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By Sunday Ejike Benjamin & Atika Balal

THE court ruling supposedly empowering Vice President Goodluck Jonathan to exercise all presidential powers is meaningless and has not addressed the issues of leadership vacuum created by the president's long absence, the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) has said.

Wednesday's Federal High Court judg-

ment "as delivered by Justice Daniel Abutu is absolutely nothing as it has failed to address the issues at hand," NBA president Rotimi Akeredolu told *Daily Trust* in Abuja yesterday.

Justice Abutu had ruled that Jonathan can lawfully discharge all functions delegated to him by ailing President Umaru Yar'adua pending when the president

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# Gunmen kidnap director in Abuja

By Muideen Olaniyi & Misbahu Bashir

TWELVE days after his kidnap by unidentified

gunmen in Abuja, an assistant director with the National Planning Commission Chief Oluwole Adelana is still missing and

his abductors have not yet contacted his family.

Adelana was grabbed at the Garki Area 1 of Abuja

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## Tallest and Shortest meet

PHOTO: AFP/GETTY



THE world's tallest man, 8ft 1 in (246.5cm) Sultan Kosen, welcomes the shortest man in the world, 2ft 5.37 in (74.61cm) He Pingping, to his native Turkey yesterday.



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# 70% of candidates fail WAEC exams

From Zakariyya Adaramola, Lagos

OVER 70 per cent of the candidates who sat for the 2009 November/December West African Examinations Council (WAEC) examinations failed both English and Mathematics, WAEC announced in Lagos yesterday.

For about five years now candidates have been recording mass failure in WAEC's May/June and November/December diets. Just in the last May/June diet over one million candidates failed the examinations. Announcing the results of the 2009 November/December examinations in Lagos yesterday, the Head of

National Office of WAEC Dr. Iyi Uwadiae said out of the 342,443 candidates who sat for the examinations, only 106,413, representing 31 per cent, obtained credits in English Language, Mathematics and at least three other subjects.

According to Dr. Uwadiae, over 70 per cent of the candidates only managed to pass between two and six subjects at credit level but without both English and Mathematics or without either of the two subjects. He said the results of 57,792 candidates, representing 16.87 per cent, were still being withheld based on various reports of their alleged involvement in examination malpractice.

The WAEC head said all reports on cases of involvement in examination malpractice were being compiled for presentation to the Nigeria Examinations Committee of WAEC which is going to act on it in February.

"Out of the total number of candidates who sat the examination, however, 106,413 candidates, representing (31.0%) obtained credits in both English and Mathematics and at least three other subjects.

"Similarly, statistics show that 265,335 candidates representing 77.48% have two credits and above; 230,351 candidates (67.2%) have three credits and above; and

192,806 candidates (56.30%) have four credits and above. The results of 57,792 candidates, representing 16.87% are being withheld based on various reports of their alleged involvement in examination malpractice", he said.

He reiterated the council's policy of zero tolerance for examination malpractice, saying WAEC would continue to withhold results of those found guilty of malpractice in any of its exams. He blamed the poor performance of students in public examinations on parents, saying they had continuously failed to monitor their children's performances at school.

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PRESIDENT ECOWAS Commission, Dr. Mohammed Ibn Chambers (left) with the Indian Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Rajan Mittal, during an Indian-West Africa Business Forum in Lagos yesterday.

## H.I.D Awolowo floats new Yoruba group

From Kehinde Akinyemi, Abeokuta

WIFE of the late Chief Obafemi Awolowo, Chief (Mrs) H.I.D Awolowo yesterday formed a new Yoruba socio-cultural group called the Yoruba Legacy Forum (YLF). She however accused past leaders of the Southwest region of negative attitude towards the region.

At a special meeting called at the Awolowo family residence at Ikenne, Mrs Awolowo said the new body was formed to actualize the unity and dream of the region which she said had become elusive after the death of her husband in 1987. The group may be a parallel body to the Afenifere, as notable Afenifere leaders like Rueben Fasoranti, Ayo Adebajo, Segun Osoba, Ahmed Tinubu among others were absent at yesterday's meeting.

In her welcome address, H.I.D. Awolowo decried

the negative attitude of past South-West governors under the platform of the Alliance for Democracy towards the unity of the Yoruba people, saying, "It is unfortunate that out of the past governors of South West, only Lam Adeshina came". Awolowo lamented the factionalization of the Afenifere, noting that the group was once a pace setter in the fight for the unity of the Yoruba, but the contrary is now the case. "Enough is enough, enough of this faction, let us forge ahead. It was not like this during the Awolowo era, after him we became divided", she said. She further harped on the unity of the Yoruba, saying, "So that their thought would be one and put aside all political affiliations and discrimination". The governors of Ogun Otunba Gbenga Daniel, Osun Olagunsoye Oyinlola, Ekiti Segun Oni and Oyo Deputy Governor Taofeek Arapaja among others were in attendance.

## Jigawa PDP LG leaders get automatic tickets

From Jaafar Jaafar, Dutse

THE Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Jigawa State has given automatic tickets to 26 of the 27 incumbent local government council chairmen and all the councilors serving under its platform. All the state's council chairmen are serving under the PDP since 2008.

Hadejia Local Government Chairman Alhaji Mujaddadi is the only one denied automatic ticket in the upcoming council polls scheduled for February 13. Announcing the party's decision at a rally yesterday in Dutse, the state PDP Chairman Alhaji Isah Ahmad Duniyaba Hutu said the decision was taken to ensure policy continuity and consolidation of achievements. "The decision to allow you

re-contest was informed by the good works you started about two years ago. Continuity in governance, especially under democratic setting, will allow people enjoy democratic dividends," said Alhaji ba Hutu.

The party however warned that only party logo and candidates' names and positions contested for would be on the posters, saying whoever promises anything on his poster would be sanctioned by the party.

Governor Alhaji Sule Lamido said the party would go into the contest with dedication. "We are not bothered about what people may say about us now, time will come when we will respond to them adequately," Lamido said.

## 4m girls out of school - Minister

From Yahaya Ibrahim, Maiduguri

OVER four million girls between the ages of 6 and 11 do not have access to primary education in Nigeria, a joint UNESCO - UNICEF report has said. Minister of Women Affairs and Social Development Hajia Salamatu Sulie-man disclosed this yesterday while on advocacy visit to Borno State. She described illiteracy as catastrophic for any child, especially the girl child, saying it exposes them to poverty, ignorance, maternal mortality, hunger, violence, abuse, exploitation, trafficking, HIV/AIDS and other diseases.

"As we all know, education is a basic human right, vital to personal and

social development and well being. Therefore, all children including the girl child deserve quality education. Unfortunately, the child is often marginalized and her prospects are sacrificed when it comes to sending children to school. We see them often enough on the streets and at the markets hawking food and various wares. Although Nigeria has made steady progress in primary school enrolment, girls still account for more than half of the nation's out of school children", she said.

The minister said progress in girls' enrolment, retention and completion would have to be twice as rapid as it is now, if

Nigeria is to meet the Millennium Development Goal of achieving gender parity in education by 2015 including the attainment of universal primary education.

She said she was in the state to among other things seek the passage of the Child Rights Bill, women's increased participation in politics and decision making, girl child education, domestication and implementation of the UN convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women, improving maternal health and increased budgetary allocation for women, children and other socially disadvantaged groups. She also said Nigerian women suffer from

preventable premature death while giving birth because of inadequate health facilities, non-incentives for health personnel, ignorance and cultural taboos among others. According to her, Nigeria has one of the highest maternal mortality rates with high prevalence in the rural areas. "Infant mortality is also high as it is estimated to be 105 per 1000 live births with under five mortality rate at 178 per 1000." She added.

Hajia Salamatu the Federal Government recently approved the purchase of 49 ambulances for distribution to primary health care centres in selected states in its effort to reduce maternal health, particularly in the rural areas.

## EFCC investigates missing 90m litres of petrol

From Mohammed Shosanya, Lagos

THE Economic and Financial Crimes Commission is investigating the disappearance of 90million litres of petrol belonging to the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) Minister of Petroleum Resources Dr. Rilwanu Lukman has said.

The minister who spoke yesterday in Lagos at a stakeholders' forum said the EFCC was brought into the inves-

tigation to ensure a thorough job. He assured that the commission would expose the culprits in the scam, adding that government had zero tolerance for corruption in the petroleum sector.

The Minister of State for Petroleum Resources Mr Odein Ajumogobia had last month said the Federal Government would set up a commission of inquiry to investigate the allegation that 90 million litres of petrol was missing.



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FROM left: Chairman, Governing Board, Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission, Chief Ernest Shonekan with Vice President Goodluck Jonathan at the commission's meeting with the vice president in Abuja yesterday.

## Nigeria to help quake-hit Haiti

By AbdulMutallib A. Abubakar & Tina A. Hassan

VICE President Goodluck Jonathan yesterday expressed condolences to President René Préval and the people of Haiti over the devastating earthquake in the country's capital, Port-au-Prince.

In a statement signed by the Senior Special Assistant to the Vice-President on Media and Publicity, Mr. Ima Niboro, Jonathan expressed Nigeria's sympathy with Haiti, noting that Nigerians shared in the grief of their Haitian brothers and sisters.

He said the international community can count on Nigeria's support on the rebuilding of Haiti.

Also Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Alhaji Jibril Maigari yesterday said Nigeria will donate food items and other relief materials to the people of Haiti who were hit by earthquake.

Maigari told the BBC Hausa service that no Nigerian died in the disaster, adding that the country has been assured by the United Nations that all the 120 Nigerian Police officers serving in the UN peacekeeping mission in Haiti are safe.

Also in a statement issued in Abuja, he said the ministry has been in touch with Nigeria High Commissioner to Jamaica Mr Peter Oyedele who was in Haiti to monitor the situation and confirmed that no Nigerian died in the unfortunate incident.

The minister said Nigeria commiserates with the people of Haiti over the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that claimed over a thousand lives and rendered thousands homeless.

"The Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria expresses its condolences to the President and People of Haiti on the devastating earthquake," the minister said in a statement issued in Abuja.

Meanwhile, the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), the World Food Program (WFP) and other United Nations bodies are monitoring the distribution of food and other relief materials to Haitians after the country was devastated earthquake on Tuesday.

FAO said it is "closely monitoring the situation on ground to get a clearer picture on the immediate impacts of food security and food production" as they deal with emergency food aid and nutrition.

# Landing aircraft hits parked plane in Kano

From Auwalu Umar, Kano

A passenger plane belonging to Middle East Air (MEA) has been grounded by Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) for bruising the left wing and lower part of Kabo Air's Boeing 747 aircraft in its attempt to park soon after landing at Malam Aminu Kano International Airport Kano. The Nigerian authorities said they would not release the plane until after investigations that began since last Wednesday.

The incident happened last Tuesday night. The MEA airliner's right wing equally got damaged when it hit the already parked 747 aircraft. The plane was coming from Ghana on its way to Lebanon. All the passengers on board are now accommodated at a hotel in Nassarawa GRA in Kano. Both

planes are now kept at the airport's hangar. *Daily Trust* learnt that the incident could have been averted if there was sufficient light at the airport's tarmac. It was gathered that the plane's pilot could not view the whole space as there was no sufficient light all over the place.

Investigations revealed that the Kabo plane's left wing and lower part on which the aircraft's huge tank lies were badly damaged. Authorities of Kabo Air, our correspondent reports, insisted that the Middle-East Air must take full responsibility of the damage done and repair the aircraft according to international standard.

Corporate Affairs Manager Kabo Air Aminu Hamza confirmed the incident, saying Kabo engineers had already assessed

the extent of damage done to their aircraft and made their report available to the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) for further investigation.

He said the Kabo plane was neatly parked at the time of the incident as it was not kept outside the prescribed parking lots. He said most parts of lower body of the plane were badly bruised and its left wing broken. He said he could not say much as the incident was still being investigated by the relevant aviation authorities.

Officials of the Middle-East Air declined comment, saying however that the incident was not worth reporting in the media. Manager of the airline in charge of Kano office could not be found on seat when our correspondent went there for his own comment on the incident. Some staff of the

office who said they were barred from speaking to newsmen said the manager went to the airport in connection with Tuesday's incident.

Kano airport manager Ali Nok said he was not aware of the incident and so he could not comment on it. Nok said he was barred from speaking with the press on a matter like this. He however referred our reporter to the FAAN headquarters in Lagos for all our enquiries.

But deputy regional manager Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority at Kano airport Mustapha Yerima said investigations had already begun on it and also confirmed the grounding of the MEA plane and the extent of damage done to the Kabo plane could only be established after investigations by Nigeria's aviation experts.

## VP cautions ministers on PPP projects

VICE President Goodluck Jonathan yesterday said the Federal Government would henceforth disregard any ministerial proposal for Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects that has not been endorsed by the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC).

Jonathan disclosed this at the submission of the ICRC 2009 Activity Report to the Presidency.

He described the commission as a crucial agency in consummating the PPP efforts of the Federal

Government for Infrastructure regeneration.

A statement signed by the head of Communication of the agency Mr Olugbenga Odugbesan, the Vice President was quoted as saying that the practice of bypassing ICRC by ministries, departments and agencies in PPP contracts had been an issue that the Federal Executive Council had dealt with in recent time, and assured the commission of the presidency's support in harnessing the benefits of PPP.

Presenting the ICRC report, Chairman of the Commission and former Head of State Chief Ernest Shonekan said Nigeria's use of Public-Private Partnership arrangement for infrastructure rebirth would have progressed faster if there had been popular understanding of the concept and how it could address the decay in various service sectors.

Director General of the Commission Engr. Mansur Ahmed highlighted the achievements of

the commission in its first year of existence to include the development of a national policy and guidelines on PPP, and the promotion of harmonised framework with state governments for infrastructure development.

The ICRC was established by an Act in 2005 to regulate Public-Private Partnership endeavours of the Federal Government aimed at addressing Nigeria's physical infrastructure deficit which hampers economic development.

# Anambra polls: Monitoring board warns stakeholders

By Abbas Jimoh

THE 10-man Election Monitoring Board for Anambra election yesterday said it will not compromise any of its terms of reference before and after the February 6 Anambra State governorship election.

Chairman of the board Barris-

ter Ikeazor Akariwe told journalists that the board does not in any way seek to take over the function of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in conducting the elections as it remains advisory.

He said INEC should deploy helicopters to the riverine areas of

the state to deliver election materials; ensure that all election materials get to designated places latest by 8am and proper serialisation of ballot and result papers.

He said political parties and security agencies "must commit themselves to a code of conduct to be prepared by INEC and executed

by it in the presence of the police and the board that all forms of violence and malpractice must be eschewed. Policemen designated to cover the election should wear a different kind of uniform from the present one to distinguish them in a bid to counter hired ones by party chieftains as is being rumoured in

Anambra."

A member of the board, Chief Mike Ozekhome, while denying reports that politicians have been meeting members of the board said, "It is uncalled for, we members of the board are highly distinguished, we are not hungry people."

PIC: MISBAHU BASHIR



EMIR of Fika, Alhaji Muhammad Abali Ibn Idris (right) receiving gift from the Head of District Abuja, Total Petroleum, during the emir's visit to Total offices yesterday.

## ... as INEC admits lapses

By Misbahu Bashir

THE officials of the Independent Electoral Commission (INEC) yesterday said the problem of logistics will hamper the conduct of the forth coming governorship election in Anambra State.

INEC's Commissioner of Legal Services Victor Chuani said at a meeting with the Inspector General of Police Ogbonna Onovo in Abuja that electoral materials will be dispatched to polling stations on Election Day, February 6 2010, and some stations would start election late because of late arrivals of materials due to distance.

He said adequate security must be given to both electoral officials and materials so as not to allow mischief makers to subvert the election, adding that the Commission has always avoided taking election materials to polling units early or a day before elections so that they are not carted away.

He said politicians are not adhering to electoral laws and their attitudes poses dangers to the conduct of free and fair election.

The IGP, represented by Deputy Inspector Uba Rimgim, said the aim of the meeting is explore possible ways of conducting free and fair elections.

He said the meeting will enable INEC to inform the police their security problems so as to find a way of addressing them.

INEC Resident Electoral Commissioner in Anambra State Josia Uwazuruonye said the electorate are not being paid to vote in favour of the some candidates. Reports in the media recently said voters are selling their cards for N5, 000 and above.

## S/Court strikes out application to reverse order on Soludo's candidature

By Sunday Ejike Benjamin

THE Supreme Court yesterday struck out the application asking it to reverse its order which okayed Prof. Charles Chukwuma Soludo as the Anambra State gubernatorial candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the February 6, 2010 governorship election in the state.

The apex Court had earlier given Soludo a lifeline having been barred from contesting the Anambra state governorship seat by the Court of Appeal Abuja following an application brought before the Court by some of the aggrieved governorship aspirants of the PDP.

The striking out of the application by the Supreme Court followed

an application for withdrawal brought before the court by Mr. Valentine Ozigbo and Mrs. Victoria Nwankwo who are aggrieved by the mode of selection of the former Central Bank of Nigeria Governor by the PDP as the party's flag bearer in the Anambra state governorship election.

Delivering the ruling of the apex court yesterday, Justice George

Oguntade said: "The application filed on December 18, 2009 is hereby struck out and no order as to cost."

It would be recalled that the Supreme Court had, in its last sitting insisted that Soludo remains the Anambra State gubernatorial candidate of the PDP in the February 6, 2010 governorship election in the state.

## Terror list: Reps to protest to US Congress

By Nasidi A. Yahaya

THE House of Representatives yesterday resolved to present to the United States Congress the objection of the MPs to the 'swift and breezy punitive' response of the US government to Umar Farouk AbdulMutallab's alleged attempt to blow up an American airliner.

The MPs in a motion sponsored by Rep Halims Agoda (PDP, Delta State) also urged President Barack Obama to rescind the US decision and ensure an open and fair trial for AbdulMutallab.

They also summoned the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chief Ojo Madueke to explain steps he has taken to ameliorate the situation.

While urged the federal gov-

ernment to adopt diplomatic measure to get Nigeria off the US list, the MPs asked the government to come up with a blueprint on how best to keep closer watch on Nigerians in Diaspora with foreign ideologies capable of endangering world peace.

The House also directed its joint committee on Foreign Affairs, national intelligence and security,

Diaspora and aviation, to within two weeks investigate the alleged plot to identify the loopholes on the nation's security system.

The MPs who condemned the act of terrorism also commended Dr Umaru Mutallab for reporting his son to both Nigerian and American security agencies to forestall the unfortunate incidence.

## Senate decries poor funding of ecology sector

By Abdul-Rahman Abubakar

THE Senate Committee on Environment and Ecology has said that sufficient funds are not being committed to check the various environmental challenges facing the country.

Speaking during budget defence of the of the Ministry of Environment, Chairman Senate Committee on Environment and Ecology, Senator Grace Folashade Bent (PDP, Adamawa South) said though all parts of the country are faced with

peculiar environment hazards government continues to allocate meagre resources to the sector.

She said "Climate change is becoming a serious issue and there is no geo-political zone in this country without environmental hazards.

The Executive arm has to do more to improve the fight against climate change, the budget of the ministry is so meagre that it can hardly address the monumental problem we have in the sector."

Senator Bent said the environ-

ment sector is critical not only to development but to the survival of man adding that "We cannot be spending so much on other sectors at the expense of the environment because it is everything and we must make it a priority."

PHOTO: OLADIPUPO ODUNEWU



FROM right: Governor Babatunde Fashola of Lagos State, Minister of Petroleum Dr. Rilwan Lukman, NNPC Group Managing Director Dr. Mohammed Barkindo and Dr. Faruk Ibrahim, Special Assistant on Communications to the minister during the minister's visit to Government House, Marina, Lagos, yesterday.

**Yar'adua to leave Saudi hospital 'very soon'**

PRESIDENT Umaru Yar'adua is expected to be discharged from a hospital in Saudi Arabia "very soon". "This is after showing significant recovery from a heart ailment," the Nigerian ambassador said yesterday. "His health has improved tremendously," Abdullah Aminchi, Nigerian ambassador to Saudi, told Reuters, adding "We know definitely he will be discharged very soon".

"I cannot give a date or time, only the doctors can tell," he added. Yar'adua left Nigeria in November 2009 to receive treatment for a heart condition in Saudi Arabia. He spoke to BBC on Tuesday saying he was recovering and hoped to return home soon. (Reuters/NAN)

**Gunmen kidnap Director in Abuja**

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at about 10pm on January 3, while he was on his way back from his hometown Idoani in Ose Local Government Area of Ondo State, a family source told *Daily Trust* yesterday.

Investigations by the FCT police special anti-robbery squad led to the finding along Damaturu-Maiduguri road of the burnt remains of the Toyota Camry car in which Adelana was kidnapped, the source said.

*Daily Trust* learnt that at least two persons were being questioned at the anti-robbery squad office in connection with the kidnap.

Sources said a friend of Adelana's witnessed the incident and immediately contacted another friend of theirs, who later informed the victim's family about the kidnap. The family in turn reported to the police same night.

The abduction of Adelana was confirmed yesterday by his cousin, Mr Duro Aderobagun, who said that the family was worried especially because no one has yet contacted them for ransom or with information on the missing assistant director.

FCT police public relations officer Jimoh Moshood said he had not been briefed on the matter.

When asked who the family reported the case to, the victim's cousin Aderobagun said the incident was reported to the special anti-robbery squad, and the National Planning Minister had also written to Inspector General of Police Ogbonna Onovo on the kidnap.

But deputy public relations officer at the police force headquarters in Abuja, Mr. Yemi Ajayi, said he was not briefed on whether the IG received a letter from the minister.

A police official, who would not want to be named because he was not in a position to speak to the press, told *Daily Trust* that the matter was duly reported and was being investigated.

Adelana had served at various times in the office of the Accountant-General of the Federation and the Millennium Development Goals in Abuja.

**US congressmen: Farouk didn't target Detroit**

THE Christmas Day bombing suspect didn't target Detroit, two Michigan congressmen said Wednesday.

"There is no evidence that Detroit was targeted," said Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, who was in a classified briefing on the House Intelligence Committee. "It was just one of several options the bomber suspect had."

Lawmakers were also told that the suspect boarded his flight in Amsterdam to frigid Detroit with no coat -- perhaps the final warning sign that went unnoticed leading up to what could have been a catastrophic terrorist attack.

"He was flying into Detroit

without a coat. That's interesting if you've ever been in Detroit in December," New Jersey Democratic Rep. Bill Pascrell, a member of the House Homeland Security Committee, said after a briefing by presidential counterterrorism adviser John Brennan.

Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, a 23-year-old Nigerian, is accused of trying to blow up the plane as it prepared to land in Detroit on Christmas Day. Rep. Pete Hoekstra of Holland, the ranking Republican on the committee, confirmed Detroit wasn't targeted. Dennis Blair, director on National Intelligence, and Michael Leiter, director of the National Counterterrorism

Center, appeared in the committee's closed-door session in the wake of the attempted bombing of Northwest Airlines Flight 253.

A series of classified briefings were held on Capitol Hill on Wednesday about the attempted terror plot. Congress wants to know how Obama plans to improve an intelligence system that failed to recognize the significance of repeated warning signs that Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab allegedly was planning an attack.

Rep. Candice Miller, R-Harrison Township, was in one before the House Homeland Security Committee. Miller said she left feeling that the Obama admin-

istration is rethinking its decision not to treat terror suspects as enemy combatants rather than as criminal suspects.

"I got the distinct impression that the administration may be open to that," Miller said.

Miller has introduced legislation to clarify that presidents have the authority to treat terror suspects as enemy combatants -- regardless of whether they committed acts of terror on the battlefield or on U.S. soil -- and put them in the military legal arena.

Rep. Mark Schauer, D-Battle Creek, was in a classified briefing before the House Subcommittee on Aviation. (Detroit News).

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returns, a ruling Attorney-General of the Federation Michael Aondoakaa said puts to rest all contention as to whether there is power vacuum.

But Akeredolu said sections 5 and 148 of the constitution being relied on in issuing the judgement, only refer to delegation of duties by the president when he is not incapacitated. He said Yar'adua's statement on the BBC on Tuesday that he was not well and would return when he got better showed that he was incapable of executing his duties as president.

Akeredolu said section 145 of the constitution comes into play in this circumstance when the president has become incapacitated as a result of ill-health.

He said the court judgement merely restated the obvious, but failed to address the main issue of the need to designate Jonathan as acting president pending Yar'adua's return.

Justice Abutu on Wednesday in Abuja ruled that the vice president could exercise executive powers vested in the president in his absence by virtue of section 5 of the constitution.

He said, "The vice president can lawfully discharge any or all the functions of President Umaru Musa Yar'adua in his absence in the interest of peace, order and good governance of the federation pending when the president resumes from his medical leave."

Human rights lawyer and opposition activist Femi Falana, who also has a suit before the court, asking it to annul all deci-

sions taken by the cabinet in Yar'adua's absence, dismissed the ruling as "meaningless."

"Jonathan cannot act for Yar'adua because no functions have been formally and directly delegated to him by Yar'adua," the AFP news agency quoted him as saying.

Yesterday, the Federal High Court transferred Falana's case from Justice Abutu to Justice Adamu Bello, following a request by the lawyer. Falana told the court that having considered the reliefs he was seeking in the suit and having regard to Wednesday's judgment, he thought Abutu could no longer entertain his suit. No date has been fixed yet for hearing.

In another suit, filed by the NBA, asking the court to compel the Federal Executive Coun-

cil to begin the process of handing over presidential power to the vice president, Justice Abutu adjourned till January 21 for hearing.

The court also adjourned till January 22 for judgment in the case filed by former House of Representatives member Farouk Adamu Aliyu and Sani Hussani Garun Gabbas, asking the court to determine whether the long absence of the president does not constitute permanent incapacity as envisaged by the constitution.

They also want the court to determine whether because the president has been undergoing treatment in Saudi Arabia, FEC ought not to be compelled to pass a resolution as to whether or not the president is incapable of discharging the functions of his office.

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# NDLEA hands over Lebanese suspect to EFCC

By Shehu Abubakar

TWO suspects arrested at the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja by operatives of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) at the weekend have been transferred to the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) for further investigation for money laundering and trafficking. The suspects, a Lebanese national Fareed Berro and his Nigerian business partner, Ibrahim Fadallah were arrested by NDLEA

operatives at Abuja airport over the possession of the \$300,000 US dollars concealed in motor spare parts.

Berro was arrested for attempting to smuggle the money to Beirut on board an Ethiopian airline flight at the Abuja airport. Shortly after the arrest of Berro, his Abuja accomplice, Ibrahim Fadallah laid claims to the ownership of the money and was also arrested. NDLEA has decided to transfer the suspects to the EFCC after the agency had cleared them of any complicity in relation with

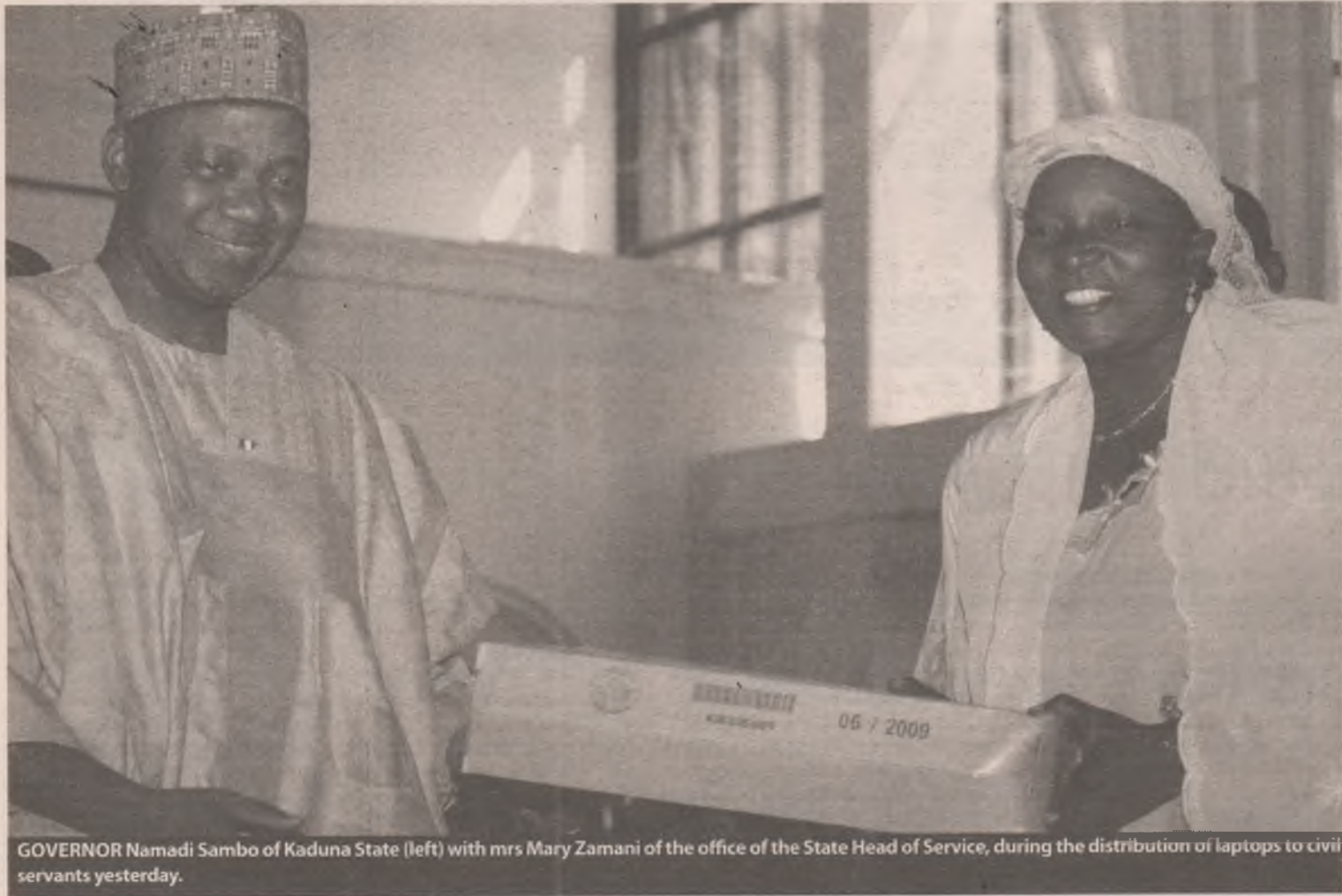
drug trafficking.

Chairman and Chief executive of NDLEA, Ahmadu Giade told Daily Trust that the two suspects were arrested by his men in connection with the seizure of \$300,000 at the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport (NAIA) Abuja. He said the 35 year old Lebanese, Mr. Fareed Berro was intercepted at the airport for attempting to smuggle \$300,000 cash which was concealed and wrapped as purported engine spare parts inside his hand luggage.

Fareed Berro who identified

himself as a water expert was nabbed for money laundering for not providing satisfactory explanation on the source of the money. Besides, the mode of concealment also reinforced suspicion concerning the legitimacy of the money. In a letter signed by the Director of Prosecution and Legal Services of the NDLEA, Mr Femi Olorunoba the duo were transferred to the EFCC on the orders of the Chairman/Chief Executive of the anti-narcotic Agency Ahmadu Giade for necessary action.

Giade said that the Agency will continue to enforce law and guide against illicit drug trafficking as well as money laundering. "The Agency will maintain a high level of vigilance at all times to detect illicit drug trafficking, money laundering and other criminal acts. The fact that the money was detected and the due process is being followed has sent a signal to others" the NDLEA boss explained. He added that the Agency will maintain good working relationship with relevant security agencies.



GOVERNOR Namadi Sambo of Kaduna State (left) with Mrs Mary Zamani of the office of the State Head of Service, during the distribution of laptops to civil servants yesterday.

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## FG harps on national security

By Boco Edet

THE Federal Government has said terrorism had become a major source of concern to governments at national and international levels, stressing the need to address security concerns.

Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice Michael Aondoakaa said this at an occasion to mark the graduation of course 18 participants of the National Defence College, Abuja.

Aondoakaa in his paper presentation titled "Executive, Legislative and Judicial arms of Government vis-a-vis National Security" said Nigeria could not afford to bequeath a legacy of instability and political failure to its future generations.

He called for the continuous study and review of strategies for the maintenance of national security in a coordinated manner which would involve the participation of all the arms of government.

He said the law was the basis of the modern state and all citizens of a state have the obligation to conduct their affairs on the basis of such laws or face sanctions.

## Emir lauds Total for aiding varsity

By Misbahu Bashir

THE Emir of Fika and Chancellor of the University of Uyo Alhaji Mohammad Abali Idrisa yesterday commended the management of Total Petroleum Company for the provision of educational facilities in the University.

The Emir made the remark during a visit to the Company in Abuja. He said the Company has been working in partnership with educational institutions including the University of Uyo as well providing them technical support. He said the company has made efforts towards the improvement of learning in many institutions in Nigeria.

## Senate moves to immortalise Maryam Babangida

By Abdul-Rahman Abubakar

THE Senate yesterday resolved that the National Centre for Women Development (NCWD), Abuja be named after the late former First Lady, Mrs. Maryam Babangida in order immortalise her.

This was sequel to the motion on her demise moved by Senator

Zaynab Kure (PDP, Niger South) who reminded the Senate that the late former first lady initiated the construction of the NCWD for the development of women through her Better Life programme.

Senator Kure said "Mrs. Maryam Babangida was a champion for the cause of women and she proffered solutions to women related issues. She vigorously

persuaded government at all levels for actions to the benefit of women and in the larger interest of the country. She gave women a voice to be recognised."

After several senators eulogised the good deeds and selfless service she rendered in her life time, the Senate observed a minute silence in her honour and constituted a delegation to

pay condolence visit on former President Ibrahim Babangida and the people of Niger and Delta States.

The delegation is to be led by Senate Deputy Leader Victor Ndoma-Egba (SAN) with Senators Joy Emodi, Bode Olajumoke, Mohammed Kabir Jinril, Bukar Abba Ibrahim and Patricia Akwashiki.

## Anyanwu faults liquidation of govt agencies

By Yunus Abdulhamid

THE Director General of Bureau of Public Enterprises, (BPE), Dr Chris Anyanwu has faulted the federal government for choosing liquidation in disposing some of its enterprises that are not doing well.

He said liquidation should not even be an option and when inevitable; it should be the last option. He was speaking at the pre-bid opening conference on the sale of NITEL at the Transcorp Hilton Abuja.

"In liquidation, like what happened with the Nigeria Airways, and the steel rolling mill, you

will see the liquidators come to you to say that they have acquired the enterprise one hundred percent and that you have no reason to question him how the enterprise should be run, he said."

Anyanwu noted that all the privatisation was done with an agreement containing post acquisition plan and which in most times, is not followed with the enterprise locked up. "That is not acceptable," he said.

He maintained that until those conditions in the agreement are fulfilled, it remains the right of the federal government to intervene as according to him, privatisation is meant to grow and improve on the fortune of the business enter-

prises and the economy of the country at large.

He also faulted the NITEL workers who came to stage protest at the BPE over unpaid salaries, saying the action was "a display of ignorance."

The chairman of the National Council on Privatisation (NCP) Vice President Goodluck Jonathan had in November last year approved the payment of N3 billion to NITEL workers who were owed over 18 months salaries. This was to cover five months out of the almost two years arrears owed them. Only one month payment has so far been effected and the BPE has blamed the liquidator, Otunba Olusola Adekanola for the delay.

## Don't mar Nigeria/US trade relations, Obama told

From Muhammad Abubakar, Bauchi

UNITED States President Barack Obama has been advised to reconsider his decision to have Nigeria placed on the list of countries with stringent travel restrictions on its citizens following an attempt by a Nigerian to bomb an airliner in its air space as such a decision is capable of inhibiting trade relations between the two countries.

Speaking to newsmen in his office yesterday, the Chairman, Joint Traders and Artisans Associations in Bauchi State Alhaji Salisu Maishuga said the US was not fair to Nigeria as a result of the action of a single individual who evidence had shown, spent the better part of his life outside the country.

"It is really sad that the US which had enjoyed cordial trade relations with Nigeria will, because of an isolated incident, choose to ignore our age long relations. I believe that if our traders are subjected to a lot of embarrassment when going to the US to transact business they would have no option but to switch to other friendlier countries, for example those in the East", he said.

"The US should not be blinded with the issue of terrorism at the expense of its trade. It should treat Mutallab's case as isolated. I can't understand why a country that prides itself on human rights and democracy will subject innocent people to hardship because of the action of a single individual.

"I think that decision is a slap on our faces because we have all along believed in America and its policies", he said.

Maishuga observed that unless the US becomes cautious in tackling issues of terrorism, it would one day find itself without a single ally and that would signal its downfall as a superpower.

## UNTL to resume production this year — Namadi

From Ismail Mudashir, Kaduna

PLANS have been completed for the re-opening of the United Nigeria Textile Limited (UNTL) which was closed down in 2004 as a result of unstable power supply and unfavorable government policies, Kaduna State Governor Alhaji Mohammed Namadi Sambo has disclosed.

When the UNTL was closed, over 6,000 direct staff of the factory lost their jobs while over 20,000 indirect staff including cotton farmers had their means of livelihood thwarted, the Secretary General of the Nigerian Union of Textile, Garment and Tailoring Workers, Comrade Issa Aremu said.

Speaking when he received top officials of the Ministry of Finance led by the Minister Dr Mansur Muhtar, Aremu said the factory had accessed part of the N100 billion textile revival fund through the Bank of Industry (BOI).

Sambo reiterated the commitment of his administration to revive all the closed factories in the state to create employment. He urged the Nigerian Customs Service to brace up in their border patrol operations, pointing out that smuggling was one of the problems of textile factories in the country.

He thanked the Federal Government for the 200 mega watts thermal power plants, saying they would be of good use to the state's industrial layout. Earlier in his address, the Finance Minister commended the state government on its policies and programmes and assured of his ministry's support.

## NBA intervenes in judiciary workers' strike

From Jaafar Jaafar, Kano

THE Kano State branch of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) has intervened in the prolonged strike of the Judiciary Staff Union of Nigeria (JUSUN) by calling on both the state government and the state branch of the union to exercise restraint.

In a statement signed by the NBA chairman, Barrister Shuaibu Sule, the union expressed willingness to continue playing the role of a mediator in the conflict.

According to the statement, the association intervened to help find solution to the dispute, saying the NBA through a committee, met and discussed with both sides.

"The NBA met all the parties separately, listened to all their complaints, narrowed down the issues in the dispute and commenced mediation immediately," said the statement.

The association urged both parties to desist from making statements which are likely to negatively affect the ongoing settlement effort.



FROM left: Mr Tony Ejinkeonye, 2nd Deputy President, Abuja Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (ABUCCIMA), Dr. Solomon Nyagba, 1st Deputy President, ABUCCIMA, addressing a news conference on the forthcoming 49th NACCIMA AGM in Abuja, yesterday. With them is the Director-General ABUCCIMA Mr. Joe Wenegime.

# FG asks Indians to invest in Niger Delta

FROM Femi Akinola, Lagos

VICE President Goodluck Jonathan has appealed to Indian entrepreneurs to take the advantage of restructuring effort of the Federal Government in the Niger Delta region and invest there.

The Vice President made the appeal yesterday during the ECOWAS-India Trade and Economic Forum held in Lagos. He said government had packaged several incentives and tax reliefs to attract investment from around the world.

Represented by Governor Babatunde Fashola, the Vice President said the crisis in the Niger Delta that had distracted free flow of activities in the region was now a thing of the past.

"In order to improve our trade and economic development, the region needs to form strategic partnership and economic relations with a country like India which is the first to develop its strategic sectors including the medium and small scale sector",

the Vice President noted.

Minister of Commerce and Industry Chief Achike Udenwa said the event marked the beginning of a new era in trade and investment relations between ECOWAS member states and India.

He said the initiative by the ECOWAS Commission in conjunction with the Federation of India Chambers of Commerce and Industry could not have come at a better time than now, particularly, in the wake of the global economic crisis.

Udenwa explained that he was convinced that increased trade and economic cooperation with other developing countries under the South-south cooperation and most especially emerging economies like India would improve the standard of living of people of the sub-region.

"A forum like this provides an opportunity for West Africa and India to deliberate on issues that would lead to improved trade and economic relations between them," he said.

## Minister blames poor budget implementation on rain

From Ismail Mudashir, Kaduna

A prolonged heavy rainy season last year was responsible for the delay in the implementation of the 2009 budget, particularly in the Ministry of Works which had the largest percentage of the budget, Minister of Finance, Dr Mansur Muhtar said yesterday.

Speaking to newsmen shortly after declaring open a retreat on budget for boards of parastatals and agencies under the supervision of the Finance Ministry in Kaduna, he said some ministries performed above 70 percent while some could not as a result of challenges including heavy rain fall.

He said the extension of the implementation period of the 2009 budget to March this year by the National Assem-

bly would allow the full implementation of the budget. The minister also said good progress was being made on budget implementation. He described 2009 as a major year for the ministry and the government, saying the government had two supplementary budgets conceived to fast-track development of the country.

He said the retreat was organized to provide a viable plank for sensitization and sharing of thoughts with key players of the ministry regarding their roles and responsibilities in achieving government's policies and programmes.

According to him, the retreat would also strengthen the participants' knowledge in understanding the necessity for meaningful contributions towards the achievement of govern-

## Kano moves to check alms begging

From Hisham Habib, Kano

THE Kano State government is to support Qur'anic schools in the state to check alms begging by children. The Adviser to the state Governor on Education and Qur'anic schools Alhaji Aminu Ismail Sagagi said the state government was making efforts to discourage the begging culture which has no religious or moral justification.

He spoke while delivering items to three schools in Bebeji

Local Government yesterday. Alhaji Aminu said their mission was to encourage parents of children known as Almajirai to live up to their responsibilities and support their wards.

He also noted that the problem of child begging needs to be addressed by states neighbouring Kano as there would be more influx of the Almajirai from other states and the best way to control the situation according to him, is for other northern states to embrace the policy of keeping the students at home.

# FG to make agric sector 'highly' profitable

By Sunday Williams

SECRETARY to the Government of the Federation (SGF) Alhaji Yayale Ahmed yesterday in Abuja said that the federal government is working to make the agric sector highly profitable by the year 2020.

Inaugurating the National Organising Committee for the High Level Conference on the Development of Agric-Business

and Agro-industries in Africa scheduled to hold in Abuja between 8th and 10th March, 2010, the SGF also said a framework, with an associated financial facility, has been developed to support agri-business in the African continent.

He said the main objective of the initiative is to have an agricultural sector in Africa that attracts private sector investment flows which by the year 2020 will

be made up of highly productive and profitable agricultural value chains.

Yayale said the conference will host African Heads of State and Governments, ministers and senior representatives of financial institutions, adding that the 2020 Agric initiative will be considered and endorsed by African Head of Governments during the conference.

The SGF said that the Fed-

eral government attaches great importance to the effective organisation of the conference, hence the careful selection of members of the National Organising Committee.

Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Humphrey Abah said the conference "is intended to stimulate an increase of private sector investment in-flow into the agricultural sector in Africa

by mobilising resources from domestic and international financial systems."

Members of the National Organising Committee includes, the minister of Commerce and Industry, Achike Udenwa as the Chairman, Representative of Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN) as Vice Chairman, minister of Finance, minister of Information, CBN, FAO, UNIDO, NEPAD among others.

## Licences 19 private security firms

By Abdulkadir Badsha Mukhtar

THE 19 private security guard companies registered by the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corp (NSCDC) were yesterday issued with licences by the Federal Government for pull operation across the country.

Speaking at the occasion, Interior Minister Shatima Mustapa said the demand for private security service will continue to increase considering the increasing security challenges in the country.

Dr. Shatima also directed the companies to pay good salary to their staff for the avoidance of the consequences.

"In order to discourage stealing, connivance, sabotage, etc, operators of private guards should be prepared to pay good salary to their guards," he said.

The minister however said that no private security guard would be allowed to bear or possess fire arms or ammunition in the course of duty, adding that they can only use uniforms approved by the authority.

The new licenced firms are: Hardawa Security Service (Nig) Ltd, Adbab Security, Creak Security Nigeria, Eminent Guards Nigeria, Pavilion Technology, Mikiya Security and Logistics, Horfield Nigeria, Base-san Security Service Nigeria and Risk and Co. Nigeria Ltd.

Others are: Strict Guards Security, Abba Father Safety and Service, Archille Security Service, Kuta Gurads, Alert and Protection Security Company, Eyespy Security Service, Jafi Security, Okevi Security Guards Nig., Retin Technical and Commercial Service and Balvid Security.

## MP denies ultimatum for Yar'adua to handover to Jonathan

By AbdulMutallib A. Abubakar

THE Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) caucus in the House of representative yesterday denied giving President Umaru Musa Yar'adua a 2-day ultimatum to hand over to Goodluck Jonathan.

Rep. Rabe Nasir (PDP, Katsina) told the Voice of Nigeria (VOA) Hausa service that the statement credited to a lawmaker from Lagos State was false and misleading.

Rabe, who chairs the House Committee on Drugs, Narcotics and Financial crimes, also described the statement as a fabricated mischief, adding that the lawmakers did not have even the constitutional right to compel President Yar'adua to hand over power to his second in command.

Nasir who represents Bindawa/Mani constituency in Katsina State said what the PDP lawmakers discussed behind closed doors on Tuesday morning before the House commenced sitting was the permission from the leadership to deliberate on issues of the president's health.

He said they resolved that 7-man committee to be sent to Saudi Arabia to see the president was also discussed at the closed door meeting, as well as other matters of national interest.

He said it was never resolved at the meeting to give President Yar'adua any ultimatum to hand over to Jonathan.



FROM left: Minister of Finance Dr. Mansur Muhtar, Minister of State for Finance Mr. Remi Babalola, Chairman, Board of Securities and Exchange Commission Senator Udoma Udo Udoma, at a retreat for boards of parastatals and agencies under the supervision of the Federal Ministry of Finance in Kaduna yesterday.

## Stakeholders meet over pests' threat

By Tina A. Hassan

DESTRUCTION of food produce by pests is necessitating a stakeholders' intervention to address concern over food sufficiency and security in the country.

Agriculture and Water Resources Minister Abba Sayyadi Ruma said at a 1-day Consultative Interaction with representatives of the

states and other stakeholders in the agricultural sector.

He said the Federal Government has declared war on the threat of food insecurity posed to the nation by the invasion of trans-boundary pest across twelve frontline states.

The twelve states are Katsina, Kano, Kebbi, Borno, Jigawa, Yobe, Sokoto and Bauchi. Others are Taraba

Zamfara, Gombe and Adamawa states.

He said there is need for a synergize effort in order to get the best result in the control of pest to reduce the over 40 percent loss in farm produce, especially cereals due to trans-boundary pest.

Also speaking, the national Director of Livestock and Pest Control Services Joseph Nyage said the

meeting is an opportunity to harmonize all intervention measures and against pests.

The Director of Agricultural Service of Borno state Abba Balarabe, described the infestation of Quela birds in the states as an alarming because they are responsible for poor crop yield and at other times result in total crop failure in the state.

## CBN refutes involvement in ATM upgrade

By Sunday Williams

THE Central Bank of Nigeria has said that it is not involved in any on-going Automated Teller Machines upgrade or any related activity that may require banking customers' pin codes.

The apex bank warns Nigerians against disclosing their details which are

being demanded through scam e-mails with the intention of duping unsuspecting banking customers.

A statement from the Bank said any email or website that links the Central Bank of Nigeria with such a transaction should be disregarded.

"The Banking public should also note that

the CBN is not directly involved in the day-to-day operations of ATMs and therefore will not give directives now or in future about such upgrades."

It said the CBN, however wishes to advise all holders of bank accounts including ATM accounts to maintain cordial relationship with the accounts officers in the

banks where their accounts are domiciled.

It also advice the public to verify from their bank account officers whenever they receive any electronic notification that may demand their bank account details like login name/password, bank account number, card number, etc before taking any action.

# Imams want FG to remove Jang

From Andrew Agbese & Ahmed Mohammed, Jos

IMAMS from the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja have appealed to the Federal Government to remove Plateau State Governor Jonah Jang from office and punish him for the extrajudicial killings of over 700 people dur-

ing the Jos crisis. Spokesman of the imams, Sheikh Mohammed Nuru Khalid, yesterday in Jos told the panel on the Jos crisis that, "The governor misused his office to achieve his selfish interest while making provocative statements which escalated the killing of innocent people by security operatives".

Sheikh Khalid alleged that the governor took sides and did not carry everyone along because of his hatred for Muslims and the Hausa community.

The Imams advised the Federal Government to guarantee the security of all Nigerians without discrimination.

In a separate memo on

behalf of the Baptist Church, the Secretary of one of the Baptist Churches in the state, Mrs Rebecca Odeyemo, commended Plateau State Governor David Jang for the steps taken to control the crisis.

She however lamented that a church built in 1911 was destroyed in the crisis. Spokes-

man for the Campaign for Democracy Mr Paul Kaine said the crisis was caused by indigenism and politics.

Mr Kaine advised the panel to look into the issue of indigen-settler dichotomy as contained in the constitution to find a lasting solution to all ethno-religious and political crises in the state.

## Plateau clamps down on improper dressing

From Ahmed Mohammed, Jos

THE Plateau State government has banned people and civil servants not properly dressed from entering all government offices in the state. The ban was contained in circular number S/HCS/CIR/1/VOL.1/207 from the office of the Plateau State Head of Service, signed by Dr Godfrey Mamzhi and addressed to all heads of government offices in the state. In the circular, the government observed with dismay the way some civil servants dressed to the office, saying the mode of dressing was not only immoral, but against the state civil service rules. The government noted that some female civil servants were in the habit of exposing their umbilical cords and breast to the public and directed all ministries, departments and government agencies to ensure that an acceptable dressing code is strictly maintained, adding that defaulters would not only be punished, but would be handed over to law enforcement agencies.

Government also directed security men at the gates of the offices to screen civil servants and visitors going into government offices and turn back anyone who is not properly dressed.

## Kano spends N20bn on roads

From Halima Musa, Kano

THE Kano State government says it has spent about N20billion on the construction and dualization of roads in the last two years. This was disclosed yesterday by the state Commissioner for Projects Monitoring and Evaluation Dr Ibrahim Garba.

Garba who spoke at a news conference in Kano said N5 billion was spent on roads within the central business district, saying the contract was awarded to three construction firms.

He added that another contract would soon be awarded for the construction of four other roads within the same district.

The commissioner said all the road projects would be completed before the end of the present administration.



FROM left: Chief Whip, House of Representatives Emeka Ihedioha, Chairman, House Committee on Public Procurement Yusuf Tuggar and the Vice Chairman Jumoke Okoya Thomas during the public hearing on Nigerian Indigenous Construction Companies Motivation and Protection Bill 2009 in Abuja yesterday.

## Marginalization, unemployment responsible for youth restiveness - Okiro

From John Kennedy Uzoma, Owerri.

THE former Inspector General of Police Mr. Mike Okiro has identified marginalization, unemployment, youthful exuberance and poverty as major causes of youth restiveness in the country.

Okiro in a lecture titled "Youth Restiveness and Elec-

toral Process in Nigeria", delivered yesterday at the first South-east zonal workshop on Electoral Violence in Owerri said unemployment and the fear of the future made youths in African countries vulnerable to all forms of manipulations.

He said due to unemployment and poverty, politicians recruit youths as thugs to settle

scores with perceived enemies. He called on parents to be alive to their responsibilities and monitor their children.

Mr. Okiro urged the government to create employment opportunities for youths.

He also called on government to organize programmes that would educate youths on the dangers inherent in electoral malpractices.



FORMER IGP, Mike Okiro

## NBA holds Gani Fawehinmi lecture today

From Adelanwa Bamgboye, Lagos

THE Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) Ikeja branch will today hold the sixth Chief Gani Fawehinmi annual lecture/symposium. The Chairman of the NBA Ikeja branch Mr Dave Ajetomobi told journalists Wednesday that the event is the first post-humus lecture to be held in the series after the demise of the legal Icon last September.

The former Governor of Kaduna State Alh. Balarabe

Musa will be the chairman of the occasion while the Edo State Governor Adams Oshiomole will be the guest speaker. Lagos State Governor Babatunde Raji Fashola and his Ondo state counterpart Dr Olusegun Mimiko are expected to be special guests of honour.

The theme of the event is, "The nation in search of credible and people oriented leadership".

The NBA said the theme was chosen to prepare Nigerians for the 2011 general elections.

## Kano local govt employees elect new executives

From Jaafar Jaafar, Kano

THE Kano State chapter of the Nigeria Union of Local Government Employees (NULGE) has elected new executives to be headed by Comrade Safiyanu Isa Rogo.

A statement signed by NULGE's Publicity Secretary Abba Ahmad Shariff commended the state government for its support towards the success of the election.

The new officials expressed appreciation to all those who helped in ensuring

a free and fair election.

The election was held in Garko Local Government Area of the state.

The newly constituted exco also appealed to stakeholders and the general public to disregard a statement being credited to the former NULGE National President Mr. Prince Kingsley that the Garko election was unconstitutional.

The statement maintained that the former president's statement was aimed at sowing the seed of discord among members of the union.

# I was not arrested, imprisoned -NULGE boss

From Rakiya A. Muhammad, Sokoto

THE Chairman, Nigeria Union of Local Government Employees (NULGE) in Zamfara State Alhaji Kabiru Liyafa has denied being arrested nor imprisoned.

The NULGE chairman who was recently suspended, described the report as "far from the truth".

The denial was contained in a statement issued by his counsel, Barrister A.B Usman.

Barrister Usman said there was no criminal complaint brought against Liyafa before any court in or outside Zamfara state and neither was he arrested or imprisoned by anyone.

He added that the only case he was aware of was a civil matter against the NULGE election held on November 5, 2009 and that the matter is still in court.

# Accurate data, key to achievement of MDGs -Makama

From Rakiya A. Muhammad, Sokoto

THE Chairman, National Population Commission (NPC) Chief Samu'ila Danko Makama says accurate database is key to national development and achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in Nigeria. He said this at the opening of a one-day workshop on compendium of localities for Zamfara State for the release of the 2006 census locality results held in Gusau.

Makama who was represented by the Federal Commissioner of the NPC in Zamfara State Alhaji Yusuf Mohammed Anka identified accurate database as a pivotal mechanism required for development and national planning programmes.

He said a compendium

of localities in the country was necessary to ensure meaningful development.

The NPC boss noted with concern that despite the rigorous and scientific approach adopted in carrying out the 2006 census, the locality list generated for the country during the 2006 Enumeration Area Demarcation (EAD) work was not exhaustive.

He said there was therefore the need to subject it to external appraisal.

Makama described the compilation of comprehensive and unambiguous locality list and classification as a prominent component in the collection of socio-economic statistics.

"By taking this fundamental assignment with support of the Federal Government and cooperation of participants, the National Population Com-

mission is again demonstrating its commitment to the promotion of good governance through the production of a Compendium of Localities for the country in order to release the 2006 population figures of all localities in an internationally usable format", he said.

Zamfara State Governor Alhaji Mahmuda Aliyu Shinkafi called on participants to critically examine their lists to ensure that all necessary corrections are effected.

The governor who was represented by his Deputy, Alhaji Muktar Ahmad Anka, noted that the release of the 2006 census locality results would assist in proper policy formulation, particularly at the local government level where he observed that the desire for rapid socio-economic development was higher.

# Ondo to establish new hospital in Niger Delta

From Leye Adewumi, Akure

THE Ondo State government has concluded arrangements to establish a "Mother and Child" Hospital in the Niger Delta region of the state.

The wife of the state governor, Mrs. Olukemi Mimiko, who made this known yesterday at the first women summit of riverine areas of the state said when the hospital is established, women and children would have access to health services in their vicinities easily.

According to her, government has established a similar hospital in Akure, the state capital, saying it was also planned to replicate the same facility in other parts of the state. Mimiko noted that the resolve of the govern-

ment was to develop all parts of the state, its resources and people, stressing that it would be incomplete to talk of the development of the state without special consideration for the female population.

"There is no doubt that a healthy women folk is a healthy nation. I want to say that the participation of women in decision making processes has been greatly enhanced by this administration. Our role as mothers is to provide the necessary environment for the proper development of our children to make them responsible members of the society. It is your civil responsibility to participate in the running of our communities, local and state governments", she said. Mrs Mimiko advised

women in the region to get useful information on the various empowerment windows in agriculture, skills acquisition and especially the loan schemes to enable them establish themselves in productive ventures.

Earlier, in his welcome address, the Chairman of the State Oil Producing Area Development Commission (OSOPADEC) Prince Debo Ajimuda who is the organiser of the submit titled

"Supporting Women's Political Life and Balancing their Traditional Role in Family" said the programme was aimed at empowering women in the region. He stressed that OSOPADEC would strive hard to integrate views of women in its programmes.

# Amali assumes duty as NSUK VC

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

PROFESSOR Shamsudeen Onyilokwu Onche Amali has assumed duties as the new Vice Chancellor of the Nasarawa State University (NSUK) in Keffi. Amali is the first Professor of Theatre Arts in Northern Nigeria.

Professor Adamu Baikie completed his tenure as the first Vice Chancellor of the university.

A statement signed yes-

terday by the university's spokesman, Jamil Zakari, said Amali's appointment letter was signed by the Visitor to the university and Nasarawa State Governor Aliyu Akwe Doma.

"The appointment followed a thorough and rigorous interview conducted by the University Council in line with the laws of the university", the statement said.

Professor Amali served in many high level posi-

tions among which was as Vice President of the Association of African Universities (AAU) from 2005 to 2009.

He was born on January 29, 1947 at Upu in Otukpo Local Government Area of Benue State.

He graduated from the University of Ibadan in 1970 with a B.A. (Hons) English and a Ph.D in Theatre Arts and Drama from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA in 1976.

# AC, ANPP move to unseat PDP in Nasarawa

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

THE Action Congress and All Nigerian Peoples Party (ANPP) in Nasarawa State have drawn up a plan to wrestle power from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the state in the 2011 election.

AC's Secretary in the state Faruk Gyado told Daily Trust on phone yesterday that a meeting to that effect recently took place in Wamba with a former deputy governor of the state, Professor Onje-Gye Wado of the AC presiding. He said the meeting attracted all stakeholders in the opposition, including National and State

Assembly members.

Gyado said the meeting re-activated the political structures of the two parties at the grassroots level and repositioned them towards the move to capture power in 2011. He said it was agreed that both the AC and ANPP in the state would join forces to match the PDP strength for strength in the forthcoming elections.

"We successfully looked at the structures of the opposition parties and decided to set up committees to implement our resolve to capture power in 2011", he said.

He also disclosed that the two parties considered the recent defection

of two prominent members of the ANPP - namely Senator Patricia Akwashiki (Nasarawa North) and the 2007 governorship candidate, Barrister Solomon Ewuga to the PDP. "We reappraised the defections and discovered that the electorate in Nasarawa State is bothered, not worried by the defections, and nobody is ready to join the bandwagon effect. We are not talking about going to look for food, we are saying nobody is bothered and nobody is moving an inch to join them. We are focused and their defection means nothing to us. We will surely wrestle power in 2011", he added.

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## AC challenges ban on political activities

NIGERIAN security agencies frequently allow themselves to be used by politicians. When this happens, they forget that they, their families & relatives live in this Country and we are facing the same problems together. They should have a rethink.

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## The Faruk Mutallab saga: Sanusi Abubakar misfired

In the first place, I think that before you write a column, it will be important for you to be able to distinguish between opinion and facts. The writer in question, whose column I have followed for close to two years now, contrary to your perception that he is newly inducted was given a column because of his sharp intellect and his experience. It is good to see you did your homework but there is a reason why Daily Trust calls his column 'Opinion'. If you disagree, it's fine to argue but do not question another person's competence.

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## Reps debate terrorism today

It is high time we show the true character of uprightness in this country. The black listing of Nigeria as a terrorist nation should be rebuked and totally rejected. The action of one person should not be a general conclusion on the nation. Our lawmakers should know that we the people and the nation will hold them responsible for not standing up against this charade by America. I want to plead with the NASS to totally rebuke and reject it in its totality and demand an apology from the government of the United States.

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## 90-yr-old man sues lady for refusing marriage

THE first lesson all parents should teach their daughters is to desist from hankering after money or material things and to avoid mixing the issues of love with the issues of money. The consequences are usually evil and devastating. The consequences may even come at old age.

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How will a man of 90 want to marry a girl of 24? Is life all about money? Please girl, you need not to argue with him. Return everything to him and go your way in peace.

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# Yar'adua: Buhari, Atiku want 15-man team to Saudi Arabia

THEY now want to waste funds to check on the President. Why can't we move forward? He was said to have spoken through BBC. You cannot play God. Please use the funds to provide amenities to Nigerians. These politicians should try and behave themselves.

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This is a very good idea by the NDM. Nigerians who voted Mr President really deserve to know the truth about the president's state of health. If the FG decides not to allow this 15-man delegation then Nigerians will know that truly something is wrong and that a few people in govern-

ment are holding 140 million Nigerians to ransom.

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Please Nigerians, we have to know that both good health and illness are from God. Therefore if God says Yar'adua will get better and return to his country, it will surely be.

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See how the Senate President responded to the suggestion? The PDP will never accept this beautiful suggestion. Surprisingly, to the so-called largest political party in Africa, the health of a president should not be a matter

of concern to his electorates. And they want us to believe that all is well in a country that has been in the darkness and where citizens are queuing in petrol station etc. They prefer an incapacitated president so that they will have a better opportunity of conducting business their way.

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As a bona fide Nigerian, with a high degree of concern about our leaders, I will like my fellow citizens to know that our president did not consciously set the stage for this situation. Please sit up and pray for him to get well quick and return to serve as positively as he had always meant to



**GENE Muhammadu Buhari**

from the start of his administration.

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## Court: VP can wield Yar'adua's powers

IT amazes me how the Nigerian leadership - be it the ruling party or opposition - have gross disrespect for Nigerians. You can imagine a leader leaving the country without handing over to his vice... a situation that has gradually become

a Nigerian phenomenon. It's not only the President, governors have been doing it. It is not only the PDP, other parties ruling at the State and Local Government levels are also not left out. What this portends outright is that the peo-

ple don't matter at all.

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If we actually had a constitution, why should this issue of what happens in a president's absence degenerate to the point of even going to court?

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I think the high court has done the right thing by saying that the Vice President can perform the duties of the president. It is the same PDP government. What Yar'adua can do, Goodluck can also do.

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We wish the president speedy recovery and may Allah choose the best for this country. Ameen

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**VICE President Goodluck Jonathan**

## Pro-Yar'adua group says health a non-issue

I personally agree with statement made by this group as long as everything in the country is moving forward in the absence of the president. So the issue of

criticizing his absence on health grounds does not even arise. Please let join our hands together and forget any differences to give our government maximum sup-

port so that our country can move forward.

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## Appeal Court affirms Okorie's expulsion from APGA

APGA has had a confusing history. While we admire the courage and strength of character of Chekwes Okorie, the founding National Chairman, one is obliged now to inform Chekwes that he needs to re-focus. In reminding him of the hope and enthusiasm displayed by the south-easterners when APGA arrived, it is also pertinent to let him know that the power struggle within and amongst the leaders destroyed its credibility. Igbo trust was again betrayed. The uprising

against Ikemba did not help issues. Prolonged court debates served to whittle whatever was left. Chekwes should now retreat, re-organize, re-strategize and focus on a new action plan. With the PDP poor treatment of our democracy and the progressives milling without direction, it will be nice for him to look elsewhere for new allies that have verifiable ideologies and vision for a new Nigeria.

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By Ibrahim Kawule Liman

## Re: Is NAPEP eradicating poverty?

Our attention has been drawn to what seems like a sponsored smear campaign against the National Poverty Eradication Programme, NAPEP and, the personality of its National Co-ordinator, Dr. Magnus Kpakol, by one Kabiru Danladi Lawanti and published in *Daily Trust* of December 25, 2009.

Lawanti's piece was filled with misinformation and aimed at misguiding the reading public and thereby creating animosity towards NAPEP. The writer made wild allegations of corruption taking place in the agency and also claimed that, "...like other corruption cases raised by the National Assembly since the era of probes began, the NAPEP probe has been buried and forgotten in the nation's corruption cases archives". Lawanti went further; "on February 2, 2009, several national dailies carried a news report, which stated that the Deputy Senate President, Senator Ike Ekwremadu presided over a plenary, where the Senate approved the motion to probe the activities of National Poverty Eradication Programme (NAPEP)".

The article exposed Lawanti's ignorance, lies contradictions, and desperation for mischief making. To clear the air, the National Co-ordinator of NAPEP, Dr. Magnus Kpakol has been to the National Assembly several times, summoned by the committee, to explain to it the so called corruption allegations

The question here is, where did Lawanti get his information that the NAPEP probe had been "buried and forgotten"?

against his agency. Kpakol had extensively explained his position on any matter the committee had raised, and eventually cleared himself and his agency on the allegations, and any matter that arose for clarification. The question here is, where did Lawanti get his information that the NAPEP probe had been "buried and forgotten"?

Dr. Kpakol went further to state the core mandate of NAPEP, for which it is generally misunderstood by the public and even the committee members. He also explained to the committee the actual money being allocated to NAPEP annually by the Federal Government, in which it was least expected, given the deeply rooted poverty and complexity of Nigeria. To set the record straight, NAPEP, has since inception in 2001 to date, received only about N10bn from the Federal Government to eradicate poverty in Nigeria. According to Lawanti, "80 to 90 million Nigerians live in poverty". For heaven's sake, how can 80 to 90 million Nigerians be saved from poverty with just N10bn?

Lawanti also stated in his piece, that "...Eight years after the introduction of NAPEP and despite the huge funding through appropriation and Millennium Development Goals (MDG) funding, the agency could not effectively impact

on the lives of the less privileged Nigerians". Firstly, the MDG has since over a year stopped funding NAPEP. Secondly, it is not true that NAPEP has not impacted on the lives of less privileged Nigerians.

NAPEP, under the able leadership of Dr. Magnus Kpakol, has undoubtedly implemented series of programmes especially in the rural areas, at intervention level and in, partnership with states and local governments across Nigeria. Currently, two flagship programmes are in place; the Village Economic Development Solution (VEDS) programme. The VEDS program is geared towards ensuring that Nigerian villages become centres of economic activities through the establishment of economic anchor projects. Then the In care of the People (COPE) programme, which is Nigeria's first conditional cash transfer programme for the poorest of the poor among the rural communities. The COPE programme is covering all the 36 states of Nigeria and the FCT. In the 12 pilot states where the programme was first implemented over 30,000 school age children who would have been removed from the school are today in school courtesy of the COPE programme of NAPEP.

The COPE programme is witnessing a steady progress through the involvement of rural communities and thus, contributing to national economic growth. Recently, the House of Representatives Committee on poverty Alleviation has commended NAPEP for its successful implementation of programmes despite the inadequate resources given to it in the 2009 budget. Similarly, the Committee satisfactorily commended NAPEP for the level of performance as witnessed by the Committee during its oversight tour of the states across the country. This commendation was made by the committee during the 2010 budget defence session before the National Assembly.

Moreover, NAPEP has refocused all its intervention programmes to place more emphasis on partnership and support for states and local governments' poverty eradication programmes. In addition to these, NAPEP also extends hands of partnership with the Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) and the rural communities, NAPEP programmes are symbolic in reflecting the Federal Government's commitment to the fight against poverty. NAPEP will continue to lead the fight against poverty in fulfilment of its mandate, given the challenges the country is facing especially now, that the nation is grappling with the power problem. Realistically, power supply remains the primary ingredient that helps spur economic growth and development, thereby improving the standard of living of the people.

On a final note, a writer is by extension, also a journalist. Therefore, Lawanti before writing his unsubstantiated article, he should have undertaken a thorough research in order to provide sincere background information on any subject matter.

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By Bankole Olubamise

## Before this house falls (II)

Cont'd from last week.

There is no Giant that achieved anything worthwhile in the Bible; in fact all giants were brutally destroyed! Can we please STOP calling ourselves that meaningless title?

**Economic development:** The Second strategic measure of relevance is the level of economic development and impact in a globalized world. A few years ago, our organization held a series of nationwide workshops on globalization to warn Nigeria about the emergent realignment of forces economically and by implication politically, unfortunately we were hit our heads against the wall, the government system were totally flat in understanding the issues and developing appropriate response. Angola is stealing away Nigeria's oil customers, even Ghana which recently discovered oil amongst many other countries are rendering Nigeria ace card (oil) increasingly irrelevant to the global economic system. Especially because after over 400 billion US dollars from oil export, Nigeria has nothing to show in way of efficient infrastructure, continuous energy and quality of human life. We not only export crude and import petroleum; our five refineries hardly ever work. Dubai was a mere desert few years ago, but with vision, and effective management of oil resources, its now a global player and economic nerve centre for the Middle-East. If Dubai sneezes, as she did recently, major financial centres worldwide will be in trouble! Yet comparatively, Kano for example, has

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I am amazed that Dubai rulers speak Arabic, practice Islam, worship five times a day, yet they are eons away from Kano in such a short time! Let me illustrate: Intel the global chip maker now has a plant in Dubai employing thousands, with the main raw material for chips being SAND which Kano has in abundance, but because there is no vision and due to the failure of the social and economic system, Kano cannot compete with baby Dubai! What is happening to Nigeria in God's name! This is replicated across the country. The worst being the failure of the banking sector!

**National development and lack of public trust in leadership.** Nigerians simply don't trust their leaders, which is not controvertible. Over the past ten years, we have consistently seen leadership failures at the highest levels of the society. I was going to give the President a conditional support wondering if he means well, until his recent evacuation and failure to pass on the baton of leadership on his Vice. What would have happened if a foreign country attacked

Nigeria during this past month, Nigeria would have been crippled because only the President can declare war! The level of corruption in the system has become so commonplace, I have stopped being amazed.

The failure of leadership has eroded trust in leadership, therefore even when leaders claim ignorance of criticism from the public, we all still do not trust them and this is dangerous for leadership. It also signals to the outside world that since leaders are not trusted, how they can be counted upon to pursue a people's or national agenda in the best interest of the people. This perception makes it easy for others to call Nigeria's bluff. A good example is the ECOWAS region where even though there is a battle against the Economic Partnership Agreement, Nigeria's failure has made it possible for Cote D'Ivoire, Ghana and others to unilaterally sign an agreement that is supposed to be collective, yet Nigeria stand to loose the most from the implementation of the agreement.

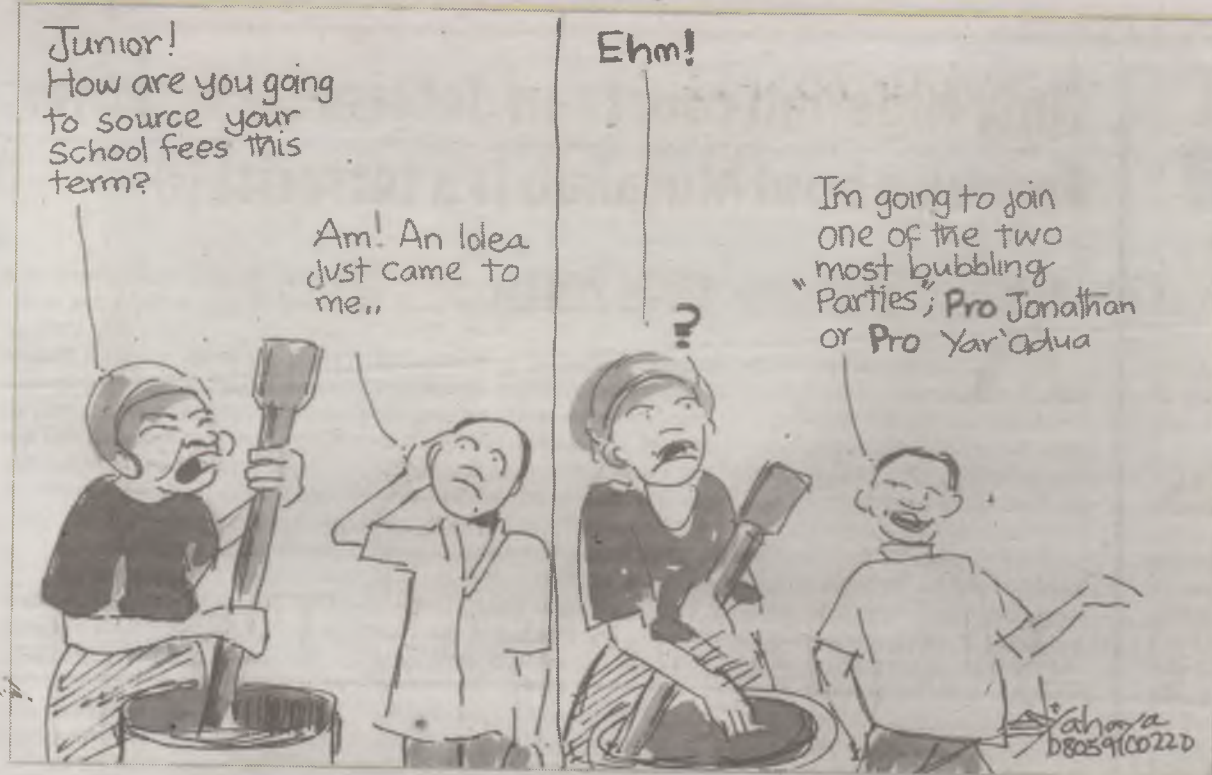
Nigeria is drifting too fast towards a precipice and that is the truth. Many do not believe the American prediction that Nigeria will break up will come to pass. I don't have such confidence if we continue like this. The question is can we continue to 'siddon look' as the situation gets out of hand? My first inclination is to give the Elders in the land another opportunity to redeem lost opportunities, as they are the ones who ruined this nation. We therefore call upon all former Presidents (Civilians and Military), retired and serving Generals, retired and serving Senators, former and sitting Governors and leading political figure to urgently convene a Strategic National Conference where the issue of Nigeria's drift towards anarchy will be discussed and a clear plan of action developed, which must not be self-serving.

Secondly, a National Strategic Youth Summit must be convened to assess the survival imperatives of Nigeria in the next 20 years. This will be preceded by a Civil Society Leaders Summit to clearly articulate the potential pitfalls for the future of Nigeria. The problem is beyond constitutional reform; I am convinced that if the 1999 Constitution was faithfully implemented, we would have lesser constitutional challenges, even as faulty as it is. I am also convinced that this current National Assembly has not shown any seriousness towards constitutional reforms thus far, so how they would give Nigeria a new constitution in 2010 without a mandate from a National Conference is simply not in view.

**Abdul Mutallab:** This is the lowest period of Nigeria's history. We can simply not go lower than this. It's an indictment of the family values of the nation's elites. There are too many questions, for example why did the senior Mutallab not ask his son to come to Nigeria for the mandatory national youth service programme for every degree holder in Nigeria? Now I hope all concerned will see this as a call to action to re-brand Nigeria.

Concluded.

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## Are there really no alternatives in Nigeria?

By Ahmad Sajoh

Back in the eighties, the military government of General Ibrahim Babangida introduced one of the most devastating economic policies in the country. It was called the Structural Adjustment Programme or SAP for short. That programme inflicted severe hardship on the people and even wiped away all traces of the middle class in the Nigerian economy.

SAP also introduced a new lingo in the lexicon of the Nigerian ruling elite. From then on everything introduced by the rulers in Nigeria is said to have no alternative. So it was then, and so it is even today. Any policy envisaged by the ruling elite is always considered the only option available. So today we are told that there is no alternative to deregulation.

And listening to the Chairman Nigeria Economic Summit Group Mr Sam Oluwabunwa expound the deregulation theory, one begins to wonder whether the economics of the Nigerian state is indeed really different from that of the rest of the world. Even with the expose of the Venezuelan Ambassador, our ruling elite still think there is no alternative to deregulation.

If what the diplomat said is new to some of us, it is definitely not so to our Minister of Petroleum, and to the Group MD of NNPC. Both of them lived and served in Caracas, Venezuela, as OPEC staff.

What then is really the problem? Are there really no alternatives to policies enunciated by the Nigerian ruling elite? Are we so peculiar that ours is so totally different even within the context of a globalized world? Where exactly lay the problem?

First of all it is in the nature of the Nigerian state. Nigeria is undoubtedly one of the most backward neo-colonial peripheral dependent states in the world. It operates a pseudo-capitalist economic system that is neither here nor there. The capitalist system practiced in Nigeria is not developed enough to allow market forces genuinely determine who gets what, when and where. This is largely dependent on the vagaries of the ruling elite who in turn heavily depend on the dictates of external collaborators who help in milking the system dry.

Secondly we have ruling elite that is totally uncommitted to the progress of the Nation. Their commitment is essentially to themselves and their backers who keep their loot safe in foreign lands.

They operate in a clique and act as a cabal bent on scavenging on the resources of the nation to the last morsel. To them the people are simply some statistical data useful only in justifying expenditure through lofty budgets that are never implemented.

The third unfortunate factor is the existence a populace made up of people who have resigned to fatalism and prayers based on empty sermons by mullahs and clergymen that are themselves collaborators in the raping of the nation and plundering of her resources.

In sum, we are suffering from structural inadequacy and the crass incompetence of ruling elite devoid of even the slightest modicum of patriotism. As a result, governance has been reduced to simple self service by the rulers. Democratic practices do not flourish because the people's will is not supposed to matter.

A clear example is the 6000 megawatts of electricity promised Nigerians by December, 2009. With conflicting reports on the matter from diverse sources such as the Vice-President, the Ministers of Power and Information, the PHCN and lately the Chief Economic Adviser to the President, it is hard to really adopt what to believe in. However, the surest indicator of the truth of the matter is the huge budgetary allocation in the 2010 Appropriation Bill for alternative power generation in the Presidential Villa housing the President and the Vice President. Talking about the Villa, one is at loss as to the type of soldier-like termites at the place. A whopping 250 million naira was budgeted for fighting those powerful termites in the Villa. That amount is enough to provide my poor home village with 24 hour power supply for close to 5 years.

I am sure the 30 billion naira State House Budget will solve the power supply problem of my state permanently. Yet, 1.05 billion naira of that amount will only be used for just rehabilitation of buildings, maintenance of vehicles, and repair of banquet hall and refurbishing of 10 houses.

Where exactly will an alternative come for a nation that has spent close to 50 years recycling the same persons as leaders, same policies with different names and creating political dynasties made of beneficiaries of the status qua?

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## Your Letters

### How BBC got Yar'adua to talk

Nigeria has been a whirlwind of rumour and speculation over the last week. The speculation was driven by uncertainty over the whereabouts and state of health of President Yar'adua. He has been out of the country for more than 50 days. The BBC Hausa Service has an audience of 23 million people and they were contacting us, they were e-mailing us, they were texting us, they were blogging about us, and they were challenging us - "Please tell us what is happening with our President."

They were saying things like, "We rely on you to provide us with the truth - and we want the BBC to tell us the truth about Yar'adua."

Senior government officials, who said he was receiving medical treatment in Saudi Arabia, maintained he was on his way to a full recovery following heart problem.

Four weeks after his departure, rumours were rife that President Yar'adua was in a coma, others said he was brain-damaged. One report even claimed that he had died on the 10 January.

Rumours are not new to Nigeria; but then neither is speculation that Yar'adua had died. During his presidential campaign in 2007 the would-be President Yar'adua collapsed and was subsequently hospitalised in Germany.

In a dramatic response to speculation that he was dead, the then President Olusegun Obasanjo made a nationally televised phone call to Germany to convince Nigerians that Yar'adua was indeed alive.

That was three years ago and President Obasanjo's intervention happened only hours after Yar'adua had arrived in Germany. Last night, one of my thoughts was: if Nigerians needed to be convinced that Yar'adua was alive after so short a time from falling ill in 2007, then such assurances were long overdue after 50 days of silence and absence.

The interview today aired across Nigeria and the world and put to rest the wilder stories. It has not put to rest complaints from the opposition about the extended absence and uncertainties it raises. And on the internet some new questions have been flying such as "Was it really Yar'adua on the BBC?"

By way of an answer let me say that I and the interviewer thoroughly researched the interview before it was done. We dealt with people we know who are close to the President to set it up.

Before recording, Mansur Liman, who did the interview, had an informal chat to convince himself who we were talking to. In short, days of checking on the president's whereabouts and condition culminated in the interview taking place.

One of my key concerns in broadcasting to a country as complex and sensitive as Nigeria is making sure the BBC gets it right and our editorial checks have to be rigorous. With over 20 million Nigerians listening to the BBC on a regular basis, I feel pretty motivated to get the checks right.

One final thought: this is not the first time BBC Hausa has had cause to get to the heart of the story surrounding President Yar'adua. In 2007 BBC Hausa service was the first to get an interview with Yar'adua while he was receiving medical attention in Germany - again dispelling the rumours.

Tangaza is Editor of BBC Hausa. The article was posted on the broadcaster's blog.

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### So, prove it

HOUSE of Representatives should publish the 89 bills members claimed were passed into law. Let them prove their claims by publishing the bill in newspapers for Nigerians to assess whether the taxpayers' money is being spent well.

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### Follow tit with tat

WHY Nigerians are angry that the US has placed them on their country on 'watch list' for terrorists? What will it cost for Nigeria to do same to the US?

ANIMEG, Abuja, 08036620979.

### ...Yes, what's sauce for the goose...

LET us also put the US on our very own list. If we don't have one, let's create it just for them; subject their citizens to vigorous safety checks and tighten visa for them, consider increasing taxes for their companies here too.

NURUDEEN Lawal, FMC, Jigawa, 08098765096.

### Amazing Yar'adua

I am amazed that Yar'adua would wish to compromise his health and the political wellbeing of Nigerians by trying to cling on to the presidency.

HASSAN, Gombe, 08036431976.

### Come to think of it...

IS it really fair of Yar'adua and those who advised him on the issue to speak to Nigerians through a foreign medium at this crucial time? Why not NTA or FRCN?

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### Super Chickens!

IT is high time that the NFA rescued the National team by ensuring that only players that are regular in their clubs, both at home and abroad, are selected to represent Nigeria in South Africa. Majority of the players presently in Angola are bench-warmers.

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## Remembering the nation's fallen heroes

**T**he nation today honours the proverbial 'unknown soldiers' who have over the years paid the supreme price in defence of Nigeria's territorial integrity and unity. January 15 of every year is set aside to remember the real-life sacrifices that these men and women made in all the wars to keep this country in the shape that it is today, a united one. As usual, today's ceremony include the official laying of wreath at the monument of the 'unknown soldier' by top government functionaries at the state and federal levels. This is usually preceded by special prayers held in mosques and churches across the country for peace, unity and prosperity.

Today's occasion were also preceded by several speeches and sentiments by top government personnel to show concern and commitment to the welfare of members of the Nigerian Armed Forces. Since the pre-independence era stretching to the end of the Nigerian civil war in 1970, the military has played significant roles in defending the nation's territorial integrity and sustaining its unity as a nation. It has contributed to conflict resolutions in both the African continent and globally through several peace keeping operations.

However, despite this noble role of the Nigerian Armed Forces, it appears they receive more accolades in death than when alive. This may be due to the absence of a cohesive policy by successive governments to initiate and sustain projects and programmes that are targeted at addressing the plight of both serving and retired personnel. Another major hiccup in this regard is corruption that has eaten deep into every segment of our society. Today, in addition to poor welfare package, the average Nigerian soldier lives in dilapidated barracks. Therefore, at retirement, the soldier is left with little or no prospect to sustain his livelihood.

Admittedly, successive administrations have made varying efforts to improve on the situation in welfare and training; these seem not to be enough. Corruption in the system has been one of the problems that have caused the rot. A case in point was the alleged diversion of allowances for soldiers who took part in UN peacekeeping operation. However, 27 of these soldiers were tried and given life sentences, for protesting against their condition. There are also several cases of alleged human rights abuses and maltreatment of junior personnel in the barracks, as well as delays in payment of soldiers' emoluments and pension benefits to ex-servicemen who had gallantly fought to sustain the unity and territorial integrity of the country.

**I**t is against this background that we recommend a redefinition of the Armed Forces and Remembrance Day celebration. There should be a policy framework to ensure that our ex-servicemen as well as those still in the system are adequately taken care of. Indeed, it would be of greater help if the authorities institute a life insurance scheme for serving military personnel, if one is not already in place. This could assist the family of soldiers who may lose their lives in the line of duty.

We however commend the federal government for taking some positive steps towards addressing some of the problems, such as the barracks rehabilitation programme, the introduction of housing and the Health Insurance Scheme for military personnel. We hope that the housing scheme is meant to cater for all categories of military personnel, serving and retired.

Though government has several competing demands for its limited resources, a situation in which trained combatants responsible for the defence of the nation's territory as well as maintaining peace and unity amongst citizens are not adequately provided for, particularly at the end of their service period, should not be condoned. As the nation remembers the enormous sacrifice of our fallen heroes, we call on those who made pledges last year for the Nigerian Legion (but failed to honour their commitment) to redeem them. One way of remembering the dead is to take good care of the living.

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## Only Nigerian court can determine whether Farouk Abdul Mutallab is a terrorist (I)

By Aliyu Umaru

**A**s far as US President Barack Obama is concerned, Farouk Abdul Mutallab is without doubt a terrorist. He has already found him guilty before his trial commences. The possibility of Farouk getting a fair hearing before any American court is clearly not there.

To my greatest surprise, the Nigerian media, without exception, are also falling over each other to see every aspect of this matter from the American perspective. They have simply chosen to play along with the powerful international media anchored American post cold war and post 9/11 super power exhibitionism. They have forgotten that from the American perspective, Mr. Nelson Mandela was, until very recently, a terrorist simply because he led the war against the dehumanising apartheid terrorist rule in his native South Africa. Without doubt, no matter what America thought then or is thinking today, a victim of terror using terror tactics to fight terror cannot be a terrorist.

It is my view that Farouk's Christmas Day tragic drama on board an American-bound Delta Airline plane carrying about 300 people should be viewed first from the African perspective before it is viewed from the global perspective. There is clearly no Nigerian perspective to it, even from the standpoint of the griet-stricken Mutallab family, and all those who share in their grief.

From the African perspective, if Farouk committed the crimes the Americans are accusing him of, he is first and foremost an African freedom fighter who attempted to use terror tactics to fight terror, even if he has any kind of relationship with what America calls *al Qaeda*.

It is important that we first look at this matter from the African perspective because it is my view that only Africa, the worst targeted victim of terrorism of the past and the present, can lead the campaign to restore America's sanity in the 21st Century.

**B**efore we go any further, President Obama should note that from the African perspective, the promotion of the idea of same sex "marriage" is an act of secular terrorism of extremely grave dehumanising dimension. In this regard, Africa does not share America's definitions of "civilisation", "freedom", "progress" and "modernity".

It is a settled fact of history that during the period of colonial terrorism, Congo under Belgian colonial rule provided America with the uranium it used to produce 2nd World War atom bombs. At page 14 of his book, *The politics of uranium*, Norman Moss brought out this point clearly:

"In the event, two thirds of the uranium used for the war time bombs came from Congo... In August, 1943, General Groves

commissioned an evaluation of the world's uranium resources. The conclusion was that there was enough uranium for the Manhattan Project, but after this, there would hardly be any left in North America, and the only source of supply would be the Belgian Congo..."

In the Congo today, there is nothing but death and destruction and as a result the destroyed country is hosting the largest United Nations so-called Peace-keeping Force.

Again in the case of Nigeria, the tragic civil war, which was caused by the Western instigated 1966 bloody military coup, could

power, started looking for a new global enemy in the same manner it is now desperately looking for more battle fronts in Yemen and the Sahara by using Farouk and the existence of shadowy *al Qaeda* groups in Yemen and the Sahara as pretexts. The rest of the World is now learning that Yemen is now a global threat to the "civilized world".

**T**he cultivation of this new global enemy fully matured on September 11, 2001, the date America announced the identity of the enemy and declared a global war on terrorism and made it clear that the war has no rules. The new enemy is what America calls *Islamic fundamentalism*. Not unexpectedly, within

It is my view that Farouk's Christmas Day tragic drama on board an American-bound Delta Airline plane carrying about 300 people should be viewed first from the African perspective before it is viewed from the global perspective

have lasted much longer if not because of the support of Soviet and Egyptian governments. In the midst of the raging cold war at the time, Western countries, particularly France, tried all they could to counter the military support Nigeria received from the Soviet Union.

Therefore, from the African perspective, my recommendation is that the African Union should immediately step into this matter and tell America that it does not, any longer, have the power to make and unmake nations; and that all past terror related wrongs committed against African nations must be investigated by the United Nations. It is my view that this step will help to soften the hearts of young people like Farouk.

From the global perspective, America should constantly be reminded that the victims of its cold war and immediate post cold war miscalculations are increasing by the day.

As part of its cold war miscalculations, America created what it now calls *al-Qaeda* by arming and funding Muslim fighters and organizations from all over the globe to go to Afghanistan to fight the Soviet Union, the then reigning "Evil Empire".

The defeat of Soviet forces by the Muslim forces in Afghanistan inevitably led to the collapse of the Soviet Union. History, of course, has a way of repeating itself now that America, the reigning "Evil Empire", is fighting Muslim forces in the same Afghanistan.

Almost immediately after the collapse of the Soviet Union, America, a war-based super

power, started receiving global responses from Islamic groups it cultivated and used during the cold war and abandoned immediately thereafter.

Without doubt, those who organized and carried out the 9/11 attack on America succeeded in driving America out of its sanity.

**T**o illustrate how powerful this new Super Power is, the USA, the other Super Power, had to build a coalition of all nuclear powers ...to fight the *world war against Islamic fundamentalism*. Additionally, NATO has taken over responsibility for the conduct of the war on the first battle front of the new world war, Afghanistan. It will not be an exaggeration to assert that what will take NATO outside its traditional European theatre, for the first time in its history, must be something bigger than a Super Power. The Americans have also enlisted the services of corporate terrorists, otherwise known as corporate warriors, to guard the current puppet President of Afghanistan. The foregoing clearly goes to further confirm that the USA is, today, not the only Super Power in the world. Definitely, only another Super Power can fight this kind of powerful coalition the world has ever seen. This is a case of a non-nuclear Super Power taking on a coalition of nuclear powers led by America.

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Umaru, a legal practitioner, wrote from Kaduna.

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**He is survived by**

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Ugoeze Rebecca Ihejiahi

**Children:**

Mrs Ikechi & Mr Alphonsus Etete

Mr. Reginald & Dr (Mrs) Ugochi Ihejiahi

Mrs Olivia & Mr Gabriel Onwubuya

Dr (Mrs) Linda & Dr Innocent Ekwem

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In deference to his will, anybody wishing to place sympathy adverts may redirect the money and issue the cheque in favour of **FRIENDS OF ESSO** (Eziachi Secondary School Orlu), in support of the school's refurbishment.

## Programme

**Wednesday, January 20, 2010**

Farewell Mass at St. John's Catholic Church, Tafawa Balewa way, Kaduna by 10.00 am.

Tribute Session follows at Murtala Mohammed Square, Kaduna

**Thursday, January 21, 2010**

Body leaves Kaduna by air for Owerri, and by motorcade from Owerri to his home town, Eziachi, Orlu Local Government Area, Imo State.

**Friday, January 22, 2010**

Lying-in-state at his home in Eziachi, Orlu Local Government Area between 9.00 am - 10.00 am.

**Funeral Mass** follows at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Eziachi, by 10.00 am.

**Civic Reception** immediately after funeral mass at the compound of Eziachi Secondary School Orlu (ESSO).

Interment by family and Knights of St. Mulumba

**Saturday, January 23, 2010**

Condolence visits to the family by in-laws and other groups.

**Sunday, January 24, 2010**

Thanksgiving mass at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Eziachi, Orlu by 10.00 am.

For tributes to Igwe Ihejiahi please visit:  
<http://hrh-igwe-cyprian-ihējiahi.memory-of.com/About.aspx>

Signed:  
Reginald Ihejiahi  
For the Family

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May Allah (SWT) continue to grant you eternal rest and Aljannah Fiddausi, and make us continue to follow the Sardauna's worthy footpaths and legacies. Amen.



Signed  
The Chief Servant  
**Dr. Mu'azu Babangida Aliyu, OON**  
(Talban Minna)  
Governor of Niger State  
Joint Chairman, NGF & BOT

Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation: For and on behalf of my Colleagues and members of the Steering Committee and Blue Print Technical Committee on Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation.

# INTERNATIONAL

## Haiti quake: Survivors struggle while awaiting aid

DESPERATELY needed aid from around the world began arriving yesterday in quake-stunned Haiti, while rescuers struggled frantically to save the trapped and injured, using pickup trucks as ambulances and doors as stretchers.

President Barack Obama said "one of the largest relief efforts in our recent history" is moving toward Haiti, with thousands of troops and a broad array of civilian rescue workers deployed to aid the stricken country — backed by more than \$100 million in relief funds. To the Haitians, Obama promised: "You will not be forsaken."

Planes carrying teams from China and France, Spain and the United States landed at Port-au-Prince's airport with searchers and tons of water, food, medicine and other supplies — with more promised from around the globe.

It took six hours to unload a Chinese plane because the airport lacked the needed equipment — a hint of possible bottlenecks ahead as a global response brings a stream of relief flights to the airport, itself damaged by Tuesday's magnitude-7 earthquake.

Search and rescue squads from Virginia and Iceland arrived Wednesday and some groups — from Cuba's government and Doctors Without Borders — used staff already in the country



A woman walks among debris in Port-au-Prince, yesterday. A 7.0-magnitude earthquake struck Haiti Tuesday.

to treat victims immediately after the quake. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said that "tens of thousands, we fear, are dead" and said United States and the world must do everything possible to help Haiti surmount

its "cycle of hope and despair."

The U.S. dispatched troops and ships along with aid to Haiti, and other nations were joining the effort to help the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation, where the international Red Cross estimated

3 million people, a third of the population, may need emergency relief. In the streets of the capital, survivors set up camps amid piles of salvaged goods, including food scavenged from the rubble.

There seemed to be little offi-

cial presence in much of Port-au-Prince: Trucks carrying police and UN workers or equipment to clear away debris were often stuck in traffic on roads filled with pickup trucks, cars and pedestrians.

## France suspends expulsions of illegal Haitians

FRANCE has suspended expelling illegal immigrants from Haiti in the wake of the massive earthquake there, the country's immigration minister said yesterday.

France will instead temporarily allow earthquake victims who need medical assistance into the country, Eric Besson said in a statement.

The Haitian community in France is estimated at about 80,000.

The statement did not say how many people would be affected by the suspension. France expels thousands of illegal immigrants each year.

Tuesday's magnitude-7 quake hit the Haitian capital, Port-au-Prince, wreaking widespread devastation.

There is no estimate on how many people were killed.

## ...Aid workers face a logistical nightmare

RESCUE workers and relief goods started pouring into Haiti from around the world yesterday but aid groups were running into huge challenges trying to reach quake survivors trapped in the rubble or wandering homeless and hungry in the streets.

Ship deliveries were impossible to Port-au-Prince because the Haitian capital's port was closed by damage. Its airport was open but strained to handle a flurry of incoming flights carrying experts and aid.

Fearful of going near scores of quake-damaged buildings, Haitians stood or rested in the roads, slowing the transport of food and other crucial aid. "It's chaos," UN humanitarian spokeswoman

Elisabeth Byrs told The Associated Press.

"It's a logistical nightmare."

Severe damage to at least eight Port-au-Prince hospitals made it nearly impossible to treat the thousands of injured or prevent outbreaks of disease, said Paul Garwood, spokesman for the World Health Organization.

Even as the United Nations stepped up its massive aid operation, the world body was trying to determine how many of its own staff were killed in the magnitude-7 quake that struck Tuesday. "It's very difficult to give an exact number," said Byrs.

"This is also a tragedy for the United Nations." She said up to 100 U.N. staff were trapped in the

main U.N. peacekeepers' building, which was destroyed.

Byrs said 40 search-and-rescue teams from around the world had started arriving in Haiti to look for survivors trapped inside collapsed buildings.

But to find and save people, the rescuers will need heavy equipment to lift tons of rubble. Some teams have that equipment — including ones from Britain and Iceland — but many don't.

Although impoverished Haiti has virtually none of those machines, the neighboring Dominican Republic does and can help meet the need, said Charles Vincent of the World Food Program.

"We'll have to see how that

works out over the coming days," said Vincent. "The U.S. military will also be bringing in some equipment." Some rescuers were bringing their own lifting equipment.

President Barack Obama announced the U.S. government was making initial \$115 million relief effort and promised an all-out rescue and humanitarian effort including military and civilian emergency teams from across the U.S.

The aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson was expected to arrive off the coast yesterday and the Navy said the amphibious assault ship USS Bataan had been ordered to sail as soon as possible with a 2,000-member Marine unit.

## Israel sends a 220-man relief delegation to Haiti

THE Israeli Government yesterday dispatched a relief package and a 220-person delegation on two Boeing-747 jets to Haiti, following the earthquake which struck the Caribbean country on Tuesday killing over 100,000 people.

The relief package includes

a Home Front Command Field Hospital and rescue unit, as well as teams from Magen David Adom and Israeli police.

The delegation, headed by officials of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs left yesterday for Port-au-Prince on the two Boeing 747 jets leased from El

Al by the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF).

Already Israel's Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, Amos Radian is currently in Port-au-Prince, where he is coordinating Israel's contribution with local authorities and international aid agencies.

According to a Spokesperson of the Foreign Ministry, the Israeli government is expressing its solidarity with the Government and People of Haiti during this disaster and sends its condolences to the families of the casualties and wishes speedy recovery for the injured.

## International



A wounded woman (left) receives treatment at a hospital in Herat, Afghanistan

## Suicide bomber kills 20 people in Afghanistan

A suicide bomber apparently planning to attack a meeting of NATO and tribal officials blew himself up in a busy market district yesterday in central Afghanistan, killing at least 20 people, officials said, making it the deadliest attack against civilians in more than three months.

The attack came a day after the UN released a

report showing that the number of Afghan civilians killed in war-related violence was at its highest level last year, and suicide bombings and other attacks blamed on insurgents were the leading cause of death.

The blast tore through shops in the town of Dihrawud, in Uruzgan province, as the area was

packed with people gathered for the weekly bazaar.

Police said they believed the attacker's target was a meeting for NATO and local officials to discuss security with dozens of tribal elders.

It was unclear why he detonated his explosives before reaching the heavily guarded building where the meeting was being held.



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## Clerics in Yemen warn of jihad if US sends troops

A group of prominent Muslim clerics warned yesterday they will call for jihad, or holy war, if the U.S. sends troops to fight al-Qaida in Yemen.

The group of 15 clergymen includes the highly influential Sheik Abdul-Majid al-Zindani, whom the U.S. has branded a spiritual mentor of Osama bin-Laden but who is also courted by the Yemeni government for his important backing.

The clerics' warning goes straight to the Yemeni government's dilemma in cooperating with Washington against an al-Qaida offshoot in the country. In doing so, Yemen's weak regime must avoid upsetting al-Zindani and other radical Islamic figures whose support it needs to stay in power.

## China to send lower-level envoy to talks on Iran

CHINA has decided to send a lower-level official to attend talks in New York on Saturday about Iran's nuclear programs, the US State Department said yesterday.

The development caused consternation and perplexity among others in the group, which includes Britain, China, France, Russia, the United States and Germany, with several diplomats saying they did not know what was behind Beijing's decision.

"We are aware that their representation will be below the level of political director," said State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley.

## Trust Islamic Forum

In the name of Allah the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful. All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the worlds. We testify that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah, and that Muhammed (peace be upon him) is His prophet and messenger. May the benediction and blessings of Allah be on Prophet Muhammed who is the noblest of mankind, his household, his companions and those who follow their foot steps till the day of resurrection.

## The husband has greater rights over his wife than her parents

I have two situations that are related with which I ask two questions. I hope I can be helped. The situation is as follows and I do not know how to fix it. My mother is very demanding and fights with me all the time about my husband who has been very good to me and my children and her. She wants him to take her traveling and other things that involve spending a lot of time with her and he does not wish to do due to his demanding job as a doctor and because he feels that they will not get along. She visits our home at least 4-5 months every year and makes me take her out on a daily basis not even worrying that it makes me neglect my home and children. She is also very busy trying to make her own businesses so she fought with me about taking my brother or sister to live with me (they are 16 and 18) and tells me it is my right and I don't need to even have my husband's permission on the matter. She also refuses to pay a loan that her and my father (who passed away 2 years ago) made me take when I was in college attending a university I didn't even want to attend when I was 16 years old, this loan has destroyed my name making it impossible for me to buy anything with my name. She has done this to many people she owes money. On top of this, before my father passed away, he had written all properties and money in her name to make it easier to disperse to each of us (we are four girls and one boy) rather than involving an outside party; after he died, she said it is all in her name, and that she paid for a lot of his businesses before they succeeded so she will keep all the money as her own until she dies. I even gave her about \$100,000 (all the money I have ever saved and worked for) because she pretended that she was going to use it to pay off my dad's debts and she used it for a summer house instead and denies I ever gave her a penny since I never told anyone else because I wanted it between me, my mom and Allah swt even though I know she has a lot of money of her own. My husband was tired of this (and many more bad situations) and so he confronted her about the least of these problems - the old school loan, that was taken over 6 years before we were even married and keeps on multiplying in debt and on my name. He then continued to confront her about the many wrong things that have happened and involved his family too. She got very angry and didn't want to speak to either of us. Naturally, I wanted to fulfill my obligations to my mother so I managed to get on good speaking terms

with her so I do not defy silaat al rahim. We speak fine most of the time but after a couple weeks of that she will go back to insulting my husband, telling me to defy him and disobey him in order for him to apologize to her, and insulting me and my husband with very hurtful and shameful words. This relationship is badly affecting my marriage and my time at home and with my children. I cannot think about anything else and my husband doesn't want to apologize because he is right and feels my mom has not changed her bad ways and will not even pay off the old loan. And at the same time it is extremely difficult to communicate with her on a healthy level. We live in two different countries (me in America and her in Egypt) and she says if I love her and don't want to upset Allah swt that I will bring my three kids and visit her, my husband does not want me to leave him and she knows this and insists that I am being a bad muslim and that Allah swt will punish me for disobeying my mother. I have tried to advise her to fear Allah swt and she gets mad and says I should obey her and be against my husband. My husband tells me to try to keep good ties with her as much as I can, and is a very good husband and father otherwise, Alhamdulillah we have a very happy marriage and three healthy children. And so my questions are: 1. What are my obligations to my mother in such an ugly situation, keeping in mind that she continues to insult my husband in our phone calls (we live in two different countries) and asks me to disobey and defy him and cause problems in order for him to apologize to her. This communication has left me emotionally drained, it is what I think about most of my days and it wastes so much of time that I can use with studying or caring for my home. What is the minimum in regards to visiting and speaking to her so that Allah swt will not be angry with me and at the same time I will fulfill my obligation to her and not have to worry about her saying that Allah swt is upset. 2. Who is responsible for this loan. Keeping in mind that I was forced to attend this university, told to take a loan by mother and father, was only 16-18 years old and my husband was not told about this loan before marriage. Also, my mother has more than enough money to pay it off. Your help is deeply appreciated and greatly needed as soon as possible.

The mother's status in sharee'ah cannot be denied. Allah has enjoined that her children



LEFT to right: Special Adviser to governor Fashola on Legislative Affairs Hon. Abdullateef Abdulhakeem, the first Amir of The Muslim Congress (TMC), Ustadh Abdur-Rasaq Abdus-Salam-Abu Umar and Ustadh Abdullah shuaib of Zakat and Sadaqah Foundation in a chat at a symposium on Israeli-Palestinian crisis in Lagos recently.

should honour her, and He has forbidden them to disobey her; He has ruled that the mother is the most entitled of people to one's good company, as it says in the well-known hadeeth, when a man said: O Messenger of Allah, which of the people is most deserving of my good companionship? He said: "Your mother, then your mother, then your father, then the next closest and the next closest." Narrated by Muslim (2548). This is the mother's right, and that is her status. It is not permissible for her to consume her children's wealth unlawfully, rather she must give each one his or her rights, and divide the estate in accordance with the laws of Allah. It is also not permissible for the mother to incite her daughter against her husband and spoil the good relationship between them. These actions of this mother are evil deeds which are not acceptable in Islam, and they bring the threat of sin and punishment.

Perhaps the greatest way in which you can honour your mother is by deterring her from consuming haraam wealth and doing haraam things, and stopping her from wronging people unlawfully, and remind her of the sin involved in spoiling the relationship between husband and wife, and the sin of gheebah (backbiting), reviling and insulting others, and other haraam things that she is doing, such as tabarruj (wanton display) and travelling without a mahram, if

these are true in her case. With regard to your siblings who want your mother to live with you and your husband, you are not obliged to do that according to sharee'ah, rather it is the duty of your mother, and in this case the right belongs to your husband: if he agrees to that, all well and good, otherwise you are not obliged to do this, rather we do not advise your husband to accept this situation, because they are not neglected or in need of such a thing, they are not poor and in need of someone to spend on them, and your mother is not unable to take care of their affairs. Taking this responsibility from her is helping her to do the things that she is doing that go against Islam, and to neglect her duties, and pass on this burden to your husband, and put pressure on you and your household with something that is not required of you in the first place, let alone the unacceptable things that may result from your sister living in the same house as a man who is not her mahram (your husband). We do not advise you to accept this situation under any circumstances.

The status and rights of the mother do not supersede the rights of the husband, rather the husband's rights are greater and take precedence over your mother's rights. Your obedience to him takes precedence over your obedience to her, and the wise wife strives to please her husband by doing what he wants so long as it is not contrary to sharee'ah, and she strives to

honour her mother in ways that do not go against her husband's commands. If there is a conflict of interest, then she should put her husband's commands and wishes first.

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Culled from Islam Q & A

To be continued next week



## NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME

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### **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

#### **SUSPENSION OF FURTHER ACCREDITATION OF HMOs AND HCPs**

The Governing Council of the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) hereby informs its key stakeholders and the general public of the **SUSPENSION OF FURTHER ACCREDITATION OF NEW Healthcare Providers (HCPs) and Health Maintenance Organisations (HMOs) for the next one year.**

The action has become necessary in the light the following development:

- i. Only 816 of the 3,012 accredited Primary HCPs have 500 lives and above.
- ii. A total of 9,000 Healthcare services have been accredited so far to participate in the NHIS programmes.
- iii. The need to strengthen the Scheme and improve quality of healthcare services delivery through re-accreditation processes.

Furthermore, suspension of fresh accreditation of new HMOs was necessitated by the following:

- i. Only twenty-seven (27) of the Sixty-One (61) accredited HMOs operating under the NHIS Formal Sector programme have lives.
- ii. Reports of re-accreditation exercises show that HMOs have not made sufficient progress in folding in the Organised Private Sector (OPS) and other tiers of government into the Scheme.
- iii. Sustained pressure by HMOs on NHIS to provide lives for them.
- iv. The need to shift focus to re-accreditation processes of HMOs with the view to improving access to quality healthcare.

However, the suspension shall not affect the following categories of providers:

- i. Providers in states folding into the Community Health Insurance Programmes For the Maternal and Child Health Project.
- \*ii. Providers in states folding into the NHIS Formal Sector Programme where additional facilities would be required.

These suspensions take immediate effect.

**Management.**

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## CREATION OF 4, 790 JOBS NATIONWIDE

The National Directorate of Employment (NDE) in continuation of its job generation activities has commenced the recruitment, counselling, training and resettlement of 4, 790 unemployed graduates and other employed persons in the 36 States and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. This is part of the Directorate's implementation of its statutory mandate under the 2009 supplementary budget.

Under the programme, the following categories of unemployed persons are eligible for recruitment, training and resettlement.

1. Graduates of tertiary institutions who have successfully completed the mandatory NYSC service.
2. Graduated trainees of the NDE Rural Agricultural Development Training Scheme (RADTS) under the Rural Employment Programme (REP)
3. Unemployed women & house wives
4. Vulnerable persons such as the physically-challenged, widows and others.

The Training and resettlement shall cover the following skills.

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### C. Technical Skills including

(i) Autotronics (ii) Injector/Carburettor Repairs (iii) AutoCAD (iv) Environmental & Waste Management

The cycle of the training and resettlement would be concluded on or before March 31<sup>st</sup> 2010.

### Registration

All interested unemployed persons who wish to go into self-employment should register in the NDE offices in the 36 States and the FCT.

Registration ends on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2010

Signed:  
MANAGEMENT

# THE RIGHT TIME FOR GOMBE SOUTH

The success of the American Constitution is the acknowledgement by American Founding Fathers that the problem of cleavage can only be resolved by addressing it; their pragmatic decision to introduce a bicameral registration was one "Scientific" approach to address the fears of smaller state about dominance of larger ones. Hence, the American state's, irrespective of their sizes and population, were accorded equal representations in the senate. Today, the state of Wyoming with the population barely over one million people enjoys equal representation as California whose population is over 60 million.

Although, the critics of power shift are always on having the best candidate as in the case of chief M.K.O. Abiola who is always sighted as an example in Nigeria.

The policy thrust is for stable democracy accesses to equal opportunity for all contending groups within a nation or state by reducing power in balance and power riddle. This arrangement will solve Nigerian minority question thereby creating a real sense of equality and belonging. This system will allow the nation to solve its political problems, share its own culture of democracy, and also enable the nation and its leaders to concentrate on nation building through improving the standard of living of the people without distraction.

Historically, Gombe young state created 1996 with hope and aspiration by all people. Gombe State is a fusion of two district groups of people, Gombe State North and ethnic group of Gombe South. Demographically, the population of the state by 2006 census is projected at about 2,256,040. Gombe South constituted more than 35% of the total population. The Gombe State with multiple tribes, ethnic groups and divest interest deserve special and unique system of governance. In that regard we call for adaptation of rotational system of government for the 3 senatorial district and where possible to include local government level the purpose of fairness to all.

The ten (10) years of democracy in the state saw the production of two (2) governors-one from the north senatorial district (Alh. Abubakar Habu Hashidu) 1999-2003, Gombe central produce our current governor (Alh. Mohammad Danjuma Goje). The state having created with the hope and aspiration by the people that was short lived as a result of failure of the first civilian governor Alhaji Abubakar Habu Hashidu who happen to come from Gombe North and lasted for four years as the yearning and aspiring of the people of the state were dashed.

In view of that, the founding fathers began new agitation for positive change in order to move the state forward, that set the first reason for change in 2003 in which was later realized

The emir of Gombe as "there should be access to all basic facilities, and access to necessities of life must be seen as right and not privilege" it is also the vision of Founding

Fathers of the state to have successive government, that are committed to continuous improvement of standard of living in all ramification. Alhaji Mohammad Danjuma Goje, in his manifesto in 2003, tag "food, portable water supply, qualitative education, consistence electricity supply, adequate and affordable health care delivery, appropriate housing with clean environment and above all, to guarantee of security of life an property for the people of the state". To our surprise he went beyond his promises by making the impossible-possible to the young state. Among his major project are the constructions of Gombe multibillion water projects, the Gombe international airport - one of the best in the country. The highly rated state university, the multibillion stadium, just to mention a few.

The concern and worries of Gombe people today is who succeeds Governor Goje! Goje having excelled as a leader in the state. Our prayers and confusion today is who to come 2011? Who will double the task of maintaining the current and initiate more life bearing projects for the young and growing state? Who is this person? Who the cap fits?

It is believed that the purpose of equality, justice, fair play, and harmony. Gombe senatorial district deserves to be entrusted with the captainship of the state in the forthcoming election to enable them to display their talent.

The Tangale Waja Native authorities were known for orderliness having some of the best brain in the state civil service and respect for constituted authorities. Gombe south is the custodians in both private and public sector driver of the state, but been the worst represented in terms of political appointment. There was no time since the inception of the democracy of the southern zone represented by the state in the Federal Executive Council with the exceptions of the military rule were Senator Uba Amed was appointed as the Minister of Labour. For example the present Governor is from Gombe central, minister representing the state in the Federal Executive Council is from Gombe North while the Head of Civil Service and Secretary to the State Government, the Speaker State House of Assembly are all from Gombe North, the south is left panicking!

In conclusion, since democracy has become a global gem, the power balance is what makes sound, peaceful and purposeful democracy.

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## South African banks buy into Nigerian banks

From Kayode Ekundayo, Lagos with agency report

FIRSTRAND Limited and Standard Bank Group Limited, South Africa's two biggest banking groups, are said to have registered with the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to investigate and acquire one or two of the recently bailed-out banks in the country.

The timetable for buying any of the 10 rescued banks is to be determined by the CBN, but FirstRand Chief Executive Officer Sizwe Nxasana said on Thursday that it may prefer to buy one of Nigeria's "healthier" banks.

"There are opportunities across the board," Nxasana, 52, said. "We are still looking at all the options."

FirstRand first mooted its African expansion plans last June while Standard Bank is also looking to add to its assets in Nigeria.

While the country's banking crisis last August saw the central bank inject 620 billion naira (\$4.1 billion) into 10 banks to cover bad debts, the economy's growth potential means Nigerian institutions offer "nice opportunities," investor Mark Mobius said last week.

Standard Bank, which already operates in Nigeria as Stanbic IBTC Plc after buying a Lagos-based bank in 2007, may use acquisitions to bolster expansion.

"Standard Bank sees further growth opportunities in Nigeria, both organically on the back of a well established local business, which is fully integrated into the rest of our network, as well as through select acquisitions that can facilitate faster development of our Nigerian business or add market share and scale," Clive Tasker, CEO of the bank's African unit, said in an e-mailed response to questions.

The country's 10 distressed lenders are Afribank Nigeria Plc, Finbank Plc, Intercontinental Bank Plc, Oceanic Bank International Plc, Union Bank Nigeria Plc, Bank PHB Plc, Spring Bank Plc Equatorial Trust Bank Plc, Wema Bank Plc and Unity Bank Plc.

"There are risks in Nigeria but I believe FirstRand is well placed to help manage those risks with a local partner," said Jan Meintjes, portfolio manager and director at Gryphon Asset Management in Cape



SANUSI Lamido Sanusi, CBN Governor

Town, which owns FirstRand shares. "The opportunity far outweighs the risks."

"Because FirstRand does have excess capital it is a good time for it to now be acquisitive and arguably its entry to Nigeria will be cheaper than Standard

Bank's," said Neville Chester,

CBN had in October last year said it would limit domestic banks' market share to 20 percent and prevent the country's biggest lenders from acquiring stakes in 10 institutions that failed an audit earlier this year.

### FLIGHT SCHEDULE



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	Buying (NGN)	Central (NGN)	Selling (NGN)	DOLLAR.....	N151
CFA	0.3014	0.3114	0.3214	EURO.....	N220
DANISH KRONER	28.7781	28.8757	28.9733	POUNDS.....	N250
EURO	214.231	214.9577	215.6843		
POUNDS STERLING	238.4799	239.2888	240.0977	SELLING	
RIYAL	39.3093	39.4427	39.576	DOLLAR.....	N153
SDR	231.8759	232.6624	233.4489	EURO.....	N222
SWISS FRANC	145.003	145.4948	145.9866	POUNDS.....	N253
US DOLLAR	147.41	147.91	148.41		
WAUA	228.6019	229.3773	230.1527		
YEN	1.595	1.6004	1.6058		

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Date:	Thursday, January 14, 2010
Index:	21,944.94
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You have by this no mean feat engraved indelible marks in the sands of history for generations to come.

It is my fervent prayer with my entire Household that God should grant you the wisdom to deliver the great people of our great country Nigeria from the shackles of judicial oppression.

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# Business

PIC: KENNEDY EGBONODJE



ROADSIDE traders busy changing money at Lugbe, along Airport road, Abuja yesterday.

## FG insists on ICRC's endorsement for PPP projects

From Kayode Ekundayo & Chris Agabi, Lagos

THE Federal Executive Council (FEC) will henceforth not consider any ministerial proposal for Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects without the endorsement of the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC).

The Vice-President, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, who gave the position yesterday at the submission of the ICRC 2009 activity report to the Presidency, described ICRC as a crucial agency in consummating the PPP efforts of the Federal Government for Infrastructure regeneration.

He observed that the practice of bypassing ICRC by ministries, departments and agencies in PPP contracts had been an issue that the FEC had dealt with in recent time, and assured the commission of the presidency's support in harnessing the benefits of PPP.

Effective regulatory activity by ICRC, according to the Vice-President, in a statement by ICRC, would stem the tendency of a concessionaire or PPP partner reneging on the pre-contract agreements.

Presenting the ICRC report, Chairman of the Commission and former Head of State, Chief Ernest Shonekan, said that Nigeria's use of Public-Private Partnership arrangement for infrastructure rebirth would have progressed faster if there had been popular understanding of the concept and how it could address the decay in various service sectors.

"We have commenced active engagement of MDAs to develop a sound basis for collaboration in ensuring sustainability in the execution of PPP projects in line with the 7-Point Agenda of the government," he said.

According to Shonekan, private investment in public infrastructure has become inevitable for a bail-out from infrastructure deficit given the shrinking resources of state in the face of competing demands.

The commission, according to him, was collaborating with local and international donor agencies as well as financial institutions to address the challenge of short-term funding for long-term PPP projects, among other issues.

Director General of the Commission, Engr. Mansur Ahmed, highlighted the achievements of the commission in its first year of existence to include the development of a national-policy and guidelines on PPP, and the promotion of harmonised framework with state governments for infrastructure development.

## Fuel: As oil chiefs end talks, scarcity persists

By Hamisu Muhammad

DESPITE the effort by the oil industry stakeholders at the meeting that ended in Lagos Wednesday seeking for a lasting solution to the fuel scarcity, it remains a hard task getting petrol at many filling stations across the country, *Daily Trust* can report.

The Stakeholders' Forum convened by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to find concrete solutions to the challenges facing the downstream sector of the oil and gas industry ended with discordant submissions from all quarters.

Marketers and industry regulators had been pointing fingers at each other for the persisting fuel scarcity.

Reports from various states particularly in the North indicated that motorists were as at yesterday buying fuel with difficulties in some few filling stations that sold at the official rate of N65 a litre.

Most independent marketers in Kano and Kaduna were selling between N80 to N90 per litre, while some few NNPC filling stations and major marketer's outfits were crowded by motorists to buy the all important product-petrol at a cheaper rate.

In Katsina, Kebbi and Gusau our reporter gathered that the easiest way to buying fuel was to get to the independent marketers' filling station at higher prices usually above the official rate.

At the Stakeholders Meeting on Tuesday in Lagos, the Group Managing Director of the NNPC, Dr Mohammed Sanusi Barkindo, threw the blame to the manage-

ment of the Pipelines and Product Marketing Company (PPMC) and the refineries for not tackling the problem head on.

He tasked them to come up with practical solutions to end the perennial fuel supply and distribution challenge.

"We cannot continue to sing the same song of excuses. This is embarrassing not only to us as managers of the industry but to all other Nigerians as well. This is a practical forum where we are only interested in practical and innovative solutions to the challenge we face," he said.

The GMD stated that it was in recognition of the fact that the NNPC does not have a monopoly to the solutions that it was willing to carry all other stakeholders along in its drive to find a lasting antidote to the fuel nuisance.

Meanwhile, major oil marketers are yet to resolve to continue with the importation of the fuel into the country, despite the efforts by government to pay them all the outstanding arrears for 2008 Petroleum Support Funds.

Source from the Marketers Association said there are several other issues that are yet to be resolved by government which will not allow for their involvement in importation.

Some of the issues that needed attention according to the marketers include the exchange rate, and delay in paying back their arrears by government.

The withdrawal of the marketers from fuel importation has been considered to be one of the major reasons for the lingering fuel scarcity since last year.

## Islamic Bank holds business forum in Nigeria

By Sunday Williams

THE Islamic Development Bank (IDB) will hold its first business and investment forum in Nigeria next month, Senior Economist, Operations Planning and Services Department of the Bank Abdullah Kiliaki has said.

He made the remarks in Abuja when he led some officials of the bank on a visit to the Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC).

He said the forum which is scheduled for 23rd and 24th of February this year in Abuja will enable the bank to interact with the relevant stakeholders in Nigeria's public and private sectors.

He said: "Our coming to NIPC is basically to discuss with the authority on our intention to organize a business forum in Nigeria to introduce the Islamic Development Bank group to stakeholders in Nigeria in the public sector as well as the private sector."

He said that though the bank reflected Islam in its name, its operation has nothing to do with religion, adding that it only operates with Islamic ethics and code.

He explained that the Bank does not finance mosque or religious activities, adding that membership is opened to both Muslim and Christian nations.

He said that all the goals and objectives of the bank are geared towards poverty reduction and economic development without any political attachment, saying it operates like the World Bank and IMF.

He said: "We are not coming to establish a bank but to partner with the government and corporate bodies to finance project, though the bank is not after profit making but the loan is not totally free."

"The interest on loan is so minute compare to other banks. We use Islamic code of finance. It does not mean that the loan is free but we are more compassionate, we do charge a mark up which varies from project to project."

He said the bank had already invested a whopping \$200 million in Nigeria for the financing of several projects since the country became a member in 2005 which include among others, food security, education, health, trade and financing.

In his remarks, the Executive Secretary of NIPC, Engr. Mustapha Bello said the visit of the team to Nigeria came at the right time when country needs financing at both private and public sector of the economy.

## Business



PERMANENT Secretary, Kano State Ministry of Commerce Alhaji Dahiru Ahmed Bichi, Deputy Governor of Kano State Engr. Abdullahi Tijani Mohammed, Minister of Commerce and Industry Chief Achike Udenwa and Director Commodity and Produce Inspectorate (FMIC) Alhaji Usman Gwandu, inspecting spices produced in Nigeria during the official launch of campaign for patronage of Made in Nigeria products, North West zone, Kano.

### 15 millionaires emerge in Fidelity save & smile promo

By Sunday Williams

15 people yesterday emerged winners of N1 million each in the December 2009 draw of the Fidelity Bank save and win promo for all the 11 regional offices of the Bank across the country.

The draw which took place at the Abuja regional office of the Bank under the supervision of National Lottery Regulation Commission and Consumer Protection Council also produced 22 winners of television sets, 44 refrigerators, 11 motorcycles and 154 generators. Speaking, the bank's head, Consumer Sales, Abuja/Chairman, Local Organising Committee, Save & Smile promo, Abuja, Umaru Bala, said the winners will be contacted immediately through telephone and text messages.

"At the end of the day we are going to print the Account numbers and names of all the winners and will give a copy to the National Lottery Regulation Commission. We will immediately reach them through phone calls and text messages then thereafter, fix a day to do the formal presentations," he said.

He said the promo which started in September, 2009 has produced about 60 millionaires across the country aside other items and will run till March 2010. He explained that the promo is for savings account holders of the bank, adding that for a customer to qualify for the promo, he needs to maintain a minimum balance of N20,000 in his account throughout the month.

## NCS FOU Collects N421.8M in 2009

From Adelanwa Bamgboye

THE Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) Federal Operations Unit (FOU) zone 'A' has collected over N421 million as revenue into the coffers of the Federal Government in the year 2009.

Briefing Newsmen Tuesday, at the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) Federal Operations Unit (FOU) zone 'A', Ikeja Lagos, ACG Tahir Musa, (the immediate past Comptroller FOU,) said that the Command also recorded a total of 2,200 seizures.

He said that the total value of the seizures amounted to N2 billion with total duty of N428, 122,637.00 and total

duty paid value of N2 billion.

He said that a total of 113 suspects were arrested in 2009 alone, adding that five of the suspects have already been convicted while two cases are still pending in Court.

Earlier, Assistant Comptroller General (ACG) Musa Tahir, who was recently decorated by the Comptroller General of the NCS Abdullahi Dikko as an ACG inspected a parade which was organized in his honour.

He charged the newly recruited Officers of the NCS not to enter the Service with a crooked mind because according to him, the system would naturally checkmate and fish them out.

While handing over to the new Comptroller of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) Federal Operations Unit

(FOU) zone 'A' - Comptroller Kane Dede, he urged the Officers and men to work with the new Comptroller.

"I want you to rededicate yourself to the service of the NCS and to the service of the Nation and the sky would be your limit", the ACG said.

Responding, Comptroller Dede Kane promised not to let the nation down while he is in charge.

"The management of the NCS and the Comptroller General of Customs that has decided among all other Comptrollers that I should come here. They have confidence in me and I am not sure if I would want to fail him. To fail him is to fail Nigeria and myself ...", Comptroller Kane Dede said.

### AGOA: Nigerian-American Chamber of Commerce to assist businessmen

From Ibraheem Musa, Kaduna

THE Kaduna state chapter of Nigerian-American Chamber of Commerce has promised to help credible businessmen to access the window which the African Growth And Opportunity Act (AGOA) provides for African goods in the United States, Dr Musa Bawa, the president has promised.

Dr Bawa who made this known when the new EXCO paid a courtesy call on the Kaduna bureau of *Daily Trust*, also said that the chamber will help genuine businessmen to secure visas for business trips to the US. According to him, the chamber aims to promote business and cultural ties between Nigeria and the United States.

The president of Kaduna state chapter also said that the chamber will avail Nigerian businessmen and their American counterpart's information about investment and business opportunities in both countries. He said that they will facilitate trade missions for Nigerian investors to the United States and vice versa.

Dr Bawa also said that the chamber has lined up several activities for 2010, including trade fairs and exhibitions where made in Nigeria and US goods will be show cased.

He said that the chamber will attend a trade mission in April, adding that Nigerian businessmen should endeavour to attend. The president invited Media Trust Limited, publishers of *Daily Trust*, *Weekly Trust*, *Sunday Trust* and *Aminiya* newspapers to become corporate members of the chamber.

In his response, Kaduna Bureau Chief, Malam Ibraheem Musa thanked the Nigerian American/Chamber of Commerce for the invitation, promising to present the offer to the management.

### NITEL: BPE holds pre-sale conference

By Yunus Abdulhamid

THE Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) yesterday held a pre bid opening conference for the 13 investors who have indicated interest in acquiring stakes in the Nigeria Telecommunications Limited.

The 13 companies including second national carrier, Globacom, MTN, among others had been prequalified for the bidding by the BPE, through its consultants, BNP Paribas.

Also present at the meeting was the Executive Vice Chairman of the Nigeria Communications Commission (NCC), Ernest Ndukwe.

Director General of the BPE, Dr Christopher Anyanwu said the event was meant "to enable the privatisation and regulatory agencies get things straight with the investors who have shown interest in buying NITEL so that everything

would be done properly with hitch."

He said the options available was to sell the company as a whole or in bits splinted into the sat-3 international gate way, NITEL land line, MTEL GSM network, fibre optic backbone and CDMA.

In his remarks, the Executive Vice chairman of the NCC, Ernest Ndukwe said he honoured the invitation of the BPE to answer questions from the bidders relating to regulations in the telecom industry, to avoid any pitfall later in the transaction exercise. He said the present telecom laws in Nigeria do not allow that any existing GSM licence owner operating in the country to acquire another firm with a licence like the MTEL.

This would stifle competition which is key element of growth in the sector, Ndukwe said.

According to him, this means that Globacom which is the second national

carrier cannot possibly be allowed to buy NITEL alongside its mobile arm, MTEL as well as its SAT-3 international gateway.

"It could buy NITEL only, he said. Existing GSM companies can bid for a NITEL without MTEL as part of it. They could bid for other components. Allowing that would certainly lead to lessening competition."

He also said that spectrum trading was disallowed in Nigeria as well as licence selling. The federal government reserve the right to issue licences.

He said: "Any shareholding change up to 10% in a telecom firm in Nigeria requires the express permission of the NCC. This is also why the NCC participation in the process of changing the ownership of NITEL is coming at the right time.

The NCC boss cited Ethiopia as the only coun-

try around with a state owned telecom firm and that has not made it to grow in the past years. The country can boast of only 2 million lines, he said as against smaller countries with competitive telecom environment having far more than that.

The transaction of NITEL privations is billed to end on February 22, 2010 when the bids submitted by the investors would be opened.

This is the fifth attempt to privatise the moribund foremost national carrier since 2001 with the last four failing at various levels. The last was that of Transcorp in November 2006 and was eventually revoked by the federal government on June 1 last year citing non adherence to the share purchase agreement by Transcorp. The appointment of a technical committee to oversee the privatisation has not helped matters.



GOVERNMENT OF IMO STATE

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In order to meet public expectations on Land Use Administration and Management in the State, the Imo State Government has procured a fully computerized facility under IMO GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SERVICE (IGIS) offering Electronic Processing and Storage of all State Land Records into a Digital Database and Electronic Lands and Deeds Registry.

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This exercise shall run through and end on 30th June, 2010.

All land title holders are therefore required mandatorily to present their title documents for RE-CERTIFICATION at the IMO GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SERVICE, IGIS PLACE, No 1, Chief Emmanuel Iwuanyanwu Avenue (OCDA Complex), Off Port-Harcourt Road, New Owerri, Imo State.

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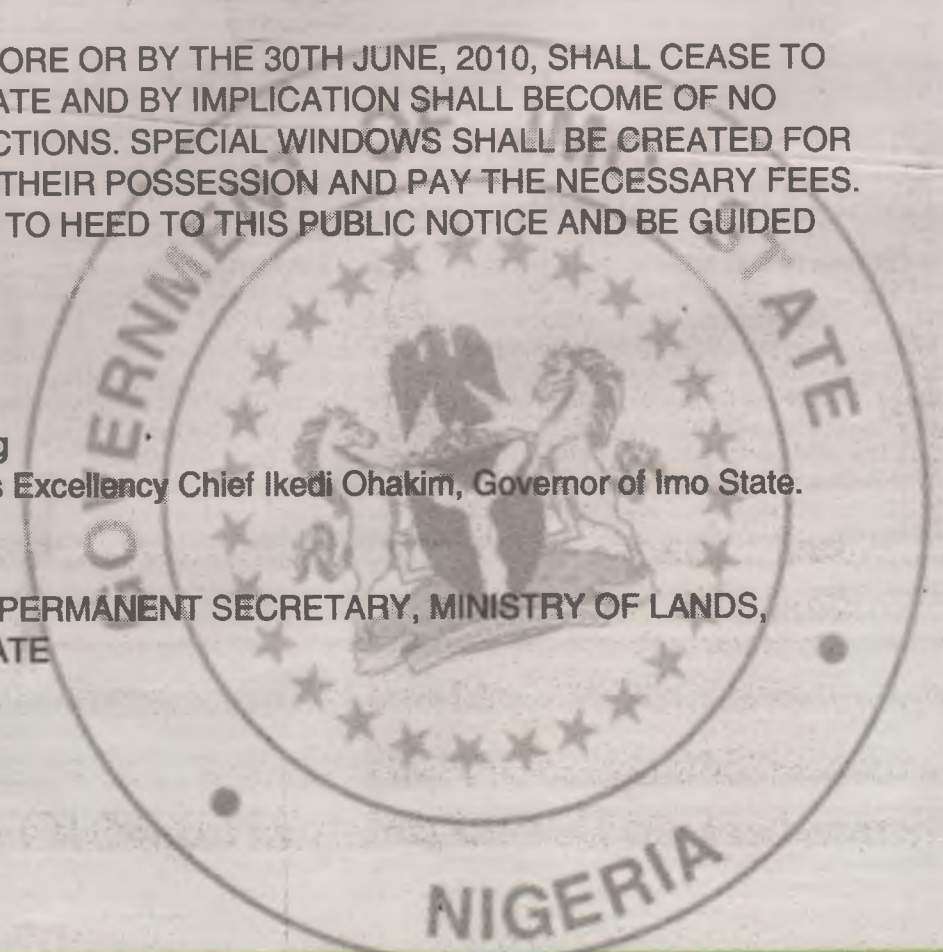
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#### Guest Speakers

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<b>2ND-TIER SECURITIES</b>				
CAPITAL OIL PLC	7	0.55	5,139,400	2,829,772.00
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>5,139,400</b>	<b>2,829,772.00</b>
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>				
FTN COCOA PROCES. PLC	58	0.61	7,244,661	4,477,024.51
LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC	26	0.76	1,233,000	911,679.00
OKOMU OIL PALM COY PLC	1	22.75	864	18,679.68
PRESKO PLC	4	5.60	12,400	69,440.00
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	<b>89</b>		<b>8,490,925</b>	<b>5,476,823.19</b>
<b>AIR SERVICES</b>				
AIR/SERVICES & LOG. PLC	7	2.44	53,500	126,010.00
NIG. AV. HAND. COY PLC	62	7.68	903,336	7,043,017.72
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	<b>69</b>		<b>956,836</b>	<b>7,169,027.72</b>
<b>AUTOMOBILE &amp; TYRE</b>				
DN TYRE & RUBBER PLC	34	0.50	5,836,368	2,918,474.00
R. T. BRISCOE (NIGERIA) PLC	9	6.27	39,812	238,587.46
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	<b>43</b>		<b>5,876,180</b>	<b>3,157,061.46</b>
<b>BANKING</b>				
ACCESS BANK PLC	206	7.89	8,011,418	63,285,296.45
AFRIBANK NIGERIA PLC	60	2.73	2,097,076	5,725,017.48
DIAMOND BANK PLC	78	7.30	3,912,884	28,729,651.88
ECOBANK NIGERIA PLC	5	10.10	39,880	382,848.00
F/CITY MON. BANK PLC	62	7.50	2,577,590	18,878,017.00
FIDELITY BANK PLC	152	2.50	8,895,877	22,173,876.46
FIRST BANK OF NIG. PLC	921	14.39	33,020,543	477,577,983.89
FINBANK PLC	175	0.63	19,033,918	11,953,819.46
GTBANK PLC	377	16.08	8,214,812	31,827,249.45
STANBIC IBTC BANK PLC	63	7.50	2,437,916	18,124,409.90
INTERCONT. BANK PLC.	88	2.28	10,737,953	24,482,532.84
OCEANIC BANK INT. PLC	205	2.57	14,486,050	37,229,148.50
BANK PHB PLC	63	1.99	12,401,081	24,678,151.19
SKYE BANK PLC.	96	5.51	2,399,004	13,222,641.14
SPRING BANK PLC	1	0.76	4,464	3,526.56
STERLING BANK PLC	38	1.24	1,526,057	1,922,837.43
UNT. BANK FOR AFR. PLC.	216	10.90	5,296,251	57,918,788.62
UNION BANK OF NIG. PLC	178	6.08	4,512,866	27,500,786.07
UNITYBANK PLC	66	1.01	7,185,950	7,420,261.00
WEMA BANK PLC	59	1.10	2,236,195	2,497,799.56
ZENITH BANK PLC	356	16.00	34,152,905	539,858,665.84
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	<b>3,465</b>		<b>183,180,690</b>	<b>1,515,393,308.72</b>
<b>BUILDING MATERIALS</b>				
ASHAKA CEMENT PLC	67	12.40	968,649	12,130,632.18
BENU CEMENT COY PLC	31	48.00	372,893	17,855,441.93
CEM. CO. OF N/NIG. PLC	23	13.23	767,848	10,195,854.69
LAFARGE WAPCO PLC	34	30.26	181,965	5,351,879.80
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	<b>155</b>		<b>2,291,355</b>	<b>45,533,808.60</b>
<b>CHEMICAL &amp; PAINTS</b>				
BERGER PAINTS NIG. PLC	3	3.20	2,857	9,599.52
DN MEYER PLC	1	5.39	1,800	9,234.00
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>4,657</b>	<b>18,833.52</b>
<b>COMMERCIAL/SERV.</b>				
AFROMEDIA PLC	7	0.67	1,178,000	789,260.00
C/VILLE INVEST. PLC	2	0.50	1,015,000	507,500.00
NAT. SPORTS LOTT. PLC	9	3.57	149,855,901	534,985,566.57
RED STAR EXPRESS PLC	17	2.62	653,060	1,687,061.20
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	<b>35</b>		<b>152,701,961</b>	<b>537,969,387.77</b>
<b>COMP. &amp; OFFICE EQUIP.</b>				
OMATEK VENTURES PLC	32	0.56	4,472,370	2,456,143.24
THOMAS WYATT PLC	1	1.84	1,000	1,750.00
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	<b>33</b>		<b>4,473,370</b>	<b>2,457,893.24</b>
<b>CONGLOMERATES</b>				
A. G. LEVENTIS (NIG.) PLC	12	2.42	187,814	454,824.44
PZ CUSSONS NIG. PLC	44	24.97	465,311	11,649,714.31
TRANSN. CORP. OF NIG. PLC	59	0.53	7,537,862	4,023,532.86
UAC OF NIGERIA PLC	53	39.38	538,730	20,719,181.96
UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC	86	23.20	1,967,234	45,481,381.80
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	<b>254</b>		<b>10,696,951</b>	<b>82,328,635.37</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>				
COSTAIN (WA) PLC	68	4.07	1,333,713	5,452,996.99
JULIUS BERGER NIG. PLC	32	29.60	1,121,450	31,645,025.00
MULTIVERSE RES. PLC	9	0.50	240,000	120,000.00
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	<b>109</b>		<b>2,695,163</b>	<b>37,218,021.99</b>
<b>ENGINEERING TECH.</b>				
CUTIX PLC	2	3.63	49,050	169,222.50
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>49,050</b>	<b>169,222.50</b>
<b>FOOD/BEV. &amp; TOBACCO</b>				
7-UP BOTTLING CO. PLC	4	29.40	1,852	52,993.70
BIG TREAT PLC	60	0.87	2,476,810	2,081,774.50
CADBURY NIGERIA PLC	83	11.81	1,291,055	15,710,514.82
DANGOTE FLOUR MILLS PLC	227	12.54	2,063,134	25,871,745.36
DANGOTE SUGAR REF. PLC	112	14.85	1,631,022	24,386,825.11
FLOUR MILLS NIGERIA PLC	36	38.81	327,879	12,749,606.99
H/WELL FLOUR MILL PLC	16	8.07	165,900	1,346,840.00
NAT. SALT COY NIG. PLC	156	5.49	5,756,389	31,636,777.10
NIG. BOTTLING COY PLC	21	24.82	114,944	2,791,307.29
NESTLE NIGERIA PLC	52	252.00	556,188	140,828,450.99
N/NIGERIA FLOUR MILLS PLC	1	22.94	1,480	32,264.00
TANTALIZERS PLC	19	0.89	614,157	546,599.73
UTC NIGERIA PLC	5	0.90	13,200	11,352.00

What is  
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Securities  
that represent  
part  
ownership in  
a company  
and generally  
carry voting  
privileges.  
Common  
shareholders  
may be paid  
dividends,  
but only after  
preferred  
shareholders  
are paid.  
Common  
shareholders  
are last  
in line after  
creditors,  
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and preferred  
shareholders  
to claim any  
of a company's  
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SECTOR Totals	792	15,014,010	258,047,051.59
<b>HEALTHCARE</b>			
EVANS MEDICAL PLC.	8	1.00	88,584
FIDSON HEALTHCARE PLC	11	1.99	1,075,904
GLAXOSM. CONS. NIG. PLC	15	23.52	51,206
MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC.	19	4.90	295,375
NEIMETH INT. PHARM. PLC	15	1.65	158,292
UN/DIAG. & CLIN. SERV. PLC	14	0.66	568,850
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	<b>82</b>		<b>2,238,211</b>
<b>HOTEL &amp; TOURISM</b>			
CAPITAL HOTEL PLC	1	1.50	1,000
IKEJA HOTEL PLC	9	1.00	153,300
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>154,300</b>
<b>IND./DOMESTIC PROD.</b>			
NIG. ENAMELWARE PLC	1	52.85	105,000
FIRST ALUM. NIGERIA PLC	5	0.50	30,000
VITAFAM NIGERIA PLC	17	5.55	118,621
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	<b>23</b>		<b>253,621</b>
<b>INF. &amp; COMMUNIC. TECH.</b>			
CHAMS PLC	41	0.76	3,239,198
E-TRANZACT INT. PLC	1	6.40	200
IHS NIGERIA PLC	1	4.24	720
STARCOMMS PLC	29	2.00	2,689,724
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	<b>72</b>		<b>5,929,842</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>			
AFRICAN ALLIANCE INS. PLC	3	0.79	101,500
AIICO INSURANCE PLC.	47	0.89	5,044,990
CONTINENTAL REINS. PLC	11	1.05	1,796,440
CORNERSTONE INS. CO. PLC.	17	0.52	1,980,000
CUST. AND ALLIED INS. PLC	8	2.97	51,750
EQUITY ASSURANCE PLC	2	0.50	53,000
GOLDLINK INSURANCE PLC	3	0.73	80,000
GUARANTY TRUST ASS. PLC	37	2.10	6,097,470
GUINEA INSURANCE PLC.	1	0.50	5,000
CONSOL. HALLM. INS. PLC	3	0.50	30,000
INT. ENERGY INS. COY PLC	42	0.59	2,520,591
LASACO ASSURANCE PLC.	41	0.57	4,686,600
L/UNION & ROCK INS. PLC.	14	0.52	1,054,811
LINKAGE ASSURANCE PLC	1	0.50	34,674
MUTUAL BENEFITS ASS. PLC	13	0.64	1,515,000
N.E.M. INS. CO. (NIG.) PLC.	8	0.53	433,700
NIGER INSURANCE CO. PLC.	15	0.97	1,747,423
OASIS INSURANCE PLC	2	1.49	19,000
PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC.	5	3.80	25,000
SOVEREIGN TRUST INS. PLC	5	0.50	807,500
STACO INSURANCE PLC	0	1.09	0
STAND. ALLIANCE INS. PLC	21	0.67	2,121,000
UNIC INSURANCE PLC.	10	0.87	351,090
UNIV. INSURANCE COY PLC	3	0.50	172,215
INTERC. WAPIC INSUR. PLC	21	0.99	1,603,026
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	<b>331</b>		<b>32,331,780</b>
<b>MEDIA</b>			
DAAR COMMUNIC. PLC	61	0.51	460,612
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	<b>61</b>		<b>460,612</b>
<b>MORTGAGE COMPANIES</b>			
ASO SAVINGS & LOANS PLC	15	0.66	420,176
RESORT SAV. & LOANS PLC	2	0.50	205,000
UN/HOMES SAV. & LOANS PLC	70	0.91	6,766,272
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	<b>87</b>		<b>7,391,448</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCIAL INST.</b>			
CRUSADER NIGERIA PLC.	1	1.43	800
D/CAPITAL MAN. & TRUST PLC	2	2.02	1,500
ROYAL EXCHANGE PLC	5	0.55	382,500
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>384,800</b>
<b>PACKAGING</b>			
NIG. BAG MANUF. COY PLC	600	1.62	1,248,876
BETA GLASS CO. PLC	1	14.26	5,000
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	<b>601</b>		<b>1,253,876</b>
<b>PETROLEUM(MARKETING)</b>			
AFRICAN PETROLEUM PLC.	68	37.10	128,087
BECO PETROL. PROD. PLC	2	2.41	2,000
CHEVRON OIL NIGERIA PLC	4	69.79	898
CONOIL PLC	48	33.57	68,957
ETERNA OIL & GAS PLC.	82	6.32	1,373,704
MOBIL OIL NIGERIA PLC.	14	99.95	43,550
OANDO PLC	10	93.99	27,073
TOTAL NIGERIA PLC	16	150.00	23,619
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	<b>244</b>		<b>1,667,888</b>
<b>PRINTING &amp; PUBLISHING</b>			
ACADEMY PRESS PLC.	1	6.55	2,000
LONGMAN NIGERIA PLC	4	9.00	31,060
UNIVERSITY PRESS PLC	3	5.29	21,128
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>54,188</b>
<b>REAL ESTATE</b>			
UACN PROP. DEVEL. CO. PLC	21	20.50	444,475
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>444,475</b>
<b>THE FOREIGN LISTINGS</b>			
ECOBANK TRAN. INCORP.	28	14.80	1,838,839
<b>SECTOR Totals</b>	<b>28</b>		<b>1,838,839</b>
<b>OVERALL Totals</b>	<b>7,042</b>		<b>456,361,207</b>

## GAINERS

BCC	1.21
NBC	1.18
AP	0.95
CADBURY	0.58

## LOSERS

NESTLE	2.90
ENAMELWA	2.78
FLOURMILL	2.04
PZ	1.03

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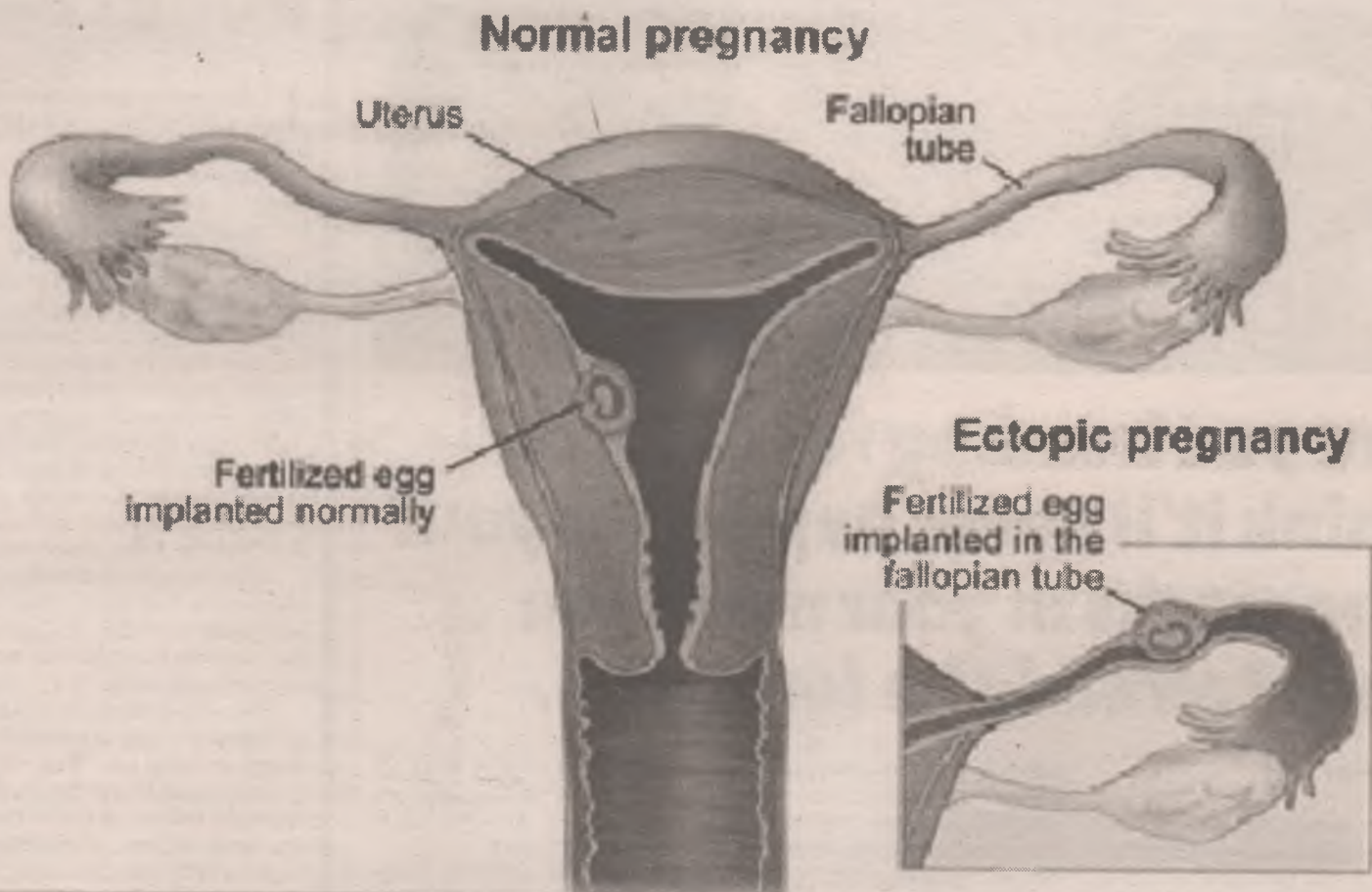
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## Preventing ectopic pregnancy

By Akor Ojoma

**E**CTOPIC pregnancy is a major health problem worldwide. An ectopic pregnancy occurs outside a woman's uterus 'womb'. The word Ectopic means "out of place."

Normally, after fertilization, an embryo that is the combined egg and sperm implants itself inside a woman's uterus and begins to grow and develop. Occasionally, however, the embryo may accidentally attach elsewhere along its path to the uterus and begin to grow in this abnormal site, where it does not have the normal environment to develop.

According to Dr Nathaniel Adewole, a consultant gynaecologist at the Gariki Hospital, Abuja, "Ectopic pregnancy is the presence of pregnancy outside the normal endometrial lining of the womb. It is a common disease all over the world; the frequency of occurrence varies from country to country, it could range from 1 in 50 to 1 in 200 live births."

#### Symptoms

The symptoms of ectopic pregnancy are lower abdominal or pelvic pain, mild cramping on one side of the pelvis, amenorrhea or cessation of regular menstrual cycle, abnormal vaginal bleeding - usually scant amounts, spotting, breast tenderness, nausea, late or missed period although a woman

can start experiencing the symptoms of the ectopic before she misses a period, vaginal bleeding, tissue passage from the vagina and pregnancy symptoms.

Others are; Dizziness and fainting due to the loss of blood, Shoulder pain, Weakness, Heart racing and bloated and hard abdomen.

He says "The woman always has constant abdominal pain, irregular vaginal bleeding and because of this the women cannot know when she has missed her period. In Nigeria, most cases of ectopic pregnancy is the ruptured type in which case you see other symptoms like, dizziness and fainting attacks. If a woman is of reproductive age and is having these symptoms, the first thought should be ectopic pregnancy."

He advises that all women should go the hospital immediately for check up once they miss their period. However it is not all women who have ectopic pregnancy that miss their period. Only about 60% percent of women with ectopic pregnancy can certainly say that they missed their period.

#### Causes

He says "It is caused by abnormality in the process of transporting the fertilized egg. It could also be caused if the fallopian tube has been damaged by infection or congenitally damaged, that is from birth, probably being too long or too short. Some women who

have also had many operations can also have addiction which leads to ectopic pregnancy. Ectopic pregnancy could be in the fallopian tube, ovary, abdomen, cervix, though the cervix is part of the uterus it is not normal for the pregnancy to be there, another place could be like blood ligament but more than 95% of ectopic pregnancy occur in the fallopian tube."

#### Types

There are three types of ectopic pregnancy.

Unruptured ectopic pregnancy, in this case the woman has not started losing blood.

Ruptured and slow leaking ectopic pregnancy.

The last two are the dangerous types and easily kill. In his words "In advanced countries, it is very difficult for women to die of ectopic pregnancy; cases are detected early because they go to the hospital once they notice the symptoms so it is mostly unruptured. But In Nigeria and many parts of West Africa it is not so. Here it is very common for women to die of ectopic pregnancy; Nigerian women normally have the ruptured or slow leaking types because they try to manage it themselves with drugs like alabukun or ibuprofen until it gets ruptured."

#### Prevention

The best ways to prevent Ectopic Pregnancy includes:

The use of antibiotics prescribed by the doctor.

Avoid sexual contact.

The use of condoms during sexual activities.

Avoid risk factors such as sexually transmitted disease and multiple partners.

He adds that damage to the fallopian tube is mostly caused by sexually transmitted diseases. "When you notice any sign of infection or have STDS don't treat them partially but go the hospital and treat them adequately, a person with multiple sexual partners can have infections without knowing it. The use of the condom could prevent infection."

#### Diagnosis

A blood test to check your level of the pregnancy hormone human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG). Another way is a vaginal exam - If the vaginal area is very tender or your caregiver detects a mass or an enlarged fallopian tube, an ectopic is likely the cause. Radiologist can make the diagnoses by the ultrasound examination.

#### Treatment

Once an ectopic pregnancy is diagnosed, there are several different treatments. Since it is not possible to take the pregnancy from the tube and put it into the womb, the options are as follows:

Expectant management, medical treatment with a drug like methotrexate which is given by injection. Laparoscopic surgery, Open surgery etc.



Long-term stress: Divorce is a difficult process for all involved

## Are you heading for divorce? Think it'll never happen to you? The cracks in your marriage could already be forming...

By Kate Figes

ON the scale of life's most stressful events developed by psychiatrists Holmes and Rahe in the Sixties, divorce and separation hold second and third place only after the death of a spouse.

When you consider that the end of a serious relationship is fraught with other difficulties and traumas - such as moving house, reduced financial security, often sole responsibility for children, loss of day-to-day contact with children for the non-custodial parent, increased argument with their partner and in-laws, as well as greater social isolation with the inevitable loss of friends who take sides - divorce can add up to a major life crisis.

No wonder then that divorced or separated men and women are about 35 per cent more likely to consult their GP than married people.

They smoke, and drink more alcohol, and morbidity statistics consistently find that the divorced suffer from a great many more diseases, depression and mental illness than married people.

In the final part of our series on modern marriage, I look at what happens when a relationship breaks down...

### The agony of divorce

Of course, family breakdown affects children profoundly, too, but thankfully not always as negatively as you might think.

Children involved in divorces vary widely in their experiences, and sometimes can even fare better than children whose parents stay together - for there is overwhelming evidence that it is the way that a family functions which matters, more than family structure, to a child's well-being. It is the consequences of divorce, such as increased financial hardship,

high levels of conflict and parental psychological distress, that determine whether or not children fall into the majority group who adjust well, or suffer long-term.

When the children's needs are given proper consideration and priority, the fallout of divorce can be minimised, but that takes a level of maturity and sensitivity which parents living with such a high level of emotional personal trauma are not known for.

Divorce may be easier now than at any time in history, but given such circumstances it is hardly surprising that most people I spoke to went through years of agonising attempts to rescue their partnership before they finally divorced.

### What to watch out for

There appear to be three key stages in the life of a relationship when it is most prone to breakdown - at the very beginning, then when children are young, and finally in midlife.

Divorce rates peak at three years into marriage. Many of these failed relationships will have gone wrong the moment the romance died and insurmountable differences were uncovered, but

Jackie found herself falling for a friend just as a ten-year-long relationship with her first boyfriend ended, and four months later they were married. 'I woke up the day after we got married and it was as if someone had poured a bucket of cold water on my head. What had I done? 'My gut feeling was that I had rushed into something and made a terrible mistake. But then I thought, I have made my bed, I had better lie in it. 'I always felt that marriage was for life, so I was determined to make it work.'

Within months, however, the couple were barely talking to each other. Although Jackie was the main breadwinner, her husband ran up a huge overdraft with-

out telling her. At that point she decided they should separate, but it took years before she was able to achieve that objective.

'It's horrible living with someone when you are trying to leave. It was one of the most painful times of my life because I just wanted him to go, but he spent months sleeping on the living-room floor.'

Parenthood seems to provoke the second spike in divorce and separation statistics, with roughly a fifth of all marriages ending within five years after the birth of the first child. People change profoundly when they become parents, and now that both tend to work longer hours than ever before, they rarely find time for themselves, let alone for each other.

'Once we had a family, finding time to do our work was always a problem,' says divorcee Joyce. 'Money was always a problem. Childcare was a problem. Sex was a problem. Communications between the two of us broke down under the pressures of family life. I nagged, he refused to talk.'

The anguish that parents feel when their relationship breaks down cannot be underestimated. It is highlighted, rendered more complicated, because of the children. I spoke to Sarah, who was astonished by the length of time it took her to recover from her divorce and eventually went to counselling at Relate to help her get over it. 'My sister seemed to think it was like going to a psychiatrist and that I didn't need to go, but you can't keep burdening your friends with it.'

'I used to come out with my eyes red from crying for an hour, but it does eventually get easier. Towards the end of my sessions, I saw a man there who was devastated by his break-up, in tears every week, and I realised how much I had moved on, finally.'

## FRAGMENTS

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### Would you offer honest advice?

EVERY now and then people seek advice from friends, relatives and acquaintances, while some choose to offer advice without being sought in the name of goodwill. But how gracious is honest advice taken?

One woman who gave an honest advice to her niece by discouraging her from marrying a young man who drinks alcohol was eventually accused of envy as the girl went ahead to marry the man and had two children with him. 'I wish I never said anything against the marriage,' she lamented. 'Because the parents of the girl are not happy with me now and things will never be the same between us again. But they were the ones who sought my advice because I knew the young man. To make things worse somebody has told the man too that I opposed the marriage. I don't think I will offer such an advice again,' she said.

There are many cases where giving advice ends up turning you to an enemy, after all in most cases people seeking advice have already made up their minds on what to do, but may apparently just want an affirmation from somebody, and in a way, looking for who to blame if the advice doesn't work well.

A man who advised his best friend against marrying one girl because she had many male friends, equally rued his action, because the marriage took place, and the friend made it a point of duty to drum it into his ears each time they meet that she turned out to be a good wife.

However, in marriage, it is good to investigate the boy or girl, and particularly his or her family in order to know the type of family you are going into. That is why in those days, if a man wanted to marry a girl, his parents would ask somebody to discreetly ask about her and her parents in the area, and the girl's parents would equally do the same. If anything bad is discovered, then the marriage would not take place. But nowadays even such discreet investigation hardly takes place, and if asked, many people would not give honest advice, fearing that it would not be taken in good faith.

The comment now, is 'wa zai fada?' That is, you can't offer honest advice so as not to be seen as envious, which means that even if a person is irresponsible, you can say he/she is of good character.

In any event one of the most difficult advices to offer is to tell a woman to get out of her marriage. In many marital crises even parents are wary of giving such an advice; it is a woman's decision. This is because many women will soon regret the decision, especially if they have children, and later blame the parents or the relatives who 'fought' for them. In one such case, the husband refused to give the woman and her children food, while he gives his other wife and her children. But the woman was helped by her brother who brought money and food items for her. He later advised her to get out of the marriage. After some months, she blamed her brother for ending her marriage and separating her from her children, arguing that no matter what, if she was staying with them, nobody would maltreat them. The husband came for reconciliation and she gladly fell into his arms, so to speak.

Sometime ago, another woman told me that her husband had divorced her but she was still staying in his one room house, which made him so angry that he refused to sleep in the house at night and doesn't talk to her during the day. According to her, the husband's boss had tried to reconcile them, but the husband said in the presence of the boss, that he would rather die than stay married to her.

Afterwards she asked, 'What do you think I should do now, should I go or stay?' I told her to stay for some time to see if he would change his mind! Of course I only offered this advice because it was what she wanted, since she had already decided to stay after he divorced her. As far as I am concerned, a woman has no business staying married to a man who has shown her the height of hatred and prefers death to staying with her. People should probably stop seeking for advice or even taking it for that matter and just do what their minds tell them, and it will save a lot of people from making enemies for giving 'bad' advice.'



**As far as I am concerned, a woman has no business staying married to a man who has shown her the height of hatred and prefers death to staying with her**

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## Advice by Dr Aminu Magashi

### What is bilharziasis?

Recently I noticed blood in my urine with pains. My doctor confirmed that I have bilharziasis. Please I need detailed explanation.

### Labaran

Bilharziasis is also called schistosomiasis. It is a parasite infection caused by the parasite of the genus *Schistosoma* is mostly seen in developing countries. It is transmitted to people through contact with contaminated water. Presently it affects 200 million people with increasing cases by the day.

There are three types of Bilharziasis

1. *Schistosoma haematobium*
2. *Schistosoma mansoni*
3. *Schistosoma japonicum*

Bilharziasis is caused by the *Schistosoma* fluke infection.

Among the risk factors are;

1. Presence of water snails
2. Drinking contaminated water
3. Bathing and Swimming in contaminated water
4. Urine

Among the Symptoms are;

1. Rashes and itchy skin
2. Fever, chills and cough
3. Muscle aches
4. Seizures
5. Paralysis
6. Inflammation of spinal cord
7. Blood in urine
8. Diarrhea
9. Blood in stool

It can be treated by taking drugs after diagnosis. Other recommendations are: good diet, nursing care, rest, and treatment of other illness and infections.

Some preventive measures are

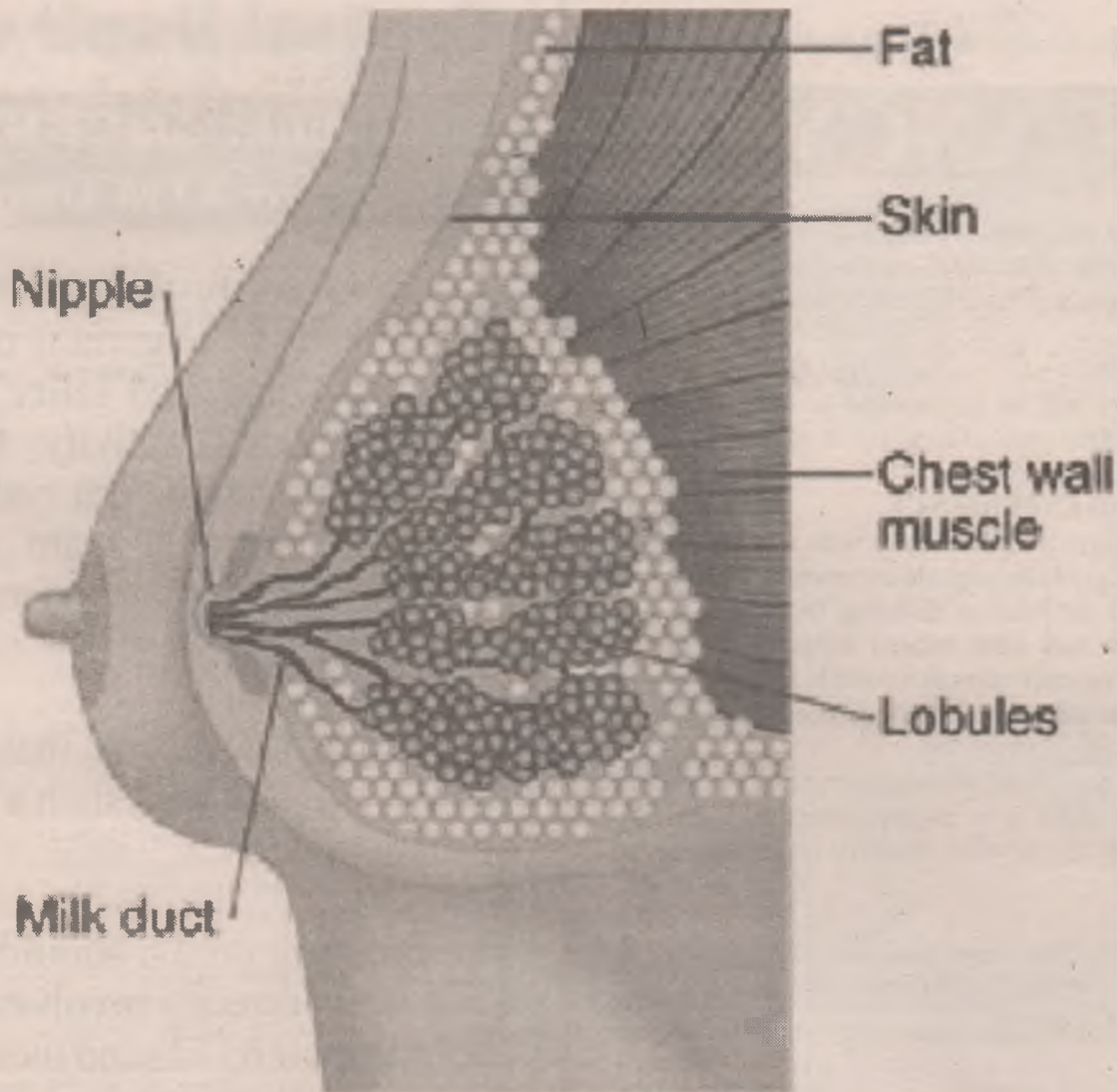
1. Drinking uncontaminated water
2. Do not take your bath or swim in contaminated water
3. Use warm water (at least heated for five minutes) for your bath.
4. Filters and reservoir tanks should be kept clean and clear.

### I am suffering from mastitis

I am breast feeding at the moment and suffer from breast engorgement, pain and tenderness. My doctor told me I have Mastitis. I have been placed on drugs and need further explanation on it.

### Rebecca H

Mastitis is an infection of the tissue of the breast that occurs most frequently during the time of breastfeeding. This infection causes pain, swelling, redness, and increased temperature of



the breast. It can occur when bacteria, often from the baby's mouth, enter a milk duct through a crack in the nipple. This causes an infection and painful inflammation of the breast.

Breast infections most commonly occur one to three months after the delivery of a baby, but they can occur in women who have not recently delivered as well as in women after menopause. Other causes of infection include chronic mastitis and a rare form of cancer called inflammatory carcinoma.

The breast is composed of several glands and ducts that lead to the nipple and the surrounding colored area called the areola. The milk-carrying ducts extend from the nipple into the underlying breast tissue like the spokes of a wheel. Under the areola are lactiferous ducts. These fill with milk during lactation after a woman has a baby.

When a girl reaches puberty, changing hormones cause the ducts to grow and cause fat deposits in the breast tissue to increase.

The glands that produce milk (mammary glands) that are connected to the surface of the breast by the lactiferous ducts may extend to the armpit area (axilla).

A breast infection that leads to an abscess (a localized pocket or collection of pus) is a more serious type of infection. If mastitis is left untreated, an abscess

can develop in the breast tissue. This type of infection may require surgical drainage.

Women who are not breastfeeding can also develop mastitis. In healthy women, mastitis is rare. However, women with diabetes, chronic illness, AIDS, or an impaired immune system may be more susceptible to the development of mastitis.

Bacteria normally found in a baby's mouth or on the nipple can enter the milk ducts through small cracks in the skin of the nipple and can multiply rapidly in the breast milk.

This can lead to a superficial small area of inflammation (frequently from streptococcal bacteria) or a deeper walled-off infection or abscess (frequently from staphylococcal bacteria).

About one to three percent of breastfeeding mothers develop mastitis, usually within the first few weeks after delivery. Most breast infections occur within the first or second month after delivery or at the time of weaning. Typically, the infection is only in one breast.

Engorgement and incomplete breast emptying can contribute to the problem and make the symptoms worse.

Chronic mastitis occurs in women who are not breastfeeding. In postmenopausal women, breast infections may be associated with chronic inflammation of the ducts below the nipple. Hormonal changes in the body

can cause the milk ducts to become clogged with dead skin cells and debris. These clogged ducts make the breast more prone to bacterial infection.

**Breast Infection Symptoms**  
Breast infections may cause pain, redness, and warmth of the breast along with the following symptoms:

1. Tenderness and swelling
2. Body aches
3. Fatigue
4. Breast engorgement
5. Fever and chills
6. Rigor or shaking

**Abscess:** Sometimes a breast abscess can complicate mastitis. Harmless, noncancerous masses such as abscesses are more often tender and frequently feel mobile beneath the skin. The edge of the mass is usually regular and well defined. Indications that this more serious infection has occurred include the following:

1. Tender lump in the breast that does not get smaller after breastfeeding a newborn (If the abscess is deep in the breast, you may not be able to feel it). The mass may be moveable and/or compressible.
  2. Pus draining from the nipple
  3. Persistent fever and no improvement of symptoms within 48-72 hours of treatment
- When to Seek Medical Care**  
Call your health care provider as soon as you feel any sus-

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However, women with diabetes, chronic illness, AIDS, or an impaired immune system may be more susceptible to the development of mastitis

picious lump, whether you are breastfeeding or not especially with the following;

1. You have any abnormal discharge from your nipples.
2. Breast pain is making it difficult for you to function each day.
3. You have prolonged, unexplained breast pain.
4. You have any other associated symptoms that you are worried about such as redness, swelling, pain that interferes with breastfeeding, or a mass or tender lump in the breast that does not disappear after breastfeeding.
5. If you are breastfeeding, call your doctor if you develop any symptoms of breast infection so that treatment may be started promptly.
6. You may need to be evaluated in a hospital if the breast pain is associated with other signs of an infection (such as a fever, swelling, or redness to the breast).

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LATE Maryam Babangida



# Maryam Babangida: Legacies of a champion of Nigerian women

By Akor Ojoma

**S**INCE the death of Mrs Maryam Babangida, the former first lady and wife of former military president, General Ibrahim Babangida on December 27, 2009, several accolades and encomiums have been showered on her by all and sundry. But the group which has felt her tragic loss the most is the women folk of Nigeria.

To them a great vacuum has been created with the death of this arrow head of women empowerment, women's rights advocacy and glorifier of woman hood. She dramatically changed the position of Nigerian women not just by waking them up from their slumber of redundancy to the use of their powers within and outside the home but also by driving solid pegs into the fabric of the Nation's consciousness that they are a force to reckon with in their contribution to national development by exemplifying it herself. In fact the annals of the history of Nigerian women will be incomplete without Maryam Babangida.

The Minister of Women Affairs and Social Development, Mrs Salamatu Hussaini Suleiman put this briefly a week ago when she described her as a woman who has set the pace for women empowerment in Nigeria and Africa.

"A woman of unquantifiable substance; a champion of the home front who brought to the fore the multi-faceted roles of women in development and why their contributions should form part of national economic indices. Because of this Nigerian Women will ever remain grateful to this extra-ordinary mobilizer and champion of the rural women," she said.

It is true that the former first lady has left behind so many legacies that the women folk will never forget her.

Nigerian Women describe her as the "first lady of all first ladies" as she used her position as first lady to contribute immensely to the lives of women in the



country, particularly in the rural areas. She was also the pacesetter of the institution of first ladyship in Nigeria by giving recognition and glamour to the office.

Late Maryam brought into the fore, the seeming patent potency of the institution of the First Lady and enormous contributions through her pet project, "Better Life Programme for the Rural Woman" which gave voice to the womenfolk in Nigeria and added meaningful value to the quality of life of the rural women, while improving their status. Most rural women today no matter

how unlearned know her name.

She opened the door for future First Ladies to pursue pet projects that would help better the lives of Nigerians.

Through the "Better Life Programme for the Rural Woman" project, she encouraged the formation of many women cooperatives, establishment of Cottage Industries, Women Development Centres and Social Welfare Programmes targeted at women development across the States of the Federation, including the grassroots where the bulk of women reside."

Today we have Ministries of Women Affairs at both the Federal and State levels. They are all the brain children of late Maryam Babangida.

According to Mrs Salamatu Suleiman "Maryam Babangida influenced the establishment of the National Commission for Women at the Federal level as a follow-up action to the decisions of the 3rd Regional Conference on the Integration of Women in Africa that was hosted by Nigeria and chaired by the former First Lady in 1989. Evidently, these Commissions later metamorphosed into the present Ministries of Women Affairs at both the Federal and State levels."

She said "This is in addition to her enormous contributions towards the establishment of the National Centre for Women Development, which now stands as an International Monument for the advancement of women not only in Nigeria but in the African Continent."

Suffice to say that the contributions of the former First Lady will remain evergreen in the history of women development in Nigeria and the African Continent. It is no wonder then that women are now making arrangements to immortalize her for her contribution to their lives.

In the Women Minister's words, "We are going to put our heads together and come up with ways to immortalize her and I can assure you that we will not disappoint this nation in that regard."

Justice Fati Abubakar, a former first lady also expressed her support for the immortalization of late Maryam. "The large turnout of women to the Babangida family residence coupled with their many condolence messages speaks volume of the many legacies the late First Lady left behind and also the deep impression she made on Nigerian women. Mrs. Maryam Babangida should therefore be immortalized as an appreciation of her untiring contributions in bringing Nigerian women to the forefront of national development."

# DIGEST

## Why anti-depressants only help half the people who take them

ANTI-DEPRESSANTS are the most common form of treatment for depression and anxiety.

However, scientists have long been stumped as to why they fail to help half of the people who take them.

Now a new study from Columbia University Medical Centre in New York suggests the answer may lie in a hormone receptor in the brain.

Most anti-depressants, including the commonly used Prozac and Zoloft, work by increasing the amount of serotonin - often labelled the 'happy hormone' - in the brain.

It is a message-carrying brain chemical made deep in the middle of the brain by cells known as raphe neurons.

of receptors - or molecular doorways - they were able to reverse the effect.

Lead author Rene Hen said: 'These receptors dampen the activity of these (serotonin-producing) neurons. Too much of them dampen these neurons too much. It puts too much brake on the system.'

'By simply tweaking the number of receptors down, we were able to transform a non-responder into a responder.'

Professor Hen said the finding, reported in the journal *Neuron*, could give doctors an idea of whether a patient will respond to an antidepressant.

It could also help drug makers populate better clinical trials to help identify new drug compounds that work for people who are unlikely to benefit from conventional antidepressants.

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Researchers found genetically engineered mice who had too much of one type of serotonin receptor, were far less likely to respond to the drugs fluoxetine, also known as Prozac.

When they reduced the number

“The goal is to figure out something that is useful for the non-responders,” he said.

The NHS estimates around one in 10 people in the UK suffer with depression and/or anxiety. One in 50 has severe depression.



A new study suggests antidepressants may not work for many because of a hormone receptor in the brain

## Why moody GPs should carry health warnings

IF you turn up at a surgery to see a doctor and he's wearing a scowl, it might be better for your health if you turn round and go home. Researchers have found that GPs in a gloomy mood give far poorer care than when they're happy. Their study showed that despite the popular TV portrayal of crotchety physicians being brilliant medics, they could actually do you more harm than good.

So if your doctor is more like the friendly Doug Ross from *ER*, played by George Clooney, you'll be much better off than if you were being treated by Hugh Laurie's character in *House*. The study found happy, smiling physicians are more likely to talk to their patients in depth and avoid being rushed into writing needless prescriptions or ordering unnecessary tests.

Happier doctors are therefore cheaper for the NHS - and for taxpayers. But when they are feeling irritable then they are more likely to get rid of the patient with a rushed diagnosis, palm them off with a specialist when they might not need it, or send them for a pointless test. The study by university researchers in Israel looked at 188 family doctors.

The physicians ranked their own mood before they were monitored during their daily routines. Those in a positive frame of mind spoke for longer to each patient, wrote fewer prescriptions, ordered fewer tests and issued fewer referrals than those in a self-confessed bad mood.

Importantly, bad mood was influenced not just by personality but by stress which in turn is affected by professional 'burnout' said Professor Talma Kushnir, who conducted the tests.

## Stress could cause cancer, claim scientists

STRESS could be a trigger for some cancers, new research suggests.

SCIENTISTS have discovered that everyday emotional stress is a trigger for the growth of tumours.

They discovered that any sort of trauma, emotional or physical, can act as a "pathway" between cancerous mutations bringing them together in a potentially deadly mix.

The findings, published in *Nature*, seemed to show for the first time that the conditions for developing the disease can be affected by your emotional environment including every day work and family stress. Professor Tian Xu, a geneticist at Yale University who led the study, said: "A lot of different conditions can trigger stress signaling - physical stress, emotional stress, infections, inflammation - all these things."

"Reducing stress or avoiding stress conditions is always good advice."

Until now, scientists believed more than one cancer-causing mutation needed to take place in a single cell in order for tumours to grow.

But Prof Xu and colleagues at Yale University, working with fruit flies, showed mutations can promote cancer even when they are located in different cells. This is because stress opens up "pathways" between them.

He said: "The bad news is that it is much easier for a tissue to accumulate mutations in different cells than in the same cell."

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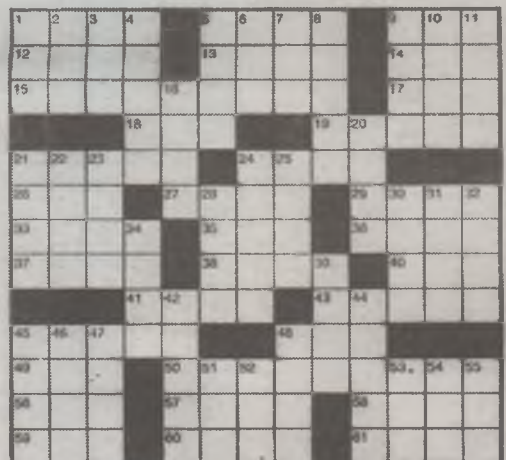


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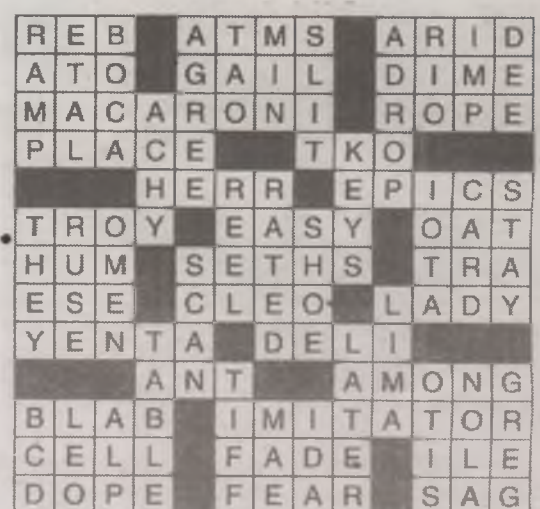
EASY CROSSWORDS

- ACROSS**
1. Check galleys
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  14. Lounge feature
  15. Visited the gym
  17. Freeze up
  18. Mem. of Congress
  19. Scarlett's Butler
  21. Spinning
  24. Where the Mets
  26. Legal Society
  27. Sherbet flavor
  29. Greek sandwich
  33. Gunslinger's word
  35. Poseidon's realm
  36. Leak slowly
  37. Truck type
  38. Evils
  40. Big monkey
  41. Endure
  43. Composer Copland
  45. Summoned by name
  48. Unaffiliated voter (abbr.)
  49. Ike's theater
  50. Fruit
  56. Pea holder
  57. Army grade
  58. Defendant's response
  59. Dorothy's aunt et al.
  60. Nitti's enemy
  61. Heftiest president
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  7. Opp. of WNW
  8. Nino's mom
  9. Irish Rose's beau
  10. Actuality
  11. James
  16. Micro-scope's study, perhaps
  20. Witches
  21. Bundles
  22. Add to the staff
  23. Dutch cheese town
  24. Food fish
  25. Make better
  28. Egyptian deity
  30. Age unit
  31. "\_\_\_ Man" (1984 film)
  32. Unwrap
  34. \_\_\_ E. Coyote
  39. Crooned
  42. Beautify
  44. Proficient
  45. "\_\_\_ Le Moko"
  46. Speck
  47. Thor and Mars
  48. Affixes one's signature
  51. "Norma \_\_\_" (Sally Field movie)
  52. Question's opposite (abbr.)
  53. Pie \_\_\_ mode (2 wds.)
  54. Letters on a phone's #3 button
  55. Visit a diner

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Solution to Easy Crosswords 52



SUDOKU

The Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 square grid made up of smaller 3x3 square grids (regions). The numbers already present within the puzzle are "given"- these are there to start you off. The aim is to complete the puzzle by filling the empty cells. Every digit from 1-9 needs to fit in each row, column and region of 9 squares. Each row, column and region must contain just one instance of each number, 1-9.

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Solution to Sudoku 64

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# Obama: I've failed to bring Americans together... but I'll try again this year

**B**arack Obama has confessed that he failed in his bid to bring Americans together in the first year of his presidency.

One year after promising a new era of change at his historic White House inauguration, the president acknowledged that an atmosphere of divisiveness has washed away some of his lofty goals.

"That's what has been lost this year - that whole sense of changing how Washington works," Mr Obama said in an interview with *People magazine* in the US.

He said his second-year agenda will focus on uniting the country around common values.

"We all want work that is satisfying, pays the bills and gives children a better future and security," said, adding it doesn't matter "whether we are Democrats or Republicans."

The president has faced an increasingly uphill battle pushing through his policies against a backdrop of party political bickering. His pleas for bipartisan support have largely fallen on deaf ears.

Republican leaders have rallied against the core items of Mr Obama's agenda, from his economic stimulus plan to fight the recession to overhauling the US health care system.

The mood of the country has remained in a sustained slump, too, as double-digit unemployment has followed a campaign built upon 'hope' and 'change.'

Mr Obama said people have every right to feel deflated,



BARACK Obama speaks to the media about the earthquake in Haiti Wednesday, with Vice President Joe Biden behind him. The president has admitted in a magazine that he has failed to unite Americans

The president said that Woods, the top golfer who has fallen into disgrace because of his string of extramarital affairs, can be 'rehabilitated,' despite the public humiliation of his downfall.

'Absolutely,' said Mr Obama. 'I don't want to comment on his personal relationship with his wife and family, but I'm a strong believer that anybody can look within themselves, find their

fine."

The president also spoke about the thwarted Christmas Day terrorist bomb attack.

He opted not to lower the grade he had given himself for his own performance in 2009 - a

B-plus - in light of the intelligence and security failures that allowed former London university student Umar Farouk Abdul Mutallab to board a Detroit-bound plane with explosives and try to blow it up.

"When you look at what we've

done this year on national security, we performed at a very high level in as difficult an environment as you can imagine," he said.

On a personal note, Mr Obama said he misses daily, spontaneous interactions with people while living in a bubble.

He said the job of president is lonely in another way: the gravity of sending troops off to war or responding to an attempted terror attack.

"That side of the loneliness of the job is what I signed up for, and I actually think I'm pretty good at," he added.

**H**e spoke as a musical about his 'Yes we can' election campaign premieres in Germany this weekend, including love songs by the president to his wife Michelle and duets with Hillary Clinton.

Even John McCain and Sarah Palin are given stage time, with actors portraying the losing Republican candidates and belting out songs on their behalf.

In all, 30 singers, actors and dancers are to perform in the musical 'Hope - the Obama Musical Story' when it opens at the Jahrhunderthalle concert hall in Frankfurt in a bilingual mix of English and German.

The audience may recognize that many songs quote from the politicians' stump speeches during the 2008 U.S. presidential campaign.

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because the economy was far worse than any of us expected. He insisted his government's economic steps in 2009 are paying off and said people should have confidence in the new year.

The president and wife, Michelle, covered a wide range of issues in the White House interview, from the Tiger Woods scandal to meeting the Pope.

flaws and fix them.'

The First Lady said one of the most memorable moments of the year was when the couple's two daughters, Sasha, eight, and eleven-year-old Malia, met the Pope at the Vatican.

It was interesting, the picture of the Pope and Malia and Sasha standing there exchanging conversation: 'How's school?' 'It's



JIMMIE Wilson (front right) acting as Barack Obama and Della Miles as Michelle Obama perform during a rehearsal of 'Hope - the Obama Musical Story' at Crystal Ball Room Wednesday in Karlsruhe, Germany

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## Mass housing 'is not a tea party'

By Nasir Imam

AN industrialist, Chief Executive Officer of Wichteh Industries Limited, Chidozie Nwankwo, lamented a situation where most Nigerians cannot afford a roof over their heads. He said all hands should be on deck to ensure the realisation of the housing programme of the

present administration. He said that mass housing 'is not a tea party'.

Nwankwo, who is also a developer, told Daily Trust that in order to achieve this laudable initiative, it is imperative to bring in the private sector in any development, especially mass housing.

According to him, He urged

the Federal Government to make it a point of duty to involve private developers in its quest to build mass houses for the people. He was quick to add, that unless the private sector was involved, it would be an exercise in futility.

'As a matter of fact', he noted, the Yar'Adua administration should as a policy, make hous-

ing matter a focal point before he leaves office.

A chartered builder, Mr. Godwin Erhabor, said that the issue of housing should top the agenda of any serious government, noting that shelter was very crucial for any economy to grow. According to him, no serious government should relegate the issue of housing to the back-

ground, adding 'in the words of Madiba, Nelson Mandela, a man without a roof over his head is regarded as a half man'.

Erhabor however, noted with regret, that successive governments at the Federal level have failed to address the issue of housing with the necessary vigour that it deserves, adding that 2010 should be an exception.

## New lands bureau receives 260 applications

From Mustafa Abubakar, Ilorin

THE Director-General of the Bureau of Lands in Kwara State, Barrister Kamaldeen Ajibade, has disclosed that the newly created bureau has received about 260 applications from land titleholders since its inception three weeks ago.

The Director-General who stated this during his maiden meeting with management and staff of the parastatal said out of which 49 have been processed, while 20 had been approved.

He said the re-certification exercise was aimed at giving owners of plots a new identity for easy identification and accessibility, saying that would further boost the state internally generated revenue's drive.

Barrister Ajibade urged staff of the bureau to join forces with to him to ensure the success of the new exercise and all other statutory functions of the bureau.

Earlier, Director of land at the bureau, Kayode Ibiyemi commended the state government on the director-general's appointment given his professional and track record.



THE new bulldozer imported by the Abuja Environmental Board (AEB), to assist in clearing refuse.

## Sokoto to build N600m orthopaedic hospital

From Rakiya A. Muhammad, Sokoto

SOKOTO State Government is to establish a 50-bed capacity orthopaedics hospital worth N600 million in the state, Health Commissioners Dr Jabbi Kilgori has disclosed.

He said the move was to alle-

viate the difficulties people of the state face in getting such services.

The Commissioner said already arrangements have been concluded on the hospital which would take off before the end of this year. The hospital is to be set up at Wamakko local government at the existing Wamakko Primary

Health Centre, the commissioner added.

He explained that N600million will be spent on the expansion of the existing structures and equipping of the hospital and that its manpower would be sourced both locally and internationally.

According to him, plans have

been concluded for a new primary health care centre to be established in the area.

The commissioner assured that, the state government was determined to complete the Murtala General hospital, Sokoto which had been upgraded to a Specialist hospital.

## Avoiding fraudsters in land transactions

By Nasir Imam

WHEN it comes to land matters the average Nigerian usually looks for the easiest way out without looking at the prerequisites of services to be rendered even when the government has spelt out the processes that must be followed.

Applicants for state land must

pick up a form and fill it as appropriate, but even at the point of submission, applicants find it difficult to go to the court to swear to an affidavit as required by law, but instead patronise touts, while also putting down addresses where they cannot be easily contacted.

Another problem is that some applicants try to get allocation in

government schemes that have been declared closed, and only third-party transfers are possible and the governor must consent to such transactions to make it legal as provided for by the Land Use Act of 1978. Before plots are allocated to individuals, the applicant must comply with all documentation requirements including evidence of tax payment, which if not

in order, the land bureau will not be able to process the application.

Most people who seek to acquire land are in too much of a hurry and fail to do the proper things like engaging professionals to investigate the status of the land, whether it is under acquisition or it is freehold.

After that the survey plan must be obtained, which will be charted on

government map and will be relied upon by the court to determine the real owner of the land if litigation arises on the land.

The survey plan will also reveal what the government intends to do with the land and the area it is located, insisting that it could have been earmarked for commercial, industrial or agricultural development.

## PROPERTY

# Mimiko lays 'The Dome' foundation

Leye Adewumi, Akure

GOVERNOR Olusegun Mimiko has laid the foundation stone of the International Cultural and Events Centre to be known as The Dome in Akure, the state capital of Ondo State.

Mimiko while speaking yesterday at the ground breaking ceremony of The Dome said

'the present administration believes that no other project in its timeliness or sheer ability to showcase the new identity could rank higher in priority than the centre- a world class architectural master piece'.

Mimiko said for the better part of 10 months of this administration, it has been engaged in setting new standards of govern-

ance. "We have been using fresh initiatives in programmes design and re-engineered a state identity through attitudinal reorientation and a timeless logo," Mimiko stressed.

According to him, all these have been done in our quest to project the new state identity and to give a masses oriented slant to our developmental efforts.

He said it was a matter of public acknowledgement that in the intervening 33 years since the creation of the state to now, government has metamorphosed from being a collection of single digit ministries to a much bigger institution with the attendant explosion in staff and personnel.

The governor said from

the perspective of commercially exploiting a dominant trend these days for ultra modern events packaging, the Dome should be a veritable source of much needed revenue in its array of services to international or federal agencies, professional bodies, non-governmental organisations and private concerns.



EMIR of Ilorin, Alhaji Ibrahim Sulu Gambari (right) receiving the final reports on Ilorin Central Mosque Remodification at his palace from Architect Azmi Fakhouri. From left are Chairman Technical Committee, Alhaji Shehu Gafar and Secretary, Dr. Ahmad Ali.

## Emir commends Ilorin Central Mosque contractor

From Mustafa Abubakar, Ilorin

EMIR of Ilorin, Alhaji Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari yesterday charged the Lebanese firm handling the reconstruction of Ilorin Central Mosque to give the community a first class standard mosque that will be the best of its kind in the country.

The emir, who gave the charge in his palace at the presentation of final reports of Ilorin Central Mosque Remodification,

recalled that when the existing mosque was built in 1981 it was the best in Nigeria.

HRH however reminded the contractors that it is the hope and aspiration of the Governor and the community to have another best mosque in the country.

Alhaji Sulu-Gambari, who commended the governor for his foresightedness, also commended the board of trustees, the technical committee members and the consortium of architects

being led by renowned architect, Jimoh Faworaja for the painstaking efforts they have been making in ensuring that Ilorin community has another befitting mosque.

Commenting on the decision to completely demolish the existing structure, HRH said, "It is better to have a permanent beautiful structure. And that is what the governor is doing."

He however, charged the contractors to commence work on

the project and assured them of 100 percent support of the people of the community, emphasizing that "a very high standard number one mosque is our target."

In his remark, head of the architecture committee, Arc. Jimoh Faworaja said that for the purposes of minimal maintenance stones from Syria and Saudi Arabia would be made use of, while the interior would comprise of Islamic calisthenics.

## Kano gov't directs agency to demolish structures

From Jaafar Jaafar, Kano

THE Kano State Urban Planning and Physical Development Agency (KNUPDA) has been urged to immediately pull down the few remaining compensated structures affected by the on-going Darmanawa-Yantsaki-Yankatako road project.

The State Commissioner for Projects Monitoring and Evaluation, Alhaji Ibrahim Garba made the call during a visit to the project site to assess the progress of work.

Alhaji Garba lamented that though the state government had adequately compensated the owners of the structures earmarked for demolition, yet they did not remove them after collecting the money.

He reiterated that the government would not pay a penny for two structures erected beyond the approved building line and called on the owners to promptly pull them down.

The commissioner expressed satisfaction over the substantial progress the contractor had attained in the project execution, stating that within three months from now the project would be close to completion.

Garba also commended the people of the area for their support and co-operation which had led to the smooth and speedy execution of the multi-million naira project.

He further announced that the second phase of the valuation exercise of the few remaining structures affected by the project would soon be carried out after which the payment of compensation to owners would follow suit.

## LG acquires 30,000 hectares of land for palm plantation

THE Igalamela/Odolu local government area in Kogi state has acquired more than 30,000 hectares of land for large-scale palm plantation.

The council chairman, Mr. Ernest Aba, said on Tuesday in Lokoja that the project was aimed at boosting its revenue and economy.

He said that about 10,000 hectares of land donated by the people of Ojuwo-Ubele ward had been cleared in readiness for the next planting season, when the project was expected to commence.

Aba said an unnamed community in the area donated 10,000 hectares of land to the

council, while two other communities donated 5,000 hectares each, to facilitate the take-off of the project.

"Our target is to acquire at least 5,000 hectares in every community," he added.

The chairman said the council decided to embark on large scale palm plantation to provide

employment opportunities for its youths.

He added that the council had consulted agricultural experts to carry out feasibility studies on the land and provide the right seedlings that would be planted on it.

Aba expressed the hope that with the planned commercial bottling of natural spring water

at Oji-Akpanya, more revenue would accrue to the council, while more employment opportunities would be generated.

He said the council executed various projects in water supply, electrification, roads, education and health in the various communities.

# CITY NEWS



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## Area One thugs impound more vehicles

By Abubakar Yakubu

THUGS at Area One garage, Abuja have continued to impound vehicles dropping passengers along the way in the area with the police turning a 'blind eye' to their action.

Owners of such vehicles are made to pay N8,500, while those who cannot afford to pay bribe their way out by paying between N2,000 and N3,000.

Yesterday, our reporter noted six vehicles, including a taxi parked inside the garage with their tyres deflated while the car owners stood by watching helplessly.

Motorists who try to argue with the thugs are beaten mercilessly inside the garage, where some members of the group smoke Indian hemp openly without fear.

City News learnt that the thugs claim to be members of the National

Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) and have the support of some leaders of the union.

It would be recalled that the FCT police spokesman, Moshood Jimoh, Monday warned that the police has not given powers to any organisation or persons to arrest motorists, adding that anyone apprehended for criminal offences should be taken to a police station immediately.

NURTW President, Dr Gidado Hamman, has also challenged the police to arrest and deal with any thug claiming to be a member of the association.

He said plans are underway to computerise the names of all NURTW members this year, adding that authentic members of the union are those with the union's 2010 identity cards bearing serial numbers.

# AMAC officials seize car number plates at Utako

By Abubakar Yakubu & Sunday Benjamin Ejike

OFFICIALS of the Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC) stationed near Chida Hotel at Utako were yesterday seen removing number plates from vehicles that had logos on their body and had no proof to show revenue payment to the council.

About six of such officials wearing AMAC reflective vests

surrounded such vehicles with one of the officials going to the back of the car to remove its number plate.

Vehicles stopped by the group were those that belonged to banks, schools and other companies.

Our reporter observed when an official vehicle belonging to Intercontinental Bank was stopped and while the driver was showing his particulars, one of the

AMAC officials was removing the vehicle's number plate from the back, before the driver noticed and sped off.

The leader of the team, Terry, said vehicles that carry logos advertising their companies' identities have to pay N25, 500 to AMAC but have been dodging such responsibility.

"We are here on the road to ensure that they comply with the act," he added.

## NULGE urges minister to settle LEA workers' arrears

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

THE FCT Chapter of the Nigeria Union of Local Government Employees (NULGE) has asked the FCT Minister of State, Barrister Chuka Odom, to settle the monetization and 40 percent rent arrears owed Local Education Authority (LEA) staff.

The chapter's leader, Comrade Musa Dauda, said 50 percent of the total amount being sourced can be gotten from virement in the 2009 financial year while the balance can be captured in the 2010 budget.

He said that was the resolutions adopted on August 27, 2009, between NULGE and the FCT Administration.

"The union signed the document for the sake

of industrial peace and harmony but today the FCT Administration is not abiding by the agreement," he said.

The chapter boss disclosed that NULGE executives in area councils in the FCT and LEA resolved to proceed on a five-day warning strike that started from last Monday to Friday January 15, 2010.

He warned that if within the period the FCTA Administration refuses to settle the arrears, a full blown indefinite strike will proceed after two weeks.

Dauda sought the cooperation and assistance of various security agencies, non-governmental organizations, stakeholders and individuals for their patience throughout the period.



AMAC officials demanding for revenue receipts from an Intercontinental Bank driver for driving a vehicle with the company's logo yesterday.

PIC: SUNDAY BENJAMIN EJIKE

## Residents condemn moves to ban 'Keke Napep'

By Hussein Mahaya

THE reported move to ban tricycles (Keke Napep) from operating within the Abuja city centre has started receiving sharp knocks from many residents of the territory.

Residents who spoke with our reporter described the decision as 'anti masses' and 'uncalled for', saying that the move comes when majority of the citizens are struggling to survive the terrible economic conditions in the country.

Mr. Paul Isenyo, a civil servant, particularly frowned at the reasons put forward by the FCT authority that their operations constitute a nuisance to the public, adding that such reason is not enough to call for their ban considering its negative consequences to commuters.

"We understood with them when they banned the operations of commercial cyclists within the city but for God sake what nuisance are the Keke Napep operators causing," he asked.

Another resident who gave her name as Josephine observed that such moves will not only bring hardship on the operators but on workers and other commuters who might not be able to afford taxi fares.

A journalist advised the FCTA to always consider the interest of workers and other lower class citizens while taking decisions that will mainly affect them, adding that the authority should rather put a control mechanism in place to regulate their activities rather

than an outright ban.

"Remember that there are menial workers like cleaners, gardeners, drivers, cobblers, etc, whose interest must be considered while taking decisions that will mainly affect them because no rich man will like a ride on Keke Napep", he said.

On her part, Mrs. Fatma Ibrahim, a teacher, made a funny observation in a serious tone that a day will come when the FCTA will ask people without cars not to walk within the Abuja city centre

"I am serious because I have the feelings that these people can just wake up one day and make a law that anyone without a car should not go to the city centre as walking on the pavements may constitute a nuisance," she noted.

It would be recalled that the FCT Minister through the Director of the Abuja Environmental Protection Board (AEPB), Abubakar Yabo, had recently announced that plans are on to ban the operations of tricycles within the Abuja city centre.

# Bizwoman denies stabbing lady

By Hussein Yahaya & Ibraheem A. Fatai

A 30-year-old business woman Wednesday denied stabbing one Janet Musa of Tudun Wada village, Abuja, with a broken bottle.

The accused, Mrs. Joy Francis, of Tudun Wada village, Abuja, was arrested by the police for

allegedly assaulting the complainant and stabbing her with a broken bottle.

Police prosecutor, Jeremiah Elijah, told the court that on January 5, 2010, the victim reported that the accused beat her up without any provocation.

"The accused also injured her by stabbing her on the hand with

a broken bottle, thereby committing an offence punishable under Sections 265 and 147 of the Penal Code Law," the prosecutor added.

When the charge was read to the accused, she denied the allegation and requested for bail, which was not objected by the prosecutor.

In his ruling, Magistrate Had-

iza Dodo granted the accused bail in the sum of N100,000 with a reliable surety in like sum, who must reside within the court's jurisdiction and must swear to an affidavit to produce the accused in court on any adjourned date.

The case was adjourned to January 27 for hearing.

## Man accused of defamation

By Usman A. Bello, Lami Sadiq & Foluke Ojumo

A middle-aged man, Ayuba Umar, has appeared before an Abuja magistrate court for alleged attempt to extort money from one Ibrahim Dahir.

Police prosecutor Adamu Abdullahi told the court that Ibrahim Dahir reported to the police that the accused called him on his phone and introduced himself as Ibrahim Sani, a staff of National News Point.

He said the accused told the complainant that his company was about to publish a damaging story about his chairman (Alhaji Dahir Magal) and urged him to proceed to Lagos to discuss terms of settlement with one Kayode (now at Large).

"When the accused was arrested at Niger Suite Restaurant in Kaduna State, he confessed that Alhaji Aleiro and Kayode were members of his gang," the prosecutor said.

When the charge was read to the accused, he pleaded not guilty and requested for bail.

The prosecutor objected to his bail on the grounds that investigations into the case are yet to be completed and the offence not ordinarily bailable.

"The accused is the only person that can lead the police to the places where to arrest other gang members.

Senior Magistrate Zainab Bashir granted him bail in the sum of N500,000 with two sureties in like sum, who must be civil servants of not below level 15 as well as live within the court's jurisdiction.

The case was adjourned to January 20, for hearing.

PIC: KENNEDY EGBONODJE



BARROW pushers at Utako Wednesday.

## FCTA threatens to sack striking teachers

By Nasir Imam

THE FCT Administration yesterday warned that the full wrath of the law will be used on any primary school teacher who refuses to return to the classroom today.

Primary school teachers in the FCT embarked on a week warning strike action on Monday to press for the payment of their 40 percent benefits and 60 percent monetisation.

FCT Education Secretariat's Secretary, Alh. Halilu Pai, who gave the warning yesterday at a press conference in Abuja, said the strike is against an earlier agreement between FCTA, NUT, NULGE, and Area Council Services Commission, for which a communiqué was signed between them to suspend the strike.

Pai also said the strike is against the civil service rules and that the delay in effecting the payments on

December 31, 2009, was because it was not captured in the 2009 budget, adding that it is to be treated as extra budgetary provision.

The secretary assured the teachers that as soon as the 2010 budget is passed and its implementation commences, the 50 percent payment of the N4.4 billion monetization and 40 percent rent benefits will be paid within four weeks.

## Kute residents complain over state of clinic

By Misbahu Bashir

RESIDENTS of Kute Village in Bwari Area Council yesterday complained over the poor health-care situation in the area as well as the dilapidated state of the village's only clinic.

A resident said the clinic which was built more than two decades ago has obsolete equipment, while

the building is in a state of disrepair.

"The medical staff, especially those who dispense drugs are inadequate and the wards are not fit for human habitation," the resident said.

He alleged that the clinic is badly maintained, adding that government should renovate and upgrade the structures.

"Few health care officials at the

clinic attend to patient's need even outside working hours but their equipment are obsolete and the same being used to service five other adjoining villages.

The source said there are over 3,000 inhabitants in Kute and the adjoining villages but lack of potable water and good roads have further compounded health care delivery to the residents.

## Minister flags-off monthly trekking exercise

By Nasir Imam

THE Minister of State for FCT, Chief Chuka Odom has enjoined residents of the territory to embrace decent eating habits and regular physical exercises.

Chief Odom stated this during the flag-off of the 2010 monthly road walk exercise organized by the Public Health Department of the FCT for its entire staff.

The minister's Special Assistant on Media and Public Relations, Toni Akuneme, stated that Chief Odom enlightened residents that it has been proven that those who watch what they eat and work-out regularly hardly fall sick.

"I do not need to be a medical expert to tell you that avoiding the elevators and leaving your cars in the office to walk to the bank or Mosque on Fridays will surely keep your fat low and reduce the risk of obesity and heart attacks," the minister added.

Chief Odom led over 150 staff of the FCT Administration and their families in a five kilometre trek, which commenced at 7am last Saturday from the FCDA gate, through the police headquarters, Eagle Square and back to FCDA, via the Finance Ministry complex.

The minister promised to ensure that the trek exercise is sustained on a monthly basis.

Dignitaries that took part include the Director of Public Health, Dr Tali Butkap, Director Abuja Environmental Protection Board, Dr. Yabo and the FCT Director of Sports, Dr. Alim, in addition to the minister's personal aides.

Earlier in his welcome remarks, the representative of the Health Secretary, Dr. Tali Butkap educated participants on the need to build a healthy body, adding that there is a correlation between a healthy body and a sound mind.

## Inside Politics

# There won't be consensus candidates in Kogi, says PDP

Mallam Hassan Salawu, the Kogi State Chairman of the People's Democratic Party (PDP), in this interview, speaks on the recent decamping of some opposition politicians in the state to the PDP and forecloses the possibility of the emergence of consensus candidates in future elections. Excerpts:

From Isiaka Wakili, Lokoja

**WHAT has the PDP done to attract the opposition members who decamped into it yesterday?**

Many members of the Action Congress (AC) and the All Nigerian People's Party (ANPP) in Kogi State have decamped to the People's Democratic Party (PDP). The decampers include prominent politicians like Senator Ohize from the Kogi Central Senatorial District, Joseph Abdu and some former members of the House of Representatives. Those who defected from the AC were formerly part of us. They appreciated the PDP more when they left it. Basically, the exemplary leadership of the party in the state attracted them to it. We are giving hope to the people and that is why many politicians are decamping to our party. We are achieving this feat through reconciliation and open door policy. With this development, we don't have opposition in Kogi State now. I can say it clearly that Kogi is a one-party state.

**Don't you think that is not good enough for democracy?**

Well, you should know that even within the PDP, we have internal democracy. One-party system is good for democracy. If we are not democratic, people would not want to join our party.

**Will PDP be willing to accept former governor Prince Abubakar Audu if he chooses to join the party?**

Let him show intention first before we talk about whether he will be welcomed. But I will never

go and look for anybody to join the party.

**Many believe that his defection to the PDP would add more weight to the party.**

Have we not been winning elections in the state without him in the PDP? With or without him, winning elections is not PDP's problem. I don't see any difference. The likes of Joseph Abdul, the owner of Arab Contractors, who are joining the PDP now, are his political associates. All of them have left him and joined the PDP. As a leader, if your followers are no longer following you, you become an empty barrel. I am not saying Audu is an empty barrel anyway. But at present, I am comfortable that can win elections whether anybody joins us or not.

**You should be able to give a clue on the likely successor of Governor Idris...**

I cannot say anything on this for now. Governor Ibrahim Idris may not leave office until 2012. So, it is too early for us to be talking about who will succeed him as the next governor. When the time comes, the picture will be clear. But like I said earlier, we are going to pick all our candidates through transparent primaries. We should allow internal democracy to reign in the PDP. The question of consensus candidate does not arise this time.

**In other states, there those seen potential gubernatorial candidates for the next general elections. There seems to be nothing like that in Kogi State. Why?**

In Kogi State right now, the PDP is going through genuine reconciliation, discipline and internal democracy. Our candidates for the various positions in the next

general elections are going to be picked through transparent primaries. If anybody is expecting to emerge as a candidate for any election through godfathers, it will not work. We, the state executive members of the party, are insisting that there is dignity in poverty. We don't want anybody to influence us and we are not going to allow any candidate to have any undue influence on us. We are no longer talking about consensus candidates again. We are talking about electing our candidates through transparent primaries, and that is why nobody can boast of becoming this or that at the moment. For now in Kogi State, we have only aspirants, not candidates, for any elective position.

**Many people have decried the alleged poor performance of elective office holders in Kogi State. How will the PDP put these political office holders on their toes?**

We are planning to set up a committee that will organise a programme wherein we would mandate the commissioners to come and brief us about their performances in the 2009 fiscal year and what they intend to do in 2010. We will do the same thing for the local government chairmen.

**What happens if they are found wanting?**

If they are found not to be doing well, we would caution them. And if they don't comply, we would suspend them from the party. We are not playing with discipline. Sometime ago, when the House of Assembly suspended some council chairmen, we went to the House and told the principal officials to reverse the suspension. We told them that they could not



MALLAM Hassan Salawu

just suspend the council chairmen without reference to the party. It was a policy issue and the suspension was eventually reversed. And when we want to see the governor, it is an express something. He addresses me as the executive leader of the party. And when we are in party functions, I am number one. He listens to me when I preside. It was not like that before. So, things are really changing for better.

**Female politicians in the state say they stand no good chance in the PDP. Does it mean that the party is not gender-sensitive?**

I am just one year old in office as the state chairman of the party. I think the governor has tried. Two or three members of the state executive council are female. There are so many women that are special assistants to the governor. As far as I am concerned, we are doing our best towards encouraging women participation in politics. I want to assure them that it would be better

tomorrow.

**Governor Idris has, in recent times, canvassed for power shift in the state. Does the PDP believe in this? Will it work out?**

I have known Governor Idris since 2002. Power belongs to God. If he has a desire and God says no, what happens? I believe that by the special grace of God, his aspirations concerning power shift will be met. But just like I said earlier, it is too early to comment about governorship now because the incumbent governor will be in office till 2012.

**Do you foresee the proposed mega party by the opposition parties in the country posing any threat to the PDP in Kogi State during the next general elections?**

That can never happen in a state like Kogi where virtually all members of the opposition are defecting to the PDP. I don't foresee the possibility of any mega party dismantling the PDP in the state. Our great party is waxing stronger every day.

## AC, ANPP align to upstage Gov Doma

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

THE opposition Action Congress and All Nigeria People's Party (ANPP) in Nasarawa State have drawn up a plan to wrestle power from the People's Democratic Party (PDP) in the state, come 2011 election, AC's state secretary Faruk Gyado said yesterday shortly after a marathon meeting of representatives of the two parties.

The AC scribe who briefed *Daily Trust* on phone, said the meeting took place in Wamba with a former deputy governor of the state, Professor Onje-Gye Wado of the AC presiding. He said the meeting attracted all stakeholders in the opposition, including national and state legislators.

Gyado said the meeting re-awakened the political structures of the two parties at the grassroots level and repositioned them for the 2011 battle to ensure that the PDP is defeated. He confirmed that the two parties agreed to join forces to crush the PDP in the forth coming elections.

"We successfully looked at the structures of the opposition parties and resolved to set up committees to implement our resolve to capture power in 2011", he said.

The politician also disclosed that the two parties considered the recent defection of two prominent members of the ANPP, Senator Patricia Akwashiki (Nasarawa North) and the 2007 governorship candidate, Barrister Solomon Ewuga to the PDP.

## 2011: Women to hold political summit- Minister

From Yahaya Ibrahim, Maiduguri

NIGERIAN women will hold political summit in order to ensure their full participation in the upcoming 2011 general election.

The minister of women affairs and social development Hajia Salamatu Suleiman disclosed this recently a keynote address at the 12th regular meeting of National Council of Women Affairs in Maiduguri.

She said "to ensure the participation of more women in politics and decision making, the ministry and its partners have concluded plans to hold all inclusive women's political summit during the first quarter of 2010."

The Minister added that the strategy is to boost Nigerian women's participation in political and decision-making position particularly towards the upcoming 2011 general election.

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- To foster unity, amity and cooperation among members of the Association
- To defend and protect the name and integrity of members of the Association
- To undertake development projects for the benefit of the members of the Association

Any objection to this registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420 Tigris Crescent, Maitama District Abuja with 28 days of this publication.

Signed: JOY N. OJEHOMON (MRS)  
(GRACE WORKS LEGAL) 08039736957.

## ISLAMIC MUSA'ADA FOUNDATION

This is to inform the general public the above named Foundation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part c of the companies and allied matters act No. 1 of 1990.

### The trustees are:

- Tajudeen Muhammad Adigun,
- Umar Faruk Bello
- Muniru M. Mal,
- Temitayo Mohammed Shokunbi
- Abdurrahman Muhammad Raji

### Aims and objectives:

- Assisting those suffering from ill-health especially those on admission in hospital.
- Assisting prison inmates, orphans, widows and other disadvantaged persons.
- Providing assistance to the various grace site for the faithful.
- Sponsoring Da'awa and other similar Islamic activities and project, as the trustees may deem fit in accordance with Islamic rules and injunctions.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight 28 days from the date of this publication.

Signed: A. R. Gidado Esq.  
A. G. R. Dan-Mallam Borgu & Co.,  
08038498744

## LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to notify the general public of the loss of Original (C of O) certificate of occupancy of plot No. 1222 with file No. BO11046 located at Cadastral Zone B06 Mabushi District belonging to Abba Gana Terab. All effort made to trace it proved abortive. If found please contact Abba Ibrahim Terab on 08065264885.

## In the Light of Truth The Grail Message

"What you do for your neighbor you do in reality only for yourselves! Solely for yourselves, since according to the Eternal Laws everything returns to you without fail, good or evil, either already here or there. It will surely come!"

Abd-ru-shin  
Grail Centre Madalla, Madalla Suleja Road  
08054183304

## Loss Of Document

This is to inform the general public and AGIS of the loss of Re-certification and Re-issuance of C of O acknowledgment belonging to Dr. Jonah Mashash Madugu in respect of Plot 16 Cadastral Zone BO9 and dated 01/30/97. The documents is evidenced by file No. PL.10517 (old PL.1617). All efforts to trace it has proved abortive. If found please contact 08063317541 or the nearest police station.

## LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to notify the general public of the loss of document No. A165 at off Gado Nasko layout Kubwa Abuja which was transfer to him by Mrs Mariam Ebonyi of Gbazango quarters Kubwa on October, 2003 is missing. All effort made to trace the said original papers proved abortive. If found please return the nearest police station.

## APURIMAC ONLUS ORGANISATION

The general public is hereby notified that the above named organisation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Corporation Abuja for registration under part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act of 1990.

### THE TRUSTEES ARE:

- Very Rev. Fr. Pietro Bellini (OSA),
- Mistano Maurizio Bruno
- Di Silvo Umberto,
- Leonello Fani
- Fr. Anthony Nkom (OSA) - Secretary
- Very Rev. Fr. Kangyep Hyacinth (OSA) - Chairman

### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To motivate, mobilise, train and equip women and youths towards self reliance and empowerment.
- Sensitise and create awareness on health issues that are a threat to holistic development.
- To enhance the capacity of vulnerable women and youths to become self employed and sustained.
- To adopt pragmatic projects to fight poverty.
- To promote peaceful co-existence and inter-religious harmony.
- To establish vocational centers.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General Corporate Affairs Commission, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

Signed: Secretary

## THE URBAN MISSION INTERNATIONAL

The general public is hereby notified that the above named organization has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990.

### THE TRUSTEES ARE:

- Reverend Fred Williams
- Pastor Nandir Williams
- Adeneye Adabisi Ajoke
- Rowland Utulu Efe
- Daniel O. Peters

### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To create an atmosphere where this contemporary generation can worship God in spirit and truth
- To build and edify disciples through teaching of the word
- To show God's love to the world and our neighbours through service and ministry.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

Signed:  
Secretary

I, formerly MISS JOAN IFEYINWA ISICHEI now called MRS JOAN IFEYINWA ISA. All former documents remain valid. Nigeria Police Force please take note.

I, formerly known as MISS EDOM JOY OLUCHI now wish to be called MRS ADIGUN JOY OLUCHI. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly known as MISS PRISCILLA MBUA AROP, now MRS PRISCILLA MBUA OKAFOR. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I formerly known as PATIENCE ALASA now wish to be known as ZAINAB MOHAMMED. All former document remains valid RAMAT Polytechnic and general public to note.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I formerly MISS ADEOLA ADEYINKA ZAINAB wish to be known and addressed as MRS AMEEN ADEYINKA ZAINAB. All former documents remain valid. The general public take note.

I formerly known as MOHAMMAD HAMZA now wish to be known as JIBRIL M. DANLAMI. All former documents remain valid. D.N.C.R and public to take note.

I, formerly known as MISS ITULA JOY OSEREMHEN, now wish to be addressed as MRS JOY OSEREMHEN OKODUWA. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I formerly MISS KARIMA SALEH JIBRIL, now wish to be called and addresses as MRS KARIMA AMINU KABIR. All former Documents remain valid public should take note

I, formerly known as MISS ADELEYE BUNMI TAIWO now wish to be known as MRS DARAMOLA BUNMI TAIWO. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly MISS RAMAT OZOHU UMAR now MRS RAMAT ADAWUDI. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly MISS TALATU MANGBAR henceforth wish to be addressed as MRS TALATU THEODORA DAJAU. Documents bearing former names remain valid. FCT Agency for Mass Education. General public take note.

I, formerly known as MISS OKACHE SUSAN OCHOTUKPO now wish to be known as MRS. OKACHE SUSAN IKWUE ADAMA. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly MISS TEMITOPE ADESIYAN now MRS ADABONYAN TEMITOPE. Former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly known as MR SODERU CLEMENT AKOLAWOHE now MR. ODIA FESTUS CHUKWUNWOIKE. General public take note.

I was formerly known as MISS CYNTHIA DAMILOLA ADEDOYIN, now I wish to be addressed as MRS CYNTHIA ADEDOYIN CLARKIN. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly OKOLO LORRITTA NNEKA now wish to be known as MRS SIMON-OBAGO LORITTA NNEKA. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly MISS MABEL AIHIE now MRS AISHAH OMOLEGGI ENEBE. NYSC should note.

I, formerly VIVIAN OGECHI NWOSU now wish to be VIVIAN OGECHI NNAMNSO-IBANGA. Former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly MISS OKENIYI FATIMA ADEMOLA now MRS BALAGUN FATIMA ADEOLA. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

Formerly MRS ONIFADE CATHERINE AGNESS ABOSEDE, now IGHALO, CATHERINE ANGESS ABOSEDE. Former documents remain valid. HOCSF, Ministry of Defence and general public take note.

I, formerly MRS ELIZABETH KEMBA WUNDUH is now MRS ELIZABETH KEMBA RANGO. All former documents remain valid. College of Agriculture Zuru please take note.

I, formerly known as MS OGO IFEOMA EZENWA now wish to be known as MRS OGO IFEOMA AKABOGU. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

I, formerly MISS TITI YAKUBU now wish to be known as MRS ADAMU BELLO. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I, formerly known as AJAYI BUKOLA CAROLINE, now wish to be called MRS OGUNDAYOMI BUKOLA CAROLINE. All former documents remain valid. UNILORIN and general public to note.

I, formerly known as NWAKUNA, GWAMACHI JUSTINA now wish to be known as MRS UNIQUE GWAMACHI GEORGE EKE. All former documents remain valid. Imo State University and the general public take note.

I MISS EDITH IFEOMA MBA, now wish to be MRS EDITH IFEOMA AFIEHORO. All former documents remain valid. Government Secondary School Ballah, Akanu Ibiam Federal Poly Afikpo, Coscharis Motors and public to note.

xxxI, formerly known as EZEKIEL JOHNSON, now wish to be known with DASHE NANDOM JOHNSON. UBA and general public take note.

xxxxI, formerly known as MISS YAKUBU JUME, now wish to be called MRS IRAOYA JUME ESTHER. Former documents remain valid. Code of Conduct Tribunal, Abuja and the general public to take note.

# TRUST CLASSIFIED

## LIBERTY HOUSE CHRISTIAN CENTRE

This is to inform the general public the above named Centre has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part c of the companies and allied matters act No. 1 of 1990.

**The trustees are:**

1. Pastor Nosa Best Ojo
2. Pastor Mrs. Irensen E. Ojo
3. Mr. Omokhoje Elvis
4. Mrs. Victoria Arasomwan
5. Mrs. Abigail Adetanlan

**Aims and objectives:**

1. To preach the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
2. To impact people with the knowledge of Christ and draw them closer to God.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Wuse Zone 5 Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

Signed:

Mike Adinye Esq.

## KEKE NAPEP OWNERS & OPERATORS ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA

This is to inform the general public the above named Association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part c of the companies and allied matters act No. 1 of 1990.

**The trustees are:**

1. Chief Onwuka Kaku Okorie
2. Prince Emmanuel
3. John Gabriel
4. Ndokuba Ohulomu
5. Nkechinyere Onwuka

**Aims and objectives:**

1. To protect the interest of members.
2. To educate members by encouraging saving.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight 28 days from the date of this publication.

Signed: Mike Adinye Esq.

## DEVELOPMENT, EMPOWERMENT AND AWARENESS CENTRE

This is to inform the general public the above named Organisation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part c of the companies and allied matters act No. 1 of 1990.

**The trustees are:**

- |                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. James Falaiye (Mr)  | 2. Mike Uwagbae (Mr)      |
| 3. Kufre Okop (Mr)     | 4. Olukunle Daramola (Mr) |
| 5. Daniel Falaiye (Mr) | 6. Roli Akpolo (Mrs)      |
| 7. Usi Osazuwa (Mrs)   |                           |

**Aims and objectives:**

1. To carry out researches and intervention activities to enhance human development and empower disadvantaged members of the society to improve their livelihood opportunities.
2. To promote awareness and development issues within and outside Nigeria e.t.c.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight 28 days from the date of this publication.

Signed: Chigbo Obiakor, Esq.

62 Mississippi Street, Maitama-Abuja  
08035686399

## SUUMA CARE FOUNDATION

This is to inform the general public the above named Foundation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part c of the companies and allied matters act No. 1 of 1990.

**The trustees are:**

1. Garba Babantalle Abdullahi
2. Ojone Maryam Abdullahi
3. Umma Abdullahi
4. Umar Abdullahi
5. Suleiman Abdullahi
6. Ahmed Abdullahi

**Aims and objectives:**

1. Provide education for orphans and less privileged from elementary school to university.
2. Provide entrepreneurial skill training to youths and less privileged for self reliance.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight 28 days from the date of this publication.

Signed: Adamu Shehu

08037120910, Suite 212 Anbeez Plaza, Wuse Zone 5, Abuja.

## MAGNOLIA FOUNDATION

This is to inform the general public the above named Foundation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part c of the companies and allied matters act No. 1 of 1990.

**The trustees are:**

1. Fatima Dahara Usman
2. Fatima Zahra Isah Modibbo
3. Oti Nwaigwe
4. Nicole Nweke

**Aims and objectives:**

1. To make education accessible.
2. To raise awareness on girl child and women issues.
3. To inculcate values of honesty, hardwork, integrity, discipline and patriotism in youths.
4. To provide avenues for self actualisation of the under privileged.
5. To educate the community on health related issues.
6. To mentor youths on personal and skills development so as to improve their quality of life.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight 28 days from the date of this publication.

Signed:

Mohd Rabiu Ibrahim Esq.  
08065376220

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, formerly known as MISS CECILIA DEYIN now wish to be known as MRS. CECILIA SYLVESTER POLIT. All former documents remain valid. NSCDC and general public take note.

I, formerly known as MISS ZAHARA'U YUNUS ABDULLAHI now wish to be known as MRS. ZAHARA'U, MUHAMMAD NAZIF. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

Formerly known as MISS ASABE YUSUF now wish to be known as MISS SYLVIA ASABE ACHEN. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

I formerly known as MISS KHADIJA ABIMBOLA LAWAL now wish to be known as Dr. ABDULRAHEEM KHADIJA (MRS.). All former documents remain valid, Nigeria Medical and Dental Council and the general public to note.

I formerly MISS ADEOLA ADEYINKA ZAINAB wish to be known and addressed as MRS AMEEN ADEYINKA ZAINAB. All former documents remain valid. The general public take note.

AKABOGU - I formerly known as MISS AKABOGU EBELE OBIAGELI now wish to be addressed as MRS EGBO EBELE OBIAGELI. all former documents remain valid. general public to note.

I, formerly Miss. James Ayodele Lami. Now wish to be known as Mrs. Musa Aisha Lami Ayodele. All formal documents remain valid. SCA/DAC. ABU., Zaria, and general public note.

I, formerly known as Miss. Ada Innocent. Now wish to be called Mrs. Ada Mathew Ogbole. All formal documents remain valid. General public to note.

I formerly known as MISS FAUSAT GIWAH now wish to be called MRS. FAUZIYAT ORIRE. all relevant documents remain valid .general public to take note.

I, formerly known as AFUSAT FADEKE IBRAHIM now wish to be known as HAFSAT FADEKE ABDULHAMID. All former documents remain valid. FUT Minna and general public to please take note.

I, formerly known as MAUREEN IFEATU NWOKIKE now wish to be known as MAUREEN IFEATU ADEMOLA. Crown Agents, University of Abuja, University of Calabar and general public to take note.

I, formerly known as MOHAMMED MAHAJI AHMED and now wish to be called ABDULLAHI A. JATAU. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

# ROYAL EXCHANGE

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ROYAL EXCHANGE PLC ANNOUNCE THE UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED RESULTS OF THE GROUP FOR THE 3RD QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

## ROYAL EXCHANGE Plc

RC: 6752

### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	2009	2008	%
	N'000	N'000	
<b>INCOME</b>			
Net Premium Income	1,923,301	1,775,088	8
Earned Interest	96,253	76,787	25
Investment/Other Income	395,977	457,407	(13)
Commissions Received	182,333	197,423	(8)
<b>Group Income</b>	<b>2,597,864</b>	<b>2,506,705</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Claims Incurred	(575,371)	(676,439)	18
Commissions Paid	(298,547)	(292,793)	(2)
Capitation/Surrenders	35,370	(57,472)	
Underwriting Expenses	(582,701)	(388,348)	(33)
Interest Expense	(22,937)	(19,483)	(15)
Management Expenses	(693,026)	(548,661)	(21)
Reorganisation/Demerger Expenses	(77,032)	(98,669)	28
Investment Expenses	(2,214,244)	(2,164,384)	(2)
<b>Profit before Tax</b>	<b>383,620</b>	<b>342,321</b>	<b>12</b>
Provision for Tax	218,788	(102,696)	(313)
<b>Profit After Tax</b>	<b>602,408</b>	<b>239,625</b>	<b>151</b>

### BALANCE SHEET

	2009	2008
	N'000	N'000
<b>AUTHORISED SHARE CAPITAL</b>		
10,000,000,000 ORDINARY SHARES	5,000,000	5,000,000
Share Capital	2,032,738	1,847,944
Share Premium	3,230,883	3,415,677
Reserves	2,853,034	5,620,582
<b>Shareholders' Funds</b>	<b>8,116,655</b>	<b>10,884,203</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>		
Cash and Bank	147,822	44,649
Investments	9,581,728	11,257,459
Fixed Assets	644,185	643,521
Other Assets	2,622,541	3,289,409
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>12,996,276</b>	<b>15,235,038</b>
<b>LESS LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS</b>		
Creditors and Accruals	2,006,796	1,503,805
Outstanding Claims	695,270	566,283
Liabilities for Administered Deposits	227,237	649,620
Other Liabilities	1,950,318	1,831,129
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>4,879,621</b>	<b>4,350,835</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>8,116,655</b>	<b>10,884,203</b>

### Commentary

The Directors are of the opinion that barring any unforeseen circumstances, the trend of positive results is expected to continue in the last quarter of 2009.

### BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

*Sheila Ezeuko*

SHEILA EZEUKO  
COMPANY SECRETARY

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3RD QUARTER UNAUDITED RESULTS.



**NASARAWA STATE UNIVERSITY, KEFFI**  
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

**RESUMPTION OF ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES**

This is to inform the General Public and particularly students of the Nasarawa State University, Keffi that academic activities of the University for the 2009/2010 Session commences on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010. Both returning and fresh students are expected to report on the stated date for registration.

**2. REGISTRATION PROCEDURES**

The detail of registration procedure is available at the University Notice Boards and website, [www.nsuonline.com](http://www.nsuonline.com). Students are advised to first visit the Faculty/Departmental and General Notice Boards and University website to acquaint themselves with the procedures before proceeding to the venues of the screening / registration exercises.

Fresh Students are requested to present the following at the screening and registration venue:

1. Original JAMB Result Slip
2. Original copies of all credentials
3. Original copy of Indigene Certificate
4. Ten (10) recent passport-sized photographs.

**3. DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION**

The deadline for registration is Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010. Late registration which shall not exceed one week from 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010 would attract a fee of Five Thousand Naira (N5,000.00) only.

**4. SCHEDULE OF FEES**

Returning and Fresh Students are to note that the schedule of fees for the 2009/2010 Session is as summarized below:

S/N	LEVEL	INDIGENE		NON-INDIGENE		BANK (Point of Payment)	ACCOUNT NUMBER
		Arts/Humanities	Sciences	Arts/Humanities	Sciences		
1	100 & DE (Fresh Students)	18,200.00	19,200.00	26,350.00	27,850.00	DIAMOND BANK PLC	073205000078
2	200L & 300 L Admitted in 2008/2009	15,700.00	16,700.00	22,300.00	23,300.00	OCEANIC BANK PLC	2161301004703
3	300	13,700.00	14,700.00	13,700.00	14,700.00	ZENITH BANK PLC	6110309434
4	400	13,700.00	14,700.00	13,700.00	14,700.00	UNITY BANK PLC	265/848729/1/2/0
5	500	13,700.00	14,700.00	13,700.00	14,700.00	UNITY BANK PLC	265/848729/1/2/0

**5. SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES FOR 2009/2010 ADMISSIONS (FIRST LIST)**

The under-listed candidates have been offered Provisional Admission into the Nasarawa State University, Keffi for the 2009/2010 Academic Session. All the candidates should report for screening and registration on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2009 in their respective faculties

**LIST OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES FOR 2009/2010 ADMISSIONS**

1. FACULTY OF ADMINISTRATION			2. FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE			3. FACULTY OF ARTS			4. FACULTY OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION			5. FACULTY OF EDUCATION			6. FACULTY OF HEALTH, SOCIAL AND BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES			7. FACULTY OF LAW			8. FACULTY OF MASS COMMUNICATION			9. FACULTY OF NURSING			10. FACULTY OF THEOLOGY					
S/N	JAMB. NO	NAME	S/N	JAMB. NO	NAME	S/N	JAMB. NO	NAME	S/N	JAMB. NO	NAME	S/N	JAMB. NO	NAME	S/N	JAMB. NO	NAME	S/N	JAMB. NO	NAME	S/N	JAMB. NO	NAME	S/N	JAMB. NO	NAME	S/N	JAMB. NO	NAME			
1	9265746FA	OMAKU DANLADI ABARI	1	92656581FD	CHRISTOPHER SAMUEL KONASE	1	92657009GD	ADAMU, HALIMATU SADYA	1	92657434IE	MUSA YUSUF	1	92657009GD	ADAMU, HALIMATU SADYA	1	92657434IE	MUSA YUSUF	1	92657009GD	ADAMU, HALIMATU SADYA	1	92657434IE	MUSA YUSUF	1	92657009GD	ADAMU, HALIMATU SADYA	1	92657434IE	MUSA YUSUF	1	92657009GD	ADAMU, HALIMATU SADYA

Table with columns: S/N, JAMB. NO, NAME, STATE. Contains student records for various subjects.

B.A. THEATRE ARTS

Table with columns: S/N, JAMB. NO, NAME, STATE. Lists theatre arts students.

4. FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Table with columns: S/N, JAMB. NO, NAME, STATE. Lists students in the Faculty of Education.

B.A. (Ed) ENGLISH

Table with columns: S/N, JAMB. NO, NAME, STATE. Lists English students.

B.A. (Ed) HISTORY

Table with columns: S/N, JAMB. NO, NAME, STATE. Lists history students.

B.A. (Ed) ISLAMIC STUDIES

Table with columns: S/N, JAMB. NO, NAME, STATE. Lists Islamic studies students.

B.A. (Ed) C.R.S

Table with columns: S/N, JAMB. NO, NAME, STATE. Lists C.R.S students.

B.A. (Ed) SOCIAL STUDIES

Table with columns: S/N, JAMB. NO, NAME, STATE. Lists social studies students.

B.Sc. (Ed) PHYSICS

Table with columns: S/N, JAMB. NO, NAME, STATE. Lists physics students.

B.Sc. (Ed) GEOGRAPHY

Table with columns: S/N, JAMB. NO, NAME, STATE. Lists geography students.

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B.Sc. MATHEMATICS

Table with columns: S/N, JAMB. NO, NAME, STATE. Lists mathematics students.

B.Sc. MICROBIOLOGY

Table with columns: S/N, JAMB. NO, NAME, STATE. Lists microbiology students.

B.Sc. PHYSICS

Table with columns: S/N, JAMB. NO, NAME, STATE. Lists physics students.

B.Sc. STATISTICS

Table with columns: S/N, JAMB. NO, NAME, STATE. Lists statistics students.

B.Sc. ZOODOLOGY

Table with columns: S/N, JAMB. NO, NAME, STATE. Lists zoology students.

6. FACULTY OF NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES

B.Sc. PLANTS SCIENCE & BIOTECHNOLOGY

Table with columns: S/N, JAMB. NO, NAME, STATE. Lists plant science students.

B.Sc. CHEMISTRY

Table with columns: S/N, JAMB. NO, NAME, STATE. Lists chemistry students.

7. FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

B.Sc. BIOCHEMISTRY

Table with columns: S/N, JAMB. NO, NAME, STATE. Lists biochemistry students.

B.Sc. PSYCHOLOGY

Table with columns: S/N, JAMB. NO, NAME, STATE. Lists psychology students.

B.Sc. SOCIOLOGY

Table with columns: S/N, JAMB. NO, NAME, STATE. Lists sociology students.

12	92022219JG	ABDULLAH ABDUL-RAZAQ	NASARAWA
13	92137177FH	ALU GODWIN DAVID	NASARAWA
14	93174968JD	SIMON PETER OTALU	NASARAWA
15	92137128BA	AKYEN MONDAY	NASARAWA
16	92732515HD	ADAMU GAZA DANLADI	NASARAWA
17	92136605CH	LUKA LABETH	NASARAWA
18	92672570AE	ALAKU ASHEAZI	NASARAWA
19	92667768FE	IDIBRAHIM	NASARAWA
20	92665392DB	YUSUF HABILA KUTIGAH	NASARAWA
21	92670280IE	NRENINBAAH GUNGUMA N	NASARAWA
22	92021705IG	SALIHU SAIDU	NASARAWA
23	92137696FC	DAUDA HUSSEINI JACOB	NASARAWA
24	92653003CA	HARUNA ZUHARU BARAU	NASARAWA
25	92671944DJ	YAKUBU NURU MARAFA	NASARAWA
26	92662282EF	AUDU SOLOMON	NASARAWA
27	92655250GJ	SADIO SULEIMAN ABUBARKAR	NASARAWA
28	92672616GA	ELAYO ISHAYA ATUKPA	NASARAWA
29	92656917BF	SAMSON JEREMIAH O	NASARAWA
30	92854735JC	ABDULLAH SURAJI MUSA	NASARAWA
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# Yakubu fumes: Eagles lack playmakers

■ Says 'We don't have a Jay Jay Okocka or Oliseh'

By Ismaila Lere, with Agency reports

SUPER Eagles forward Yakubu Aiyegbeni lamented the lack of creativity in national team, just as he also lashed out at critics who have questioned his place in the Nigeria team at the Africa Cup of Nations.

Aiyegbeni, who rounded on his detractors after Nigeria's 3-1 opening defeat to Egypt, insisted that

**“But when you have four, five defensive midfielders in the team who can't get the ball over to the strikers, what can you do**

the entire team did not play well in Tuesday's Group C opener here.

"I have always given my best to Nigeria, I am one of the best strikers in the country and my record is there for all to see," said Aiyegbeni, who was sidelined for most of last year with an Achilles tendon injury.

"But when you have four, five defensive midfielders in the team who can't get the ball over to the

strikers, what can you do? We do not have a (Austin) 'Jay Jay' Okocha or a Sunday Oliseh.

"We have been struggling in most of our games because we do not have a creative midfielder, which is not the case, for instance, at my club, where there are players who can create openings for the strikers.

"It has been really very difficult for us and even the best strikers in the world would struggle in such a team."

There have been suggestions that he is higher on the pecking order of other strikers as a result of his closeness to coach Shuaibu Amodu.

"We all want to play coach and so everyone wants to pick the team," he countered.

"But it is there for everybody to see that I have also enjoyed a good run with the coaches before Amodu simply because I'm good enough to be in the team."

The Everton forward said despite the team's shortcomings he was confident the Eagles will now put behind them the 3-1 reversal they suffered at the hands of the defending champions by beating Benin this weekend.

"Obviously, we were all very disappointed to have lost that game.

"We started well in the first 25, 30 minutes, but as soon as they drew level, we failed to defend well



SUPER Eagles forward Yakubu Aiyegbeni has lashed out at his critics.

and eventually lost to a better team.

"We now have to focus on the next game, go out there and give

our best to beat Benin."

Tuesday's loss has also placed a question mark over Amodu's

future and an early Nations cup exit could see him being replaced in time for the World Cup.

## Amodu ultimatum: Win Benin or be sacked

SUPER Eagles coach Shuaibu Amodu will have to win his next game against Benin convincingly or see himself shunted aside for his assistant Daniel Amokachi to take charge for the rest of the Nations Cup, while Mozambique coach Mart Nooij is favoured for the World Cup.

Tuesday's defeat to Egypt has seen the pressure on Amodu rise to unbearable levels and the Nigeria contingent

held no less than three meetings on Wednesday as they sought to find a way forward, with confidence in Amodu's abilities falling to a dismal low.

The NFF executive committee have previously backed Amodu publicly, but it was understood that a heated meeting on Wednesday saw the majority of board members asking for Amodu to be asked to 'step aside' with immediate effect and hand over to Amokachi for the rest of

the competition.

However, NFF chairman Sani Lulu Abdullahi would have none of it and insisted that Amodu be given at least one more game, against Benin, to save his job.

For the World Cup, the bulk of the NFF Executive Committee are in favour of Nooij, who is currently in charge of Mozambique.

Nooij's major edge over other contenders, including Claude Leroy who is in Angola, is his

deep knowledge of the Nigerian team and players after scouting them during the qualifiers, and again for the Nations Cup.

"There is no time between now and the World Cup for someone to try to study the team and we need somebody who already knows the players and understands the team," a top official of the NFF said.

An additional advantage for Nooij is that he is Dutch, and favours the 4-4-2 formation -

which most Nigerians prefer - with an emphasis on wingers. The NFF top brass have also been impressed by the job the Dutchman has done with the Mambas.

Another NFF official however told KickOffNigeria.com that although there has been no contact with Nooij recently, there has been 'informal' contact in the past and is confident a deal can be thrashed out after the Nations Cup.

# Halliche header revives Algeria hopes

A header from Rafik Halliche just before halftime revived Algeria's African Nations Cup hopes as they beat Mali 1-0 in Group A on Thursday.

The victory followed a surprise 3-0 defeat for the World Cup-bound north Africans in their opening match against Malawi on Monday.

"I think we started off on the wrong foot but we managed to increase our confidence and the

goal was crucial," Algeria coach Rabah Saadane told reporters.

Halliche climbed above Mali's defence to head home a free kick from Karim Ziani two minutes before the interval.

Mali had needlessly given away the free kick after a clumsy challenge from Bakary Soumare on Yacine Bezzaz.

The defeat left Mali on the brink of elimination despite having an array of top players from

leading European clubs. They have a single point from two matches at the tournament.

The likes of Barcelona's Seydou Keita, Momo Sissoko of Juventus and captain Mahamadou Diarra, who plays for Real Madrid, proved ineffective for a tired-looking Mali.

Frederic Kanoute, left out of the team after struggling with a cold, failed to inject any new impetus when he came on as a substitute after 62 minutes.

Diarra was also cautioned for a second successive game and will sit out Mali's last match against Malawi in Cabinda on Monday.

"This was a key game. We knew it would be difficult but Algeria were lucky to score the first goal and they won," said Diarra.

"We are now forced to win the next game."

Diarra's team looked spent after the exertions of the opening match on Sunday when they conjured

four late goals to draw 4-4 with hosts Angola in a dramatic start to the three-week event.

Mali had several half chances early on but Algeria found an extra gear after taking the lead and might have scored more in the second half.

Hassan Yebda missed a good chance in the 70th minute after being set up by Abdelkader Ghezal and Ziani went narrowly wide with a free kick.

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## 2010 AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS

# Ghana vs Ivory Coast: A derby fit for the gods

FACED with the prospect of an early exit, tournament favorite Ivory Coast cannot afford another slip-up when it takes on Ghana on Friday in its final group game in the Africa Cup of Nations.

With Togo having pulled out of competition in the wake of the crash on its team bus that left three people dead, each team in Group B plays just two games.

Two of the three countries will qualify for the quarterfinals but Ivory Coast, which needs a win to guarantee a spot in the next round, only drew 0-0 with Burkina Faso in its opening game, leaving the Elephants under serious pressure ahead of its match against

They are now in a very difficult position but still have all the cards in their hands and I know we can get through to the knockout phase," Ivory Coast coach Vahid Halilhodzic said. "Togo being out causes problems. It will be a difficult match against Ghana but we have it in our hands."

This much-anticipated match between two World Cup qualifiers will feature a battle between Chelsea players: Ghana's Asamoah and Ivory Coast's Didier Drogba and Salomon

who only joined up with his teammates on Wednesday after being forced to stay in London because of extreme weather conditions. The Black Stars midfielder recovered from a hamstring injury sustained during a Champions League match in early December and should be available for the game in Cabinda.

The Ghana camp is calm and



GHANA'S Black Stars begin their African Nations Cup campaign with a mouthwatering clash against Cote d'Ivoire today in Cabinda.

is looking forward to the first game against Ivory Coast," Essien said. "You can tell the boys are itching to get going because at tournaments like this you want to get your first game out of the way and settle properly."

Ghana will be without midfielders Anthony Annan and Stephen Appiah, as well as defender John Pantsil. Coach Milovan Rajevac will therefore call on several members of the squad that won the Under-20 World Cup, including Andre Ayew, the son of three-time African Player of the Year Abedi Pele.

"We want to win this competition but this first game is going

to be interesting, pitting our very young team against one of the best and most experienced sides in Africa," Rajevac said.

Ivory Coast, which reached the tournament's final four years ago but won its only title in 1992, did not impress against Burkina Faso, with Drogba saying after the match that the attack on the Togo bus prior to the tournament had deeply affected the team.

"After what happened a few days ago, it was difficult to concentrate," Drogba said. "Now we are facing a tough task, but it is tough for everyone."

While Ghana can qualify with a win, a defeat would not automati-

cally put the Elephants out of contention for a quarterfinal berth. But Halilhodzic's team would have to wait until the last group game between Burkina Faso and Ghana to discover its fate.

"I am confident. We are going to work hard to be ready against one of the best teams in Africa," Ivory Coast defender Kolo Toure said. "We need to show character. We have the spirit, the team."

Ghana's last group game against Burkina Faso will be played as originally scheduled in Luanda on Jan. 19 after the African Football Confederation rejected the Black Stars' request to stay in Cabinda.

## Imenger: Benin will be tough

By Orkula Shaagee

FORMER International, Barnabas Imenger yesterday predicted that the Super Eagles next Africa Cup of Nations game against Benin Republic tomorrow will be a tough one.

He noted that the Benin Republic side that was forced to a 2-2 draw by Mozambique in the second Group C match last Tuesday has the potentials of putting spanners in the Super Eagles work.

While warning the Super Eagles, not to underrate the Benin side in tomorrow's tie in Benguela, Imenger also urged the Eagles to go for early goals.

"The Super Eagles should learn lessons from what has happened to Algeria and Cameroon and not underrate Benin Republic when they clash in the second match on Saturday. Benin is a good side, I watched them against Mozambique and they can try to pick a point from that game.

"Benin will be a tough nut to crack, but with early raids, the Super Eagles can overcome them and brighten their chances for a second round spot", Imenger stated.

## Algeria's Lemmouchia in tourney walkout

ALGERIA'S star midfielder Khalid Lemmouchia has quit the Africa Cup of Nations, officially for family reasons but sources close to the camp suggest he was upset at being left out of the first team by coach Rabah Saadane.

Algeria face a must win game against Mali later Thursday to keep their hopes of qualifying for the quarter-finals alive after a shock opening loss to Malawi on Monday.

The Algerian Football Federation reported in a statement: "The coach has given Khalid Lemmouchia permission to leave for family reasons."

But a source close to the Desert Foxes told AFP: "In fact he has left because he was very unhappy at not being picked and knows he is not going to play again on Thursday."

Lemmouchia, who plays his club football for Algerian champions Setif, was instrumental in helping Algeria qualify for the World Cup where they are drawn in the same first round group as England.

## 'Poor defence, midfield cause Eagles defeat'

Abraheem A. Fatai

condemnations continue to trail the scandalous 3-1 loss of the Super Eagles to the Pharaohs of Egypt in the ongoing AFCON, former assistant coach of the team, Joe Erico, described the defence paraded by Coach Amodu Shuaibu as porous and uncoordinated.

Speaking with Trustsports in a telephone interview yesterday, coach Erico said the poor performance of the Yobo-led defence gave unrestricted chances for the Egyptian forwards to create chances and score goals.

"Our defence against Egypt was too shaky and porous,

reflecting in the ease with which Egyptian players penetrated into our vital area with our defenders providing no antidote. All the goals scored by Egypt came from poor defensive tactics.

"Although first matches are always very difficult for any team, but Nigerians did not expect their darling team to go down easily like a pack of cards. We appeared to be doing well especially when Ogbuke Obasi scored the opener, but our boys were nowhere to be found till the end of the match," Erico remarked.

The football tactician, however, expressed confidence that the two-time winners of the African most coveted trophy will make it to the

quarter finals stage of the tournament, but was quick to call on the Amodu-led coaching crew to tighten the team's defence if more embarrassing situation is to be prevented against Benin and Mozambique.

In his own response, former Super Eagles goalkeeper trainer, Amusa Adisa, heaped the blame on the midfielders, who, according to him, could not give good passes to the Ogbuke-led striking force.

"When the midfielders fail to supply good passes to the strikers whose responsibility is to score goals for the team, what do you expect to happen? Ogbuke was short of good passes, an ugly development which put lots of pressure

on our shaky defence.

"There was no understanding between our defence and midfield throughout the duration of the match. In fact, we did not play like a team that is ready to win trophy; the match was a very bad one for us, considering that before the Monday match we had lost to Egypt just once in the history of the Nations cup," the Kwara Football Academy goalkeepers trainer said.

He described the chances of Eagles' qualification for the quarterfinals as mountainous, saying the loss has made the remaining two matches against the Squirrels of Benin and Mozambique a must.

## THE FRIDAY COLUMN

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## Who are the true Federalists? (II)

**T**hey maligned the Sardauna for his Northernisation policy; but they are now asking for a return to true federalism in order to be able to do just that. True federalists would have unhesitatingly endorsed that. True federalism is not that which is written in the constitution; true federalism is that which is in the minds of Nigerians.

Once on this page, I advocated for 50 per cent derivation for the oil producing regions; because fair's fair—that was what obtained during the First Republic. But today, if because of the need for a more balanced federation, the necessity for fairness on the rebound, absorptive capacity of the recipients, almost everyone, and now even including the Niger Delta agitators themselves and their instigators in the South, have decided on 25 per cent, so be it. But whatever percentage is finally agreed upon, it must be clear that it will only be of the onshore component. No state has ever collected royalties for the use of its airspace; and therefore none can claim ownership over the sea. And whose land is being polluted there out at sea that the enhanced derivation is given to clean?

Nigeria's problem is really neither the failure to find the right revenue allocation formula nor the bastardisation of federalism. It is not even the famous oft-repeated issue of bad leadership. Nigeria's real and most basic problem is corruption which has become wholesale, pervasive, institutionalized and accepted. In everything. Everywhere. Without our level of corruption, even the incompetent people that are thrown into positions of leadership, checked by the unyielding integrity of the system, could have achieved something; but, with it, even the most competent would have proved powerless and ineffective. Yet instead of concentrating on this major problem, they start pursuing a red herring.

They often point to the creation of the North as the handiwork of colonialists and a favour done to Northerners.

Writing about this and referring to the book by Chief Olaniwun Ajayi, Tatalo Alamu spoke of the 'political geometry and federalist architecture [that] made it possible for the North to politically dominate the country and exercise its virtual veto power at critical moments in the nation's history.'

Besides the fact that this is simply not true, it stands in sharp contrast to the position of others like the late Chief Bola Ige who believed the North is full of goats that routinely get counted during population censuses. The debate will be a lot more interesting and more rational if the protagonists speak the same language and adopt the same code. The North can't be composed of Ige's goats and at the same time be too big, 'disproportionate and gargantuan' as in the words of Alamu.

The truth is that the North is the product of a history that cannot be wished away, and it is there in all its bigness; and apparently there is nothing that can be done about that size or about that population, though a lot had been done about that unity.

Indeed, Nigeria must be the only country in the world where the search for national unity was predicated upon breaking up parts that were already united. Unity was sought in disunity. From the days of the First Republic to date, non-Northern politicians have insisted on breaking a united North in order to achieve national unity. And quite inexplicably for someone living in awe of a political behemoth, when Chief Obafemi Awolowo moved to reduce the size of the North, he proposed that the portions excised from the North be added to Western Region. So, probably it was not just a matter of size.

But the issue of size has continued to cast its spectre over the land; and in obedience to its dictate, the North was later broken up by a Northerner, General Yakubu Gowon; decapitated by another Northerner, General Murtala Mohammed; and buried by another, General Ibrahim Babangida, all in an effort to unite the country on their terms. But in the end, all they would say was that these soldiers had favoured the North.

The reality was that these were military men trying to manufacture unity in their own image, playing with power in a way only soldiers could. In the process, they bastardised federalism, not because they have any reason to hate it, but because they didn't know it—and didn't know that they were supposed

to know. Except for Gowon, who, not knowing the former but aware of the latter, asked those who did; and for this reason, his regime was more respectful of federal sentiments than almost all the civilian regimes that came after his. But the sin of the erosion of federalism had continued to be put at the door of this region, even when it was clear soldiers were simply running the country as a battalion of civilians.

And in order to understand contemporary Nigerian history well, it is necessary to regard soldiers for what they are. Despite the erosion of their spirit de corps, soldiers are still, as they have always been, a tribe. Its greatest act of eroding federalism was what Malam Aminu Kano said was the subterranean influence that General Murtala exerted to have a presidential constitution for the country. More than the military's command structure, that constitution did away with all federal pretences by concentrating power at the centre; and particularly in the office of the president.

What is surprising is that those who think Ahmadu Bello's description of the amalgamation of the North and South as the 'mistake of 1914' feudal, find Awolowo's 'mere geographical expression' progressive. And there is no stopping the fiction of the more vibrant South propping up a tottering North. And today, you cannot insist on rotation and then turn around and reject federal character while they are based on the same principle and created to assuage fears that are similar.

At any event, we all thought that we had gone past all that; but unlike Central Bank Governor, Sanusi Lamido Sanusi, we are in no hurry to forgive elders who still speak the divisive language of the immediate post-independence era. We want elders who, by word and deed, will seek to unify our ranks. There is no merit in ethnic jingoism, and this present should not try to glorify a past that is not too noble. What they are doing is so loud that we cannot hear what they are saying, as the say-

ing goes.

While I, for very personal reasons, love the Yoruba people, I find it astonishing that even while they believe they are the best that this country has produced, the Yoruba seem proud to count Dr. Frederick Faseun and that illiterate other as representative of their kind in modern Nigeria.

Freedom then becomes a prison and people are chained and shackled by the rope of the very rights they have fought for—betrayed by the friends they have elected to represent them. For them, the torch of democracy becomes the smouldering embers of the arsonist; and the baton of leadership becomes the whip of a taskmaster. Their earth is scorched and their backs are beaten black and blue by a leadership that is supposed to take them to the Promised Land.

But we can't reach that land without democracy, the sacrifice to get it and the vigilance to keep it going. And it ought by now to have been clear to all that before democracy can take proper roots, there must emerge in this country a leadership that is not only democratic-minded, but ready to do whatever is required, including paying the supreme price, to entrench it, if necessary even at gunpoint!

But even when democracy is established, there is a lot to do: we must decentralize this unhealthy concentration of political and financial power in the office of the president; and then reform the public service, separate policy formulation from its execution and shield the civil service, the judiciary and the police from political interference.

We must look for people who are not after power for its own sake—people who are tired of elite-induced divisiveness, people who have accepted the principle of the essential goodness of their fellow compatriots and are ready to play all the games by the known rules. People who have vision or can borrow one.

Perhaps we will never have the federal balance right until people of like minds from all over the country who feel genuine public-spirited concern and allegiance to the Federal Republic of Nigeria are in power. We need people who think more as citizens of Nigeria not as a race unto themselves. And if such people aren't available now, we must develop them; and if such a country doesn't at the moment exist, we must create it. On this land. Now.

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## SPORTS REPORT



DANIEL Sturridge

## EPL settles Sturridge transfer dispute

Chelsea must pay Manchester City an initial fee of 3.5 million pounds (\$5.70 million) for striker Daniel Sturridge, a Premier League tribunal ruled yesterday to end a dispute between the clubs over the fee.

The eventual cost of the transfer could rise to around 7.0 million because the League's Compensation Com-

mittee ruled that additional payments of 500,000 pounds (\$814,500) would be due after each of 10, 20, 30 and 40 first-team competitive appearances.

A further payment of 1.0 million pounds (\$1.63 million) will be due if Sturridge plays for the England senior team, while City will be due a sell-on fee if the 20-year-old leaves Stamford Bridge.



OBINNA Metu

## AFN invites athletes for C'wealth Games

The Athletics Federation of Nigeria (AFN) has invited 20 home-based athletes to camp to begin preparations for the Commonwealth Games in India in October.

AFN spokesman Duro Ikhazuangbe said yesterday in Lagos that the athletes would be camped in Ijebu Ode.

The male athletes include Oghoghene Egworo, Obinna Metu, Onyebor Ngwogu, Peter Emelieze and Adukwa Benjamin.

Others are members of the 4x400 metres relay team to the last World Championships in Berlin, Godday James, Saul Weigopwa, Noah Akwu and Abiola Onakoya. Ishaku Mohammed (800m) and Samuel Okon (110m hurdles) were also invited to the Ijebu Ode camp.

The female sprinters invited are Agnes Osazuwa, Susan Akene, Josephine Omaka, Stella Silas and Sileola Akinsola while Folashade Abugan, Josephine Ehigie and Happy Atufe were named for the 400 metres.

The jumpers are Nkiruka Domike (triple jump) and Doreen Amata (high jump).

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