that the report be tendered as evidence. Tarfa cited sections 192 and 193 of the Evidence Act, stating that the court can summon any person to produce evidence in a matter without giving evidence, if the court deems it fit.

Based on this, the defence prayed the court to order the police to produce the report and admit it as evidence.

This prayer was countered by the prosecution counsel, Mamman Mike Osuman (SAN), standing in for the lead prosecution counsel, Chief Chris Uche (SAN), who said that the Okiro panel report being an extra-judicial report cannot be tendered as evidence, because it will be prejudicial to the case.

He said it was incongruent to the report as it might dislocate the balance in the case even when the prosecution had not closed its case.

He also said the production of the Okiro panel report must be viewed against its relevance to the submissions of the prosecution, citing section 6 of the Evidence Act to buttress his argument. He therefore prayed the court to disallow the prayer of the defense counsel in respect of the report of the Okiro panel until an appropriate time. While ruling on the submission of the two counsel, Justice Ishaq Bello ordered that the Okiro report be tendered by the police when hearing resumes in the case next Tuesday.

## Motorists, okada riders on rampage in Makurdi

**B**us drivers and commercial motorcycle operators yesterday attacked tanker and trailer drivers in Makurdi as a result of a road accident.

The accident reportedly occurred when a trailer, with a Plateau registration number XA580BLD, coming into Makurdi through the Makurdi-Gboko road, was said to have knocked down a child and crushed a commercial bus. The driver of the bus was hospitalized, and that the trailer driver who escaped the mob action was in the police custody today.

The frightened drivers were said to have abandoned their vehicles, which were later set ablaze by the mob. But the quick intervention of the police restored law and order.

The state's Commissioner of Police, Mr. Ibezimako Aghanya, who visited the scene of the disturbance, vowed to deal with anyone found to have a hand in the destruction.

He said the child knocked down was in stable condition and that the trailer driver who escaped the mob action was in the police custody today.

# Opinion

## Third Term: PDP is a failure

One cannot but wonder at the purported insinuations surrounding the third term bid of President Olusegun Obasanjo. Without sentiments, because I do not share any, President Obasanjo must be commended for his landmark achievements made so far. Suffice it to say that the People's Democratic Party (PDP) has failed as a party to maintain the system it brought into being.

This could be fathomed from the recent happenings within the party where an individual has been turned into a tin-god. How does one explain the reason for the president to hang on to power come 2007? This clearly shows that the party is in a state of insipidity. If the leadership believes that unless President Obasanjo remains in power, the economic reforms policy cannot attain the fullest growth and stability, then it means the party is suffering from delusion. It can also be viewed to mean that President Obasanjo's efforts in the party are incalculable as he must have conceived the whole idea

By Ogundele Kamarudeen

late the polity to then favour not minding the feelings of the electorate which only shows their level of greed. This informs the rationale behind the recent resignation of Obasanjo's third term bid. A reasonable man in his senses would of course not be surprised because you can only continue with what you have an inside view of and which you were either a part of the decision-makers or took active part in contributing to its cause.

It is imperative to ask the leadership of the party what would become the fate of the country in case of an eventual loss in the hands of PDP. Remember, deadu knows no president. Disarray (God forbid). This is what should be expected where a master-lander and chief executive officer of an ideology dies if there are no involving parties or contributing partners; because the beliefs and ideas radiate only in his brain, so he dies with the master plan.

Need I to say that the presi-

dent coming irrelevant in politicking, so they would want to remain in power forever forgetting that one's legacy is what determines one's relevance in the minds of people.

The former president of Uganda, President Milton Obote (1962-1971) assumed power immediately after Uganda's independence. He reigned for almost a decade. His reign was characterised by corruption and civil unrest. He tried to subdue his opponents with every tactic at his disposal as he devised divide-and-rule tactics that even the opposition party could not have a common front (this was what necessitated the coming into power of General Idi Amin). Idi Amin was applauded by the Western world until he broke all ties and violated human rights. His regime is the worst in the history of the country as he not only imposed himself on the country against the wishes of his people, but also became a thorn in their flesh. His reign witnessed murder of perceived enemies, corruption among others which made him a tyrant. Little wonder the country was not even ready to allow his corpse into the country.

Another example is the former president of Nigeria, General Ibrahim Babangida who reigned for eight years and was not ready to hand over to a civilian government but ended up being forced to hand over to an interim government led by Ernest Shonekan, which was ousted by another military regime of General Sani Abacha. Abacha was later adopted by the then five political parties. When Abacha died, all the people that pretended to be his loyalists disappeared into thin air. They even distanced themselves from his family to prove that they were mere political jobbers and economic scyphants. This is why President Obasanjo should give a critical look at this insinuation as Nigerian politicians are known for a turnaround at the turn of events.

Samuel Doe was a military dictator in Liberia. He dethroned the then president in a coup in 1980. He ruled for over sixteen years of no major achievement characterised by murder, corruption and violation of human rights. He was adamant to quit the throne, which led to the civil war in which he was assassinated by the rebel forces.

Saddam Hussein is another former leader who imposed himself on his people. He was Iraq's president and *de facto* dictator. Saddam assumed power in 1978 and remained in power until his regime was overthrown by US-led invasion in 2003.

Kenneth Kaunda, the former president of Zambia didn't impose himself on his people at the expiration of his tenure. He left office in October 1991; defeated in a free and fair election. He is today respected and highly regarded for his exemplary leadership in the development of Zambia as a nation. This is because he decided to tread the path of honour as a nationalist.

I sincerely hope that Mr President will not allow his name to be dragged through the mud, because in future, whenever a government desires for selfish reasons to amend the country's constitution to achieve a third term bid, reference would always be made to his administration. According to a wise saying, "It is better to quit the stage when the ovation is loudest."

Ogundele Kamarudeen  
wrote in from Abuja

## Gombe: Crushing the "jewel"

By Usman Ibrahim Wali

I have watched with keen interest over the last couple of years the political landscape of Gombe State but most importantly from the last few months and have come to the conclusion that the good people of Gombe State should reflect on the words of the late Sheikh Uthman DanFodio of blessed memory, who said "Conscience is an open wound, which only the truth can heal."

Gombe State is a very young state and had its first taste of democratic governance in 1999 with the election of the ANPP-led government of Alhaji Abubakar Hashidu.

By 2001, it was evidently clear that the Hashidu administration could not deliver the desired dividends of democracy and the good people of Gombe State deserved a better leadership and therefore the quest for change was unanimous. Elders such as the late Alhaji Baba Manu, Ambassador Yarima Abdullahi and other prominent stakeholders advocated a united opposition and worked tirelessly for a change as the ANPP was grossly incompetent.

The PDP was the only alternative that could rescue the state from underdevelopment. It would be recalled that the major contenders for the PDP gubernatorial ticket were Alhaji Danjuma Goje; Col. Musa Mohammed (rtd.) and Mallam Murtala Aliyu. The primary election was of course won by Alhaji Danjuma Goje, even though it was reported to be marred by serious malpractices which the national headquarters of the PDP was ready to cancel and conduct fresh election. However, Col. Musa Mohammed who came second in the election exhibited unprecedented sportsmanship and accepted the results and went further to convince the national headquarters of the PDP not to cancel the results of the primary election. Most members of the PDP in the state were not happy with Col. Mohammed. On his part, Col. Mohammed informed the teeming members and supporters of the PDP that salvaging Gombe State was paramount above individual aspirations. What happened thereafter is now history and the role Col. Mohammed and other stakeholders played during the campaigns and eventual election of Alhaji Danjuma Goje as governor is well-known to all citizens of Gombe State.

The contributions of Col. Mohammed in the election of Goje as governor surpass the frivolous claim that he nominated Col. Mohammed for ministerial appointment. We all know the names he submitted for ministerial appointment; credit should be given to whom it is due.

The zeal with which the citizens of the state supported the new PDP government was historic. The celebration was however short-lived; no politician in recent contemporary politics has squandered so much goodwill within a short period like Alhaji Danjuma Goje. It is rather unfortunate that Goje as the state governor who ordinarily should exhibit high degree of responsibility and promote harmony is the biggest problem of the state. It has been alleged by many that he introduced politics of bitterness and violence to the seemingly peaceful state through the institutionalisation of state-sponsored terrorism.

All major stakeholders especially persons of capacity and stature have been publicly insulted and intimidated through his private militia known as 'Yan Kalare which many have touted are being organised, funded and managed by the governor.

The activities of the 'Yan Kalare are well-known to all, both within and outside the state and have recently assumed dangerous dimension. In fact, it is now a national security issue. There is general insecurity in Gombe State and people are living in perpetual fear and are afraid to talk because of the fear of being dealt with by the 'Yan Kalare.

The young and peaceful state has been taken over by vagabonds who have so much liberty to do whatever pleases them and go away unchallenged most often under the supervision and protection of the state government. Most of the prominent leaders of the 'Yan Kalare are said to be serving with the government as special assistants, personal assistants to the governor or supervisors at the Gombe State Environmental Protection Agency (GOSEPA). Goje should know that he cannot suppress the truth forever. No amount of sponsored write-ups, insults, cover-ups or

denials can prevent the world from knowing the truth.

Alhaji Danjuma Goje should realise that governance is not just about the provision of basic infrastructure and amenities but also appreciate the weight of responsibility in leadership, respect for human beings and the consequences of promoting disharmony amongst the people of the state. The governor should appraise his style of governance, human relations, and list of prominent, respected and illustrious citizens of the state he has publicly insulted, humiliated and intimidated. Goje's recent broadcast to the people of the state on the activities of the 'Yan Kalare is hypocritical. The people cannot be taken for a ride and be deceived forever. The threats and allegations made in the broadcast have been made before and there has been no change. It is a known fact that after unleashing terror on the people, the 'Yan Kalare are given huge sums of money and advised to leave the state and go under cover only to resume their activities later. Those that refuse to carry out assignments are arrested, accused as armed robbers and taken to prison.

Goje should examine his conscience and search his heart and ask himself some sincere questions over his conduct, actions and direction. He should also allow his conscience to be his guide. 2007 is not the end of the world and only the Almighty has the power to determine what happens today, tomorrow, 2007 and beyond. What kind of legacy does he want to leave behind?

The destiny of Gombe State is in hands of its citizens; the issues at stake go beyond 2007. It is also not a contest between Goje and Col. Mohammed and others, but of a responsible government built on truth, honesty, loyalty and the fear of God Almighty.

Usman Ibrahim Wali  
wrote in from Jekada Fari  
Qtrs, Gombe.

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alone. It may also mean that the party should be taken less seriously as there is no capable hand to continue with the good jobs done so far come 2007.

Let us take America as a case study. Two parties with two individuals have mounted the reign of power at different times. The Democratic party under the able leadership of President Bill Clinton was notable for peace and friendliness with other nations. The party was, therefore, loved; while the Republican party is notable for oppression and encroachment into other less powerful nations or perceived enemy territories (like father, like son in the Iraqi war i.e. the Bush's), all because they wanted America that is respected and not necessarily loved. It is a fact that the same America still enjoys glowing tributes in terms of infrastructural development, economic progress and what have you. This is largely due to the fact that the party works unanimously to see that its internal and foreign policies are strictly adhered to by the president who serves as the flag-bearer of the party. This is because the party is seen as the centre for the agglomeration of thoughts and conscience of the members, which form it. Therefore, the way a party revolves reveals the way of life of its members.

Using the above as an analogy, if the PDP believed that the next thing to do is to amend the constitution to drive home their aim, then it shows it has members who will always man-

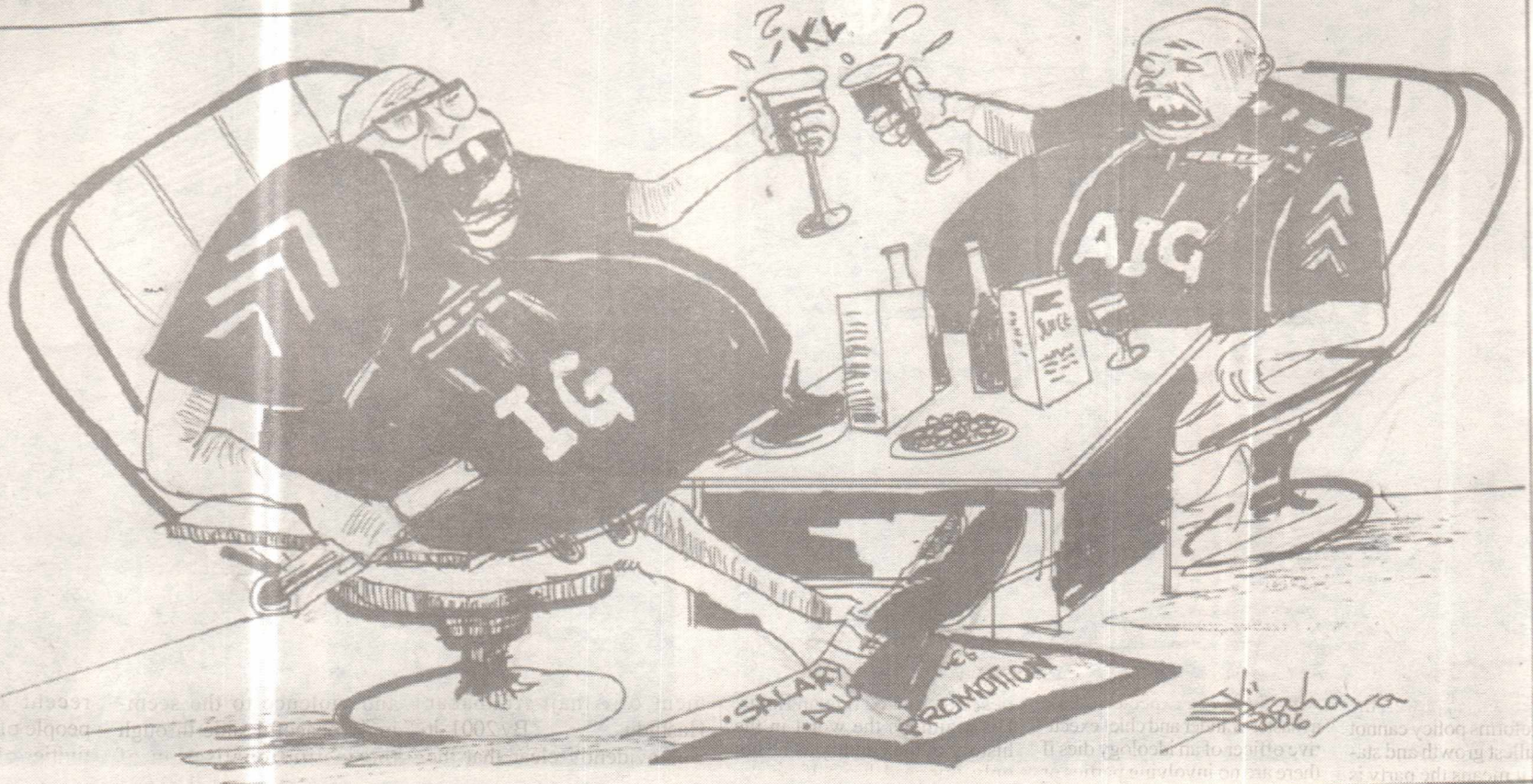
dent has started well and is also involving people in the reform agenda, so there is no basis to clamour for his continuous stay in power as an individual if there are other people who believe that the policy is in the interest of the country except otherwise. If the party thinks otherwise, it will portray the party as not having common concrete plans and policy for the country.

This is not to take anything away from the president for his selfless efforts in propelling the country forward and to a heightened development, but nobody should be seen as indisposible as this can only confirm the myopic reasoning and subjectivity rather than objectivity of the party.

As for the legislators canvassing for third term bid; I hope they will not betray the confidence reposed in them by the masses by subjugating the constitution to unnecessary amendment borne out of selfish and incorrigible desire, because posterity will not forgive them if they do so. They should look for common objectives rather than a common individual to project a lasting image for the country. Nobody should be seen as a tin-god; even Nelson Mandela who used his most active days fighting for the independence of South Africa didn't hang on to power.

African leaders are known to be power-drunk; hence they nurse the fear of being witch-hunted by the people they might have unjustifiably dealt with. They also have the fear of be-

**POLICE THREATENS STRIKE**  
— News



**YOUR LETTERS**

**Re: NITEL: Privatisation or commercialisation?**

I wish to respond to your excellent editorial of 23/01/06 on NITEL and your other editorial last year on the same issue. You raised legitimate and patriotic concerns which many observers, analysts and experts in the telecom business are expressing publicly and privately. Free pieces of advice have been offered to Nigeria since 1999 by industry experts that the privatisation of NITEL was ill-timed and would not succeed and the unprofessional manner and method used by the all-knowing experts - Nasir el-Rufa'i and others would virtually make the exercise meaningless and futile. This has come to pass with the recent third attempt and the Pentascope misadventure.

The impetuous and all-knowing Nasir el-Rufa'i has caused serious and irreparable damage to NITEL and the nation. A loss of nearly \$1 billion by Pentascope and the general and deliberate devaluation of the company cannot be swept under the carpet even though Nasir el-Rufa'i could openly and proudly refuse to admit his mistake and apologise to the nation. Instead, he was bragging and saying that his bosses promoted him for what he did! It can only happen here where an official of the government that claims to have transparency, due process, fighting corruption and reforming the economy as their guiding principles could make such a reckless statement without being rebuked. This is the fishy aspect your editorial was seeking to find. I, like you, still insist that an explanation needs to be made to Nigerians of what this means.

As far as the commercialisation of NITEL is concerned, the company had been commercialised since 1992 and had never had any problem until Pentascope took over the management of the company. The consequences of Pentascope's action and the role of BPE have helped to create uncertainty in the operations of the company and the general low morale in the workforce. The company is now sick and needs some life-support system.

**Why the privatisation of NITEL cannot succeed.**

\*No matter what BPE does, NITEL cannot be successfully

privatised due to the lack of transparency in the process.

\*Manipulation and tinkering with the rules (we saw this in respect of Pentascope where we ended up with an incompetent consultant as against an operator.

\*And of recent, Orascom, a mobile operator, only succeeded in fulfilling one aspect of the conditions for the sale of NITEL.

\*The process from 1999 to date lacks credibility.

\*The Strategic Equity Partner - the model BPE uses for NITEL centred on having a strategic equal-

ity partner (SEP) who is to be one of the international operators. So far, from 1999 none has come forward and none will ever come forward now or in the foreseeable future.

This is because rapid and dramatic changes in technology and the new business models have changed the playing field in the past seven years; in fact, the changes that have taken place in this period far outstrip what had happened when Graham Bell made the first telephone. Unfortunately, BPE and its so-called technical advisers are either ignorant of this or

not familiar with it and that is why we are having the ILL, NEWTEL and ORASCOM bidding for NITEL.

No matter how many times you attempt to privatise NITEL, it will fail because all the so-called bidders will be a makeshift consortium put up to buy for the sake of simply buying.

The BPE wants to achieve for NITEL what big companies like BT achieved over a period of fifteen years at a go, which I think is impossible.

Is there a future in NITEL's

future? Yes and No. Yes, if the government can see reason and say enough is enough and do the proper thing. A health check on NITEL to be carried out by an international telecom operator to assess and establish the level of rot in the organisation, which will result in a report highlighting strengths, weaknesses and deficiencies of the organisation and make some "Get well" recommendation to the government. No, if the BPE is allowed to continue to push the process (an exercise in futility) until the com-

pany is dead and there's nothing to privatise. The choice is the government's but it should be sensitive to public opinion and feelings. This is a national asset and it belongs to Nigerians. It should not be treated as an unwanted asset that must be thrown away in the name of privatisation. Any further attempt to sell NITEL through whatever arrangement will crash and will not stand the test of time.

*Engr Y. S. Adamu, Tafawa Balewa Way, Area 11, Garki, Abuja.*

**Open letter to Gov. Abdullahi Adamu**

Sir, Nasarawa State is still backward!

I've selected this medium to communicate to you bearing in mind the intricacies of passing through the usual adulterated mode of protocol that has (unfortunately) become the hallmark of governance in this country of ours. Letters often written to those in power hardly get to them easily, particularly when they originate from the talakawas (have-nots).

Your Excellency Sir, in 1999 when you took over the mantle of leadership, Nasarawa State citizens were full of hope. In fact, many believed that the messiah had come to lead the state to a prosperous development; to make them forget the age-long neglect the people suffered from the hands of the rulers of old Plateau State. By the end of your first term, little was achieved, and this resulted in the general apathy towards your regime. Yet, in 2003, the people still cast their votes to enable you repeat the exam (apology to the Esama of Benin, Chief Igbiniedion). But it appears from all indications that the repeat exam will be another waste of time. Today, you have less than one year to the end of your second term and the people are still grumbling. Many are finding it difficult to believe that this is the same Abdullahi Adamu that promised them heaven and earth some years ago.

Indeed, it would be unfair to submit that your seven years in power are a complete waste; this is far from the truth as records

abound to be seen by all and sundry. To some of us that monitor unfolding events, the title "Mr Uncompleted" bestowed on you unceremoniously by your counterparts is quite disturbing. As you know, the state lags behind in the provision of rural access roads. The situation in Lafia town is no longer news, least of all Keffi town (on whose shoulder you proudly parade the title Sarkin Yaki among others. I doubt if Your Excellency is aware of the bad state of the Nasarawa Bridge in Nasarawa Local Government. The bridge which serves as the only link to Edege

and Loko development areas collapsed since middle of last year, and all pleas have continued to fall on the deaf ears of those in authority. Similarly, the state of primary healthcare deserves much to be appreciated, as agriculture which is the pride of Nasarawa people is only shown in Nagari project.

Your Excellency, do you know that water has become a scarce commodity in Nasarawa State since you assumed power? A visit to the southern senatorial district will indeed convince you; a situation which forced the citizens to

resort to patronising ponds and streams where available for domestic use. Already, there is threat of outbreak of water-borne diseases in some parts of the state; which I know your ministry officials will claim ignorance of. You may not believe it, but your popularity rating is diminishing by the day. Forget about what sycophants will tell you about the so-called achievements recorded by your regime so far. Taking cognisance of the huge sum of money Nasarawa State collected from the federation account all these years, the citizens are

yet to see much to justify the on-going propaganda. Therefore, Your Excellency, it is time to reason with the people and positively touch their lives, because a day will surely come when all shall give account of their deeds. Mr Governor, please find time to visit any of these states that were created the same day with Nasarawa; you will indeed see the difference. However, you still have time to amend if you so wish. Good luck.

*Sulaiman Mohammed, No. 20, Angwan Kwara, Keffi, Nasarawa State.*

**Banana peels and their pitfalls**

Two of our musicians, Sir Victor Uwaifo and Shina Peters reeled out in their various respective songs the subject of sweet banana.

But in their rhythm, they failed to tell us that sweet banana is a sweetness of power and the peels are the spoils of power and its final crash.

In order to foster national unity, the federal government set up a body of national conference to determine Nigeria's needs in all facets of our daily lives so as to generate true nationalism, patriotism, sectionalism and tribalism if we are to be a united nation.

In the forefront is the Nigerian sense when General Gowon (rtd) was toppled while attending the African Unity Conference in Kampala, Uganda. The late General Murtala Muhammed's regime was short-lived as he was gunned down by B.S.

Dimka. Muhammed was a man who installed discipline in our society.

In other African countries, things have changed with the fall of the former Sierra Leonian President Joseph Momoh's regime which erupted from the campaigns for salary increase and improved condition of service for the civil servants. For the Somalians, their ex-president, Mr Said Barie first went on exile to the United States of America and later to Nigeria. He was accused of committing atrocities against his nation.

Algeria was not spared. The ex-president, Benjedid resigned in 1992 and was accused of defrauding the country to the tune of 15 billion US dollars. The former Congolese leader, Denis Sassou Nguesso was stripped of power by a national conference for entrenching his fellow northerners that sustained him while in power.

Other categories of these tyrants are the Baby Doc of Haiti; P. Botha and F.W. de Klerk of old South Africa; Ghadafi of Libya; J. Rawlings of Ghana; Thomas Sankara of Burkina Faso; Idi Amin of Uganda; Dr Milton Obote, of Uganda and Siaka Stevens of Sierra Leone respectively. The roll call also includes the late Samuel Doe; Murtala Muhammed and Laurent Kabila of Liberia, Nigeria and Congo DR respectively who were murdered by their fellow kinsmen.

In the memories of these other great Africans like Idi Amin of Uganda who died in Saudi Arabia from complications of a kidney failure and Mobutu Sese-Seko of Congo Democratic Republic who died in Morocco while on exile of a heart failure and in the Philippines of Ferdinand Marcos. The demise of other African great

men speaks of their power while in office. The father of Ujamaa, Tanzania's brand of socialism, Julius Nyerere, Houphuet Boigny of Ivory Coast; and of recent in Togo, that of General Gnassingbe Eyadema. To this fact, the oldest military coup in Africa was in 1952 when King Farouk of Egypt was assassinated by Abdul Nasser and in Togo where President Olympio was murdered by the late Eyadema. The successive governments in Nigeria right from independence have not fared better; elected or selected, civilian, military democratic or autocratic. Their style is always the same; exit the soldiers and the civilians come in. It's the same music and same dancers.

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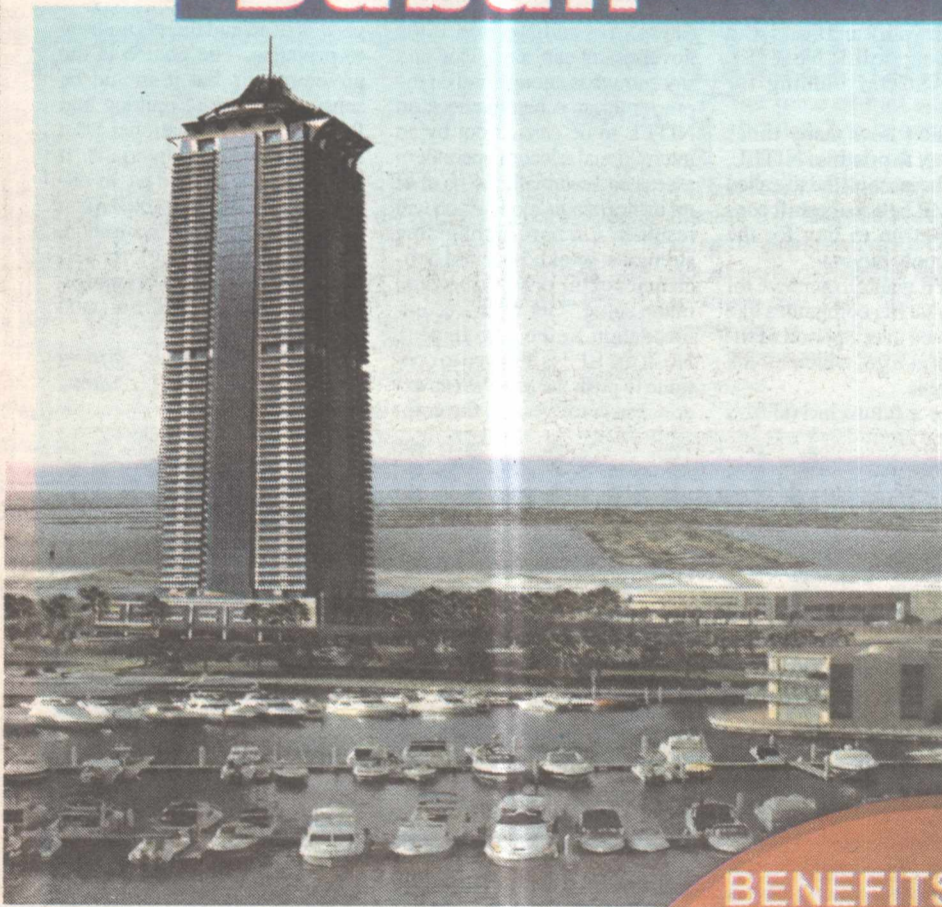
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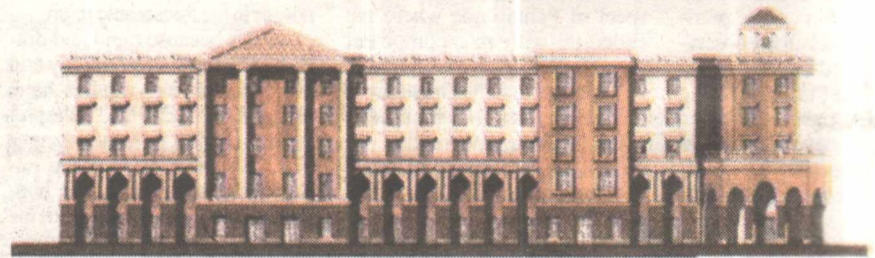
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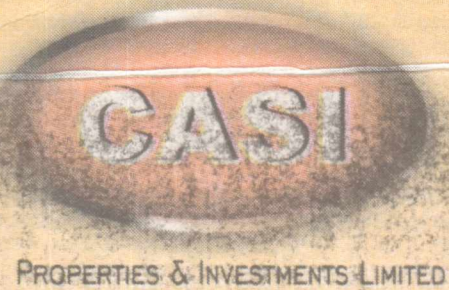


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# Trust International

## Africa



President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf

## Liberia ministry sacked for graft

Liberia's new President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf has sacked the entire staff of the finance ministry as part of her anti-corruption drive.

She said the ministry's corrupt practices had embarrassed Liberia in front of the international community.

On Tuesday, the president told all outgoing ministers to stay in Liberia pending a financial audit.

Mrs Johnson-Sirleaf took power last month following elections intended to end 14 years of civil war.

She is promising to tackle the corruption that has retarded the development of resource-rich Liberia for decades.

In recent weeks, there have been reports of widespread theft from government offices and their vehicles, with reports of outgoing officials leaving with everything, including carpets, desks and light fittings.

During a surprise visit to the ministry, Mrs Johnson-Sirleaf said she considered everyone in the ministry to be political appointees, who were now relieved of their functions.

"Those who are part of financial malpractices and scandals must give way for those who are prepared to do the will of the Liberian people."

Government owes us months of arrears, we have family to feed, and how are we going to manage it

The president said they would all have to reapply for their jobs and those who were successful would be given extra training to improve their skills.

Employees at the ministry are reported to be shocked and angered at the move.

"Government owes us months of arrears, we have family to feed, and how are we going to manage it? This is not the way to take decisions," sacked worker Robert Bryant told AFP news agency.

He said he would challenge his sacking legally.

At her inauguration last month, Mrs Johnson-Sirleaf described corruption as a cancer that was eating up Liberia's rich resources.

The BBC's world affairs correspondent Mark Doyle says that as a relatively small country with a population of just three million, Liberia has the potential to be a middle income country.

After a quarter of a century of misrule, Liberia's road network is in ruins, there is no national telephone network, no national electricity grid and no piped water.

Competition for diamonds and timber in Liberia and neighbouring Sierra Leone fuelled a 14-year war in Liberia, which ended in 2003 when ex-President Charles Taylor went into exile in Nigeria.

An interim regime, made up of representatives of the warring parties ruled until Mrs Johnson-Sirleaf took office in January.

The subsequent peace deal led to the election of Mrs Johnson-Sirleaf.

## Museveni rival 'innocent of rape'

Ugandan jurors have recommended that opposition leader Kizza Besigye is found not guilty of rape at his trial.

Under Ugandan law, the jurors known as court assessors, advise the judge but their recommendation is not binding.

The High Court judge has not given his verdict, but noted that there appeared to be inconsistencies in the case.

Dr Besigye was arrested in November shortly after returning from exile to contest polls this month and is seen as the president's main challenger.

He also faces treason charges, which will come before the same judge on Friday.

If found guilty of these charges, Dr Besigye would be barred from the elections on 23 February.

High Court Judge John Bosco Katutsi did not say when he would rule on the rape case.

Dr Besigye has denied raping Joanita Kyakuwa in 1997 and 1998, and says the charges against him are politically motivated.

"After examining and relating all evidence on record, I am very much convinced that the present accused, now in the dock, Kizza Besigye, is innocent of a charge of rape," the lead juror Juliet Kasendwa told the judge.

On Tuesday, the constitutional court ruled that terrorism and weapons offences charges made against Dr Besigye and 22 co-accused in a military tribunal could only be heard by the High Court.

## Chad: Parliament votes to prolong its mandate

Chad's parliamentarians have voted to extend their own terms in office by over a year, saying the cash-strapped country cannot hold legislative elections along with the presidential poll later this year as scheduled.

Parliamentarians say the law - introduced by President Idriss Deby's cabinet - is a deliberate move by Deby to keep close allies in the government in troubled times.

Of Chad's 155-member parliament - heavily dominated by Deby's party - 131 took part in Monday's vote, approving the extension by 129 votes to 0 with two abstentions, according to Abderramane Djasnabaille, minister of parliamentary affairs and human rights. Legislative elections, normally held every four years, were to take place in 2006 along with a presidential poll. The law, if ratified by the president, would postpone parliamentary elections until 2007.

"We cannot organise presidential, legislative and local elections all in 2006," Djasnabaille told IRIN.

"Given the current context we do not have the money to organise all [the polls] at the same time so we prefer to extend the mandate of parliament," he said, pointing to Chad's recent falling out with the World Bank, which has halted all loans to the co-

untry and frozen an oil escrow account over Chad's management of its petrodollars.

But opponents of the extension are crying foul.

## US, Britain move to get UN troops into Darfur

The United States wants the Security Council to approve a UN peacekeeping force for Sudan's violent Darfur region where fighting, rape and murder persist, a US official said on Wednesday.

"What we hope to accomplish in February is the decision by the UN Security Council, which would include the nature of the mission and issues of the size of the mission, implementation," Deputy Secretary of State Robert Zoellick told reporters in Washington.

At the United Nations, the United States and Britain were drafting a Security Council statement for approval next week that would ask UN officials to draft plans for a Darfur force as a first step, council envoys said.

But the diplomats did not expect council authorization this month when US Ambassador John Bolton holds the rotating presidency of the 15-member body.

The African Union, which has some 7,000 troops spread thin over an area the size of France, has not yet agreed to

join or turn over its mission to the United Nations.

Nor has Khartoum given its consent.

Others, like China, which has large oil interests in Sudan, would probably call for a UN force only if the African Union and Khartoum approves, the envoys said.

While UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan has said that UN peacekeepers in Darfur are "now inevitable," the steps to integrate the African Union force in Darfur with UN troops would take at least six months, UN officials said.

Jean-Marie Guehenno, the undersecretary-general for peacekeeping, has already started planning but needs a firm decision from the 15-member council before recruiting any troops. A US-British statement, if approved, is the first step toward a UN operation.

No one knows who would join such a force, with Annan hoping Western nations, including the United States and Europeans, would help with an aggressive mobile force and air power.



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### RE: SHARE CERTIFICATES AND DIVIDEND WARRANTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to our numerous share holders who have not received their Share Certificates and or Dividend Warrants to see the Company Secretary for necessary action.

The Share Certificates were issued and dispatched since August 2003 and the Dividend Warrants were dispatched in July 2005 but due to irregular and incomplete addresses, and improper names, the Certificates and or the Dividend Warrants could not get to the addressees.

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# Trust International

## World Report

### PROPHET CARTOON CONTROVERSY



Gunmen briefly surrounded the EU's Gaza office in protest at the images

# Mandelson enters row over cartoon

European Trade Commissioner Peter Mandelson has criticised papers which have re-published controversial cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad.

Mr Mandelson called the cartoons "crude and juvenile", saying reprinting them was like "throwing petrol onto the flames of the original issue".

Protests have spread after the drawings, first printed in Denmark, were re-run in several European papers.

Printing the cartoons.

Religions are a set of ideas reinforced by faith and as a set of ideas they can be criticised and attacked and sometimes one says very offensive things about them.

Mr Mandelson, a former Labour Cabinet minister, told BBC Radio 4's World at One: "They have to understand the offence caused by cartoons of this nature."

Labour MP Shahid Malik, who is Muslim, said there was "no added value" in republishing the cartoons.

"Everybody recognises that the press has a right to freedoms, it has a profound power," he told the programme.

"We know that we have these freedoms. We don't have to unnecessarily insult, ridicule, abuse or humiliate people to prove that freedom of expression does exist in this country."

Shadow home secretary David Davis said freedom of speech should be upheld "even if it does offend people from time to time".

Former Conservative Home Secretary Lord Baker said any decision by a British paper to publish the cartoons should be left up to them.

Lord Baker, who chairs the

Cartoon Arts Trust, told BBC Radio 4 that criticism of religion was part of Western society.

"Religions are a set of ideas reinforced by faith and as a set of ideas they can be criticised and attacked and sometimes one says very offensive things about them," he said.

He said the Christian faith had been attacked more than others, citing the Dan Brown novel *The Da Vinci Code* and Jerry Springer *The Opera* as examples.

"The tradition in Western the criticism on the cartoon not worry too much about it," he said.

The row over the Danish publication of the cartoons has led some Muslim countries to withdraw their ambassadors to Denmark, with some boycotts of Danish products.

Islamic tradition bans depictions of the Prophet or

Allah.

The caricatures from Denmark's *Jyllands-Posten* included drawings of Muhammad wearing a headdress shaped like a bomb, while another showed him saying that paradise was running short of virgins for suicide bombers.

Mr Mandelson said so far the boycott of European goods was not an issue for the World Trade Organisation as any boycotts were not instigated by the Saudi government.

Earlier on Thursday, the Prime Minister's spokesman the cartoons would be illegal under the Religious and Racial Hatred bill.

When asked whether or not the cartoons would constitute an offence under the act, the spokesman said he would not comment on hypothetical situations and that it was "better that we don't go down that route".

## Muslim cartoons gets French editor fired

The Muslim owner of the France Soir newspaper has fired the Paris newspaper's editor for publishing controversial cartoons making fun of Islam.

Owner Raymond Lakah's decision to fire Jacques Lefranc drew an angry response from both editorial staff and members of Parliament.

The caricatures from Denmark's *Jyllands-Posten* included drawings of Muhammad wearing a headdress shaped like a bomb, while another shows him saying that paradise was running short of virgins for suicide bombers.

Some Muslim countries have withdrawn their ambass-

adors to Denmark and boycotted Danish products after the paper first ran the series, the BBC reported.

However, publications in Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain also re-ran the Danish cartoons on Wednesday to show support for free speech. Thursday, France Soir staff members stood by their editor's decision, printing a front page picture and editorial in which they strongly defended the right to free speech.

French member of Parliament Herve Mariton also condemned the firing as being "in total contradiction of the tradition of press freedom."

### Advertorial

#### RE: FACTS ON THE SALES OF WUSE MARKET SHOPS

Our attention has been drawn to the clarification published in the leadership Newspaper by the implementation Committee on the Sales of Wuse Market Shops, regarding the exercise. Of particular note is the explanation given about shops not published for bids.

We wish to state that the facts' as revealed in the committee's publication regarding "a few blocks in the front part of the market" i.e blocks A32 to A35 has been known to traders since February 2005, when we were told about the management's decision to join the two front motor parks. The anxiety of the traders is about the curious absence in the list of the entire blocks of shops surrounding the two sections of the market. These blocks of shops often referred to as "glass shops" were built by FCDA in 1998, and are believed to occupy the best trading positions in the market. The rumour is that these shops particularly A23 and A24 are for re-development, because that seems to be the only way the present occupants can be dispossessed of these prime positions.

We do believe that this rumour merely coincides with a genuine omission, as there are other shops inside the market which were omitted, and which neither belong to the "few blocks in the front of the market" nor are within the shops built in a car park within section B.

We do not doubt the integrity of the committee or the transparency of the exercise but we owe the committee a duty, as "real" stakeholders to positively contribute to the re-positioning of Wuse market in line with the foresight and vision of the FCT Minister and the market management.

We hereby want to express our opinion against any further demolition of any part of Wuse market for the purpose of re-development. Blocks A23, and A24 published for demolition in *Daily Trust* are neither in the front nor are illegally built. Bringing market. Our fear is anchored on the ground that multiple stories buildings in the market will again re-congest the market. A problem which the Minister has brought to a near total control. Also, because the original design and Limited space of Wuse Market did neither envisage these designs nor the population that it will further attract, they will ultimately constitute real safety obstacles in the case of any emergency.

Finally, we call for the immediate listing of the omitted blocks of shops for purchase by traders.

Once again, we thank the Honourable Minister and his team for the vision of a new Wuse Market in an improved F.C.T. within a changing Nigeria. Our support and co-operation will remain unalloyed as always.

Signed:

Haruna Yakubu

For: Concerned Wuse Traders.

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# Trust International

## Odd World



A pigeon sits in the shade at the observation deck atop the Empire State Building in New York City August 13, 2002. A flock of pigeons fitted with mobile phone backpacks is to be used to monitor air pollution. *New Scientist* magazine reported on Wednesday. **REUTERS/Mike Segar**

### Pigeons get backpacks for air pollution monitoring

A flock of pigeons fitted with mobile phone backpacks is to be used to monitor air pollution, *New Scientist* magazine reported on Wednesday.

The 20 pigeons will be released into the skies over San Jose, California, in August.

Each bird will carry a GPS satellite tracking receiver, air pollution sensors and a basic mobile phone.

Text messages on air quality will be beamed back in real time to a special pigeon "blog", a journal accessible on the Internet.

Miniature cameras slung around the pigeons' necks will also post aerial pictures.

The idea is the brainchild of researcher Beatriz da Costa, of the University of California at Irvine, and two of her students.

They have built a prototype of the pigeons' equipment, containing a mobile phone circuit board with SIM card and communication chips, a GPS receiver, and sensors capable of detecting carbon monoxide and nitrogen dioxide.

"We are combining an air

pollution sensor with a home-made cellphone," da Costa told *New Scientist*.

The team is planning to squeeze all the components onto a single board small enough for the birds to carry in a backpack, *New Scientist* said.

The pigeons will take to

the air at the inter-Society for Electronic Arts' annual symposium in San Jose on August 5.

The data they send back will be displayed on the blog in the form of an interactive map.

### Lawmaker's wife told to leave during Bush speech

The wife of a senior House Representative Republican was told to leave the House chamber during President George W. Bush's State of the Union speech for wearing a shirt bearing words of support for US troops.

"Shame, shame," Rep. Bill Young of Florida said on the House floor on Wednesday, condemning the treatment of his wife Beverly by the U.S. Capitol Police.

"She was ordered to leave the gallery, because she was doing ... what the president said we should all do," Young said. "She had on this shirt. A very conservative shirt, long

sleeves, high neck, but it says support our troops."

Also on Tuesday night anti-Iraq war activist Cindy Sneehan was arrested in one of the House galleries before the speech after she refused to cover up an anti-war slogan on her shirt.

Young, who chairs the House Appropriations defense subcommittee, said his wife "supports our troops on every day, every hour," visiting wounded soldiers at

military hospitals and helping their families.

Young said a guard at the House chamber called her "a demonstrator and a protester."

Her shirt said "Support the Troops Defending Our Freedom."

A US Capitol Police spokeswoman said the matter was still under investigation, and declined to comment further.

### Tall men get better education

A study of 950,000 Swedish men has shown that taller men get a better education, a

researcher said on Wednesday.

The study, to be published in the *International Journal of Epidemiology*, could suggest short people are discriminated against as they are expected to be low achievers, said researcher Finn Rasmussen at Sweden's Karolinska Institute.

"The probability of achieving higher education in later life increases linearly with height," said the study.

It looked at male conscripts into the Swedish army born between 1950 and 1975 and their education for up to 27 years after their height was measured at the age of 18.

"Men taller than 194 cm (6 ft 4 in) were two to three times more likely to obtain a higher education when compared with men shorter than 165 cm," it added.

Feeding variables into the study such as social background or intelligence as measured by IQ altered the outcome slightly, but a clear link between height and educational attainment remained, the research said.

The scientists did not draw conclusions, but Rasmussen said it could be something to do with social attitudes.

"We do not know if people have negative attitudes to short people. It is possible that there could be something in society about the expectations of people or attitudes to what people can perform," he told Reuters.

### US DEA says Colombians hid heroin in puppies

Colombian drug dealers smuggled heroin into the United States by surgically implanting the powerful drug into puppies, the Drug Enforcement Administration said on Wednesday.

Special Agent-in-Charge John Gilbride of the DEA's New York Field Division said in a statement that 21 Colombian nationals were arrested on Wednesday for smuggling over 20 kilograms (44 lb) of heroin, worth \$20 million (11.3 million pounds) at street prices, into the United States.

Among the methods used to transport the drugs were human couriers, who swallowed heroin packets, as well as the Labrador Retriever puppies. In one planned shipment, six puppies were found impregnated with three 3 kg (6.6 lb) of liquid heroin packets.

DEA spokeswoman Erin McKenzie-Mulvey said that in January 2005, DEA officers and police in Colombia found six puppies with scars on their bellies at a makeshift veterinarian clinic on a rural property.

Ultrasound scans revealed the heroin hidden inside the young dogs, three

of which later died of infection. Another four puppies were found with no drugs inside them, she said.

McKenzie-Mulvey said the traffickers had planned to retrieve the heroin after the dogs had passed U.S. customs.


She said the surviving dogs are now "living happily with families in Colombia."

The smugglers also hid heroin in body creams and aerosol cans and sewed it into the lining of purses and luggage, the DEA said.

"The organisation's outrageous and heinous smuggling method of implanting heroin inside puppies is a true indication of the extent that drug dealers go to make their profit," Gilbride said.

Wednesday's arrests — 20 in Colombia and one in North Carolina — followed a two-year investigation with Colombian police of a drug ring based in Medellin, Colombia, whose network reached from Miami to New York, the DEA said.

The DEA hopes to bring nine of those arrested to New York to face charges. Colombia is the main supplier of heroin to the United States.



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### CASE MANAGEMENT REVIEW CONSULTANT REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Federal Government of Nigeria has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) for Economic Reforms and Governance Project and the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) has been selected as one of the beneficiaries. The EFCC intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payment under a contract for the services of a qualified Case Management Review Consultant.

The Case Management Review Consultant under the IDA Credit will conduct an assessment in the area of Case Management related matters that the Commission will undertake and to ensure that the best practices are adhered to at all times.

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- \*Enhance the capacity of staff to manage the huge number of cases filed in EFCC

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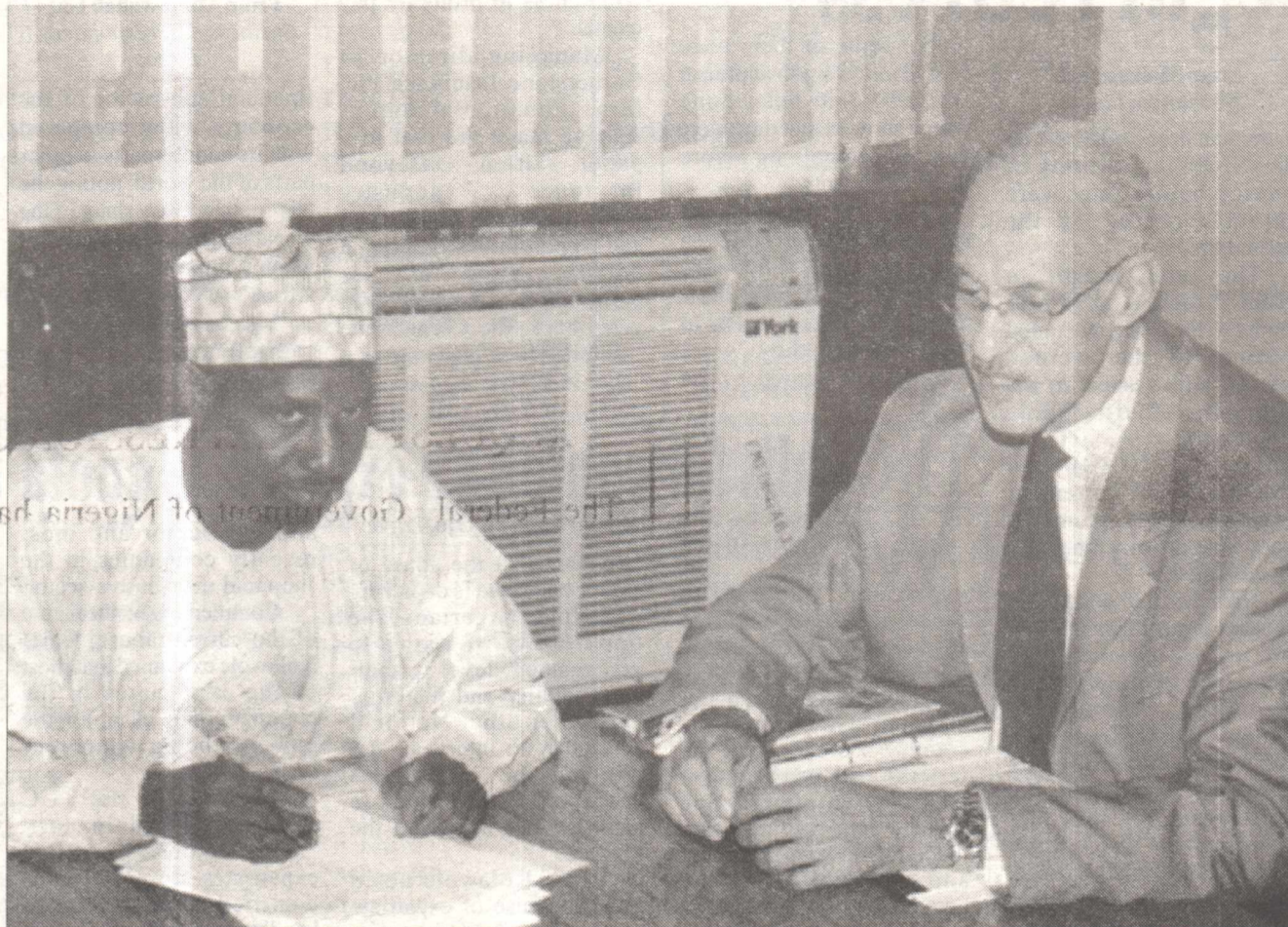
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**Kaduna hosts workshop on LG finances**

From Sani Babadoko  
Bureau Chief, Kaduna

Kaduna will from today host participants from across the country on a national workshop on financial management systems and strategies for revenue generation in local governments.

The two-day workshop is expected to be declared open by the Emir of Bimin Gwari HRH, (Mallam) Zubair Jibril Maigwari II today at the Hamdala Hotel at 9am. The director general of Administrative Staff College of Nigeria (ASCON), Professor Sheikh Abdullahi is expected to present a paper on accountability, financial reporting and internal control of local government resources.

The chief facilitator, Mr. Tajudeen Toyin Oke, president, Baltimore Tax and Financial Inc. said the main objective of the workshop is to equip the participants with necessary skills, emerging technologies and mechanisms that will help them generate additional revenue for their local government councils.

## GSM users to get weather service on phone

The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NIMET), is to provide latest weather information to every caller to its 24 dedicated GSM lines. This was disclosed in a statement in Abuja yesterday signed by Mrs T.A. Ushie, saying that the service was introduced in order to bring NIMET's services closer to the people.

"We have already acquired and installed 24 sets of GSM desktop telephones for the 22 airports in the country to complement the other communication systems already in existence.

"Each airport has two lines allocated to it to ensure the provision of the new weather service to both the public and other institutions," Ushie said.

She said that NIMET was committed to making available timely and accurate forecasts and precautions to Nigerians about the weather pattern and its attendant changes in recent times.

She noted that the weather precautions have effectively reduced losses occasioned by changes in climatic conditions and urged Nigerians to make best use of the service.

The NIMET spokeswoman also said that the agency had acquired and installed modern equipment to replace some of its obsolete ones.

Among the new facilities installed are four RETIM 2000 forecaster work stations to complement existing one at Abuja airport. Two of the RETIM 2000 system, Ushie

said would be installed at Lagos and airports, while the other two will be located at Port Harcourt airport and the Central Forecast Office, Oshodi, Lagos.

Also, 12 analogue and other digital barometers to facilitate good pressure readings, as well as aid pilots during landings during poor visibility are in process of being installed at the country's international airports. She also disclosed that a "Pilot Weather Briefing Centre" has been opened at the domestic wing of the Murtala Muhammed International Airport (MMIA), Lagos to enable them know the weather conditions in the course of their operations.

According to her, the centre which will serve as a one-stop information point for pilots will operate a 24 hour watch and will be manned by a seasoned weather forecaster.

"We are also doing this to guard against human error of omission or commission in the course of data transfer to the pilot, using intermediaries, as has been the case," she added.

NAN learnt that NIMET upgrade of its facilities is coming ahead of the International Civil Aviation Authority (ICAO) inspection in September.

The ICAO audit is expected to assess the country's aviation facilities and airports to ensure compliance with international standard.



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## Sacked NNPC workers seek legal redress

Former employees of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) whose services were abruptly terminated by the corporation between 1996 and 2001 have taken their case to a Federal High Court in Lagos to seek justice.

The embattled employees, about 537, in the suit brought before Justice Dan Abutu of the Federal High Court, Lagos sought an order compelling NNPC to pay them their increment/promotion allowances in that they had been approved and passed due process of appraisal and promotion and



Funsho Kupolokun, GMD, NNPC

From Mohammed Shosanya, Lagos

increment in accordance with the NNPC conditions of service before they were abruptly retired by the defendant.

They also sought an order directing NNPC to render to the court, a detailed account of the accrued interest with respect to the plaintiffs Staff Home Ownership Assistance Scheme (SHOAS) and promotion and increment accruable to them before they were compulsorily retired by the defendant.

They further demanded an order compelling NNPC to pay and continue to pay them (the plaintiffs) the reviewed harmonised pension in accordance with the federal government's directives. Hearing in the application has however been fixed for March 7 this year by the presiding judge, Justice Dan Abutu.

According to their twenty eight paragraph statement filed by the lawyers, Clement Onwuen Chambers, the NNPC former employees contended that

before some of them were retired in 1996, job appraisal for 1995 had been done which showed that they were due for promotions before their retirements.

They also said the promotion exercise had been concluded and they were anxiously awaiting their promotion letters when to their shock they were compulsorily retired by the NNPC.

## TUC calls for confab on expatriate quota

Worried by the dangers in the abuse of expatriate quota and casualisation of Nigerian workers, the Trade Union Congress of Nigeria (TUC), the umbrella organisation for all senior staff unions in the country has called on the federal government to convene an emergency stakeholders' conference on the issue of expatriate quota and casualisation in the country.

TUC in a statement tagged: 'Abuse of Expatriate quota and casualisation of Nigerian workers:' signed by its secretary general, Chief John Kolawole

As the Insurance sector undergoes reform process, regulatory authorities and key players have been tasked to redeem the poor public perception of the industry as it relates to the willingness to promptly pay claims.

Managing director of Cornerstone Insurance Plc, Mrs. Funmi Babington-Ashaye made the call in a paper titled "Beyond Insurance Industry Consolidation: Challenges and Opportunities." Taking a holistic view of the performance of the industry in years back, the Cornerstone Insurance boss observed that "the industry has underperformed its role in the

## Cornerstone boss canvasses better image for insurance

From Abdulwahab Isa, Business Correspondent, Lagos

financial sub-sector of the economy when compared with its counterparts in other parts of the world, noting the Nigerian industry share of the world market is 0.01 percent when compared with South Africa's 0.86 percent.

She however listed low capitalisation, high receivables, poor public perception, and inability to

attract and retain skilled manpower, poor remuneration and low investment in information technology as factors responsible for under-performance of the industry.

She described the current wind of consolidation blowing through the insurance sector as a sign of a promising future for the industry and noted that organisations embark on mergers and acquisitions as a way to strategically expand their operations and as a means of consolidation arguing that "experience worldwide has however shown that many business combinations have failed to deliver value to the shareholders, employees and customers and hence unable to achieve the desired result after consolidation."



Funmi Babington-Ashaye, MD/CEO, Cornerstone Insurance Plc

From Samson Ojo, Lagos

lamented that the abuse of expatriate quota is depriving qualified Nigerians the opportunity of rising to management level in their own country and therefore called on the National Assembly to intervene and compel the authorities concerned to take action to save the country from the menace.

Chief Kolawole noted that the abuse of expatriate quota has been on the increase since the past three years. Most guilty of this abuse are companies in the food, beverages and tobacco sector, companies in the oil

and gas sector and most recently companies in the shop and distributive sector.

Commenting on the nature of the current abuse, Chief Kolawole explained that most of the expatriates in the country come in under the guise of being temporary staff.

The text of the TUC statement Road in part: "many of these so-called expatriates are not even as qualified or competent to handle the positions for which they have been brought in. Indeed, countless are Nigerians who are even better qualified and more experienced to do the job."



## KADUNA STATE MINISTRY OF RURAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

### INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION TENDER FOR KADUNA STATE 2006 ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME

#### INTRODUCTION

1. Kaduna State Ministry of Rural and Community Development is planning to award contracts for the 2006 Rural Electrification.
2. In view of the above development, the Ministry is inviting competent and interested contractors for pre-qualification to tender for the above works.

#### 3. SCOPE OF WORK. The nature of work involves:-

- a. Construction of ITC (Inter-town connection)
- b. Construction of TDN (town distribution network)
- c. 11-33KV/0.415 300 KVA substation.

#### 4. PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT.

Interested Contractors are invited to submit the following documents:-

- (a) Tax clearance certificate for the last 3 years.
- (b) Evidence of company registration with Corporate Affairs Commission
- (c) Evidence of registration with Federal Ministry of Power and Steel.
- (d) Verifiable list of plant machinery and equipment available and which are related to overhead electrification.

- (e) Verifiable list of similar jobs undertake successfully.
- (f) Evidence of current registration with Kaduna State Tenders Board.
- (g) Verifiable Audited Account in the last 3 years.

5. The completed pre-qualification bid must be in a separate sealed envelope and clearly marked: PRE-QUALIFICATION TO TENDER FOR 2006 RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROJECTS.

6. The pre-qualification bid must be returned to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Rural and Community Development Kaduna.

NB:

This is not an invitation to tender, and response to this invitation shall not obligate Kaduna State Ministry of Rural and Community Development to consider or responding company for pre-qualification, to award the responding company a contractor or to give information of any resultant action. This Ministry reserves the right to either accept or reject any submission in part or whole at its sole discretion. All costs incurred as a result of this pre-qualification invitation, and any subsequent requests for information shall be borne by the responding company.

Signed: Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Rural & Community Development

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## 19m people have mobile phones in Nigeria

Mobile phone ownership in the country, once a status symbol, has risen from 35,000 in 2001 to 19 million in December 2005. Ownership of phones, which was strictly for the rich due to restrictive pricing and tariff under NITEL monopoly, now cuts across all cadres of society. The 2005 telecom-munication industry statistics released on the web site of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) indicates that the number of mobile subscribers doubled last year.

According to the statistics, the number went up from 9.1 million in 2004 to over 18.5 million. Growth in the fixed line sector was, however, slow with NITEL and the PTO's sharing 1.2 million subscribers.

While the PTO's increased their market share by 752,000 in the last five years, the NCC record showed that NITEL subscribers had dropped from a peak of 555,000 in 2003 to less than 400,000 in 2005.

Teledensity, a UN measurement for the percentage of people with access to phones compared to the total population, rose from 0.45 per cent to 15.7 per cent during the period. The teledensity was based on an estimated population of 126

million Nigerians. The Executive Vice Chairman of the NCC, Mr Ernest Ndukwe, who had

predicted the surge, said demand in the industry still exceeded supply. The five years exclusive

period given to the four mobile companies, Glo, Vmobile, MTN and Mtel, to operate will end this month.

The NCC had already concluded arrangements to issue a fresh converged license in March that would permit any operator to deploy multiple services like mobile, fixed lines and Internet.

## Rep doubts passage of appropriation bill Feb

Chairman, House of Representatives Committee on Information, has said the Feb. 9 date for the passage of the

appropriation bill by National Assembly was not realistic.

In an interview with News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Abuja, Agoda said that the committees were not working at the same pace as some had more ministries and parastatal establishments to attend to.

He said as at today, only few committees were ready with their reports, and such reports were still subject to adjustment when the committees of both chambers met.

"I doubt the reality of the date as we in the House must first harmonise our report with that of the Senate before each arm can submit the harmonised copy to its respective Appropriation Committees," he said.

He explained that to speed up the process, the House had suspended plenary sessions for two weeks to enable various committees to attend to their respective budget defence.

Agoda said some of the ministries and agencies also compounded the problem by not coming up with details of their budget proposals, thus delaying the process.



Chairman, Honeywell Group of Companies, Oba Otudeko, and MD/CEO of Cornerstone Insurance Plc, Funmi Babington-Ashaye, at the January Breakfast meeting of the Nigerian-South Africa Chamber of Commerce in Lagos...recently.

## Act to enable Nigerians own houses underway

Rep Osita Izunaso, Chairman, House of Representatives Committee on Housing and Urban Development says the House will amend the Federal

Mortgage Bank Act to enable Nigerians to own houses.

He told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Awka that when amended, the Act would incorporate mortgage insurance, liberalisation of funding and create windows for interested persons to source more funds from commercial banks.

He said the amended Act would also increase the percentage of contributions to National Housing Funds Act of 1992.

"The National Housing Funds Act of 1992 will also be amended because the law is no longer realistic for now.

"The idea is there, the concept is good, the orientation is nice, but it has to be amended to suit the period that we are already living in now," he said.

Izunaso said the House had already carried out the first leg of the amendment process with a public hearing on the recovery of the National Housing Fund.

"We discovered that some establishments collected the money from their staff without remitting to the Federal Mortgage Bank.

"If you collect money from your staff without remitting to the Federal Mortgage Bank, it means that your staff is not qualified for the loan even with their contributions," he stressed.

## Minister expresses confidence in pension fund administrator

Trustfund Pensions Plc. is adequately equipped to handle the public sector accounts, Minister of Labour and Productivity Hassan Lawal has said. Trustfund Pension Plc., an offshoot of the Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF) is one of the approved Pension Fund Administrators (PFA's).

"With the over one million private sector contributors account already in its custody and its experience in the management of social security scheme, it is well equipped to handle the public sector accounts," Lawal told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) today in Abuja.

The minister explained that more than 4,000 pensioners were recipient of the minimum basic pension of N4,400 per month adding that the NSITF paid N1342.74 million to 127,638 claimants from 1999 to October 2005.

He suggested that the fund should aim at 'capturing' the accounts of employees of the Federal Civil Service whose pension was now

contributory and would be managed by PFA's.

Reflecting more on the achievements of the NSITF, Lawal said that the fund gross investment had experienced a steady increase from N1,729 billion in 1999 to N24.16 billion as at 31st October 2005. He explained further that "the volume of investment income realised increase from N373.90 million in 1999 to N12.65 billion as at 31st October 2005."

The minister observed that this resulted to 'a very significant' increase of N12.28billion.

On the role of the NSITF under the new pension scheme, Lawal disclosed that NSITF had produced a draft bill on social security scheme for all the citizens.

"The modalities of implementation of the scheme, its funding and contingencies to be provided were discussed at a national social security summit jointly organised by the fund and the hose of representatives committee on Labour and productivity last year," he added.

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WHO IS RIBADU WORKING FOR?

When Acton Lord wrote in one of his historical essays that "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely," he never had people like Nuhu Ribadu in mind. But now, whenever we read this popular political phrase, Ribadu is one of the people that come to mind. Because of the enormous publicity Nuhu Ribadu and his agency, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, have been receiving in the last one year, now Ribadu is feeling like a demagogue and behaving like a bully, thus confirming Adams Henry Brooks' observation that "the effect of power and publicity on all men is the aggravation of self, a sort of egotism that ends by turning the victims' sympathies"

When recently Media Trust Publishers of Daily Trust and Weekly Trust newspapers, invited Nuhu Ribadu as one of the speakers for their Third Trust Dialogue, they definitely regretted it; because the windfall expected from a book launch at the occasion evaporated into thin air, as many people returned with their checks in their pockets. Even the Chief Launcher, Alhaji Aliko Dangote, could not disclose the amount he was giving. How do you expect people to bring out money when Ribadu had earlier warned that the EFCC will "drive more than nine perceived criminals? Looking at the reaction of governor of Zamfara, seated on the high table, Ribadu charged that the "bearded one" and some other Governors are in the habit of sponsoring pilgrimages. After making sure the governor looked harassed and embarrassed, Ribadu looked him in the eye and shouted "Is it your money?"

When he took a swipe at the previous civilian and military administrations that governed the country from 1979 to 1998 focusing them of institutionalizing corrupt in the body politics of the country. After condemning the NPN government, headed by Alhaji Shehu Shagari, for having nothing to show but "bare-faced, see-for-all looting of public funds through white elephant projects", Ribadu descended on the regimes of General Ibrahim Babaginda, late Gen. Sani Abacha and Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar and accused them of making "corruption the guiding principle for running the affairs of the country."

In defence of the defunct National Party of Nigeria, NPN, a frontline politician, Alhaji Ibrahim Isyaku, told journalists after the Trust Dialogue, in an angry tone that the "young man needs to check his records again to know exactly what he is saying. Can Obasanjo account for the over 8 billion naira he inherited from Gowon? Or the 2 billion dollar jumbo loan he received recently? What is the root of corruption, and not the NPN." Ribadu went on and on, condemning anybody that ever held any position of authority in this country, especially during the regimes of Gen. Abacha and Gen. Babangida. After he finished taking the past leaders to the cleaners, he started signing the praises of President Obasanjo, describing him as a "great leader" and eulogizing his transparency and "accountability" garnishing his flattery on the president with *Waltah-Tallabi*. But the audience had enough of that shenanigan. So they booed him with angry "Nooo, Nooo, Nooo!"

After the EFCC boss was booed back to his seat, a visibly angry Alhaji Buba Galadima reminded the new power drunk EFCC boss that corruption is not only money taken out of the nation's treasury. Rigging elections is a much worse case of corrupt practices. He challenged Ribadu to investigate certain properties in Adamawa and Taraba States said to be owned by the President. Ribadu's dilution to President Obasanjo, after insulting and condemning everybody else, erupted so much anger from the audience that it took the intervention of Chairman of the occasion, Maj. Gen. Garba Ali Mohammed, to restore order in the hall, while the undaunted EFCC boss just looked on brandishing smiles of embarrassment.

The objectives of this response is not only to hold brief for Ribadu's condemned leaders but to debunk his repeated allegation that they are the devils while Obasanjo is the saint and expected Messiah, because when power and publicity leads a man towards arrogance and victimization of people, based on personal grudge, it is time that he is reminded of his limitations.

Corruption is as old as Nigeria itself and the fights against it by all the previous administrations and regimes were in different forms according to their peculiarities and circumstances. When the military first struck in 1966, one of the major objectives of the coup leaders was to rid the country of corruption. In 1970, Gowon administration made the fight against corruption as one of its "nine-point-programme". But by 1975, most of Gen. Gowon's governors, federal commissioners and top civil servants were condemned as very corrupt by Murtala Muhammed's team that toppled Gowon. Gen. Murtala Muhammed Administration even confiscated assets from some corrupt public officers and purged about 10,000 "bad eggs" from the civil service. But the Obasanjo-Yar'adua regime of 1976 to 1979 was not also free of corruption. People still wonder how Obasanjo became one of the biggest farmers in Africa; and Yar'adua one of the biggest businessmen in Africa, immediately after retirement. May be it is time for Obasanjo to account for the over eight billion naira he inherited from Gen. Gowon as challenged by Alhaji Ibrahim Isyaku.

Yet, corruption was literally the vehicle Obasanjo rode to power or his second coming. He made corruption his campaign issue before the 1999 elections. He promised Nigerians he was going to fight the monster to the end. The press, the international community and all well-meaning Nigerians were happy that the country would be free from corruption. In 1999, when Obasanjo took office, President Obasanjo promised to rid the nation of corruption

vehicle within a year of his administration. But before the ink with which that speech was written dried, Obasanjo went down in history to be the first President in the world who introduced the use of massive bribe in the election and sustenance, or removal, of the principal officers of his country's National Assembly. For, right from the beginning of his first tenure, President Obasanjo deployed his *Ghana-must-go* ambassadors, in June 1999, to install Chief Even Enwerem as Senate President against the wishes of the majority of PDP members. The same method was also used to remove late Dr. Chuba Okadigbo and replaced him with Anyim Pius Anyim who was retained by the special power of corruption as Nigerians saw in the aftermath of the Electoral Act Scandal in 2002.

The N4million cash displayed by the leadership of the House of Representatives in its chambers as evidence of the money the Presidency used in its bid to effect the removal of Speaker Ghali Umar Na'Abba, is still fresh in our memory. We also still remember Senator Arthur Nzeribe's confession that he bribed some Senators with a total of N300 million from the Presidency to avert the impeachment of the President.

By the end of its first tenure, the Obasanjo government had misappropriated N350 billion on roads, N300 billion on NEPA and \$900 million on the nation's refineries. Nigerians cried, in vain, for the government to account for the N400 billion found missing from the excess crude account; N300 billion lost annually through the NNPC; N23 billion allegedly stolen by top government officials in 2001 alone (as revealed by the then auditor-general, Mr. Vincent Azie, which earned him a sack); N480 million allegedly stolen by Obasanjo's cousin, Julius Makanjuola, the defence permanent secretary; N100 billion for building the Abuja Stadium - which the World Bank said could not have cost more than N19 billion - etc. The list was long, but President Obasanjo watched and did nothing for six years even after international anti-corruption agencies cried out that more than 17 billion US dollars have been stolen and stashed away in foreign accounts by politicians, most of whom were allegedly very close to the President.

Within the six years under review, Obasanjo administration squandered over N12 trillion with nothing to show for it except crumbling infrastructure, a dwindling per capita income, two-fold increase in external debt and depleted government coffers. The nation had never been richer, yet the people are going through an unprecedented level of misery.

That's why no one was really surprised when Transparency International awarded Nigeria the ignominious position of the second most corrupt nation in the world, under Obasanjo, from the 27th position it held during the Abacha regime. This was also soon gamished by the findings from the USAID, an agency of the united states, and the British government which declared that 55 percent of corruption in Nigeria was actually perpetrated in the Presidency. Still, President Obasanjo looked the other way and continued to punish the common man by removing subsidy on almost everything, except the air they breath (in the name of deregulation) to make more money for "the boys" to squander, until when the United States threatened to revoke visas granted to all corrupt Nigerian public officials in order to "remove the impediments to economic development".

This gave room to the argument that Obasanjo is only executing the anti-corruption war because of foreign pressure or that he wants to give the semblance of having to leave some kind of legacies behind by starting the crusade towards the end of his second tenure. But recent attacks on certain individuals by the EFCC Chairman, Nuhu Ribadu, is confirming people's skepticism that Obasanjo only decides to wear the anti-corruption garb late in his 2nd tenure to terrorize political opponents and prepare ground for his third-term agenda. All these are, of course, wrong reasons to fight corruption. Corruption must be fought frontally for the sake that corruption is evil and that it retards the growth of any society.

But even if the anti-corruption war is being fought in good faith, how successful has the government been in its prosecution with all the conflicting signals around? It is obvious that where some people have been give soft-landings, others were given very violent crash-landings. While many have gotten away with "blue murder", some have not even gotten away with "assault." For example, while Prof. Fabian Osuji, former Education Minister, was sacrificed on the altar for giving N55 million bribe to some members of the National Assembly, through former Senate President Mr. Adolphus Wabara in order to have favourable treatment in the passage of his ministry's budget, Mr. Makanjuola, a cousin to Mr. President, was left off the hook after being arrested and arraigned in court for stealing N400 million from Ministry of Defence. Equally, when former Inspector-general of Police, Tafa Balogun was discovered to have diverted N17 billion from the account of the Nigeria Police Force to his Private Accounts, the President pleaded with him to resign voluntarily, which he did, and he was discharged with full honors - all because he was a useful storm trooper who assisted the President win the 2003 elections. The only punishment he got was a slap on the wrist by a jail sentence of six months. If six months jail term is all one deserves for stealing N17 billion, what then do you give the person who steals one million naira? Five minutes or ten? If you are a mathematics teacher, tell me how will you score one over 17

Although Tafa Balogun case is being used by EFCC as evidence of government success in the fight against corruption, Col. Abubakar Dangiwa Umar sees it as "evidence of government's support and sustenance of corruption." In a recent press conference, Col. Umar, in his capacity as Interim Chairman of Movement for Unity and Progress, hypothesized that "was it possible for the IGP to steal a whopping N17 billion without the Presidency's knowledge? The President either knew and decided to do nothing. In that case, he can be likened to an accessory after the fact of crime. If the President didn't know of the disappearance of over N17 billion allocated to the Nigerian Police Force, then he is an incompetent manager of the nation's resources."

Equally, when Due Process Office, under the leadership of Mrs. Oby Ezekwesili, reported that the outfit was able to save the nation a whopping sum of N70 billion, in just one year, due to renegotiations of highly inflated contracts, Nigerians expected to see some heads rolled, especially that Mrs. Ezekwesili was quite specific in identifying culprits. But nothing happened. Also, according to the second quarter (2005) report of the National Economic Intelligence Committee, the nation loses about N25 billion, annually, on account of duty waivers given by the government to its business cronies. This is in addition to a substantial loss of revenue due to the failure of some agencies to remit monies due to government. In the period under review (January-June 2005), according to the report, about N42.5 billion was not recorded in the federal government revenue cash book. This is without taking into account the difference of \$11.63 per barrel of our crude oil between Jan and June 2005; because the average weighted price of crude for Jan-June 2004 was USD 38.26 per barrel, while for Jan-June 2005 it was USD 49.89 per barrel.

Nigerians may still be perplexed as to what happened to the billions of Naira allocated for the refurbishment of the nation's refineries and continue to wonder why the Obasanjo administration is playing politics with this vital sector of the economy and the lives of the people. To help Nigerians understand the nonchalant and uncaring attitude of the government towards the repair and maintenance of our refineries, Col. Dangiwa Umar said "It is not in the interest of its business friends to repair the refineries. Fuel importation is big business; and the business friends of this regime and their fronts are reaping huge profits from the importation of petroleum products". According to Umar, "The most corrupt parastatal, which accounts for 95% of government's revenue, the NNPC, is under the direct supervision of the Presidency. This is why at the policy level, the Federal Executive Council and the Due Process Office do not review most contracts awarded by NNPC... (and) only the President and the Group Managing Director approve and award crude oil lifting contracts." This gives room for companies with questionable profile and no known record of oil business to become beneficiaries of crude oil contracts. One of such companies was awarded 90,000 barrels per day lifting contract despite the fact that the NNPC UK consultants could not verify its status as an oil business company. The same level of shady deals is going on in the allocation of crude oil for local refining and consumption and withholding of funds by the NNPC. Only last two weeks, Finance Commissioners protested against withholding N67 billion by the NNPC from Federation Account. The few celebrated cases for which the EFCC got convictions are just a scratch on the surface. Nigerians still wait the outcome of the investigations into the privatisation deals of Pentascope, Alscou, Itape Iron Ore Company, Delta Steel Company, Ajaokuta Steel Company, Nigerian Ports Authority probe and the National identity card scam.

With all these corrupt credentials and stained image of the Obasanjo administration, one wonders how Nuhu Ribadu could eulogize him as "great leader" and still had the audacity to accuse some people of institutionalizing corruption. Why can't he prosecute them if he has any proof instead of dragging their names in the mud whenever he sees journalists' cameras and microphones in front of him? Must he use their names to get more publicity, or is he working as a hatchet man for some cowards who can't come out and hit their opponent directly? Who is Ribadu working for? But let us assume that he is only working for EFCC - does he has any right to be the prosecutor, the jury and the judge? Even if he has, what happens to the "Presumption of innocence until proven guilty beyond reasonable doubt" clause in the constitution?

As a public officer and a lawyer, Nuhu Ribadu should have respect for the Rule of Law. He should also know that EFCC is a creation of National Assembly, not creation of the constitution; and as such the commission must act and be seen to act as a public trust, not as an instrument of terror and intimidation in the hands of some people. According to a Kaduna-based lawyer "corruption cannot be fought by threats through the media. Corruption cannot be fought where government does not pay its officers well and promptly; where pensions and gratuity are not paid; where local contractors cannot be settled; where nobody is sure of his future."

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## 1ST-TIER SECURITIES

## THE NIGERIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

## REPORT AS AT THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2006

Company Name	No of Deals	Quotation(N)	Quantity Traded	Value of Shares
ADSWITCH PLC.	2	1.30	15,000	19,500.00
CUTIX PLC	1	2.87	100	287.00
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>15,100</b>	<b>19,787.00</b>
<b>AGRICULTURE/AGRO-ALLIED</b>				
OKITIPUPA OIL PALM PLC.	2	0.90	12,480	11,232.00
THE OKOMU OIL PALM COMPANY PLC	5	17.20	55,000	947,500.00
PRESCO PLC.	7	11.17	310,100	3,466,632.00
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>377,580</b>	<b>4,425,364.00</b>
<b>AIRLINES</b>				
AVIATION DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC.	1	1.02	200	204.00
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>200</b>	<b>204.00</b>
<b>AUTOMOBILE &amp; TYRE</b>				
DUNLOP NIGERIA PLC.	23	2.48	293,002	745,504.32
R. T. BRISCOAE PLC.	14	6.00	54,234	318,959.80
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>37</b>		<b>347,236</b>	<b>1,064,464.12</b>
<b>BANKING</b>				
ACCESS BANK PLC	146	2.88	7,142,718	20,512,242.12
AFRIBANK NIGERIA PLC.	10	9.10	71,673	652,224.30
FIRST ATLANTIC BANK PLC	1	3.41	10,000	34,100.00
EIB INTERNATIONAL BANK PLC.	1	2.26	3,290	7,435.40
FIRST CITY MONUMENT BANK PLC	7	5.11	823,000	4,205,530.00
FIDELITY BANK PLC	1	2.93	80,000	234,400.00
FIRST BANK OF NIGERIA PLC.	401	34.00	4,378,522	148,386,502.22
GTBANK PLC.	227	13.05	2,314,259	30,259,742.88
INVESTMENT BANKING	8	4.57	51,972	237,512.04
INTERNATIONAL MERCHANT BANK PLC.	16	0.84	78,196,628	65,685,167.52
INTERCONTINENTAL BANK PLC.	125	9.00	16,312,858	143,065,469.62
NAL BANK PLC.	1	2.80	5,838	16,346.40
OCEANIC BANK PLC	46	5.89	460,278	2,731,131.46
OMEGA BANK (NIGERIA) PLC	1	1.91	1,896	3,621.36
PLATINUM BANK PLC	3	2.60	102,000	265,200.00
UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA PLC.	92	12.25	671,412	8,297,601.76
UNION BANK NIGERIA PLC.	73	25.48	161,403	4,112,548.44
WEMA BANK PLC.	22	3.74	144,881	541,854.94
ZENITH BANK PLC	12	19.64	51,700	1,015,388.00
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>1,193</b>		<b>110,984,328</b>	<b>430,264,018.46</b>
<b>BREWERIES</b>				
CHAMPION BREWERIES PLC.	1	1.95	5,500	10,725.00
GUINNESS NIGERIA PLC.	66	102.00	124,174	12,649,328.74
NIGERIAN BREWERIES PLC.	270	36.99	1,540,116	57,081,298.96
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>337</b>		<b>1,669,790</b>	<b>69,741,352.70</b>
<b>BUILDING MATERIALS</b>				
ASHAKA CEMENT PLC.	63	34.50	1,137,303	40,331,090.48
CEMENT COMPANY OF NORTHERN NIG. PLC	6	6.99	205,750	1,439,450.00
NIGERIAN ROPES PLC.	2	1.61	25,400	40,894.00
WEST AFRICAN PORTLAND CEMENT CO. PLC.	62	16.60	428,442	7,009,508.46
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>133</b>		<b>1,796,895</b>	<b>48,820,942.94</b>
<b>CHEMICAL &amp; PAINTS</b>				
BERGER PAINTS PLC.	10	3.90	6,959	26,798.78
CAP PLC.	5	8.42	213,488	1,891,376.96
D. N. MEYER PLC.	4	3.56	22,348	79,558.88
NIGERIA-GERMAN CHEMICALS PLC.	3	4.10	11,206	45,944.60
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>22</b>		<b>254,001</b>	<b>2,043,679.22</b>
<b>COMPUTER &amp; OFFICE EQUIPMENT</b>				
NCR (NIGERIA) PLC.	2	1.39	30,388	41,895.82
TRIPPLE GEE AND COMPANY PLC.	8	0.43	33,082	14,225.26
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>63,470</b>	<b>56,121.08</b>
<b>CONGLOMERATES</b>				
A. G. LEVENTIS NIGERIA PLC.	4	1.06	11,600	12,736.00
C F A O NIGERIA PLC.	8	3.40	7,487	25,455.80
JOHN HOLT PLC.	2	1.49	7,020	10,619.50
P. Z. INDUSTRIES PLC.	27	16.20	275,345	4,460,589.00
U.A.C.NIGERIA PLC.	57	16.02	241,442	3,871,186.46
UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC	79	20.00	297,801	5,983,816.61
U.T.C. NIGERIA PLC.	3	0.70	6,726	4,708.20
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>180</b>		<b>847,421</b>	<b>14,369,111.57</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>				
JULIUS BERGER NIGERIA PLC.	3	22.15	1,217	26,956.55
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>1,217</b>	<b>26,956.55</b>
<b>FOOD/BEVERAGES &amp; TOBACCO</b>				
7-UP BOTTLING COMPANY PLC	13	26.58	32,320	865,557.15
CADBURY NIGERIA PLC.	99	65.05	290,050	18,945,331.14
FLOUR MILLS NIGERIA PLC.	58	25.54	210,608	5,378,256.72
NIGERIA BOTTLING COMPANY PLC.	24	60.55	121,283	7,378,862.93
NESTLE FOODS NIGERIA PLC.	47	190.00	1,024,179	194,588,960.10
NORTHERN NIGERIA FLOUR MILLS PLC.	4	16.25	1,660	26,975.00
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>245</b>		<b>1,680,100</b>	<b>227,183,943.04</b>
<b>HEALTHCARE</b>				
EVANS MEDICAL PLC.	8	2.33	89,570	209,233.80
GLAXOSMITHKLINE CONSUMER NIGERIA PLC	13	10.02	54,666	554,279.91
MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC	2	5.36	4,000	21,440.00
NEIMETH INTERNATIONAL PHARM. PLC.	1	3.23	6,000	19,380.00
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>24</b>		<b>154,236</b>	<b>804,333.71</b>
<b>INDUSTRIAL/DOMESTIC PRODUCTS</b>				
FIRST ALUMINIUM NIGERIA PLC.	3	0.70	237,659	167,491.07
VITAFOAM NIGERIA PLC.	80	5.00	1,228,419	6,024,174.29
VONO PRODUCTS PLC.	2	1.20	10,600	12,720.00
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>85</b>		<b>1,476,678</b>	<b>6,204,385.36</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
ACEN INSURANCE COMPANY PLC	2	0.69	15,100	10,419.00
CORNERSTONE INSURANCE CO. PLC.	7	1.36	73,380	99,768.28
CRUSADER INSURANCE PLC.	3	1.60	23,000	37,450.00
LAW UNION AND ROCK INSURANCE PLC.	1	1.08	10,000	10,800.00
MUTUAL BENEFITS ASSURANCE PLC	2	0.79	51,000	40,290.00
NIGER INSURANCE CO. PLC.	2	2.80	2,600	7,280.00
PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC.	2	2.20	10,100	22,220.00
ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE PLC.	1	2.85	130,236	371,172.60
STANDARD ALLIANCE INSURANCE	1	1.30	10,600	13,780.00
UNIC INSURANCE PLC.	18	1.23	577,764	710,649.72
WEST AFRICAN PROV. INS. COY. PLC.	12	3.29	78,220	244,617.73
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>51</b>		<b>982,000</b>	<b>1,568,447.33</b>
<b>MANAGED FUNDS</b>				
C & I LEASING PLC	3	1.22	140,000	170,800.00
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>140,000</b>	<b>170,800.00</b>
<b>MARITIME</b>				
JAPPAUL OIL & MARITIME SERVICES PLC	5	1.86	50,400	93,317.00
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>50,400</b>	<b>93,317.00</b>
<b>PACKAGING</b>				
AVON CROWNCAPS & CONTAINERS PLC.	1	1.12	268	300.16
NAMPAK NIGERIA PLC	1	1.45	775	1,123.75
POLY PRODUCTS (NIGERIA) PLC.	1	0.56	1,000	560.00
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>2,043</b>	<b>1,983.91</b>
<b>PETROLEUM(MARKETING)</b>				
AFRICAN PETROLEUM PLC.	58	43.50	74,559	3,286,792.95
CONOIL PLC	63	88.00	30,412	2,718,535.49
ETERNA OIL & GAS PLC.	11	2.60	259,864	679,437.42
MOBIL OIL NIGERIA PLC.	15	158.00	17,772	2,851,979.55
OANDO PLC	91	92.05	117,157	10,796,020.27
TEXACO (NIGERIA) PLC.	28	112.50	18,458	2,091,742.50
TOTAL NIGERIA PLC	25	183.00	22,450	4,090,901.13
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>291</b>		<b>540,672</b>	<b>26,515,409.31</b>
<b>PRINTING &amp; PUBLISHING</b>				
LONGMAN NIGERIA PLC.	1	3.34	1,100	3,674.00
UNIVERSITY PRESS PLC.	4	1.50	7,156	10,734.00
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>8,256</b>	<b>14,408.00</b>
<b>REAL ESTATE</b>				
UACN PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT PLC.	11	8.69	304,300	2,677,020.00
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>11</b>		<b>304,300</b>	<b>2,677,020.00</b>
<b>TEXTILES</b>				
APFRINT NIGERIA PLC.	8	0.39	284,627	110,560.76
UNITED NIGERIA TEXTILES PLC.	6	2.00	29,339	58,678.00
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>313,966</b>	<b>169,238.76</b>

### TOP 10 TRADES AS AT YESTERDAY

SYMBOL	VOLUME	VALUE	TRADES
UBA	871,912.00	10,735,715.06	106
NESTLE	1,024,940.00	194,733,550.10	49
ASHAKACEM	1,141,103.00	40,462,490.48	65
VITAFOAM	1,228,419.00	6,024,174.29	80
NB	1,690,608.00	62,646,901.74	284
GUARANTY	2,635,259.00	34,455,622.88	240
FIRSTBANK	4,433,082.00	150,236,110.92	408
ACCESS	7,142,718.00	20,512,242.12	146
INTERCONT	16,332,858.00	143,245,469.62	126
IMB	78,196,628.00	65,685,167.52	16

### TOP 5 GAINERS

SYMBOL	LASTCLOSE	YESTERDAY'S CLOSE	CHANGE
TOTAL	182.01	183.00	+0.99
GUINNESS	101.02	102.00	+0.98
FIRSTBANK	33.18	33.99	+0.81
ASHAKACEM	34.10	34.80	+0.70
WAPCO	16.09	16.53	+0.44
INTERCONT	8.85	9.10	+0.25
WAPIC	3.15	3.29	+0.14
CFAO	3.27	3.40	+0.13
EVANSMED	2.33	2.44	+0.11
BERGER	3.82	3.90	+0.08

### TOP 5 LOSERS

SYMBOL	LASTCLOSE	YESTERDAY'S CLOSE	CHANGE
MOBIL	163.00	160.00	-3.00
CONOIL	90.00	88.00	-2.00
TEXACO	114.00	112.00	-2.00
NBC	62.46	61.00	-1.46
OKOMUOIL	17.80	17.20	-0.60
PRESCO	11.70	11.17	-0.53
UNILEVER	20.50	20.01	-0.49
CADBURY	65.51	65.03	-0.48
CAP	8.86	8.42	-0.44
ZUP	27.00	26.59	-0.41

## UBA grosses N43bn in 9 months

United Bank for Africa Plc has announced its interim results for the 9 months period ended December 31, 2005. According to a statement made available to *Business Trust*, the bank recorded Gross Revenues of N43.43bn during the period.

This represents a growth of 128% over the figure of 19.08bn reported for the corresponding period in 2004. This growth is against the backdrop of its merger with erstwhile Standard Trust Bank Plc in 2005.

"The interim report also showed that the banks profit before tax grew by 3% during the period from N4.91bn to a new high of N5.058bn," the statement said.

"The published profit results are in spite of the significant costs attributable to the merger of the three banks. As the bank moves beyond the merger and integration phases, revenue growth will begin to reflect in significantly improved profit levels and profit forecasts will be surpassed" the statement added.

UBA is currently in the final phase of integrating the operations of old UBA with those of STB and Continental Trust Bank to create what is the largest post-consolidation banking group in the country. The bank announced in a press briefing last week that it would complete the integration process by February 6, 2006 with the unification of its banking software and unveiling of its new corporate identity / logo.

Upon conclusion of its integration process, customers of all three merged banks can have access to the bank's services from any of their over 425 branches in the country.

## Oil price rises to \$67 a barrel

Crude oil prices rose above \$67 yesterday after falling by more than \$1 a barrel on the previous day in a reaction to US government data showing crude oil and gasoline supplies on the rise. Light, sweet crude for March delivery on the New York Mercantile Exchange rose 53 cents to \$67.09 a barrel in Asian electronic trading, midafternoon in Singapore. The contract on Wednesday fell \$1.36 to settle at \$66.56 a barrel.

March Brent crude futures on London's ICE Futures exchange rose 42 cents to \$65.45 a barrel.

Nymex heating oil futures rose by 1.6 cents to \$1.84 a gallon, while gasoline futures were up less than a cent to \$1.7375 a gallon. Natural gas futures rose 17.7 cents to \$8.9 per 1,000 cubic feet.

The market remains jittery about geopolitical tensions ranging from the West's nuclear standoff with Iran to the war in Iraq and unrest in Nigeria.

In its weekly petroleum supply report, the U.S. Department of Energy said Wednesday that commercial inventories of crude oil climbed last week by 1.9 million barrels to 321 million barrels, or 11 percent above year ago levels. Gasoline inventories grew by 4.2 million barrels to 219 million barrels, or roughly equal to last year's level.

The report showed a slight decline in inventories of distillate fuels, which include diesel and heating oil.

Iran, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' second-largest oil producer, insists its nuclear program is aimed at generating electricity, but the U.S. and other countries fear the research could be used to create nuclear weapons.

The United States, Britain, France, China and Russia say Iran should appear before the U.N. Security Council, which could impose sanctions. They have called on the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N. nuclear watchdog, to report the Iran case when it meets Thursday.

Even though Iran's oil minister Kazem Vaziri Hamaneh has said Iran won't link the country's oil exports to its nuclear dispute, analysts said tensions over the issue would prevent any sharp decline in crude futures.

These supply fears come at a time when Nigeria's exports have been reduced because of recent violence against oil companies and as Iraqi

# Benue: Where federal roads are a

One can count the Federal roads, in Benue State, using the five fingers of either hand. And yet, the few that exist have not attracted any form of attention, be it in terms of rehabilitation or mere patching work, for a period now dragging to as long as the infrastructures themselves have stayed.

Having been left to suffer in the hands of neglect and abandonment, the Federal roads are now reduced to mere reminders of the fact that there was once a government that cared. Now, with that care removed, the roads are no more roads, they are simply death traps.

No driver, no matter how good, drives for as much as 100 metres, without applying the break, or manipulating the steering wheel to dodge the yawning pot holes, which have become, present features on Federal roads.

On some of the roads, particularly those linking the state with its neighbours, one can drive on for as much as half a kilometre without having a feel of asphalt. The thick black tar and chippings have long disappeared, leaving a bare and rough ground of red earth, which reduces the roads to mere muddy sites.

Where asphalt still remains, it compounds the problem rather than brings relief. At such places, the driver is compelled to sharply swerve from the road to as far as beyond the parking lane, all to avoid hitting hard on the tyre-bursting remains of the tar.

Where the roads are not

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completely chopped off, they are ridden with pot-holes which are as large and deep enough to bury infants.

And the drivers, except those who do not value the gift of life, are not unaware of the danger in trying to reach their intended destinations on time. They would rather be late than late themselves.

Therefore, every driver on these roads, including the speed demons, goes only at such a speed which cannot challenge a snail.

But most hit by this deplorable condition are the Makurdi - Otukpo - Enugu, the Katsina - Ala - Takum and the Makurdi - Adoka - Ankpa roads, linking the state at respective points with the neighbouring Enugu, Taraba and Kogi States. These roads are simply a nightmare to both travellers, and the many towns or villages that span them from end to end.

Over half the alarming figures of deaths caused by road accidents, which the Federal Road Safety Corp reveals at the end of every year in the state, according to independent survey, are recorded on these three roads. Dwellers on these roads can tell better. On most occasions, they are compelled to abandon their farm work, to rescue and administer first-aid treatment to bleeding accident victims.

Although the Makurdi - Lafia road linking Benue with Nasarawa state, attracted great sympathy of the Federal Government, what the Federal



FERMA officials entered into this damaged part of the Makurdi - Adoka - Ankpa road, to flag off the on-going maintenance exercise.

Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), is doing on the remaining piece of work, some few kilometres after Makurdi, is a source of worry rather than relief. Like what has become of the Makurdi - Otukpo - Enugu road, the remaining piece of work to link Makurdi from Lafia, around Daudu, a road side settlement 15 kilometres after Makurdi, has been excavated and abandoned, for a period now dragging to as much as four months.

As one drives past what was formerly a toll gate, at kilometre nine, through Ancha at kilometre 12 to Daudu at kilometre 15, poorly constructed sign posts stare straight at one. On them is a catchy inscription-

"Slow down, men at work, by FERMA". But motorists who have plied the road to and fro in the past three months can reveal that there are no "men" anywhere, doing the "work". The "work", as *Daily Trust* keenly observed, has been abandoned, and long forgotten, while it has continued to take a toll on lives, as unsuspecting drivers from the Lafia end, would think that the patching exercise has been long completed.

But only the excavation work was completed, the back-filling has remained a pipe dream. Meanwhile, it appears that every morning, "men" of the FERMA go out on vigil to ensure the "work" sign never

cease staring at drivers and pedestrians alike. When unsuspecting drivers knock them down, sometimes tearing them into shreds, the "men" would appear a few minutes later to construct new ones for a swift replacement. Sometimes for each damaged sign post, two or more replacements would appear. At the last count, what started as two, ran to as much as eight, with each side of the road at the badly damaged part, wearing four "men at work" inscriptions, and each having a different colour and design.

At this particular area which spans over 500 metres, there is no little space left for fast speeding and unsuspecting drivers to dodge to. Together with the parking lane, the contractors who handled, or are handling the patching work, removed everything resembling tar, and in its place, left badly chiselled bare earth with the accompanying "men at work" sign posts. Besides the damaged area, runs what was dug as a drainage. Not more than one kilometre from this spot, as one leaves Makurdi to Lafia, stands a police post whose personnel can tell better. The police post which was established to fight sundry vices at the bubbling little town of Daudu, is now known for a different pre-occupation, as no full day passes without the single-stretched structure being witness to the wreckage of accident vehicles, towed and parked in its front.

This reporter was also, recently, witness to a fatal accident which occurred at the same spot, when a dark painted

ersaulted several times and landed on its back. The driver had no prior knowledge of the road, and may have thought FERMA had long completed the patching work, which was started since when it (FERMA) was established.

The sight of the mangled vehicle was shocking, and its occupants, the badly bleeding victims, were rushed to a Makurdi hospital for treatment. It is hoped that they survived.

As if that is not enough worry, between Daudu and Udei junction, where patching has been completed, the road is still not any better for plying. As a major road linking part of the North with Eastern Nigeria, the road attracts heavy



## nightmare

vehicular traffic, and mostly from heavy duty vehicles.

They are either full length tankers conveying oil up North, or trailers carrying cattle or other agricultural products to the southern market. And as expected, accidents between them and other vehicles, are common place on this road. But this development was made worse after FERMA dug and filled back part of the road, particularly between Udei and Kadarko, as one heads towards Lafia. This is so because the back filling, or patching, was done in such a manner that has now made plying the road an accident prone experience.

Commercial drivers whose major routes lie, on this road, would best describe how it looks. "The dug out areas were either under-filled or over filled. At such areas, one plies with very caution, so as to avoid rumps which poor finishing caused", said a commercial motorist who gave his name only as Suleiman.

Suleiman who conveyed his report and other passengers to Lafia from Makurdi, in his rickety Peugeot 505 station wagon, said it is better to ply the road with old vehicles, instead of using new ones.

According to him, "it will make no difference. Any new vehicle that plies this road more than two times would automatically age."

One does not need to take a closer look at these patched areas. From a distance, it could be observed that the finishing was not level with the road. It appears more like FERMA did only the first layer of work, with

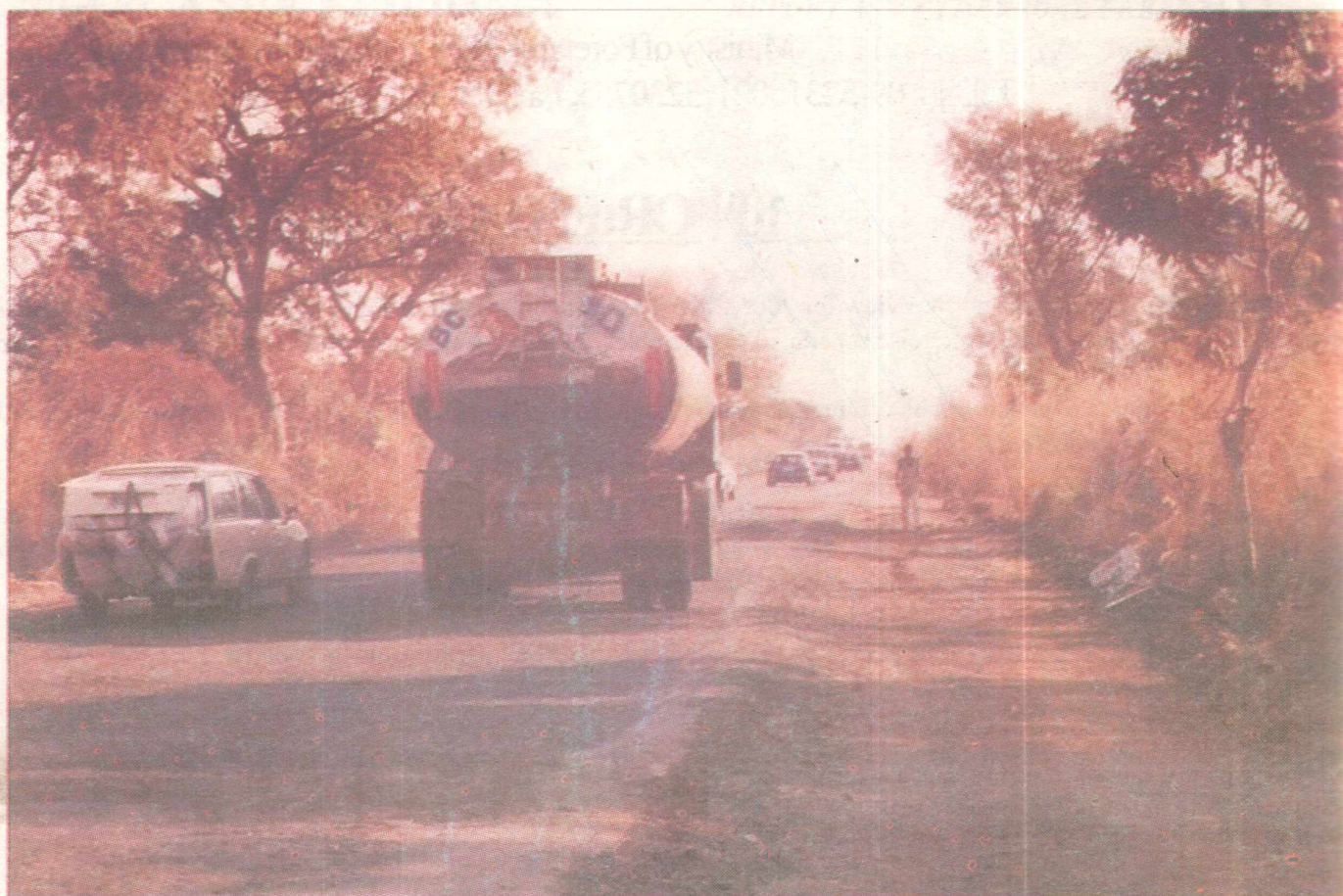
the intention to come back for surface dressing. But no, they will not come back.

The same applies to the Makurdi - Otukpo - Enugu road. Here, though work has finally picked up after several days of abandonment, it is not beyond snail's speed, just as the surface work leaves more to it than the eyes can see. This development is mostly observed between Otukpo and Obolafor in Enugu, where patching is still on-going.

On this road, bad areas were chiselled and left to cause enough accidents before the contractor handling the project resumed work. Even after resumption of work a few days back, the contractors only applied coal tar, and again, disappeared, leaving the open places to cause sufficient nightmare to drivers. After sometime, they appeared again and begun the patching, whose surface is as twice as worst for vehicles than the open holes.

Moreso, as work goes beyond Aliade and Otukpo to Ogbadibo, through the Edumoga district of Okpokwu, areas patched earlier on are now beginning to open up, to create more danger for vehicular traffic. Just a kilometre after Aliade lies a dangerous spot, with more than five rough pot-holes, on both sides of the road. This spot was excavated upon, and back filled not more than four months ago before it began opening up again. The consequence, as expected, has been the various fatal accidents recorded there.

As you leave there to the area where work is on-going,



The abandoned patching exercise at Ancha, 12km after Makurdi, along the Makurdi - Lafia road, with a knocked down "men at work" sign post. But no "men" have actually worked there.

you are sure to end your journey mid stream, or go only at snail's speed, in order to avoid being trapped to death, or put permanently on a wheel chair. At a village called Olanyega in the Edumoga district of Okpokwu, the FERMA contractors opened up, and left a spot spanning several metres. Like the Ancha spot along Makurdi - Lafia road, the Olanyega's has not only been abandoned, it is also wearing the "men at work" sign post which keep appearing in different colours and designs, anytime one gets knocked off by a skidding vehicle. Farmers in the village recently expressed fears that their soil may no longer yield much for the next harvest. Their reason has been that the peasant settlement has been too much of a witness to blood from accident victims.

But the two roads men-

tioned are a child's play, when compared to the level of damage on both Makurdi - Adoka - Ankpa road and that of Katsina-Ala-Takum. Here, there is no attempt in sight towards maintenance of any form, including patching.

While the roads, respectively linking Benue with Enugu and Lafia, have been reduced to death traps. These two have no name. Infact, in the words of a commercial driver who refused to properly identify himself. "These two are no roads. Not even the federal government remembers that it has some liability here".

What this driver did not know is that while the one linking Taraba through Katsina-Ala - Takum may have been truly forgotten, that which links Kogi through Adoka-Ankpa, is not. Infact, FERMA's activities in Benue State began on this road. The agency graciously invited a horde of journalists for a flag off ceremony in Benue, and the

venue of the press briefing was inside a large and yawning pot hole along the road. After the authorities praised President Olusegun Obasanjo's undying love for Nigerians, they then talked about the copious millions of naira budgeted for the patching work. And the briefing ended. For several days the flag off ceremony was being aired on both NTA and the state owned Radio Benue. However several months later, the government and people of Benue State who had fallen over each other to send paid commendation messages through the broadcast media, to President Obasanjo, were shocked that no work had actually begun on the road. But FERMA was quick to come out with an answer. It was doing "vegetation control", a thing that must be done before any rehabilitation work could be carried out on such major roads. A little over a year later, the people have not only gone beyond shock, they

are speechless as neither "vegetation control" has been done, nor the actual work. So far, the authorities have not deemed it necessary to say any thing this time.

Maybe for the sake of reducing doubt, the authorities, last year, engaged the services of Setraco construction company to completely rehabilitate the Makurdi - Gboko road. Work is still on-going, but no one knows when it will finish. This is so because with not more than one grader, tipper and other earth moving vehicles, it is difficult to say when the work would be concluded. Meanwhile, like the several others, Makurdi - Gboko road has been opened at various spots and almost forgotten. Daily Trust could not get definite statistics, but villagers spanning this road, said the figure of deaths recorded as a result of accidents, which the development have caused, is alarming.

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## 10<sup>TH</sup> ORIENTATION EXERCISE

Following the recruitment Interview for 2006/2008 TAC Biennium held in Kano in June/July 2005, the underlisted successful candidates are invited to participate in the 10<sup>th</sup> Orientation exercise scheduled to take place from 25<sup>th</sup> February to 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 in Owerri, Imo State.

2. The Orientation exercise will be conducted in **two (2)** batches at **Disney Hotels & Resort Limited, Kilometer 4 Owerri/Onitsha Road, Owerri, Imo State.**  
Tel. No. 08033001146.

### (A) FIRST BATCH:

- (i) *Doctors, Ophthalmologists, Dentists, Pharmacists, Nurses, Veterinary Doctors, Laboratory Technicians, Physiotherapists etc.*
- (ii) 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> February 2006 - Arrival/Documentation of candidates;
- (iii) 27<sup>th</sup> February – 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2006 – Lectures;
- (iv) 4<sup>th</sup> March 2006 – End of Programme and Departure of all participants in 1<sup>st</sup> batch

### (B) SECOND BATCH:

- (i) *Engineers, Surveyors, Architects, Town Planners, Teachers/Lecturers, Agriculturalists, Lawyers, Accountants etc.*
- (ii) 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2006 – Arrival/Documentation;
- (iii) 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2006 – Lectures;
- (iv) 11<sup>th</sup> March 2006 – End of Programme and Departure of all participants in second batch.

3. All invited candidates are requested to **come** along with triplicate **copies** of their curriculum Vitae (CV), **four** current passport photographs, **proof** of identity and all **relevant** certificates/credentials.

4. Medical Doctors, Nurses, Physiotherapists, Pharmacists, Ophthalmologists, Laboratory Technologists, Engineers and other professionals should also bring copies of their registration **certificates** and current practicing **licenses**.

5. Please, note that your participation in the exercise is only an indication of a prima facie qualification to be a TAC volunteer. Your final acceptance for the programme will depend on **clearance** by the **Recipient Country** to which you may be deployed.

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3	OSONDU AKOMA	TEACHING	3	FACI BAMAIYI YAKUBU	MEDICAL
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9	OKORO UGONNA	TEACHING	9	JACOB HELLANDENDU	TEACHING
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15	OKOZIE UCHE MICHAEL	PHARMACY	15	MAHMOUD JAFAR GUNTI	TEACHING
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20	IZUOGU IJEOMA	ENGINEERING	20	BALA JETHRO VICTOR	TEACHING
21	ENGR. ONYEMA FINEBOY ONYEKWU	ENGINEERING	21	CYRIL MUSA DAMIAN	TEACHING
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31	OTSE AMOS EGWURUBE	ACCOUNTING	20	IYEME E. EMENG	TEACHING
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26	NDUBUISI EBITEA	MEDICAL	15	MOHAMMED S. OSIKHENA	AGRICULTURE
27	DR. AMIWERO CHRISTIAN E.	MEDICAL	16	IDAHOR OMOGIADÉ KINGSLEY	AGRICULTURE
28	DAVID OKEREMUTE TAKEFE	MEDICAL	17	EKHOMUN A. MATHEW	AGRICULTURE
29	UBOGU OGHALE CHRISTOPHER	LAW	18	OTAMERE OSAHANI ELVIS	ENGINEERING
30	JUDE UGBECHIE	LAW	19	OGHOLOH TONIA OFUME	ENGINEERING
31	OKWUOBI EDITH AWELE	NURSING	20	OSAIGBOVO LOUIS ODARO	ENGINEERING
32	WINNIFRED OKONJO	NURSING	21	COLUMBUS ELINHINGBE	ENGINEERING
33	ROSEMARY MUNONYE	NURSING	22	DR. OKHAIMA KENT OKOH	MEDICAL
34	ODUMOSU TOSAN ELIZABETH	NURSING	23	DR. EDOBOR EFOSA FESTUS	MEDICAL
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38	OSOLO ELIZABETH	NURSING	27	DR. MUSA SHAIKU AFEGBUA	MEDICAL
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40	MARY O. OKELUE	NURSING	29	DAVID ERABBAHIEMEN	PHARMACY
41	PATIENCE ONOWISE	NURSING	30	OZIEGBE EFIJE	PHARMACY
42	OKOTIE J. OMONAJOONA	PHARMACY	31	GATTA AYODELE	LAW
43	EDEGBO DAVID	AGRICULTURE	32	RAMAH IKHANAEDÉ	LAW
44	SYLVESTER R. ATIJEGBE	AGRICULTURE	33	A. E. O. IREHOVBUE	LAW
45	IKEDIASHI CHARLES ONYESI	AGRICULTURE	34	MAYAKI OLUTAYO MOSES	MANAGEMENT
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5	DR. EKEH JONATHAN NDU	MEDICAL	39	STEPHEN O. ORAIRU	TEACHING
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7	DR. OKORO ZELATUS CHIDI	MEDICAL	41	MOHAMMED SHAIKU JIBRIL	TEACHING
8	SUNDAY IGWE	MEDICAL	42	DR. (MRS.) OJEMUDIA C. CHIKAUTO	TEACHING
9	JONATHAN EKE	MEDICAL	43	RICHARD ALAO	TEACHING
10	OKENYI GODWIN	MEDICAL	44	FRANCA OKHILU	TEACHING
11	OLANWACHUKWU	MEDICAL	45	KADIR ABDULRAHMAN	TEACHING
12	OKONKWO JOHN	MEDICAL	<b>EKITI STATE</b>		
13	OKPARA-UGO NATHANIEL O.	MEDICAL	1	OTUYELU JACOB OLAKUNLE	TEACHING
14	OKEREKE A. AMOS	PHARMACY	2	AKINTOYE JAMES BAMIDELE	TEACHING
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19	OWEN ONYEMA JOSEPH	AGRICULTURE	7	DR. BORODE JOSEPH LATUNDE	TEACHING
20	AJAH FRANCIS	AGRICULTURE	8	OMOLARA OMONJO	TEACHING
21	AKPA IGWE CHIHJOKE	AGRICULTURE	9	A. Y. ALADE	TEACHING
22	CHIMEZIE TASIE	AGRICULTURE	10	ONIFADE OLUSEGUN	TEACHING
23	UHUO PATRICK UCHENNA	LAW	11	ABIGAIL IDOWU ADEBOMI	TEACHING
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25	EKE DONATUS ISUOGU	MANAGEMENT	13	DR. VINCENT KAYODE AJAYI	MEDICAL
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31	OGUEBIE, LETICIA CHKODI	TEACHING	19	DR. ODEBUNMI A. O.	MEDICAL
32	NDUKWE EKUMA	TEACHING	20	ELEKOFEHINTI O. OLALEKAN	MEDICAL
33	OKEY OKERE	TEACHING	21	AKINTUNDE A. ADELEKE	MEDICAL
34	CHIDIEBERE NWOKO	TEACHING	22	OWOLABI DAVID OMOTOSHO V.	ENGINEERING
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42	VICTORIA O. OWOLABI	NURSING	20	UMARU SANI	TEACHING
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44	ASUBIOJO MICHAEL LEKAN	MANAGEMENT	22	ALHASSAN GARBA ADAMU	TEACHING
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8	PHILIP IKECHUKWU AGU	LAW	32	ABUBAKAR JUNGUDO	MANAGEMENT
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29	WALTER C. NWALU	ENGINEERING	7	DR. OKWUOSA ERNEST ONYEIJE	MEDICAL
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38	EZENWELU FELICIA	MEDICAL	16	ONYEKURU CHRISTOPHER CHIBUEZE	ENGINEERING
39	EZEUGWU ALICE CHIKA	MEDICAL	17	ONWUDINJO ERASMUS CUFU U.	AGRICULTURE
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43	DIDIGU PAULINUS UGWU	TEACHING	21	OGGBULEM SYLVESTER A.	NURSING
44	OGBUANYA EZEKIEL ONYEKA	TEACHING	22	ASIEGBUNAM BLESSING	NURSING
45	OKOLO UCHENNA JOSEPH	TEACHING	23	OKOLIE IJEOMA BENEDICT	NURSING
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1	RHODA DANLADI S.	TEACHING	25	GRACE EGO OSUKWO	NURSING
2	ABDULLAHI MAMMAN SANI A	TEACHING	26	NNENNA M. DENNAR	NURSING
3	MAHMUD MUHAMMED	TEACHING	27	JUDITH IJEOMA IBETO	NURSING
4	ZAKA MARIS ZINYAHS	TEACHING	28	ONYIWU OLUCHI	NURSING
5	MUSA HASSAN M.	TEACHING	29	ONYINYE AKPACA LOVE	NURSING
6	ABDUL'AZEZ SULAIMAN	TEACHING	30	SUZANNE NGOZI NWANESI	NURSING
7	GARBA ABUBAKAR ABDULSALAM	TEACHING	31	NWAPA ANTHONY	LAW
8	ALI EL-MOHAMMED	TEACHING	32	ENWEREM ROMANUS EMEKA	TEACHING
9	YAKWO JESSICA SHEKWOYAYA	ENGINEERING	33	TOCHI NWORGU	TEACHING
10	AUTA ZEPHANIAH AUDU	AGRICULTURE	34	UMEH CATHERINE	TEACHING
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12	USMAN ABE ORIWO	AGRICULTURE	36	OGBU O. JEREMIAH	TEACHING
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18	HADIZA HALLIRU	NURSING	42	AHANEKU NDUBISI RICHARD	TEACHING
19	DUZAHO EMMANUEL ADO	MANAGEMENT	43	GLORIA AKUWUDIKE	TEACHING
20	GIWA DAVID SHIAMAISHI	MANAGEMENT	44	UKEFU REGINALD ESOMAINI	TEACHING
<b>GOMBE STATE</b>			45	LILIAN NNEKA IKECHE	TEACHING
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			2	BELLO SALISU	ENGINEERING

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9	ADAMU ADO UMAR	MEDICAL
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14	MOHAMMED HASSAN UMAR	TEACHING
15	NASIRU ABDULLAHI	TEACHING
16	SANI JIBRIL	TEACHING
17	ABDULAZIZ ABDULHAMID	TEACHING
18	IBRAHIM A. GARBA	TEACHING
19	ABUBAKAR YUNUSA	TEACHING
20	YAHAYA AHMAD	TEACHING
21	YAU MALAM YAKUBU	TEACHING
22	SHEHU ALIYU LIMAWA	TEACHING
23	HASSAN UMAR DABI	TEACHING
24	ADO MUSA	TEACHING
25	GARBA IBRAHIM	TEACHING
26	MOHAMMED SANI HALADU	TEACHING
27	MOHAMMED GARBA	TEACHING
28	IDRIS MAJE MOHAMMED	PHARMACY
29	MOHAMMED YAKUBU	MANAGEMENT
30	UBA USMAN	MANAGEMENT
31	MOHAMMED SHEHU	LAW
32	ISYAKU MOHAMMED	NURSING
33	MUSA RABIU	NURSING
34	SARAH DAUDA	NURSING
35	ABUBAKAR BUHARI MUHAMMED	NURSING
36	IBRAHIM BABANGIDA HADEJIA	NURSING
37	UMMA SANI	NURSING
38	ABUBAKAR GARBA MOHAMMED	NURSING
39	GAMBO AHMAD MOHAMMED	NURSING
40	ADAMU MAJE SARAWA	NURSING
41	YUNUSA SULAIMAN SARAWA	NURSING
42	BASHIRU MUSA	AGRICULTURE
43	SALLEH ABBAS	AGRICULTURE
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13	AMOS PETER	ENGINEERING
14	IDRIS ZUBAIRU A.	ENGINEERING
15	MUSA MOHAMMED MUKHTAR	ENGINEERING
16	ISAH SULAIMAN ABDULLAHI	ENGINEERING
17	MOHAMMED BABA	AGRICULTURE
18	SANI Y.AHMAD	AGRICULTURE
19	BOBAI JONAH DUKAS	AGRICULTURE
20	RUFAI ABDULLAHI ADAMU	AGRICULTURE
21	MOHAMMED AUWAL UMAR	NURSING
22	HANNATU AISHA ALIYU	NURSING
23	FADDAH, SUNDAY YABAKYAK	NURSING
24	ABDULWAHAB ABDULKARIM	NURSING
25	HANNATU AUDU	NURSING
26	YAHAYA A. ABUBAKAR	NURSING
27	AUDU A. ESTHER	NURSING
28	HUSSIENA ISA GARBA	NURSING
29	SADIYA GARBA	NURSING
30	ZAKY JOHN MALLAM	LAW
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35	LEO DYAJI	TEACHING
36	DR. J. S. MARI	TEACHING
37	GAIYA S. GANSON	TEACHING
38	UMAR, RILWANU	TEACHING
39	KATUKA ANTHONY	TEACHING
40	YAKUBU AUSTIN JOHN	TEACHING
41	MOHAMMED JIDDA	TEACHING
42	NASIRU USMAN	TEACHING
43	AYUBA DOGO	TEACHING
44	BIVAN BOBAI LUCIUS	TEACHING
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8	DR. SHEHU ALI ABUBAKAR	MEDICAL
9	RABIU ABDU	MEDICAL
10	AMINU SA'IDU	NURSING
11	ZAINAB IBRAHIM	NURSING
12	SHEHU USMAN MUHAMMED	NURSING
13	SALEH RANO MUHAMMED	NURSING
14	GARBA YUSUF	NURSING
15	RAKIYA UMAR	NURSING
16	RABI RABIU	NURSING
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18	BALARABE RABIU HAUSAWA	AGRICULTURE
19	DR. SULEIMAN HALADU	VETERINARY
20	HASSAN HAMIS TAHIR	LAW
21	BADARIYA SHEHU BALA	LAW
22	YAHAYA ABDULKARIM	MANAGEMENT
23	KABIRU ADAMU YANOKO	MANAGEMENT
24	AHMAD S. USMAN	MANAGEMENT
25	SANI SHEHU WARURE	TEACHING
26	DR. MUKHTARI ADO JIBRIL	TEACHING
27	MOHAMMED YAU	TEACHING
28	DR. GARBA SHEHU	TEACHING
29	SULE'A. BABA	TEACHING
30	GARBA LAWAN FAGGE	TEACHING
31	ISMAILA ALIYU DANEJI	TEACHING
32	RABIU HARUNA	TEACHING
33	AMINU JAZULI	TEACHING
34	AMINU BALA	TEACHING
35	YAKUBU BASHIR AHMED	TEACHING
36	SUNUSI BELLO BICHI	TEACHING
37	SALISU MAGAJI	ENGINEERING
38	SHEHU MUHAMMED ISAH	ENGINEERING
39	MUSTAPHA GOTE	ENGINEERING
40	KABIRU SANI	ENGINEERING
41	SIRAJO MOHAMMED TUKUR	ENGINEERING
42	HUSSAINI SADIQ	ENGINEERING
43	ALI ABDUSALAM	ENGINEERING
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5	NURUDEEN YUSUF	AGRICULTURE
6	NURA YUSUF	AGRICULTURE
7	DR. ABUBAKAR G. USMAN	VETERINARY
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9	TATI AWWALI	MEDICAL
10	KABIR YUSUF MAWASHI	MEDICAL
11	UMAR ADAM KATSAYAL	MEDICAL
12	BUHARI MANZO	MEDICAL
13	ABUBAKAR BELLO	LAW
14	IBRAHIM ISYAKU MASHI	LAW
15	GARBA SULE MASARI	NURSING
16	AMINU ABDULLAHI	NURSING
17	ISAH MOHAMMED MAIADUA	NURSING
18	HALIMA AHMADU	NURSING
19	ZUBAIDA S. MUKHTAR	NURSING
20	ABUBAKAR UMAR	NURSING
21	HAUWA AMMANI	NURSING
22	HUSSANINI YUSUF RAWAYAU	NURSING
23	SANI DAURA MAGAJI	ENGINEERING
24	SANI DAURA MUSA	ENGINEERING
25	KAKA SALISU	ENGINEERING
26	SAMINU AHMED	ENGINEERING
27	NASIRU AMINU	ENGINEERING
28	ABU MOHAMMED	ENGINEERING
29	DANI ISIYAKU	TEACHING
30	MOHAMMED HADI GHALI	TEACHING
31	SULEIMAN ISAH FUNTUA	TEACHING
32	AMINU YAKUBU UMAR	TEACHING
33	BASHIR MAGAJI ABUBAKAR	TEACHING
34	LAWAL MUSA	TEACHING
35	SULEIMAN LAWAL GAMBO	TEACHING
36	MUSTAPHA ADO FUNTUA	TEACHING
37	AMINU DALHAT KANKIA	TEACHING
38	MAIMUNA MOHAMMED	TEACHING
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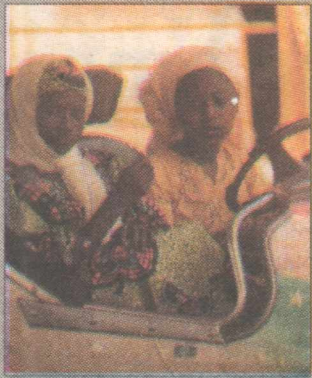
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## Ways to prevent potbelly

By Habiba Adamu, Asst. Head, Home Front

Nowadays middle-aged men find it necessary not only to retain their youthful look but also retain their stature as they approach old age. Normally it is during this period the body of human being start to grow out of proportion as a result of what they eat and lack of exercise. If care is not taken the problem of obesity and other diseases like high blood pressure, diabetes would set in and make life difficult.

A person who used to look smart in his suit, shirt and trousers or even *Jamfa da wando* will find it difficult during this period to dress well and look smart without his paunch showing up.

Interestingly it is not only men that have potbelly,

women also grow potbelly. In their own case the problem is coupled with the number of birth they have given. As a woman starts having children, that *figure eight* shape she used to have will start disappearing and gradually her tummy start to protrude and before you know it she has a potbelly.

Paunch in both men and women depend on individual physique some are not fat but still have potbelly while some are fat with potbelly. Most people with potbelly find it difficult to carryout some activities, sometimes to even walk for some distance will make them start panting not to talk of squatting which they cannot do properly.

Instead of you running to

a beauty centre for a plastic surgery like tummy tuck that may endanger your health, there are two ways to check and prevent potbelly. The two ways are to eat balance diet meal and a regular exercise, this when combine effectively will produce the desired effect.

According to a fitness expert and the general manager of life fitness centre, Russel centre Abuja, Mr.Soni Ndubuaku, the cause of pot belly is basically a build up of fat deposits in the middle range of the human body. This he said is as a result of eating meals that are not balance diet.

His words "The cause of potbelly are aging, as from 30 years and above, the body metabolism rate begins to drop and couple with inactivity that is lack of

exercise and bad eating habit (bad dietary condition). You see Nigerians eat too much carbohydrate and this carbohydrate turns into glucose and deposit in our middle range, this basically is what causes potbelly."

The best way he said to check or prevent potbelly is to strike balance between regular exercise and watching what you eat. He suggested that a sit up exercise and juggling will do the magic.

"Another thing is learn to consume less carbohydrate especially at dinner time. You see Nigerians hardly eat fruits and fruits alone can make a meal. Take a good breakfast and lunch and take a bowl of fruits as dinner. Ideally you can do without dinner

because you expend less energy at night than in the day time. At certain age level we do not need food at night." He pointed out.

Mr. Ndubuaku stressed that for those that can afford to patronise gymnasiums, there are a lot of machines there which they can use and with a good programme one could achieve the desired effect. For an ordinary man he/she can do the sit-up exercise at home as well as juggling around his/her estate.

To sum it up, the watch word here is watch what you eat and do exercise regularly. Then life will become easier for you to live. You will look much younger than your age and look smart in your dress to the admiration of all.



A man engrossed in exercise to prevent potbelly

# THE HOME FRONT

## Fragments

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### What is the ideal number of children?

In days gone by, the more children a man or a woman has determines his/her success in life (even though it is God that gives the children). This is because the children were never seen as a burden, but rather a kind of future investment to look after his/her parents when they are old. Besides, seeing the sheer largeness of one's family makes one to be proud.

The penchant for more children may still exist among women in polygamous marriage, in order to have as many children as possible than their mates. But generally people now prefer to have few children for economic sense, so as to give them good food, education, health care and to be able to give them more proper home training unlike when they are many.

It is common now to hear nasty comments about people with many children, such as 'she is having children like a goat'. So where did we get this preference for few children and disdain for many children from? Probably it started with the belief that we were over populated, which also include family planning clinics for so called child spacing. The abhorrence for having children in quick succession is emphasised in such clinics with posters of a pregnant woman with a child strapped to her back and also holding the hand of a toddler.

No matter how apt the economic sense of small families, Muslims believe that the Prophet says that Muslims should marry and multiply so that he will be proud of his Al'umma's large number in the hereafter. On questions of the legitimacy of family planning in Islam in radio Kano for example, Islamic scholars insist that it is not permissible unless the health of the mother or that of the child is at stake, but not because of fear of poverty, because it is Allah that provides. Still, a lot of Muslims dismiss the above explanation, arguing that definitely the Prophet will not be proud if his Al'umma are full of 'yandaba' (area boys and such wayward people), hence their preference for few children that can be well trained, and the type the Prophet will be proud of.

The above implies that the more number of children one has the chance of some of them going astray, is it the fault of the number of children or the fault of the parents for not instilling discipline in them?

In any event does few children ensure that they will be best behaved, best educated, and therefore with prospect of having a better position in life? This is because even an only child can

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become a terror that his/her parents may wish that they had not given birth to.

In one such case, many years ago a couple went to America and lived for many years. They decided to have only one child, strange as it is even in those days. According to them, they wanted to give that only child the best of everything. But as God would have it, the boy who is now grown up has become a thief. He stole his parents' money and property. The question is why didn't he become the epitome of good behaviour as his parents predicted since he was an only son to be showered with love and attention? On the other hand, you will find a family with many children who are all well behaved, even if they may not have best food to eat and private school to attend.

In terms of economic sense, since people are insisting on having at least two to three children, do they have more money therefore, or are they still dogged by the harsh economic condition that poor large families naturally suffer? Questions and more questions.

Recently when one woman's only two children who were grown ups died in an accident a man said that she should not lament because she planned her family to have two children only, that if it were not so she would have other children. I asked him how he knew the woman planned to have two children only, and he pointed out that even if she had many children they could all die together in God wills. He insisted that he assumed the family planning bit because this is what many people are doing, "especially the elite", he added.

It is now common to hear people say that they want at least two children, only, a boy and a girl. This is probably the reason why young husbands now insist their wives have abortion if they exceed the number of children the husbands feel they cannot cater for.

Since it is now fashionable to have few children, what exactly is the ideal number, and do few children assure us of a better society and boost our finances?



Children should be encouraged to be close, even if they are half siblings.

## Half siblings' rivalry as bad omen

By Maryam Garba Hassan,  
Reporter

through whom you claim (your mutual rights), and of the ties of relationship (AL-Nisa 4:1).

Would you, then if put in authority; do mischief on earth and break your ties relationship? Such are the people whom Allah has cursed; He has made them deaf and blinded their vision (Muhammad 47:22-23).

By the above verses Allah has cursed anyone who breaks the ties of relationship of the family as the case is with today's polygamous homes.

Perhaps the reason for this inhuman act could be that the children of one of the wife or wives are most favoured than those from the other wife or the step mother to the subject was wicked to her husband's other children and for that, the woman and her children are condemned and rejected by those children who feel cheated.

People from polygamous homes are of the believe that the only close family members they have are those brothers and sisters from the same mother.

One simple truth is that some times, sisters/brothers stood by their half siblings at a time of their need when their so called full blood sisters and brothers turn their backs on them.

Another irony is that only God knows who will look after who in future and which of the wives will grow old with her children and who will be more successful in life.

The idea against discriminating between one another amongst children from different mothers is in most

cases the bane of divided homes and the beginning of cutting family ties and the beginning of hatred that may never have an end even after the damage has been done.

Some over zealous people who think they have solutions to all problems in life often advice others from polygamous homes to beware of half brothers/sisters, to keep them at arm's length and to reject them even when they need one's help. An advice if not all but most adhere to.

Hardly can you find such people talking about their half siblings without disdain, all in the name of sharing their mothers' grief and sorrow over their father who are exercising their rights by practicing polygamy.

In an interview, a journalist said that he came from a polygamous home of a family of eighteen and couldn't even remember the names of his half brothers and sisters. What could be more devastating than not to remember the names of one's brothers/sisters for no reason other than the believe that half siblings are not part of one's family but merely intruders who forced their way into once a happy family and rudely interrupted all that.

Another lady once said that, she never got the chance to meet her half twins sisters who both lived in Jos because they were made to believe that half siblings are the devil's incarnate until when she was 38 years and was on admission in a hospital in Jos, Plateau State and one of her sisters was a senior doctor at the hospital, who saved her life yet that help did not erase the bad feeling from the mind of the other sister.

One can say that it is a natural feeling that almost everyone has but it is encouraged by mothers who plant the seeds of hatred at early stage of their children's lives and nurture the seeds to grow into full blown hatred that mostly never have an end. Though some fathers with care free attitude contributes to this problem.

As a matter of facts, the whole blame can be placed on fathers for, they are the men of the house and they make the rule while others follow. Therefore, once there is a crack from the father's side there is the issue of discrimination or disunity among the children.

An incident that just happened was when children whose father had died went into war over a house that was shared among them to the extent of building three entrances to the main building because of a disagreement they had long time ago.

Isn't it time for people from different mother's to eschew these hatred they have for one another and embrace each other for the sake of the blood that flows in their bodies.

The precious time and energy they spend plotting evils against one another if used better, they would have achieved a great family regardless of the different mothers they have.

The next coming generations could be saved from suffering the same fate if only the present and those who are involved in such rivalry could end the war and embrace one another and help each other in anyway they can for the benefit of the future generation and their late parents' souls to rest in peace wherever they are.

# THE HOME FRONT

## Health interactive

With Dr Aminu Magashi

### Q and A

#### S.T.Is and HIV/AIDS

**I** will like to know how the presence of Sexually Transmitted Infections (S.T.Is) can lead to HIV infection and please briefly what causes syphilis and its effects in the body?  
Aminu Bala

**P**resence of Sexually Transmitted Diseases either in a man or a woman, depending on the type of infection can cause ulcers, tears, lesions and cracks and abrasion. For someone that has those signs and he/she has an intercourse with HIV infected person. One can see that it is very easy for the HIV virus to enter blood-system through those lesions.

Syphilis is cause by an organism called *Treponema pallidum* and it is an STI and an infected Mother can pass it on to her unborn child. The first sign to see on the private part is an ulcer on the male organ and it is almost painless and even without treatment, it can resolve. However it can come back within the next two years.

Without treatment, the organism get absorb in to the Blood system and can cause diverge range of problems. It can affect the bone, heart, liver, kidney and more worst the brain. It can be treated after confirmation through VDRL test by Penicillin drugs or Cephalosporins.

#### Cause of hepatitis B

**I** am writing to know more about Hepatitis, because I went to the hospital to donate blood and was told that Hepatitis B surface antigen is found in my blood.  
Yours sincerely,  
Worried Man

**H**epatitis is a condition affecting the liver, an inflammation that result in damaging liver cells (hepatocytes) with subsequent cells death. Acute injury of the liver, may be followed by complete recovery and prolonged or chronic problem may be compounded by healing by fibrosis (laying of fibers) and progression to shrunken liver (liver cirrhosis)

Among the causes of hepatitis are (Hepatitis viruses, A, B, C, D, Herpes simplex virus, toxins, drugs like anti tuberculosis drugs such as Isoniazid and Rifampicin and also chronic alcoholism).

Hepatitis A is being contracted through Feco-Oral Route (Contaminated Water or Food) and infection with Hepatitis B is through sexual intercourse with an infected partner, use of un-sterilized instruments, from mother to her unborn child and transfusing infected blood. Within the first two weeks of contracting the virus, the patient presents with non specific symptoms such as fatigue, nausea and vomiting, diarrhea, upper abdominal discomfort, tender liver, joint pains and skin rashes. In severe hepatitis, it may lead to liver failure and brain affection (encephalopathy). Those at risks of contracting hepatitis B are parenteral drug users, homo sexual, newborn of infected mother, regular sexual partners, patients on chronic hemo dialysis and medical and laboratory personnel).

Hepatitis B can be prevented by taking vaccination, be it passive or active. Also there are drugs that are prescribed for the disease such as Interferon and Vitamins.

#### Nipple crack and breast swelling

**P**lease what is the cause of a small growth on the nipple and nipple cracks which later disappear after medication in a non pregnant lady? Can the crack lead to swelling of the breast  
Agnes, Benue

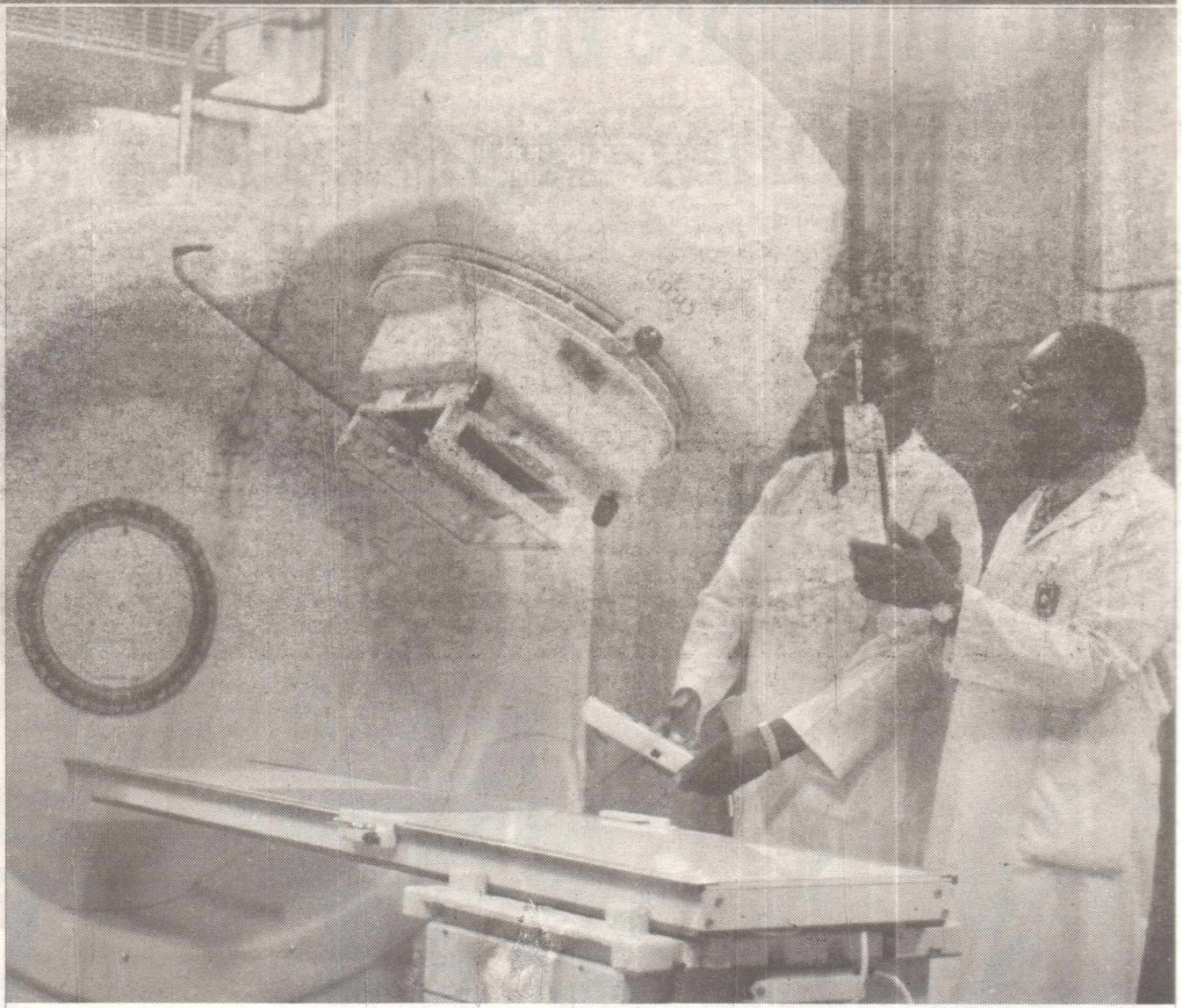
**A** small growth on the nipple could be normal and there is no cause for alarm. The nipple has smooth muscles and when they undergo hyper trophy (increase in size); it may appear like a small growth.

Another angle, it could be a traumatic swelling due to bite and/or assault of the nipple, the same goes to nipple crack. A crack in the nipple can cause breast swelling even without pregnancy, if after the crack, a bacterium find its way in to the breast tissue, such can lead to breast swelling and inflammation (mastitis).

Mastitis usually is link to pregnancy and lactation, because at that time, the mother is, breast feeding and she is more at risk of getting cracks and bacterial infection. If the crack has healed completely, after medication, there is no fear of developing mastitis later.

#### Pre-mature ejaculation and remedy

**I** have a problem of pre-mature ejaculation, what is the likely cause and some form of remedy.  
Ishaq from Borno



Cobalt 60 Machine for treatment of cancer by radiation at the Radiotherapy & Oncology Centre of Excellence, ABUTH Permanent Site.

**T**his column in the past has dedicated a whole article on the subject matter, but never the less in brief, Pre mature ejaculation is the inability to maintain erection to enable a partner be satisfied, or failure to maintain erection for more than 30 seconds or one minutes).

The commonest cause of pre-mature ejaculation is anxiety during intercourse which could be attributed to at times lack of experience, high expectation by partners, and lack of adequate time. To alleviate anxiety is to delay intercourse for a while and concentrate on fore play.

Another method to avert pre-Mature ejaculation is to temporary use Condom, that way movement and sensation will be reduced which will delay ejaculation and ensure the satisfaction of one's partner.

#### Losing Ones' virginity

**I** am a regular reader of your column. Please I will like to know if there is any way a part from intercourse and accidental cases, a lady can lose her virginity.

Thanks  
Asabe

**A** lady is said to be a virgin if she never has any sexual intercourse which is evidenced by the presence of a thin fold of mucous membrane that covers her private part which is called hymen. Apart from intercourse and accident, hymen can break and tear with time especially among those that stay very long as spinsters without interacting with the opposite sex. Exercise such as horse riding, jumping can also break the membrane. Also although very rare, the hymen is absent among some women.

#### Itchy sensations and treatment

**I** am suffering from vaginal itching and yellow discharge, please I am worried, need your advice.  
Amina

**S**evere vaginal itching is also called pruritis vulvae which is defined as unpleasant sensation which provokes the desire to scratch. The severe itching can equally lead to rashes.

Some of the causes of Pruritis and discharge

##### Local Causes

1. Sexually Transmitted Infections such as with *Candida*, *Trichomonas vaginalis*, Gonorrhoea or viral warts
2. Infestation with scabies

3. Contact dermatitis, this could be due to allergic reaction, irritation due to using of certain cream or soap, use of vaginal douches, spermicidal creams and deodorants, also use of nylon Panties.

##### General causes

1. Metabolic problems such as obstructed jaundice,
2. Lack of certain vitamins like Vitamin A and B
- Idiopathic (some women may experience itching, with out any known cause)

The approach to your problem is for you to be physically examine and properly investigated.

Some of the Investigations to do are as follows

1. High vaginal swab for Microscopy, culture and sensitivity
2. Urinalysis
3. Skin snip for microscopy
4. Also to improve personal hygiene and if any of the irritants mentioned above are provoking the problem, one to stop using them.

#### Gonorrhoea and its consequences

**P**lease I will like to have additional information on gonorrhoea with respect to how it affects women.  
Sylvia

**G**onorrhoea is caused by a bacterium called neisseria gonorrhoea and it is a sexually transmitted infection and when one gets infected, it has an incubation period of two to ten days before symptoms start manifesting.

Very often in women, the condition is symptom less due to protective layer of the Vagina and its acidic nature.

##### In Women

1. The Disease can affect Glands (Bartholins glands which are found within the vagina) and lead to abscess
2. It can affect fallopian tubes and cause blockage of the tube, which lead to Infertility and Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (P.I.D)
3. It can equally affect ovary and lead to tubo-ovarian abscess (They are matted together)
4. Affected women can present with purulent vaginal discharge, pain during urination and lower abdominal pain.

It can be confirm by subjecting high vaginal Swab to laboratory analysis.

Ones gonorrhoea is confirm, it can be treated with the drug that is most sensitive. Common drugs for treatment are penicillin, gentamicins and cephalosporin.

Write in confidence to [healthinteractive@hotmail.com](mailto:healthinteractive@hotmail.com) or send text message to 08023810589 or P.O. Box 14807, Kano, Nigeria.

# THE HOME FRONT

## FASHION AND STYLE

### The multiple beauty of Babbar-riga

By Abubakar Haruna, Reporter

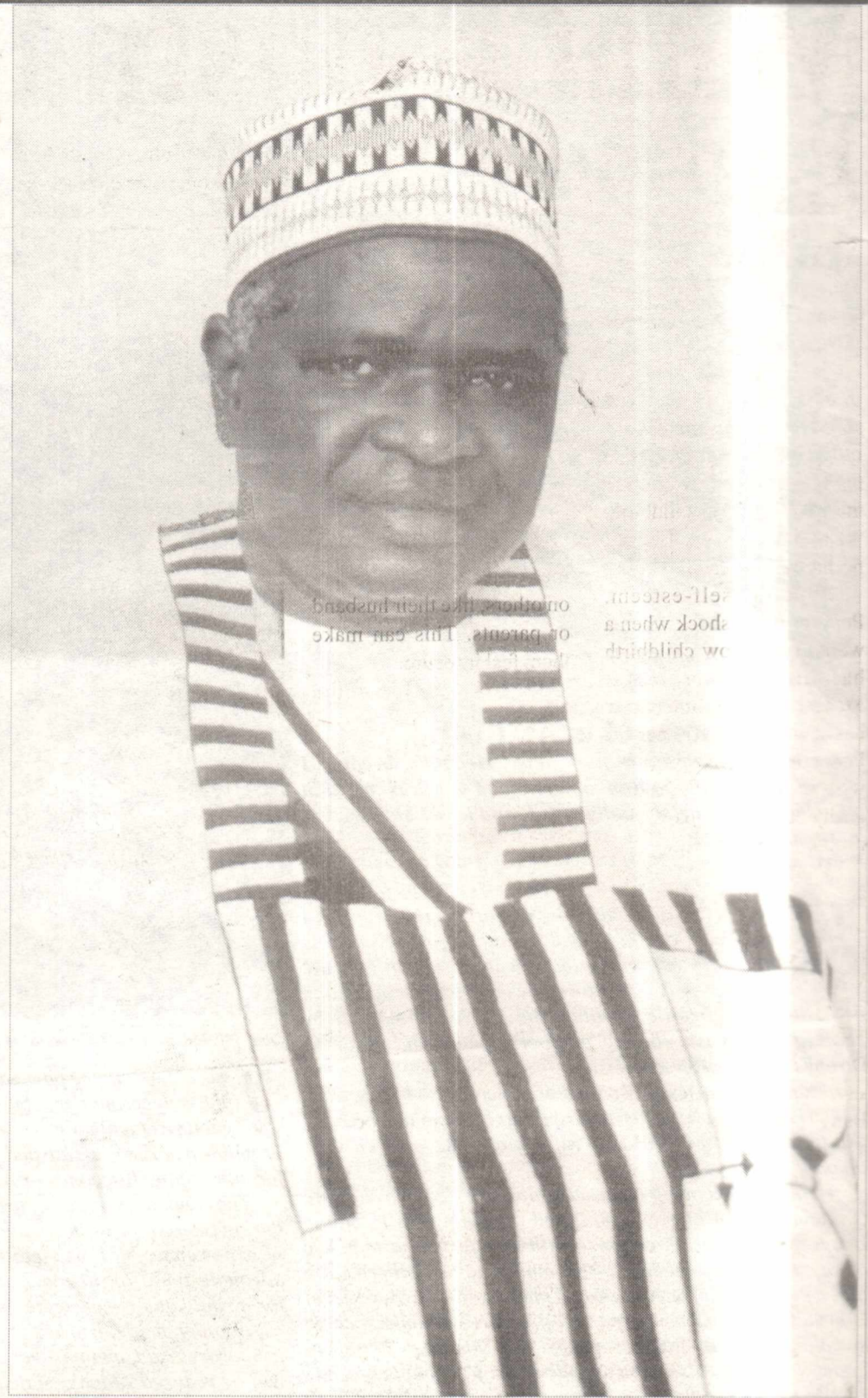
Unlike other traditional attires, Babbar Riga is mostly worn for important occasions like marriage and naming ceremonies, Sallah festivals and public functions. However, it is worn always by princes, traditional title holders and persons with modern or traditional administrative responsibilities, the status and esteem of which it helps to portray and sustain.

Though quality differs, the variety comes mainly

from the material used in sewing it either by sewing machine or by hand and the embroidery pattern on it symbolises its name and determines the price. In other words, the type of Babbar Riga you wear also tells your status. In most sections of the Hausa/Fulani community, if you are from the royal family you are expected to wear Tsake, Kantsaka or Barage, but if you are not from that class

you are expected to wear any other pattern of Babbar Riga like Windi, Mai-takalmi, Shafka, and Mai-asake.

There are also different types of patterns, depending on the colour of the thread. There is Minyore pattern made with red thread, Farin Luru made with a combination of white and yellow thread, Tsamiya made with brown thread and Rigar- Fari, which is completely made with white thread.



Arthur Schommar, propagation of the species. Mothers often talk of the importance of feeding celebrant.

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## LIVING

# What is postnatal depression?

It seems that for some mothers, the ordinary stresses of motherhood change from worries to being the building blocks of depression. Here are some examples of the feelings women report that contribute to postnatal depression.

1: Insecurity. The fear that a mother may be abandoned, especially by the father of the baby. In fact many marriages break up in the year following childbirth. So in other words, this is a perfectly reasonable stress.

2: Low self-esteem. Perhaps it is a shock when a woman sees how childbirth has affected her looks. Maybe a new mother now has a mother or mother-in-law constantly telling her what to do. A mother can feel guilty because she is having problems breastfeeding.

3: A feeling that the baby is more important than the mother: A mother can feel jealous of her own children. When a mother is delivering, she gets a lot of attention. Then, often, it all stops. Doesn't everybody always say, "Oh what a beautiful Baby"? Who says "Oh what a beautiful mother"?

4: Becoming a slave to your baby. Babies just take

and take all the time. And the work can be messy, demeaning and boring. This can be a shock to a new mother.

5: Restriction. It can be a shock to realise that a new mother is not free anymore to live her own life and that there is now a baby for whom she is totally responsible. Mothers can feel they have sacrificed their freedom.

6: Dependence. Mothers can suddenly realise how much they now have to rely on others, like their husband or parents. This can make them feel insecure.

7: Disappointed expectations. This is maybe the most important factor: motherhood can seem wonderful before we actually do it, and the reality of being a mother can be a shock. The idea that motherhood is all beautiful is part of the problem.

How stress turns into depression?

Those were some of the things which mothers said could lead to this serious problem - they are today's common stresses of motherhood. But why does this happen for some women

and not for others? Research shows some women are more at risk than others. If we know

It's not to do with "hormones", or chemicals in the body, but experiences

"welcomed back to the world" after childbirth. Many cultures have rituals which do

lots of help in the house, we can get our strength back, and our self-esteem can



A depressed new mother lying on her hospital bed

the signs, we can take extra care. But what the research shows is perhaps surprising.

women have had - experiences that may be remembered, or ones that lie buried deep inside a mother. Here are the two main signs that show if you are at risk of postnatal depression. **Risk Factor 1:** if you have a relation who had depression. It may seem surprising that this kind of thing can "run in the family". But no-one is surprised if one family often has tall people in it.

**Risk Factor 2:** if you grew up in a family that was not very supportive; especially if your own father was not very supportive to you or to your mother. Maybe it's all about the images we have in our inner eye; about how much we can feel confident in being a mother.

Avoiding postnatal depression

Talking about your problems is good for you. Your family can help you not to feel alone. If you feel sad or insecure, it's not shameful, but very common - and it's not your fault. In Malaysia, there is a wonderful tradition where mothers who have a problem like this are allowed to say whatever they want in front of the village. Afterwards, all the village celebrate her.

Mothers often talk of the importance of feeling

this. This process may be more important than we think.

Something else you can learn from mothers elsewhere in the world, is the value of a lying-in period after delivery, often about six weeks. We get

recover.

As for postnatal depression: with the support of those around us, mothers are strong enough to fight it!

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## QUOTES ON WOMEN

You're the most beautiful woman I've ever seen, which doesn't say much for you.

**Groucho (Julius Henry) Marz**  
*Animal crackers*

In revenge, as in love, woman is always more barbarous than men.

**Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche**  
*Beyond good and evil*

What does a woman want?  
**Sigmund Freud**

Women are equal because they are not different anymore

**Erich Fromm**  
*The art of loving*

Women exist in the main solely for the propagation of the species

**Arthur Schopenhauer.**



A new born baby

# KANO TRUST

## Echoes from Kano economic summit

The Kano State government has inaugurated a forty-man Kano State Economic Summit Committee saddled with the responsibility of repositioning the industrial and commercial activities of the state with a view to helping Kano regain its lost glory as a commercial centre. Already the sum of N1.5m has been released as a take-off grant, while about N15m is to be committed to the project expected to commence in March 2006.

The chairman of the steering committee of the summit, Alhaji Ahmad Ibrahim Yakasai, said the economic summit was meant to identify a clear road-map on how to revive the lost glory of the industrial status of the state.

He disclosed that before the conception of the idea of the economic summit, the Kano State government had tried to actualize the Inland Dry Port Kano Free Trade Zone and the issue of independent power plant. In his view, if Kano State can have an independent power plant, the issue of lack of power supply which has drastically reduced industrial activities of manufacturers and other commercial activities in the state would be a thing of the past, pointing out that the energy factor has led to the decline in industrial activities in the state.

Alhaji Yakasai disclosed that the state government had sent a high-powered delegation of three members of the state's cabinet to Canada to negotiate the issue of establishing an inde-

From Jamilah Nuhu Musa, Correspondent (Kano) independent power plant in the state.

Yakasai, who is the Commissioner for Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives in the state, also revealed that the licence of Kano State Inland Dry Port may be issued in the next three weeks as the Federal Ministry of Transport is working on it. He also mentioned that Kano State receives up to 1000 to 1,500 containers every month. This is a clear indication that of all the dry ports in Nigeria, Kano is one of the most viable inland dry ports in the country.

Shareholders of various companies have also indicated their interest to participate in the Free Trade Zone as, according to the commissioner, about four licences had been granted to some Chinese companies made up of two textile firms, one kitchen wares firm and one vehicle assembly plant, all totaling about \$200m investment and about 2,500 youths in the state may gain employment from the venture.

Regarding the economic summit, Alhaji Yakasai said that it was a partnership of a group of credible and concerned citizens of Kano who initiated the idea to partner with the Kano State government. The group, known as Kano Peace Development Initiative (KAPEDI), under the leadership of Dr. Shamsudeen Usman, who is also the deputy governor of the Central Bank, deemed it fit for the state government to reposition the economic situation of the state and



Busy Kantin Kwari market in Kano

made proposals to the government in that regard.

The commissioner said that the idea of the summit had received favourable response from various quarters as already the Department for International Development has commissioned two consultants to identify the reasons for the closure of industries in Kano and especially why small scale businesses have diminished as well as the identification of the investment potential in the state respectively, in order to give the summit a sound footing.

"USAID may also come in to give its contribution; individuals and the federal government may also be involved. The major areas of

concern will be manufacturing, trading, poverty reduction, agriculture and information technology. The structure of the economic summit indicates that there are technical, logistic, marketing, publicity and finance units and they are expected to conclude all arrangements and submit their reports by 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2006 which the steering committee will consider to ensure the success of the summit," he remarked

Members of the committee are drawn mainly from intellectuals, although the commissioner for commerce has affirmed that the membership would be extended to other fields.

In his statement, the vice chairman of the steering committee of the economic summit, Dr. Shamsudeen Usman, said that the antecedents of the members of the committee showed that they would be able to diligently perform their duties, adding that the challenges of the economic summit were to identify the major projects which the committee can articulate and execute in the next three to five years. He noted that the case of Tinapa and the Cross Rivers State government was a proven fact that the dreams of the government and the people of the state, if well articulated and properly pursued, could be

financed almost exclusively by the private sector and

foreign sources. Meanwhile, a business mogul in Kano, Alhaji Aminu Dantata, is of the view that the economic situation in Kano needs to be rejuvenated. Dantata, who was the chairman of a former commissioners of commerce forum held in the state prior to the inauguration of the economic summit, noted that the late Sarduna would have wept about the standard of the economy in the northern region, especially Kano State. He said that the late Sarduna left the legacy, which has continued to make North proud and that people of Kano would have to follow the footprint of the late sage and contribute to the development of the region.

Alhaji Dr. Aminu Dantata, who was the chairman of the forum and also served as a commissioner for commerce in the 1960's, lamented the lack of consistency in the policy of various governments, as well as the awarding and revoking and rewarding of contracts syndromes, which he said militates development.

Alhaji Aminu Dantata noted that some projects, which were planned during their tenure, were yet to see 'the light of day' as some of them had been discarded instead of pursued to their logical conclusion.

He also called on the government to emphasize size political considerations

when dealing with the issue of investment as, according to him, the attitude was discouraging to the public. He also advised the government to put in place necessary social amenities to enhance conducive environment for investors.

In his contribution, a former commissioner in the state, Alhaji Zubairu Abdulhammed Dantata, advised the Kano State government to site factories in villages where there are adequate raw materials. Another commissioner decried the development of the Malam Aminu Kano International Airport, which he alleged had been stalled by the federal government. He also faulted activities of the Customs Service in the state and observed that though goods were being smuggled, but "Why do they have to follow traders to the market to collect the goods and destroy them? Where were they when the goods were smuggled in?" he queried.

A cross-section of the former commissioners decried the lack of power supply in the state, and called for a permanent solution to the problem. They contended that the time has come for the North in general and Kano State in particular to review the issue of economic situation and pledged their support for the Kano State Economic Summit.



Kano Eco. Comm. Planning commissioner Nura Sani Hanga explaining the economic progress at a budget breakdown ceremony.

# Inside Politics

## Northern governors embarrassed us

— Ibrahim Hassan

*Alhaji Mohammed Ibrahim Hassan, the Baraden Gombe was a delegate representing Alliance for Democracy (AD) in the defunct National Conference. In this interview, the former Minister for Mines and Power during the Shagari government, said that Northern governors embarrassed the region in agreeing to side with their colleagues from the south over constitutional amendments. Reacting to the decision reached on Monday by governors, Alhaji Hassan said that the National Assembly will stall any attempt to foist the third term bid on Nigeria. Appealing to the conscience of the nation's lawmakers, he urged them to remain steadfast in their commitment to their constituencies. He spoke with Political Editor, Emmanuel Bello.*



Alhaji Mohammed Ibrahim Hassan

**H**ow would you react to last Monday endorsement of constitutional amendment by governors?

Well, it is alright when viewed from the perspective that the governors were on their own and not reflecting any particular opinion. They were exercising their right to make pronouncements on public issues. Also, their statement covered all the areas of the constitution because they were not specific.

But you have to know that what they say does not count and that it is up to the National Assembly. They can't do without the National Assembly watching closely neither can they change the minds of the lawmakers. The National Assembly can't be cajoled and unless there is a public consensus on the matter, nothing will happen. The NASS, we expect won't accept what is happening. They will be guided by procedures, conscience, and commitment to their constituencies and not the whims and caprices of the president.

Were you then surprised at the fact that even Northern governors agreed with the decision?

Let me tell you, and I'm sure I speak for others, the North was not only surprised at the action of its governors, but we are em-

barrassed. How could our own sons and daughters support and defend the unimaginable? How could they side with what is clearly an anti-North sentiment? Those governors are selfish and only worry about themselves. They have a problem.

So simply because they have been blackmailed by the president, they took such an offensive stand. They are on their own as far as we are concerned. They were most unpatriotic and selfish and I'm expressing the general opinion of the North. Anyone who supports third term is not a friend of this region because

it is about further caging us as a people. The whole third term project is basically anti-North.

What those people are doing is to hide behind the hundred or so places that needs amendment to push for their third term cause. If you have heard what they are saying at the Mantu committee, they have suggested that the third term clause was smuggled into the constitution. It was not canvassed for, no one called for it, but that it was smuggled in. They are a bunch of unsincere people. And I will strongly suggest that the committee should be reconstituted. There is no

honesty in the whole exercise because smuggling things into document is not new to them. They attempted to smuggle a clause into the electoral Act at one time. So, they have done it before and may do it again.

**But are you against a genuine exercise?**

Certainly there are gray areas that should be touched on. But this rush and speed must stop, because we have had this document for the last seven years and now you suddenly want it changed. No, there should not be such amendment. Why now?

**So when can we change the constitution?**

The third term clause

***"You know most of them know that they can not go to their constituency and tell their people about third term. They would be stoned or recalled. The governors are however in this, like I told you, for what they could gain. They are at a cross road and there is coercion. Apart from the money being dolled out, there is the bug bear of EFCC. Most of them are scared of what could happen to them if they refuse to toe the line. Some of them have been promised that if they do the right thing, that is, side with third term, the investigation been carried out will stop."***

should be removed, then even within the next three months we can have the exercise. But it will take a whole year to do. Such work in other civilized democracies like the United States won't be done to benefit just an individual. Rather, it will be used to chart the future. Laws and constitutions are crafted to benefit the future but not this selfish exercise we want to embark on.

**But why do you think it will benefit one person inspite of reassurances that this will not happen?**

The whole objective is to give the president another term in office. We know this and they should stop telling us that Obasanjo name won't be on the document. But you could deduce from the circumstance that it is both immoral and anti-society. And we all know that Mantu wants to be Vice President.

**So how will the amended constitution help him to become VP?**

Well, it is simple because the constitution will ensure tenure extension and Mantu will be a beneficiary. He has been promised vice presidency. So that is the whole motivation.

But like I said, this wont be successful because the National Assembly has very mature people who will not be cajoled or coerced. Money is presently being

arranged to bribe them, but they are not that sort of people. They are cool headed and are against the third term project. Many of them are against it from the North and South. They have conscience.

You know most of them know that they can not go to their constituency and tell their people about third term. They would be stoned or recalled.

The governors are however in this, like I told you, for what they could gain. They are at a cross road and there is coercion. Apart from the money being dolled out, there is the bug bear of EFCC. Most of them are scared of what could happen to them if they refuse to toe the line. Some of them have been promised that if they do the right thing, that is, side with third term, the investigation been carried out will stop.

There is also outright threat from the PDP that some of them will be pushed out of it. There only survival tactics is to follow the third term train.

But the governors are on their own and we all know that the governors forum is not a constitutional body and its decision is not binding on anyone. The president should make a draft recommendation which will be sent to the National Assembly as a bill. That is the procedure.

# Inside Politics

## Kano ANPP at crossroads

When the All Nigeria People's Party (ANPP) formed the government in Kano state in 2003, it was clear and beyond any doubt that it was the Buhari's factor that brought the party to power. Despite the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP)'s power of incumbency in the state and its control at the national level as well, the Buhari "phenomenon" was just too great to be defeated in the 2003 elections in Kano.

All went well within the party (ANPP) until the contest for the state chairmanship of the party came-up between the erstwhile chairman of the party, Alhaji Muhammadu Adamu Bello and the one time state vice chairman of the party, Alhaji Ahmadu Haruna Zago. While it was rumored that Governor Shekarau is backing Muhammadu Bello for the chairmanship position, Ahmadu Haruna Zago on the other hand tried to link up with the Buhari phenomenon by using his name (Buhari) at various gatherings as his godfather. This even led to a feud between supporters of Shekarau and that of Ahmadu Haruna Zago on the one hand, and supporters of Buhari and Shekarau on the other.

The 'family feud' became public when a strong female politician in the ANPP, Hajija Naja'atu Muhammad, broke the ice in a widely publicized radio interview where she pointed accusing fingers at Governor Ibrahim Shekarau over what she described as a total betrayal of General Buhari who played a vital role in his election as governor in 2003 election. She also accused Shekarau of neglecting the true members of the party who fought and sacrificed their time and energy for him during the 2003 election.

Hajija Naja'atu categorically stated that governor Shekarau was no longer with General Buhari and the people surrounding the General as well, citing example of an invitation which the Kano State government offered to the general inviting him to launch the 500 commercial tricycles, *achaba* jackets and 100 commercial buses which the general shunned.

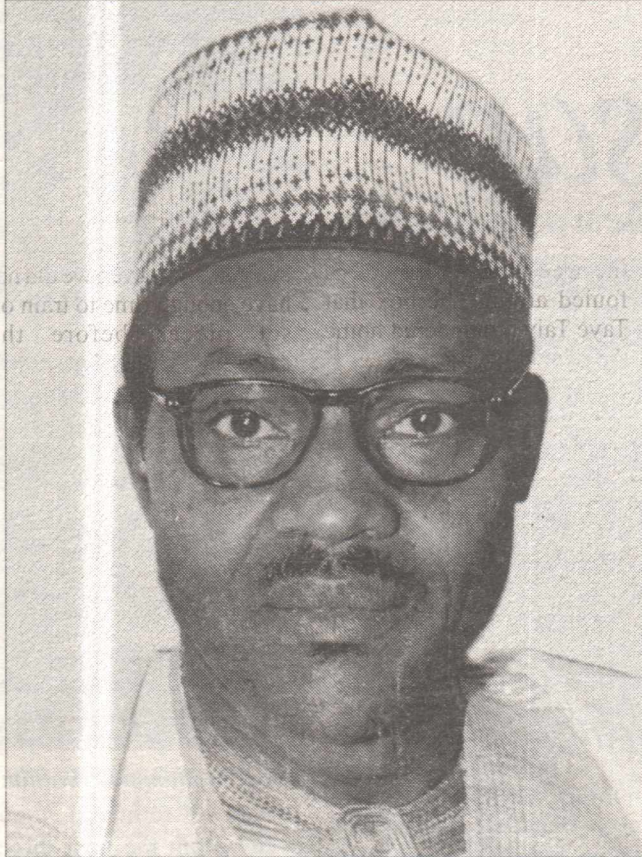
Few days later, the ANPP presidential candidate, General Muhammadu Buhari refuted Hajija Naja'atu Muhammad's claim that there was a rift between him and the governor. He said that he has no quarrel with Governor Shekarau. Buhari said he openly told the governor that he may not be able to come to the occasion due to a reason which he told the governor over the telephone. The Buhari statement, according to political observers was what cooled the situation at that very time.

However, another aspect that led the party to chaos in the state was the governor's refusal to appoint even a single member of the Buhari Organization (TBO) into his cabinet. Many politicians in the state especially members of the TBO have accused the governor at various occasions over the issue which most of them described as a total neglect

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Correspondent, Kano

of the organization. Some of them even went ahead saying that the governor wants to build his own political block after he succeeded with their sweat in 2003 election.

There are however clear indications that the governor has been advised by his close



Gen Muhammadu Buhari

political associates to shed his relationship and kinship with other political blocks that claimed to have played any role in his election so that he can also build his own political block or group. His arrowheads in this move are two close friends and super commissioners in his cabinet, Alhaji Sani Abdullahi Rogo of Local Government Affairs and Alhaji Garba Yusuf Abubakar, erstwhile commissioner of Information but now in-charge of Lands. The two commissioners were said to have shouldered both their primary assignments as commissioners and responsibilities to establish a strong political structure and network for the governor. This also led to the alienation of those claiming to have worked to bring Malam Shekarau to power like the Buhari Organization and Haruna Zago who all along had his hope of becoming the state chairman of ANPP.

The Shekarau faction wooed and got the support of the ANPP elders in the state who were responsible for his becoming the ANPP candidate in 2003 despite his alleged defeat by Ibrahim Little in the primary. The elders, who later became factionalized along Buhari and Shekarau lines due to Hajija Naja'atu and TBO alienation by the Shekarau group, got the ears and attention of the governor in virtually everything from contracts, appointments and favors. This has always tended to make them support every move or suggestions from the governor's side sometimes at the detriment of the prevailing peace within the party. For example, according to a former chairmanship candidate of the party, Alhaji Abubakar Babawo,

in a Freedom Radio discussion programme, was when they, the elders, tried to resolve the chairmanship candidature crisis in 2004. They called all the contestants, including Abubakar Babawo and Ahmad Zago and prevailed on them to accept the following arrangement that Haruna Zago be allowed to become chairman, Abubakar

the chairman of the party, the other group preferred Alhaji Ahmadu Haruna Zago as their candidate. The disagreement even led to a face-to-face fight between a popular chairmanship candidate and one commissioner where the later was alleged to have slapped the former at a public gathering.

In what many political

decision. The group was of the view that the scope of the election should be extended to the local government and wards. While the group stands firmly on their decision that the election to be conducted was only that of state officials and not including local governments. The chairman of the electoral committee, Alhaji Shetima Dibal, stated also that



Governor Ibrahim Shekarau

observers saw as 'undemocratic' election, the governor Shekarau block, after much pressure from within and outside the party, arranged the election of the new leaders of the party in the state through what they described as 'consensus candidates' which culminated in the appointment of Alhaji Sani Hashim Hotoro as the new chairman of the party in the state. But few days later, both the TBO and Alhaji Ahmadu Zago faction wrote a petition to the national body of the party condemning the new development and called for the dissolution of Hashim's appointment.

The national body of the ANPP in response to the two petitions dissolved the appointment of the Alhaji Sani Hashim Hotoro and sent, its national treasurer, Alhaji Isyaku Abdullahi (Jarman Akko) to the state to serve as sole administrator pending the conduct of the election.

Pressures continued to be mounted on the ANPP national body especially from the Alhaji Zago and TBO sides calling on the party to fix a day for the election as a result of which the national body set up an electoral committee headed by the Borno State deputy governor, Alhaji Shetima Dibal, to come to Kano for the conduct of the 27 offices of the party's executive members.

The outcome of the election did not change the Shekarau faction's selection of the ANPP leadership as the same group that were selected as consensus candidates emerged as the elected leaders of the party. This generated a fresh problem with some members of the party who went to the court challenging the

they were in the state to conduct the election of only 27 state executive members.

The court on its part ruled out that it has no power to stop the election but urged the electoral committee to expand the election to local government and wards as requested by the group since according to the ANPP constitution such could only be done if the tenure of officers at the two levels is over.

Against the court's suggestion and wishes of Haruna Zago and TBO supporters, the electoral committee conducted the election for only chief executive of the state ANPP and Alhaji Sani Hashim Hotoro was declared winner. But Alhaji Ahmadu Haruna Zago who is also the special adviser to Governor Shekarau on political matters claimed he was rigged out by the Shekarau faction, who he claimed are parasites who did not play any role in the success of Malam Ibrahim Shekarau in 2003 election. He therefore continued with his opposition against the election even after it was concluded and winners announced. Zago who later boycotted the election said that the entire scenario breached section 10-12 of the party's constitution. He therefore condemned the election and wrote another petition to the party national body challenging the validity of the election.

The ANPP chairmanship candidate also organized a rally which was scheduled to take place at Kano State Tourist Camp but the police in the state disrupted it, stating that it was unofficial.

Contrary to Alhaji Ahmadu Haruna Zago's opinion over the

election, the national deputy chairman of the party, General J.T. Useni, the national treasurer of the party, Alhaji Isyaku Abdullahi (Jarman Akko) and the chairman of the party elders in Kano, Alhaji Umar Usman Tofa, have expressed satisfaction over the election.

The national deputy chairman in an exclusive interview with *Daily Trust* said according to the report they have received, the election was fair and free. General Useni, who attended the swearing-in ceremony of the newly elected executive members, charged them to carry everybody along with them in the discharge of their responsibilities.

On his part the presidential candidate of the party General Muhammadu Buhari expressed dissatisfaction over the conduct of the election, calling also on all concerned personalities to review the issue with a view to put things in order. Buhari, who was speaking while receiving Alhaji Ahmadu Zago's group who paid him a visit at his Kaduna residence, said that he was in politics to ensure that things are going on the right direction.

Relying on what he was told by the Haruna Zago faction who paid him the visit, the general pointed out that: "I heard all what you said and I thank you for your effort to solve the problem in a genuine way. We are not in politics just to be elected as leaders or just to enjoy ourselves; rather we are in politics to ensure that justice is done to our people, therefore whoever feels that we are playing with people's intelligence he is deceiving himself."

Buhari added: "I heard your position on the issue and I am with you hundred percent and I am waiting for whoever wanted to see me with regards to this particular issue."

But the ANPP presidential candidate has come under attack mostly by the elders of the party in Kano who are allegedly being used by the governor's faction to tele-guide the party. Alhaji Bashir Tofa at a press conference recently lambasted the ANPP presidential candidate for his comments on the Kano election, saying: "after all, to the best of our knowledge, Buhari is not an executive member of the party." He said the election was transparent and also advised the general to always listen to both sides of conflict before commenting.

The national secretary of the party, Sani El Katuzu, also endorsed the Kano exco election saying the election was slated for only state executive members, using delegates from local government and ward levels, who were still in office by virtue of their unexpired tenure and/or elected replacements.

However, from all indications, ANPP in Kano State is at crossroads unless the crisis within the party is resolved before the 2007 election. People's Democratic Party (PDP) may capitalize on the crisis to capture the state in 2007.

# SPORTS

## EGYPT 2006 AFRICAN CUP OF NATIONS

### Kanu's my super sub, says Eguavoen

Eagles coach Austin Eguavoen has hailed Nwankwo Kanu for his role as a super sub at the

African Nations Cup here. "We are proud of Kanu and what he has brought to this team. At Ajax and even

at his present club West Bromwich Albion, he comes in from the bench and turns the game around. We are

Senegal and had a hand in both Eagles goals. He also came off the subs' bench versus Ghana and it was from

contribute to the team's cause.

"The coach picks the team and whatever role he wants me to play I will. I have always played for the team," he said.

Eguavoen, who insisted that no player has an automatic shirt in his Eagles, also revealed that the team will continue to work on set pieces.

"Today in football free kicks from around the box will seven out of ten times result in a goal. However, we did not have enough time to train on set pieces before the competition began but we will continue to work on this area of our game," he assured.



Kanu has been hailed as Eagles super sub

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Guinea v Senegal

Kick-off: 1400

Venue: Harras El-Hedoud Stadium, Alexandria

Egypt v DR Congo

Kick-off: 1800

Venue: Cairo International Stadium

happy he has been doing same for the country," said Eguavoen.

Kanu replaced the ineffective Stephen Makinwa in the 52nd minute against

the free kick after he was fouled around the box that Taye Taiwo thundered home the winning goal.

The 29-year-old striker said that he is only happy to

### Guinea's Camara dreams of England move

Guinea defender Ibrahima Camara hopes a strong showing at the African Nations Cup could earn him a dream move to the English Premier League.

The Parma left back has emerged as one of the top defenders at the finals, catching the eye of scouts at the tournament as his side won their first three matches to finish top of Group C.

Camara, 21, hopes

continued success at the event in Egypt will bring him the chance of a swift move to England.

"I hope I've made an impression. I want to be in England, it's very nice football. Football in Italy is very hard, it's not easy for African players," he said.

"The racism is bad but I shut it out and try not to let it affect me. It happens both on and off the field and I think it would be a lot easier to play in

England.

"Maybe one of the big clubs, Manchester United, Chelsea, Arsenal. I really want to have a chance there."

Camara, interviewed by Reuters at his team hotel in Alexandria, said he was surprised at the ease of Guinea's progress in Egypt.

They meet Senegal in the first of the Nations Cup quarter-finals in Alexandria on Friday.

"We are very surprised because many of us have not been here at the Nations Cup before," said Camara. "I believe we now have a good chance of continuing to the final."

"But right now we are thinking about Senegal. After that game, hopefully we can think about the semi-finals."

"I'm looking forward to taking on Henri Camara and hope what I've learnt in Italy will help me," he added.

"I've been there since the age of 15 and over the last six years it has made me a much better defender."

Camara hails from Sierra Leone but opted to play for Guinea, where his father was born. "I always wanted to play for my father's country. It's important for me."

Camara made his debut for Guinea last June during the World Cup qualifiers, just months after playing for Parma in the UEFA Cup semi-finals against CSKA Moscow.

### LuaLua warns Egypt

DR Congo captain Lomana LuaLua has warned hosts Egypt not to underestimate his side ahead of their

African Nations Cup quarter-final on Friday.

A 2-0 victory over Togo and a 0-0 draw against Angola - despite playing

with 10 men for 70 minutes - helped book DR Congo's place in the last eight.

The Angola result was particularly pleasing for

LuaLua as several of the Angola squad had initially refused to greet the DR Congo team, on the instructions of their coach Luis Oliveira Goncalves.

DR Congo had the last laugh, as they qualified for the knockout stages at the expense of Angola, despite losing their other Group B game to Cameroon.

The Portsmouth striker said: "People putting us down only serves to motivate us."

"Other teams strut around thinking that we are simply fodder."

"Some of the Angolans were friendly and others not so, thinking they were better than us just because they got to the World Cup finals."

LuaLua and his teammates will be up against 74,000 fanatical home fans when they line up against Egypt - but he is confident of success.

### Guinea happy to avoid Eagles

Guinea coach Patrice Neveu has said he is a relieved man that his team will not tackle the Super Eagles in the quarter finals of the Nations Cup here in Egypt.

The Eagles topped Group D and will thus clash with champions Tunisia on Saturday in Port Said while Guinea will take on second-placed Senegal after they finished top of Group C.

"I have always wanted to avoid Nigeria because they

are a difficult team to score against," said the 51-year-old Neveu, who has also worked in Morocco and Tunisia.

"Against Senegal, we will be fired up and hope to beat them and reach the semifinals at least."

The Syli Stars also reached the last eight in Tunisia two years ago.

### C'wealth Games: Nestor sure of gold medal

One of the experienced boxers that will be flying the nations flag at the Commonwealth Games in Australia next month, Nestor Bulom has revealed that picking a place in the Melbourne-bound team was a piece of cake, because he was simply in a class higher than his opponents.

I believe in myself and how much I've prepared"

The bantamweight pugilist who represented the Nation at the last Olympic games in Athens boasted that nothing would stop him from crowning his amateur career with a Commonwealth Games gold medal in Australia.

"The upcoming boxers need to be exposed as that's the only thing that can challenge them"

Meanwhile, a member of the African Table Tennis Federation technical committee, Oluranti Lajide, has frowned at the nations preparation for the games which begins in March. In a chat with Daily Trust he



### Dumitru first casualty of Nations Cup

South African coach Ted Dumitru has become the first coaching casualty of the African Nations Cup, fired on Wednesday when he and his team arrived back in Johannesburg after crashing out of the competition.

South African Football Association chief executive officer Raymond Hack said Dumitru would have no further dealing with the team, the South African Press Association reported from Johannesburg.

The veteran Romanian coach had been appointed in a caretaker capacity in November until the end of this month, solely to take the side to the Nations Cup in Egypt.

South Africa lost all three of their group games and went home as the first team in a decade to fail to score or win any points at a Nations Cup finals tournament.

Hack told a press conference South Africa would embark on an immediate search for a new coach.

Dumitru was the 12th coach that the country had employed since its return to international football in 1992 after decades of apartheid-enforced isolation.

He took over from Englishman Stuart Baxter, who resigned in November after the country's failure to qualify for the 2006 World Cup.

South Africa's performance in Egypt has set off alarm bells about the country's long 2010 World Cup bid.

Reports on the side of the OBTA...



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Theme: TOWARDS ATTAINING EXCELLENCE IN  
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Venue: The Club, Lagos Sheraton Hotels, Ikeja, Lagos

Date: February 11, 2006

Time: 10.00 a.m.

For Whom:

CEOs and Executives of Civil Aviation Authority, Airports Authority, Airlines, Aviation Service Providers, Ground Handling Companies, Telecommunications Service Providers, Financial Institutions, Security Agencies, Customs, Immigrations, Professional Bodies, Consultants, Aviation Media Practitioners and Other Stakeholders.

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- To review the level of performance of the Agency in its Service Delivery.
- To determine from interaction with attendees ways and means of improving upon the present level of Service Delivery.
- Acquaint the Public with steps being taken by the Agency to be more Customer driven in its Service delivery activities.
- Acquaint the Public with the current Management's vision for the **NEW NAMA.**

Signed Management

# Sports

## EGYPT 2006 AFRICAN CUP OF NATIONS

# Galadima: Eagles can win the Cup

Chairman of the Nigeria Football Association, NFA, Alhaji Ibrahim Galadima, has said that he is extremely delighted with the Super Eagles' dramatic 2-1 victory over Senegal in Tuesday night's last Group D match in Port Said in the ongoing Egypt 2006 Africa Cup of Nations and that the Nigerian team is good enough to win the Cup.

"I was apprehensive throughout the match. It was a very explosive game because it was a very crucial one for both teams," Galadima said.

"I am indeed very pleased that our boys won the game. They showed a lot of commitment, determination and patriotic zeal. Honestly, I am proud of them," Galadima sounded.

Galadima said Super Eagles

not too impressive performance in the game in the first half was not down over confidence or under estimation of the Senegalese potentials by the national team.

"I don't believe the Eagles underrated Senegal or were over confident. Rather, I would say that it was due to the fact that the coaches approach each match differently.

"It does not necessarily matter how well you play but the question is, did you win?"

The victory over the

Terranga Lions ensured that the Eagles amassed maximum points to finish top of Group D. They are now billed to meet Tunisia on Saturday in a quarter-final tie.

And Galadima sees the fixture as a replay of Tunisia 2004 Nations Cup semi final match between the two teams.

"I would say Tunisia would

be a tougher opposition because the opposition gets tougher as the competition progresses.

"Hopefully, our boys know what the task ahead of them is. Of course, it would afford the Eagles chance to prove that Tunisia's victory in the semi-final of Tunisia 204

edition was by chance.

"Besides, a victory over Tunisia would push the Eagles to the semi final and of course closer to the title and from there anything can happen.

"No doubt, we have a good team that can go the whole length to do Nigeria proud," Galadima said.



## Guinea start as underdogs, says Leveu

Unbeaten Guinea, top of their group after winning three successive games at the African Nations Cup finals, will be underdogs in Friday's quarter-final against Senegal, according to coach Patrice Neveu.

"Senegal might have not won many matches but they have reached the quarter-finals and for me they will be the favourites," Neveu told Reuters after training on Wednesday.

"They have very experienced players and although we didn't see much of their quality in the first phase, it is sure to be a tough game for us."

"It's a derby match," added midfielder Pablo Thiam, "Senegal are a really tough team but we have proven that we have ability in this tournament."

Guinea beat South Africa, Zambia and Tunisia, scoring seven goals in the process, to finish top of Group C while Senegal scraped through to the last eight despite losing two of their three matches in Group D.

They finished runners-up behind Nigeria, to whom they lost 2-1 on Tuesday in Port Said.

"We did not leave a good image on the field," Senegal coach Abdoulaye Sarr said after the defeat in which Nigeria came from behind to score twice in the last 11 minutes.

"We played at a high level but some individual errors costs us. I'm hoping for a lively Senegal in the quarter-final," Sarr added.

Neveu said Guinea hoping to

good impression. We have had a simple formula of working with the side and all our efforts have paid off," the French-born coach said.

Thiam, who first played for his country in the 1994 Nations Cup finals, said the ease of Guinea's progress to the quarter-finals had been surprising. "It is crucial now not to think past the Senegal match but just concentrate all our efforts on them."

Senegal beat Guinea 2-1 in their only previous meeting in the Nations Cup finals in Sousse, Tunisia 12 years ago.



Super Eagles celebrated their dramatic victory over Terenga Lions of Senegal on Tuesday.

# Departing Okocha rues missed World Cup chances

Super Eagles captain Austin Jay-Jay Okocha's fine international career will end at the African Nations Cup but not without a few regrets at what Nigeria might have done at World Cups in the 1990s.

Recovering from a thigh injury suffered in a pre-tournament training camp, Okocha will hope to play his part in Saturday's quarter-final in Port Said against African champions Tunisia.

Widely admired as one of the continent's great players, Okocha won this tournament in 1994 — the year he and his team mates secured their country's first appearance at a World Cup.

A revelation at USA '94, finishing top of their group, Nigeria memorably came within two minutes of stunning future finalists Italy 1-0 in the second round.

Roberto Baggio at the the Azzurri's with an 88th Foxboro equaliser and then converted an extra-time penalty.

to reports about Okocha's

still a tinge of regret for the 32-year-old midfielder.

"Maybe we didn't really realise how good we were and how well we would have done," Okocha told reporters at the team's Port Said hotel.

"We realised it late, even though we did very well, because we qualified Nigeria for the World Cup for the first time and we won the African Nations Cup.

"At the World Cup we would have done better than we did but most of us were very young. We didn't realise the opportunity we had at that time to really create history.

"We were lacking something, and that was experience. If it was to be held on the ball for two minutes, he added laughing.

Other men from Foxboro are at these finals in Egypt. Defender Augustine Eguavoen is now Nigeria's coach, while Stephen Keshi, an unused substitute then, is coach of World Cup-bound Togo.

Okocha nurses deeper

France '98 by Denmark, then the European champions.

"That was where we really blew it," Okocha said. "It was a chance to make amends for the mistakes we made during the 1994 World Cup.

"You could say because of a lack of concentration or lack professionalism.

"We lost to Denmark because we thought it was going to be easy. We didn't realise maybe that with the way we play it is even more difficult to play teams like Denmark than Brazil.

"They are very disciplined and we are not really a disciplined side, we are more

flair."

Okocha's flair has been a real asset to his club side Bolton Wanderers in the English Premier League, though where it will take him in the future when his playing career is over is far less clear.

Having played in Germany at Eintracht Frankfurt, in Turkey with Fenerbahce and then at Paris St Germain before signing up with Sam Allardyce's team, Okocha's only certainty is that he is not heading for the dugout.

"I've been playing in Europe for 16 years and it's always been pressure,

pressure, pressure and as a manager it's worse," he said.

"Talking today, I don't think I'll go that way. But, of course, I'll always have something to do with football...I could be a businessman."

As for Nigeria's future, though, he will not be part of it even though Okocha sees plenty of promise in the likes of Inter Milan striker Obafemi Martins, teenage midfielder John Obi Mikel and promising defender Taye Taiwo.

"If we can keep this side together, I think I we've got another good team," he said.

## ... not sure for Tunisia

Super Eagles skipper, Augustine Jay Jay Okocha, has said that he cannot say if he would play in Nigeria's next match at the Africa Nations Cup in Egypt or not.

Okocha had arrived the competition with a thigh injury, but despite joining the rest of the squad for training

fit. Though he was named to the bench for Tuesday's Group D game against Senegal, Okocha was conspicuously missing during the Eagles light warm up before the start of the match.

He said Wednesday morning: "I am working very hard to be fit for the next game

be back as soon as possible.

"But this is if...I repeat if I am fit enough to play..."

"Otherwise, the other players have been doing a great job without me so the team cannot miss me.

"Any player here deserves to be here and is capable of doing his best when called upon."

