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"Do not allow negative thoughts to enter your mind for they are weeds that strangle confidence"

- Bruce Lee



AFRICAN SAYINGS

"A man who pays respect to the great paves his own way for greatness"

(African Proverbs)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

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■ A worker tries to maneuver through a congested market New Delhi, India

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IN-DEPTH

Indiscriminate sale of ancestral land worries Ilorin indigenes

From Mumini Abdulkareem, Ilorin

There is a growing concern in the Ilorin Emirate community and its environs in Kwara State over indiscriminate sales of ancestral lands.

From Taiwo to Opo Malu, Ita Amodu, Emir's Road, Agbo Oba, and Oja-Tuntun among others, newly acquired lands are being cleared on a daily basis. Similarly, old family houses are being demolished while new owners are erecting structures.

This is the current situation in Ilorin, the ancient city of Kwara State known for its rich cultural heritage rooted in Islamic jurisprudence.

But for many indigenes of the Emirate, the sale of ancestral lands portends danger for the community with the tendency of robbing the city of its vast cultural heritage and the acclaimed Islamic civilisation.

It was the very influential Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressives Union (IEDPU) that first raised the alarm on the issue calling on its indigenes not to sell away heritage and tradition in exchange for money.

According to the IEDPU, which is the umbrella body for all the sons and daughters of Ilorin emirate, the practice is particularly worrisome despite the protracted campaign against it.

Speaking during the 56th Conference of the Union, the National President of IDEPU, Alhaji Uthman Otta Aliyu, said the trend has reached an alarming proportion with the potential to endanger the unity of the state.

"The Union has had cause to organise a summit on sale and use of land in Ilorin. We produced jingles to discourage our people from the indiscriminate sale of land and ancestral homes. But sadly, it has continued unabated. People are selling away their family property with reckless abandon, as they turn deaf ears to wise counsel.

"The situation now is that they will be better today but be irredeemably bitter tomorrow as there shall be no land to sell in the future. We want to caution our people to go for lease rather than an outright sale of lands. In the same vein, the preservation and sustenance of our collective heritage should be sacrosanct", he added.

On his part, the Chairman, Senate Committee on Health,



■ Sold buildings reduced to rubbles at one of the affected areas in Agbo-Oba, Ilorin

Yahaya Ibrahim Oloriegbe, who was the chairman of the conference, described the development as a "scandalous acquisition of our heritage."

Oloriegbe, the Kwara Central senator representing four out of the five local governments in the Emirate further noted: "Any traditional Ilorin man is known for his dual heritage. An Ilorin man will have his house in the metropolitan city of Ilorin and his village in places like Afon, Alapa, Bala, Lanwa, Maleta, or Megida among others.

"But we have slept over our rights and heritage for a very long time so much so that those we refer to as 'Eero' (settlers) have invaded our villages like locusts acquiring our lands and inherited our properties while we are still slumbering. This must stop by all means possible", he warned.

In his submission, a district head and the Magaji Are of Ilorin, Alhaji Shuaib Aremu Zubair told Daily Trust that the issue was of great concern to everybody.

"That is why the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji Ibrahim Zulu Gambari is leading the drive for a change and for the families involved to lease such properties rather than an outright sale.

"Once a property has been sold, it is no longer yours and

the acquirer has the right to do anything on it. Ilorin is a predominantly Muslim town and if the trend continues, eventually, the buyers who are mostly non-indigenes will come and occupy our area and it may affect the religious harmony that we enjoy here as we have seen in other places. That is why we don't welcome it and I appeal just like the Emir, for those involved to go for lease instead.

"We know the issue is mostly about poverty, but we pray to God to enrich all of us", the Magaji Are added.

Speaking on the issue, a resident of Taiwo area, Ilorin, where the sale of the ancestral homes is most prevalent in the metropolis, Taiye Abdulkadir said the situation is alarming.

"It's a case of using what you have to get what you want. But Taiwo area has become 'notorious' for such practices because of its high market value.

"Except for schools and worship centres around the Taiwo area, most of the houses and lands you see have all been sold mostly to non-indigenes. While developments have started in some, others are yet to be demolished. It has gotten to a stage where people have turned it into business.

"The other day, a land that was



■ One of the sold property with the roof being removed in preparation for demolition at Taiwo Road, Ilorin



■ The Magaji Are of Ilorin, Alhaji Shuaib Aremu Zubair

bought for N95m was later sold for N175m after the dilapidated structure on it was pulled down. There is also a property that is located after Mamtess building, which was bought for N10million but disposed for N30million within a space of two months," he added.

While speaking with Daily Trust, a senior citizen of Ilorin, Alhaji Ibrahim Abdullahi said the IEDPU should be more practical on the issue to save the situation.

"We will continue to appeal and tell the district and village heads (Baloguns and Magjis) to be holding regular meetings on the implication of selling family lands and ancestral homes to non-indigenes for financial benefits. Although most of those involved in this practice attribute their actions to poverty, it is worrisome that they would choose to sell a highly valuable property for peanuts now compared to its future value.

"Apart from the appeal, the IEDPU should set up a land-use committee whereby top professionals in the areas of land matters, architecture and urban development, which we have in abundance' will be co-opted as members to trace and meet all the families with inherited lands and ancestral homes throughout the emirate.

"The committee will continue to maintain a good relationship with them with admonition on why the practice must be stopped to save the future and heritage of Ilorin emirate. The implication is that sooner or later, our heritage and inheritance will be in the hands of strangers, which will turn landlords into tenants in their own land in the nearest future.

Another resident who preferred not to be named while appraising the matter said the issue was not only because of

poverty but the inability of those involved to weigh the implication of such action and lack of exposure.

"Sometimes, a property of 300 plots of land sold for N300million for instance after sharing the money might see each family member getting just N50, 000 at the end of the day because of the large number of people involved. So what is the worth of that in today's Nigeria that will now warrant the wanton sale of our heritage, inheritance, and even our unity as a people", he said.

But a leading estate agent in the Kwara popularly known as G-Plot, Adegoke Adeola said the lease option will hamper development in the state.

He said: "What I will advise is for the government to identify such huge plots of land and then provide road and other infrastructural facilities on virgin sites or farmland to encourage investors which will bring development to the state.

"But to say families should lease lands such property will discourage investment. A leased land that has been developed, which the parties failed to reach an agreement on renewal, will you now tell the investors to uproot their multimillion naira structure or what?

"That will discourage investment. Taiwo area, which is a top choice destination for investors in Kwara for instance, how many Ilorin indigenes have real investments there except foreigners? To get a plot of land in Taiwo now, you need N30million at least if it is even available.

He, however, painted a troubling scenario of the activities of some of those selling lands on behalf of families who have mastered the art of selling the same piece of land to multiple parties just because they have some local support. The action, he said, had driven potential foreign investors away from the state.

"I have brought expatriates from South Africa once to Kwara State but they later went to Lagos to invest because of the attitude of some persons here due to the scenario painted above.

"So, if we are not careful the way we handle the situation, it might boomerang, which will adversely affect the development of the state. If we frustrate expatriates or deny investors the opportunity to pump in their money and erect structures that will develop the state, they will relocate elsewhere, it's as simple as that", he maintained.

2021: Bandits kill '1,192, kidnap 3,348' in Kaduna

From Mohammed Ibrahim Yaba, Kaduna

Bandits killed no fewer than 1,192 people and abducted 3,348 others across Kaduna State between January and December 2021.

Those killed are 1,038 men, 104 women and 50 minors.

This was contained in a security situation report

● El-Rufai urges FG to create theatre command in N/West

presented by the Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, to Governor Nasir El-Rufai yesterday.

Aruwan said Kaduna Central Senatorial District recorded 720 deaths from banditry, communal clashes, violence, and reprisal while Southern

Kaduna Senatorial District accounted for 406 deaths from communal clashes and banditry.

Analyzing the report, the governor lamented that the number was 255 more than those killed in 2020 despite efforts to fight crimes in the state.

He noted that at least nine

persons were kidnapped daily by bandits across the state in 2021.

El-Rufai, therefore, called on the federal government to create a theatre command to confront the insurgency in affected five states in North West and Niger State as done in the North East.

"The creation of such a theatre

command will enable a holistic approach to counter-insurgent operations across the six affected states and the enhanced coordination of the resources of the armed forces, the police, the SSS, our respective state vigilance services, hunters, and other local volunteers to fight the insurgents," he said.

Don calls for caution over creation of sayawa chiefdom in Bauchi

From Ahmed Mohammed, Bauchi

A onetime Dean of Faculty of Engineering, Federal Polytechnic, Bauchi, Engineer Ahmed Yusuf, has advised the Bauchi State Governor, Bala Mohammed, to be cautious towards resolving the lingering crises in Tafawa Balewa Local Government through the creation of new Sayawa Chiefdom.

Yusuf, who is the head of the electrical electronic department in the Polytechnic, stated this when he interacted with reporters yesterday.

He said, "There are allegations going round that the state government are planning to create Sayawa chiefdom in Tafawa Balewa LGA.

"It was alleged that the a key government functionary pronounced it at the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) stakeholders meeting. "If it is true, we would like to appeal to the governor to allow all stakeholders in the area to express their feelings and their stand through the committee he set up.

Yusuf said the state government should not do anything that would temper or pre-empt the committee's reports.

He reminded the government that there was a pending case in the court over the status of the Tafawa Balewa town.

Akwa Ibom youths reject Emmanuel's 'imposition' of successor

From Iniabasi Umo, Uyo

Youths under the aegis of Akwa Ibom Youths Mandate have kicked against what they described as an 'imposition of candidate' on the state.

There has been uproar in the state following Governor Udom Emmanuel's unveiling of Mr Umo Eno, Commissioner for Lands and Water Resources, as his successor.

Many aspirants within the ranks of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) have opposed the announcement by insisting on their own candidacy.

Speaking yesterday in Uyo, Mr Victor Thompson, speaker of the South South Youth Assembly, said the governor's choice was not the will of the people.

Thompson urged youths in the state to choose a man that would be sympathetic to their course. The group stated that the Chairman, House of Representatives Committee on Judiciary, Mr Onofioke Luke, was the most suitable choice for a youthful governor, judging by his experience in governance and public service.

...Northern traditional rulers, others meet to tackle insecurity

By Abbas Jimoh

Traditional rulers and other stakeholders from the North yesterday met in Abuja in order to proffer a solution to the insecurity ravaging the nation, especially the northern parts of the country.

The Northern Stakeholders Security Summit convened by the Northern Traditional Rulers' Council (NTRC) with the theme, "Curbing Rising Spate of Insecurity Through Collective Efforts," was attended by traditional rulers from the 19 northern states and the FCT.

Speaking at the event, the convener of the summit and Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar III, urged stakeholders not to relent in finding practical and workable solutions to the

insecurity challenges facing the nation, especially the North.

The Sultan, who is also the President of the Nigeria Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA) and Chairman of the NTRC, said the traditional rulers had been working hard to end insurgency.

"We would continue to do our parts as traditional rulers. These problems would continue except we implement resolutions that can bring solutions," he said.

Speaking earlier, the chairman NTRC coordinating committee and Emir of Gummi, Justice Lawal Hassan Gummi, said that Nigeria had been facing insecurity since the civil war.

He listed some of the challenges to include kidnapping, armed robbery as well as religious and tribal conflicts.

He said, "Our country has now

become notorious for banditry and kidnapping. We are among the world's top kidnapping eight hot spots, alongside failed states such as Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria and Somalia. Even students are being kidnapped in their schools.

"Emirs and other traditional rulers are now victims of kidnapping for ransom. With this sordid state of affairs, one may be tempted to ask that in spite of the huge resources government at all levels are pumping into the fight against banditry and other forms of insecurity, why are things not getting better.

"Many people are now becoming cynical that government cannot solve the problem. That lack of confidence is now being visited on us traditional rulers," Emir Gummi said.

Also, the Chairman Northern

Governors' Forum and Plateau State Governor, Simon Bako Lalong, commended the northern traditional leaders for their effort towards finding a lasting solution to the problems.

"This summit clearly showed the passion our traditional rulers have for the peace of the nation," Lalong said.

The governor said the insecurity situation was a matter of concern for everyone.

He added that the summit showed the importance of synergy among the government, citizens, security agencies, and traditional rulers to tackle the insecurity menace in the country.

The summit later set up a five-man high powered committee to work on grey areas and come up with a report that would be deliberated upon for implementation within five days.



■ A cross section of emirs during the Northern Stakeholders' Security Summit held in Abuja yesterday

US urges FG to tackle visa touts, introduces Limited No-Interview Visa Renewals

From Abiodun Alade, Lagos

The United States of America has called on the federal government to show more commitment in tackling the menace of Visa touts exploiting Nigerians on a daily basis.

U.S. Mission Country Consular Coordinator, Susan Tuller, who made the appeal yesterday during a press conference in Lagos, announced the launch of a new visa application procedure aimed at expanding services

to assist non-immigrant visa applicants in the country to qualify to renew their visas

She said the 'No-Interview Visa Renewals' process which began yesterday at the U.S. Consulate in Lagos, would be extended to the US Embassy in Abuja soon.

Tuller said the new application process, which is not the same as the dropbox method which was suspended in 2019, was targeted specifically at students and

tourist visas.

"The pilot programme specifically will significantly increase the opportunities that Nigerians will have to apply to renew a visa if they've already been issued a US visa in the past and they meet the criteria for eligibility.

"This programme is one of our continuing efforts that we've been making for the past year since we were closed for a short period at the beginning of the pandemic to increase the consular services that we

provide to both Nigerians and Americans living in Nigeria despite the ongoing challenges that we continue to face as a result of the pandemic," she said.

She, however, hinted that the number of qualified applicants who could apply using the new procedures would be limited initially.

She enjoined applicants to fill out their own forms and make their appointments themselves via the official websites, instead of patronising Visa touts.

Govs, lawmakers clash over new clauses

By Ismail Mudashir,
Abdullateef Salau, Balarabe
Alkassim, John C. Azu (Abuja)
& Clement A. Oloyede (Kano)

The clash between governors and federal lawmakers over two new clauses may affect the signing of the re-amended electoral bill, *Daily Trust* reports.

The National Assembly had on Monday transmitted the re-amended electoral bill to President Muhammadu Buhari for assent after addressing the reservations expressed on the previous amendments made to the electoral act.

The president had last year withheld his assent over the provision of direct primaries as the sole mode for political parties to select their candidates for elections. In the reworked bill, the lawmakers provided three options; direct, indirect and consensus. They also introduced two clauses, which have opened another round of power play.

Daily Trust reports that like the previous amendments, the governors are allegedly all out to thwart the assent to the latest bill.

The contentious clauses

The bill in Section 84(9) (a) provides that, "A political party that adopts a consensus candidate shall secure the written consent of all cleared aspirants for the position, indicating their voluntary withdrawal from the race and their endorsement of the consensus candidate."

It goes further in paragraph (b) to say that, "Where a political party is unable to secure the written consent of all cleared aspirants for the purpose of a consensus candidate, it shall revert to the choice of direct or indirect primaries for the nomination of candidates for the aforesaid elective positions."

The bill states in paragraph (c) that, "A special convention or nomination congress shall be held to ratify the choice of consensus candidates at designated centres at the national, state, senatorial, federal and state constituencies, as the case may be."

The second contentious clause in the re-amended bill provides that all political office holders at the state and federal levels should resign before the primary election for any elective office they are seeking.

Why some govs are not comfortable

Some sources with knowledge of happenings at the Villa and the National Assembly told one of our correspondents that some of the 36 state governors saw the 'improved electoral act' submitted to President Buhari as a booby trap set up by legislators to whittle down their influence ahead of the general elections.

"They are not satisfied with the clauses on consensus candidature and the one asking political appointees to resign before the primary election of political



■ Lawan

parties," one of the sources said. "Some of the governors are in cohort with some political appointees like ministers and heads of some agencies and all of them believe in one thing- to guarantee their personal interests and something that will favour their cronies at the end of the day. It is about controlling the instruments of power and the electoral act is one of them.

"If you ask all aspirants to sign a letter of commitment before using the consensus option for primaries, or sign a commitment after someone emerged, one or two of them may not sign provided that they know they are popular but not in the good books of the governor.

"Also, if you ask some ministers and heads of juicy agencies to resign some months to primary elections, they know that they would be stripped of some powers and resources at their disposal. They are also not sure if they would be reappointed.

"So, this is basically the reason for the move by these people to discourage the president from signing the electoral act," he said.

Another source said President Muhammadu Buhari has to weigh all options in order to get it right.

"The election is fast approaching... There are some governors and elected officials who want to take advantage of the present confusion to remain in absolute control of what is going to happen.

"Also, there are some legislators who were all out to tackle the governors. They too, it's just for their selfish interest. Remember over 70 per cent of senators or members of the House of Representatives rarely go back after each election season.

"So, some of them want to reverse the trend, which they feel the governors are responsible. My prayer is that President Buhari will take a decision that will favour the generality of Nigerians," he said.

Daily Trust could not get the response of the governors on why they are not comfortable with the two new clauses.

Sign bill now, PDP lawmakers tell president

The National Assembly Caucus

of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has called on President Buhari to assent to the re-amended Electoral Bill transmitted to him.

The PDP lawmakers made the call on Tuesday during their caucus meeting with members of the Board of Trustees (BOT) of the party at the National Assembly, Abuja.

The Senate Minority Leader, Enyinnaya Abaribe, said having bent backward as requested by President Muhammadu Buhari on the earlier rejected electoral bill, the proposed law should be signed without any delay.

Also, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, Ndudi Elumelu alleged that APC governors were lobbying the president not to sign the bill.

He, however, urged President Buhari not to yield to the request of the governors but to sign the bill owing to its importance to strengthening the country's electoral process.

What APC lawmakers discussed at caucus meeting

Meanwhile, senators who are members of the All Progressives Congress (APC) caucus declined to comment on the outcome of their caucus meeting, which lasted for about two hours behind closed doors.

Senate President Ahmad Lawan, his deputy, Ovie Omo-Agege, Leader, Yahaya Abdullahi, other principal officers belonging to the party and many others attended the emergency meeting, which commenced by 2.30pm and ended at 4.30pm.

The meeting held simultaneously with that of the PDP National Assembly caucus with its Board of Trustees (BoT) members led by Walid Jibrin.

While the PDP's meeting was held in the presence of the media, APC lawmakers declined to comment on the outcome of their meeting when approached by newsmen.

But a former governor, who is a ranking lawmaker, told *Daily Trust* that the issue of the electoral bill was a done deal, hence it was not discussed at the meeting.

He said their closed doors meeting was to discuss the forthcoming convention of the



■ Fayemi

party and the crisis rocking the party.

"We met to review the crisis rocking our party and the forthcoming convention. We don't want our party to explode after the convention. It was resolved that the crisis rocking our state chapters be resolved before the convention," he said.

Asked why two clauses were introduced, he said they added them to enhance the electoral process of the country.

"Yes, we included the clauses because we are lawmakers and we have the constitutional rights to make or amend laws that would be in the best interests.

"Previously, the consensus was done to favour the governors but now we have amended the clauses to favour all," he said.

He expressed optimism that President Buhari will assent the bill, saying we have addressed the reservations expressed by him.

Another Senator told *Daily Trust* that it was Senator Yusuf Yusuf (APC, Taraba), who is representing the Senate in the Buni-caretaker committee that briefed them on the activities of the committee.

"He briefed us on what is happening in the party and the forthcoming convention. We took turns to lament the lingering crisis in some of our state chapters. We did not discuss the electoral bill," he said, insisting that it was purely party issues that were discussed.

Clauses will ensure level playing ground for all - Prof Fage

Reacting, Professor Kamilu Sani Fage, a renowned political scientist, observed that the two clauses are important innovations and President Buhari should not succumb to pressure from governors or any other political appointees to circumvent the wish and aspiration of the masses.

He said the clause that says ministers and all other appointees must resign before contesting for primaries is very important because it will sanitise the country's election process.

Prof Fage, who is of the Department of Political Science in Bayero University, Kano, said the president should sign the bill.

"He should not accept or go

down to the pressure of political appointees. After all, they are representing Nigerians; so, if they are true democrats, they should accept the aspirations and verdicts of Nigerians rather than use their own power to tinker or change the provisions and the will of Nigerians."

SAN faults inclusion of consensus

A Senior Advocate of Nigeria, Professor Paul Ananaba, has questioned the inclusion of the clause on consensus in the amended Electoral Act, adding that it would cause a violation of rights.

He said the nomination of political parties' candidates is an internal affair of the party, which cannot be legislated upon by the National Assembly or the judiciary.

"Does the law also state how a person can withdraw consent?" he asked. Ananaba said the consensus is not wrong if it is not imposed but is by consent.

Malami reacts

Amid allegations that the Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice Abubakar Malami (SAN) will influence the decision of the president on the electoral bill, his office explained that Malami has no business "pressuring" President Muhammadu Buhari to reject the Amended Electoral Act retransmitted to him.

Speaking to *Daily Trust*, media aide to the minister, Dr Umar Gwandu said the minister does his functions in accordance with the dictates of the law, adding that "his role as contained in extant laws does not include "mounting pressure on the president."

According to him, "The president is an executive president with all the powers vested in him by the constitution and extant laws," he said.

He said the president and members of the cabinet, including the AGF act in the public interest.

"It does not sync with common sense to assume that the Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Abubakar Malami (SAN) would mount pressure on the president," he said.

Kano asks police to exhume corpse of *almajiri* child 'tortured to death by teacher'

By Salim Umar Ibrahim, Kano

The Kano State Government has demanded that the remains of an *almajiri* child allegedly tortured to death by his teacher should be exhumed.

Dr Muhammad Tahar Adamu, Commissioner for Religious Affairs, disclosed this when he visited the school at Wailari, Kano State, yesterday.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer in Kano, SP Abdullahi Haruna Kiyawa, said some arrests had been made.

He added that the police raided

an illegal rehabilitation centre in Naibawa 'Yan Lemo Quarters, Kumbotso Local Government Area.

"At about 1100hrs, a report was received from 10 escaped inmates of an illegal rehabilitation centre, that one Musa Safiyanu, 'm', 55 years old, of Naibawa 'Yan Lemo Quarters, Kumbotso LGA, Kano State is running an illegal rehabilitation centre with chained, tortured and locked inmates, from where they escaped.

"And that, one of the inmates named Aminu Ado, 'm', 22 years old, of Na'ibawa Quarters Kano was tortured to death on the

29/01/2022 by Abdullahif Musa, 'm', 18 years old, of Na'ibawa Wailari Quarters Kumbotso LGA, Kano State.

"On receipt of the report, the Commissioner of Police, Kano State Command, CP Sama'ila Shu'aibu Dikko, fsi immediately raised and instructed a team of detectives led by CSP Abdulkarim Abdullahi to mount 24 hours surveillance, verify the report, rescue the victims and arrest the culprits.

"The team immediately swung into action and the report was found to be true."

He added that on January 31,

113 inmates were discovered confined and locked up in a room.

"Some with various degrees of injury resulting from torture; they were rushed to Murtala Mohammed Specialist Hospital Kano for treatment and handed over to Kano State Government. Six suspects; (i) Musa Safiyanu, 'm', of Na'ibawa Yan Lemo Quarters, Kano, (ii) Abdullatif Musa, 'm', 18 years old, of Na'ibawa Wailari Quarters, Kano, (iii) Usman Abdulrauf Imam, 'm', 19 old of Yanya Abuja, (iv) Mustapha Bala, 'm', 20years old, of Azare, Bauchi State, (v) Sadiq Ismail, 'm', 19 years old, of Unguwa Uku

Quarters, Kano, (6) Umar Bako Abdulwahab, 'm', 38 years old, of Kureken Sani Quarters, Kumbotso LGA Kano State were arrested."

"On preliminary investigation, the suspects confessed to have been operating the centre for over ten (10) years despite the initial ban by Kano State Government," he said.

The development came after the murder of Hanifa Abubakar, a five-year-old pupil, by Abdulmalik Tanko, her school proprietor.

Tanko had abducted the innocent pupil before killing her.

Burning of my farm a bad development – Obasanjo

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

Former President Olusegun Obasanjo has condemned the destruction of his 2,420 hectares of farmland at Hawe in Aliade, Gwer East Local Government of Benue State, at the weekend.

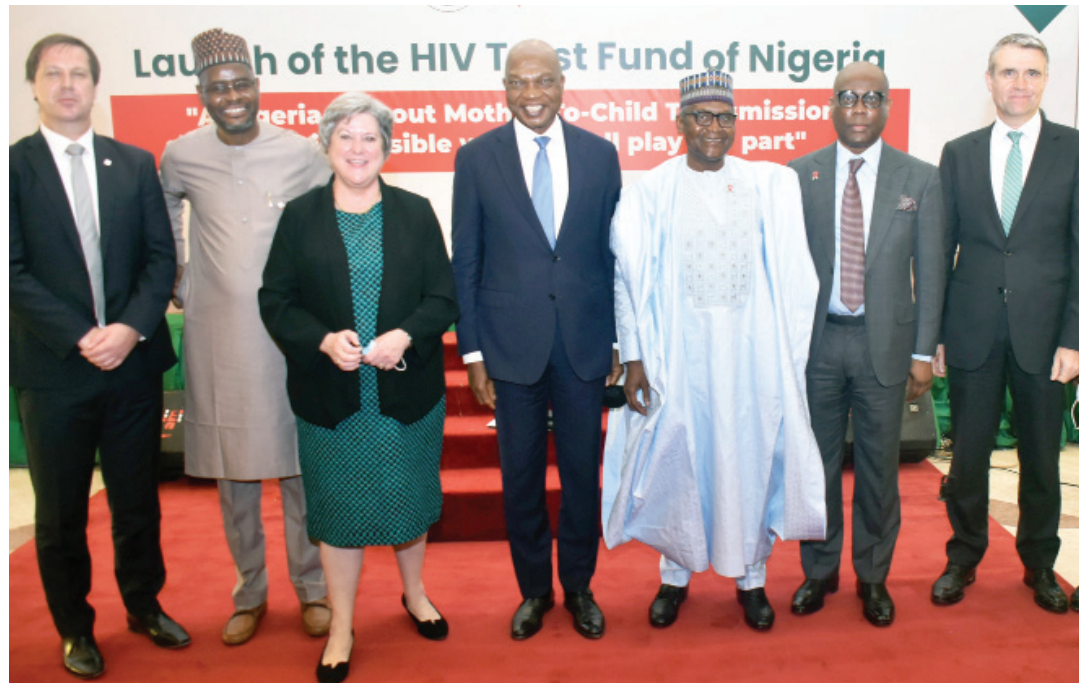
Obasanjo, in a statement made available to journalists in Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital, by his Special Assistant on Media, Kehinde Akinyemi, described the burning down of his farm as a "bad development."

The mango plantation belonging to the former president was allegedly destroyed by hoodlums.

The arsonists reportedly burnt down the farm following probable disagreements with the locals over compensation for the piece of land that originally belonged to the state government.

The Chairman of Gwer East LGA, Emmanuel Ortserga, who confirmed the incident, described it as deliberate sabotage, disclosing that four people had been arrested in connection with the crime.

Obasanjo, who applauded those that had reached out to identify with him, said he was happy that no death was recorded.



■ From left: Managing Director, Julius Berger Nigeria Plc, Dr Lars Richter; Director General, National Agency for the Control AIDS, Dr Gambo Aliyu; US Ambassador to Nigeria, Mary Leonard; Chairman, Shell Group of Companies in Nigeria, Mr Osagie Okunbor; Chairman, Dangote Group of Companies, Alhaji Aliko Dangote; CEO Access Bank Plc, Dr. Herbert Wigwe and CEO Total Energies, Mr Mike Sangster, during the launch of the HIV Trust Fund in Nigeria at the Presidential Villa in Abuja yesterday
Photo: Felix Onigbinde

5 killed, houses burnt in fresh Zangon Kataf attack

From Ahmed Ali, Kafanchan

Less than 24 hours after the killing of 11 people in Kurmin Masara in Atyap Chiefdom, Zangon Kataf Local Government Area of Kaduna State, gunmen have attacked Atisa, also in Kurmin Masara, leaving five people dead Monday night.

A source from a neighbouring village who confirmed the

attack to our reporter said the gunmen arrived around 9:50pm and seized the community for an hour.

"Because most of the residents deserted their homes in Kurmin Masara, the attackers decided to attack Atisa, a nearby settlement of the same Kurmin Masara axis."

The Youth Leader of Atyap Chiefdom, Gabriel Joseph, raised the alarm that the

marauders had the agenda of wiping them out.

He called on the government to take serious action to defend and protect citizens and their properties.

Confirming the incident in a press statement, the Chairman of Zangon Kataf Local Government, Francis Sani, said the government would not relent until peace was restored and the perpetrators fished out.

Niger youths blame govt for banditry attacks

By Abubakar Akote, Minna

Youths in Shororo Local Government Area of Niger State have blamed the state government for the Saturday attack by terrorists where no fewer than 20 people were killed alongside 11 security operatives in the Galadima-Kogo community.

They stated this in a response to a statement by Governor Abubakar Sani Bello, through his Chief Press Secretary, Mary Noel-Berje, in which he blamed the villagers of Galape and Kudodo in the Allawa community for not alerting security agencies when they noticed the movement of the terrorists towards the town.

But the Concerned Shiroro Youths yesterday in a statement jointly signed by Sani Abubakar Yusuf Kokki and Bello Ibrahim - the co-conveners of the group - denied the claims and accused the state and security operatives of lack of proactiveness.

"As victims of this avoidable horrendous carnage, the claim by the government is an outright insult to our collective sensibility.

"Contrary to government's claim, the locals were instead proactive to have informed the authorities concerned about the imminent attack after getting a hint about their (terrorists') movement towards the direction of Galadima Kogo. But instead of the government beefing up security, it opted for the withdrawal of some security personnel and redeployed them to yet to be ascertained location.

"We strongly believe the decision wouldn't have been unconnected with the pervasive, unnecessary interference and undue favouritism commonly practised in the Nigerian decaying system," the statement said in part.

No curfew in Ile-Ife, Osun Govt declares

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

Osun State Government yesterday debunked the rumour of curfew in Ile-Ife and urged residents to go about their lawful businesses without hindrance.

The Secretary to the State Government, Prince Wole Oyebamiji, in a statement made available to *Daily Trust* by the Commissioner for Information, Mrs Funke Egbemode, said there was no curfew of any nature in any part of the state.

The statement was against the backdrop of a purported announcement of curfew in Ile-Ife credited to the Ooni of Ife, Oba Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi.

Oyebamiji said the governor, who is the Chief Security Officer of the State, had not declared any curfew in any part of the state.

The statement said, "The government is assuring citizens that Osun remains safe regardless of the activities of a few criminal elements. This government has never and will not fold its hands while a few criminal elements

decide to violate the rights of other citizens.

"Those found culpable of disrupting the peace of Osun will face the full weight of the law if apprehended. Anyone who has found delight in being a trouble maker has the option of relocating elsewhere if they cannot do without fomenting trouble.

"Citizens are advised to cooperate with the government and security agencies by raising the alarm about suspicious movements within and around

their communities. Citizens are also advised that, while going about their legal activities, to avoid night crawling and moving about at odd hours of the day.

"The Oyetola-led government of Osun remains committed to the security of lives and properties from actual and potential threats. More so, it is mindful of the sensitivity of the season the state is approaching and is taking necessary strategic actions to guarantee that the enviable peace profile of the state is sustained," the statement read.

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Parents hail Buni for reviving education

Parents and guardians of students of public schools in Yobe State have described the efforts of Governor Mai Mala Buni towards reviving the education sector as right step in the right direction.

They particularly commended the governor for providing modern instruction materials and enhancing the school feeding programme.

Buni had on January 25 launched the distribution of 100, 000 textbooks and laboratory equipment to secondary schools across Yobe as well as an enhanced school feeding programme where chickens and eggs were added on students' meal menu.

Abubakar Musa, a food vendor in Damaturu, said: "These are the kinds of policies that will revive the hope of parents, especially those of us that cannot afford to take our

children to private schools.

"If you look at the damage done to the education sector, especially primary and secondary education, the entire system needs total overhauling, innovation and strategies such as what is obtainable now to salvage education."

Also, Mohammed Zannah, who has a daughter at Government Girls College Damaturu, said: "I was there when Governor Buni launched the distribution of textbooks and laboratory equipment to secondary schools across the state.

"The idea has rekindled my hope for the education of our children because one of the major problems of teaching and learning is instructional material".

Another parent in Potismu, Muhammadu Auta, said: "I was so happy when my child

told me that they were served with chickens and eggs on their meals during lunch at Government Day Secondary School Potiskum.

"Giving such to students will not only boost their health status but also encourage them to realise that the government is very passionate about their future."

The Commissioner for Basic and Secondary Education, Dr Muhammad Sani Idriss, said the initiative was part of Governor Buni's vision on the revitalization of the education sector in the state.

Idriss said the state government was committed to implementing and sustaining all programmes initiated.

"I would like to assure you that with Governor Mai Mala Buni at the helm of affairs, the future of education in Yobe state is very bright and prosperous."



Students at the queue receiving chickens on their launch meal

Buni's passion to rejuvenate healthcare, secret of YSCHMA's success - ES

Executive Secretary, Yobe State Contributory Health Management Agency (YSCHMA), Dr Babagana Tijjani, said the successes recorded by the agency were all due to Governor Mai Mala Buni's commitment to reinvigorating the healthcare sector in the state.

Tijjani stated this during a clients' satisfaction survey dissemination meeting with stakeholders where over 94 percent of YSCHMA's clients expressed satisfaction with the performance and quality of service of the agency.

The ES said the survey which assessed the implementation and services

rendered by healthcare providers, promptness of care received by patients, duration of waiting and consultation, quick response to emergencies, quick dispensation of drugs among others, revealed that majority of the agency's enrollees were satisfied with its activities.

"Today, Thursday, 27 January 2022, YSCHMA is glad to present to the public the findings of a survey obtained from the seven indicators of satisfaction with analysis of results showing the highest proportion of the respondents (97.1%) alluded to reduction in the amount of money spent on health services.

"This was followed by satisfaction with the number of skilled health workers (96.3%) and access to better health care under the YSCHS (94.3%). These results reveal a good performance of the scheme in terms of providing financial protection, better quality healthcare and access to skilled health workers.

"Therefore, the findings of this survey further confirmed the genuine commitment of His Excellency the Executive Governor of Yobe State Hon Mai Mala Buni in providing people-centred healthcare service delivery and building a more sustainable healthcare

financing mechanisms in the state towards attainment of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) ensuring that all individuals and communities receive the health services they need without suffering financial hardship," the Tijjani

explained.

The ES restated the commitment of the agency to ensuring the success of the governor's health initiative, especially those under the direct supervision of the agency.

Yobe committed to fighting Neglected Tropical Diseases - Kundi

The Yobe State Primary Health Care Board in collaboration with development partners have carried out various interventions towards the control and elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs).

The Executive Secretary of the board, Dr Babagana Kundi Machina, said this in Damaturu yesterday during the commemoration of the 2022 World NTDs Day.

He said the measure became necessary especially that the Neglected Tropical Diseases were endemic to all the 17 local government areas of the state.

He said Governor Mai Mala Buni's administration placed high premium on the health of

the people.

"In 2021, Yobe State Primary Health Care Board in collaboration NTDs partners carried out mass drugs administration (MDA) for prevention, control and elimination of trachoma, schistosomiasis, soil transmission helminthes, lymphatic filariasis and onchocerciasis.

"Other interventions are, morbidity management and disability prevention services through trachoma trichiasis surgery, hydrocele surgery and lymphedema management.

"Drugs supply chain management, health system strengthening through training of the frontline health facility staff, behaviour change promotion programme

(Trachoma facial cleanliness and environmental improvement in schools and communities).

"Construction of water facilities in schools and communities," he said.

Machina noted that NTDs are endemic, not only in Yobe, but in Nigeria with children mostly at risk of Schistosomiasis and Soil Transmission Helminthes (STH).

He commended the support and commitment of all partners and stakeholders in the fight against the Neglected Tropical Diseases in Yobe state.

"I am calling on all stakeholders to join us in awareness creation and resource mobilization to eliminate NTDs," he said.

Foundation donates N8m, facilities to Yobe communities

The Dan Masanin Bade Foundation, a charitable organization established to support the less privileged individuals in the society, has donated N8 million naira cash grants in addition to other development facilities to some communities in Bade and Jakusko Local Government Areas of Yobe State.

The foundation is led by Ibrahim Ahmed Lawan, the (Dan Masanin Bade) and son of Senate President Ahmed Ibrahim Lawan.

Speaking to news men, the Executive Chairman of the foundation, Ibrahim Ahmed Lawan, represented by Sani Muhammad El-Gash, Abdulrahman Galadima Dagona and Muhammad Jabbi, said the amount was disbursed to small and medium traders in the benefiting LGAs.

He said each business owners benefitted with cash capital ranging from N500,000 to N100,000 to boost their businesses.

Lawan, while addressing the beneficiaries, said anyone who used the capital judiciously and improved on

his business would receive additional support from the foundation.

According to him, the foundation is working tirelessly to assist the needy to make them self-reliant.

He said the foundation was currently drilling two boreholes at Dagona and Dachia communities of Bade and Jakusko local governments respectively.

"The foundation is also supporting the health sector by providing anti-malaria drugs to the specialist Hospital in Gashu'a, and supporting pregnant women with nursing kits in order to improve their health and that of the new-borns.

"The foundation provides substantial support to the education sector by providing scholarships to the less privilege children and orphans, giving them textbooks and other reading materials for primary and secondary schools in the areas," he added.

The beneficiaries commended the chairman of the foundation for the support and the developmental projects brought to them.



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■ From left: Governor of Ekiti State & Chairman of Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF), Kayode Fayemi; former Senate President, Bukola Saraki; former Governor of Zamfara State, Abdul'aziz Abubakar Yari; First Lady, Hajiya Aisha Muhammadu Buhari, and Yari's wife, Hajiya Asma'u Abubakar Yari, during a courtesy visit by the First Lady to Yari who recently returned from the United States after a surgery. The First Lady also met Fayemi and Saraki, during their separate visit to the former governor at his residence in Abuja, yesterday



■ The Publisher, Valuechain Oil and Gas Magazine, Alh. Musa Bashir Usman (left) and the Emir of Kano, Alh. Aminu Ado Bayaro at his palace in Kano recently



■ From left: Head Finance and Investment, National Identity Management Commission (NIMC), Mr. Abolaji Akinola; Director General, NIMC, Engr. Aliyu Aziz and Chairman, ICAN Abuja Chapter, Dr. Abdulrasheed Balogun presenting Souvenirs to DG NIMC when he paid him courtesy visit yesterday in Abuja yesterday



■ From left: Founder/CEO, Xejet, Mr. Emmanuel Iza; Admin Officer, Mr. Emmanuel Ajibade; General Manager (Operations) Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), Capt. Don Spiff; General Manager, Personnel Licensing, NCAA, Mr. Bassi Hyeln and General Manager, Air Operator Certification and Surveillance of NCAA, Engr. Godwin Balang, during the presentation of Air Operators Certificate to Xejet in Lagos recently



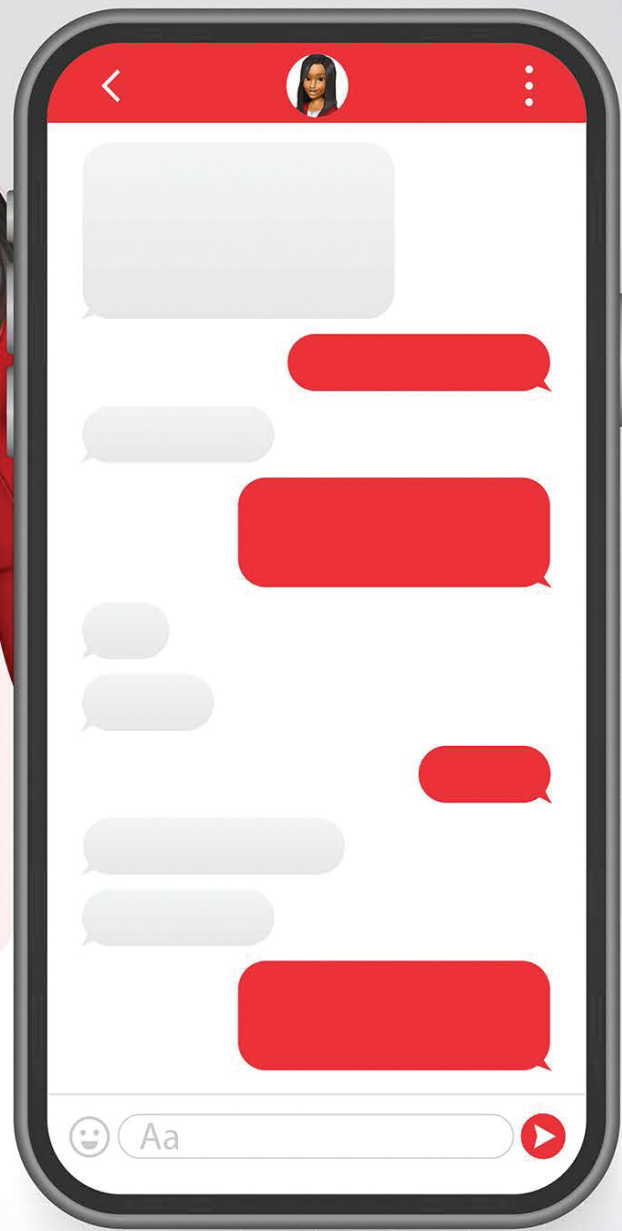
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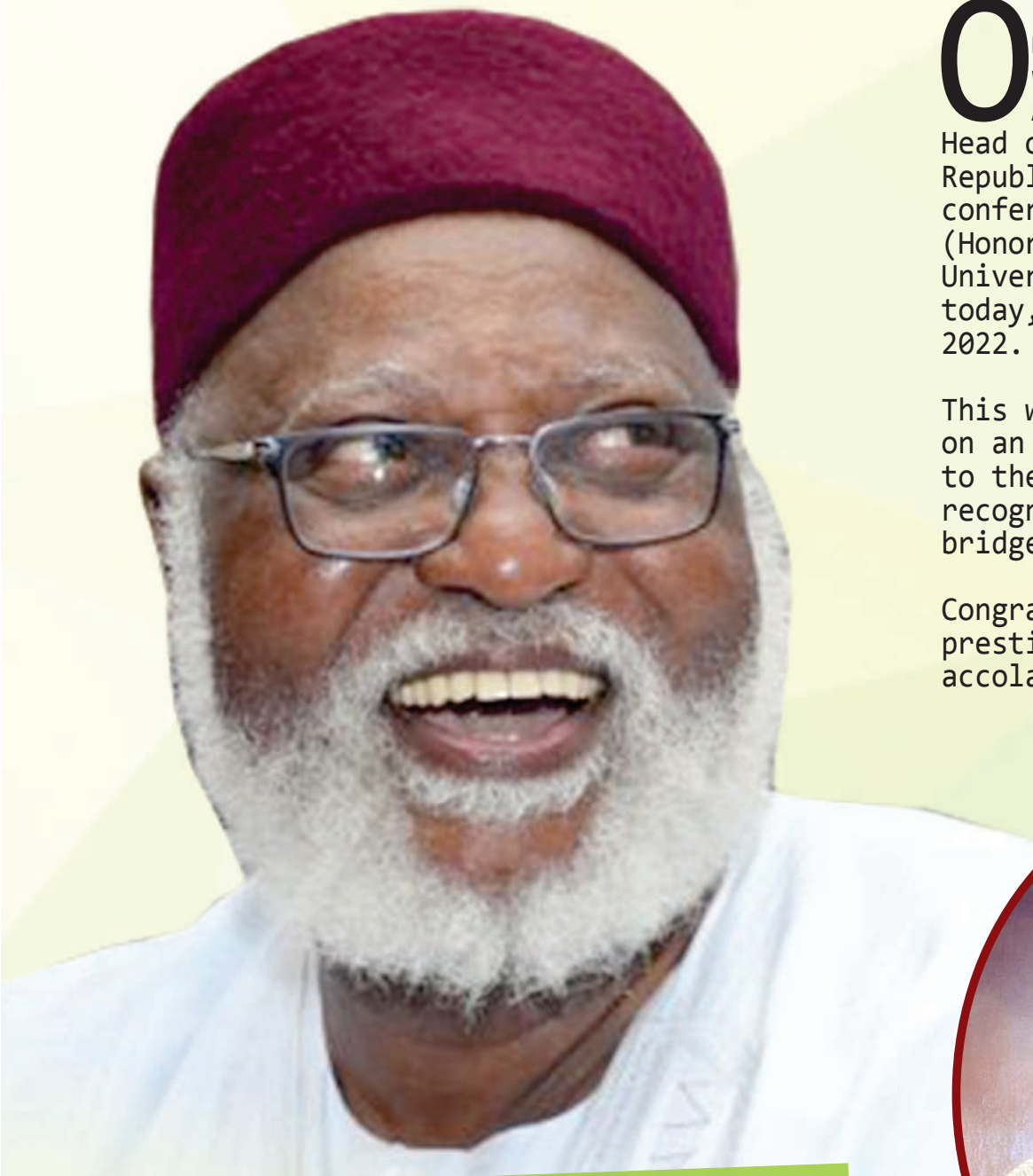
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CITY & CRIME

The thrills, frills of Bassa cultural carnival



■ Bassa cultural troupe at the event

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

On Saturday, January 29, 2022, the Bassa ethnic group, one of the nine indigenous tribes in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), held their first annual cultural carnival during which they thrilled spectators from within and outside the territory.

City News was at the event and reports that the cultural carnival, which was held at Government Day Secondary (GDS) Gwagwalada, enthralled spectators with the dance steps of the Bassa as the cultural troupes, decked in their costumes, marched in a procession to the stage to display their culture.

The dance troupes and masquerades gyrated while some elderly Bassa men displayed their magic prowess. There was also an exhibition of the Bassa cultural artefacts at the event.

Speaking at the occasion, chairman of the FCT chapter of Bassa Cultural Development Union (BCDU), Adamu Dazhi, said the event was aimed at preserving the culture of the Bassa who are one of the nine ethnic groups that are indigenous in the FCT.

He said every ethnic group has its culture and traditions, hence, the Bassa tribe in the FCT also have their cultural heritage which he called on members of the BCDU to sustain even beyond their boundaries.

He said the Bassa cultural carnival will not only go a long way in fostering unity among the Bassa ethnic group but also serve in preserving the Bassa culture and traditions, material or immaterial aspect of Bassa cultures, for generations yet unborn.



■ Masquerades entertain at the event

we can bequeath to our children, especially the younger generation, now that there is a noticeable transformation in the society, as a result of urbanization.

“Some of them are termed as civilization, such as mode of dressing, ineffective and inefficient use of language, food pattern, ways of showing courtesy, high level of immorality to mention but few,” he said.

Adamu, therefore, commended the efforts of the organizers of the event for showcasing the rich culture of the Bassa ethnic group in the FCT of such magnitude to the world.

Also speaking, the General Manager of Community and Social Development Project (CSDP) in the FCT, Dr Shuaibu Adamu, a Bassa native of the FCT, who is a member of the BCDU, said the Bassa ethnic group has a national union that cut across the entire country and some parts of the world.

He said the Bassa people could also be found in African countries like Sierra Leone, Cameroon and Mali, adding that the celebration of Bassa cultural carnival by the FCT chapter of BCDU will go a long way to foster unity and peace among not only the Bassa people but other ethnic groups across the nation.

He said also the cultural display of the Bassa ethnic group will avail the present and future generations to see the culture and traditions of their forefathers.

“Besides, sustaining culture and traditions by any ethnic group is very important, as you don’t abandon your culture and embrace another person’s unless where it is against their faith,” he

Man, 69, dies while with woman in Abuja hotel

By Seun Adeuyi

Tragedy struck in Kubwa, a satellite town in Bwari Area Council of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) when a 69-year-old man, identified as Ogunleye Emmanuel, who reportedly went into a brothel with his female friend died.

It was gathered that the incident happened on Monday night at a guest inn in the Pipeline area of Kubwa.

It was learnt that the deceased, a resident of Kubwa, had visited the guest inn to ‘relax’ with one of the ladies at the brothel.

A hotelier in the area who pleaded anonymity while speaking on the incident, said, “the man slumped and died while with the lady.”

The source said the police from Kubwa police station had visited the scene to evacuate the lifeless body of Emmanuel, where they also recovered his driver’s license.

Our reporter was told that, “the police are trying to locate the family of the man, and his body was deposited at the morgue of the Kubwa General Hospital, Abuja.”

The source added that the woman had been arrested by the police. When our reporter visited the Kubwa Police Station, the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Abdullahi Bello, said he could not speak with journalists.

The FCT Police Public Relations Officer, Josephine Adeb, did not pick calls to her number.

FIRS staff hacked to death in Lagos

From Eugene Agha Lagos

Gunmen at the weekend hacked to death a senior staff of the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) identified as Mrs Ibrinke Oluremi Adefila.

The deceased was said to have been killed by assailants suspected to be assassins in Ikorodu area of Lagos.

It was learnt that the deceased was trailed while she was on her way to

work in the early hours of Friday, January 28, 2022.

A source said the assailants killed the victim opposite Awalu Group of Schools, Powerline Area in Laketu, Ikorodu.

The deceased was said to have died before she could get to the hospital.

The police said the deceased’s record at the hospital where she was taken to by some passersby showed that she was brought to the hospital already dead.

Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Adekunle Ajisebutu, who confirmed the incident, said homicide detectives are currently on the trail of the killers.

He said the state Commissioner of Police had ordered that the case be transferred to the homicide unit of the State Criminal Investigations Department (SCID), Panti, Yaba.

He, however, assured the family of the deceased that the killers would be brought to book.



Drug dealers’ colony near Abuja police station

By Hussein Yahaya

Officials of the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) have raided a drug dealers’ colony located around the Kubwa-Dutse road interchange, where two suspects were arrested and over 45kg of a substance believed to be Indian hemp seized.

The sting operation, carried out after the FCT Ministerial Taskforce on City Sanitation concluded a cleanup at Dutse market, got passersby talking because the destroyed drug dealers hideout was situated only a few meters away from a police station along the axis.

The Senior Special Assistant to the FCT Minister on Monitoring, Inspection and Enforcement, Attah Ikharo, who led the operation, said the drug colony was exposed by security intelligence, warranting a marching order from the minister, Malam Muhammad Bello, for its destruction.

Ikharo, who expressed displeasure over the rate of illegal activities by some residents, said the suspects and the seized drugs have been handed over to operatives of the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) for further investigation.

He also lamented the illegal



■ Attah Ikharo and other officials with the seized cannabis from the drug hideout in Dutse, Abuja

activities of roadside traders who, he said, had returned to the Dutse market after the menace was tackled some months ago.

According to him, the chaotic situation at Dutse market, which the

FCTA invested so much resources and time to tackle, was beginning to return, due to the compromise of some market managers and unscrupulous officials.

Also speaking, the Deputy

Director Enforcement of Abuja Environmental Protection Board (AEPB), Kaka Bello, said the enforcement team will not backtrack in its mission to restore environmental order to the city.

Kano govt uncovers illegal clinic, nurses training centre

From Ainau Adamu Bello, Kano

The Kano State government has uncovered an unregistered private clinic that was also operating as a health training centre in the state metropolis.

Alwasa’u clinic, located at Kurna Asabe in Fagge Local Government Area of the state, has been shut down after officials of the state government raided the place.

It was gathered that the unregistered healthcare facility has been working illegally as a caregiver and training centre for auxiliary nurses, which is said to have been scrapped by the Nurses Council 20 years ago.

Dr. Tijjani Usman Aliyu, Executive Secretary of the Kano State Private Health Institutions Management

Agency (PHIMA) who made the announcement, said the agency raided the facility upon receiving information about its illegal activities.

“When we raided the clinic, we discovered that the owner is a quack and was training auxiliary nurses, a programme cancelled over 20 years ago by the Nigerian Nurses Council.

“During our investigation, the Nigerian Nursing Council and Nursing Professionals said there was no training called auxiliary nursing anymore as that has been suspended more than 20 years ago.

“Presently, we are trying to find out how many students graduated from the illegal training centre and where they are working so that we can immediately stop the imminent danger they constitute,” he added.



Monarch’s assassination: Return home, Ogun police beg fleeing residents

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

Police Command in Ogun State have appealed to the fleeing residents of the Agodo community in Ewekoro Local Government Area, who deserted the town over the gruesome murder of the monarch of the community to return home.

The Alagodo of Agodo, Oba Ayinde Odetola, was murdered on Monday alongside three of his aides who were burnt to ashes.

And following the incident, residents have deserted the town for the fear of reprisal attacks.

Speaking with newsmen in Abeokuta on Tuesday, the Police Spokesman confirmed that the community had been “deserted completely.”

He also added that no arrest has been made in connection with the heinous act.

Oyeyemi, however, appealed to the fleeing residents who have nothing to do with the crime have nothing to fear and that they should return home.

Phone repairer bags 12 months jail in Kwara

From Mumini AbdulKareem, Ilorin

Justice Adenike Akinpelu of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin, on Monday, jailed one-year AbdulKareem Ridwan to one-year imprisonment.

The convict, 25, a phone repairer, was prosecuted by the anti-graft agency on two count charges bordering on cybercrime and possession of fraudulent funds.

He was accused of unlawfully obtaining the sum of N232,000 through his UBA account.

The offence is contrary to and punishable under Section 319 (a) of the Penal Code.

The defendant pleaded guilty to the charges.

Justice Akinpelu in her judgement sentenced him to six months imprisonment on each of the two counts to run concurrently.

She gave an option of fine of N100,000 on each count and ordered the convict to forfeit iPhone 11 and \$80 which he benefited from the crime to the federal government.



Don calls for caution over plan to create sayawa chiefdom in Bauchi

From Ahmed Mohammed, Bauchi

A one-time Dean of Faculty of Engineering, Federal Polytechnic, Bauchi, Engineer Ahmed Yusuf, has advised the Bauchi State Government led by Senator Bala Mohammed, to trade with caution as they work towards resolving the lingering crises over the creation of new Sayawa Chiefdom in Tafawa Balewa LGA.

Engineer Yusuf, who is the head of the electrical/ electronic department in the Polytechnic, gave the advice during an interaction with City News.

He said: “There are allegations going round that the state government is planning to create Sayawa chiefdom in Tafawa Balewa LGA.

“It was alleged that a key government functionary pronounced it at the Peoples’ Democratic Party (PDP) stakeholders meeting.

“If it is true, we would like to appeal to the governor to allow all stakeholders in the area to express their feelings and their stand through the committee he set up under the credible leadership of Ambassador Chinade to look into the history and previous reports and recommendations of the past investigation committees set up by past administrations that investigated the crises in the area,” he said.

He reminded the government that there was pending case lingering for nine years in the court over the status of the Tafawa Balewa town.

QUICK READ

Ex-Kaduna council candidate, friend shot dead in Abuja

By Adam Umar
A chairmanship candidate in the last Kaduna state local government election, Steven Inuwa, was on Sunday shot dead in Abuja.

Inuwa had contested under the platform of the Peoples’ Democratic Party (PDP).

His friend, Earnest Agatha, was also killed by yet to be identified gunmen, who fired shots toward the vehicle they were driving around Zuma community on the outskirts of Bwari town.

A close associate of the deceased, John Alpha, while speaking to City News yesterday, said Agatha who was driving the vehicle, died instantly, while the politician was rushed to Bwari general hospital, where he was confirmed dead on arrival.

Contacted, the FCT police command’s spoke person, DSP Josephine Adah, confirmed the incident, adding that investigation into the matter is ongoing.

Man flees after killing woman over land in Ibadan

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

A 30-year-old man identified only as Femi in Moniya, Akinyele Local Government Area of Ibadan, the Oyo State capital on Monday allegedly killed a woman on her farm.

Daily Trust learnt that Femi and the woman, whose name was not revealed had some unresolved issues before the family met the lifeless body of the woman on the farm.

Our correspondent further gathered that Femi fled Ibadan for Ife in Osun state after the incident.

A source in the village, who craved anonymity, told Daily Trust that Femi was the prime suspect because he had serious issues with the woman concerning a landed property.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Adewale Osifeso, could not be reached for comment as he did not reply calls and text message sent to him.

NSCDC recovers car stolen from Osogbo in Kano

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

The Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Osun State Command, has arrested a 29-year-old man, Abdulrahman Ibrahim with a stolen Toyota Camry car.

The Osun State Commandant of NSCDC, Emmanuel Ocheja, told Daily Trust that the 1999 model car with the registration number AGG 24 TC was stolen at Oke-Oniti area of Osogbo.

He said the owner of the car, Aderemi Akeem, reported to NSCDC in Osogbo that his car was stolen and that operatives were detailed to investigate the incident.



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On behalf of the Management and Staff of Pinnacle Oil and Gas Limited, I felicitate the Emir of Bichi, our Chairman, His Highness, Alhaji Nasir Ado Bayero, on his 58th birthday.

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INSIDE POLITICS

“Our concern is that political parties are not supposed to engage in campaigns at this point in time, except for states having their local government elections for that purpose — INEC National Commissioner, Festus Okoye

Thugs destroy Atiku's campaign office, torch Gombe PDP Secretariat

● Ex-VP meets Babangida in Minna

From Haruna Gimba Yaya (Gombe) & Abubakar Akote (Minna)

Suspected political thugs yesterday in Gombe State vandalised the North East Zone campaign office of former Vice-President Atiku Abubakar.

The edifice, which serves as zonal office for Atiku's campaigns ahead of the 2023 presidential election, had its windows broken while other items like air conditioners were carted away.

Earlier, the thugs had burnt the Gombe State secretariat of the opposition Peoples Democratic Party (PDP). It was gathered that the suspects stormed the party secretariat, located along Bauchi Road at about 1:30am.

According to witnesses, the personnel of the Fire Service with assistance from men of the Nigeria Police Force helped to extinguish the fire at the PDP secretariat.

Reacting to the incident, the state PDP Chairman, retired General Audu Abnon Kwaskebe, said the attack was politically motivated and urged members of the party to remain calm.

He said the state's Commissioner of Police, Mr Ishola Babaita, has visited the secretariat and assured them that the matter would be thoroughly investigated.

Meanwhile, State PRO of APC, Mr Moses Kyari, alleged that it was PDP members that set their office on fire, "due to internal crisis over control of the party structure."

Addressing newsmen at the APC secretariat, he alleged that the suspected thugs also touched a structure bearing posters of Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya.

Also, briefing newsmen in Gombe, National Coordinator of North-East Business Communities Atiku for President 2023, Dr Aliyu

Adamu, described the incident as unfortunate.

Meanwhile, the state government has condemned the ugly incident which it blamed on political thugs, "acting under the clear instruction and supervision of the enemies of the peace-loving people of the state."

The state's Commissioner of Information and Culture, Mr Julius Ishaya Lepes, described the incident as a show of desperation by those "who lost control of the state treasury and are hell-bent on returning."

Meanwhile, Atiku yesterday had a closed-door meeting with former military president, General Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida (rtd), at his uphill residence in Minna, capital of Niger State.

Addressing journalists, Atiku said he was not in Niger for consultation over presidential ambition, adding that his aspiration for 2023 will be made



■ Atiku

public when the time comes. "I am on courtesy call; that is all. On the 2023 presidential moves, I will let you know at the appropriate time. On insecurity, I have just discussed

it with the governor; it is a very sympathetic situation.

"In fact, I got a very vivid picture of what is going on in Niger State from the governor. It is most unfortunate," he said.

Reactions as Ambode says 'youths are coming'

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

As the 2023 electioneering takes shape, a former Lagos State governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has declared that the "youths are coming."

Ambode stated this amidst mixed feelings that have trailed the declaration of the National Leader of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, for the presidency of Nigeria.

Some Nigerians have raised the issue of age to disqualify Tinubu as a potential candidate for 2023.

It was not clear what Ambode who has fallen out with Tinubu, has in

mind when he declared his preference for the youth.

In a post on his verified Twitter page, @AkinwunmiAmbode, the former Lagos governor also reiterated that power is in the hands of the youth, asking them to get their permanent voters cards.

"The youths are coming. The power is in their hands. Go and get your Permanent Voters Cards (PVCs) ready. Your future is NOW!", he said.

Ambode also expressed delight for the "overwhelming endorsement" of his contributions to the growth of Lagos State.

"After all we have been through, God has

been faithful. Thank you for the overwhelming endorsement of our modest contributions to the growth of Lagos. It can only get better for Lagos, and indeed Nigeria," Ambode wrote.

Daily Trust reports that Ambode was denied the second term ticket by the ruling APC after allegedly falling out of favour with Tinubu which paved the way for the emergence of Babajide Sanwo-Olu as then APC candidate.

Ambode is yet to announce his next political move.

His tweet however generated divergent views among his followers with some asking him to clarify his tweets.

Kano APC crisis: Again, Buni meets Shekarau, Barau, Gaya, others

By Saawua Terzungwe

Yobe State Governor and Chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC) Caretaker/Extraordinary Convention Planning Committee, Mai Mala Buni, yesterday met with the Kano State factional leaders of the party in Abuja.

Details of the meeting were very sketchy as at the time of filing this report last night.

Our correspondent reports that the APC Caretaker Committee led by Buni had on January 28, 2022, met with Ganduje and Shekarau's camp to restore peace in the Kano State chapter of the party.

Two factions of the APC exist in Kano State following the controversies that trailed the party's congresses

last year. One of them called G-7 has Senator Ibrahim Shekarau, Senator Barau Jibrin and five others as leaders. The governor's camp has Abdullahi Abbas as the chairman.

The Director General Press and Media Affairs to Governor Buni, Mamman Mohammed, confirmed the meeting in a statement Tuesday night.

According to him, Buni chaired the meeting held at the Yobe State Governor's Lodge in Abuja.

The three senators from Kano; Ibrahim Shekarau, Barau Jibrin and Kabiru Gaya attended the meeting. Also in attendance included a former Speaker of the House of Representatives, Yakubu Dogara, House Leader Alhassan Ado Doguwa, among others.

Lai's faction faults claims on resolution of Kwara APC crisis

From Mumini AbdulKareem, Ilorin

The Kwara State chapter of the All Progressives Congress (APC) loyal to the Minister of Information and Culture, Alhaji Lai Mohammed, has faulted the claims that the crisis rocking the party in the state has been resolved.

Addressing a press conference at the party's secretariat in Ilorin on Tuesday, the faction said the claims that the crisis has been resolved by the national caretaker committee were false.

The minister's faction described the statement as "an ingenious lie which can only result in the continuing ruination of

the party and provide an exit clause for those anxious to leave."

According to the Publicity Secretary of the party, Barr Ibrahim Sharafadeen, while addressing pressmen, "Governor Buni must either be under the pressure of words resulting from not knowing what to say or that he and members of his committee have been wrongly briefed by the Senator Abdullahi Adamu-led committee."

Reacting to the issue, the caretaker chairman of the governor's group in Kwara State, Alhaji Abdullahi Samari, told Daily Trust that they are ready to give what it takes to have peace.



■ From right: Leader House of Reps, Rep. Alhassan Ado Doguwa; Sen. Ibrahim Shekarau; Sen. Kabiru Gaya; APC Caretaker Chairman and Yobe Gov. Mai Mala Buni; Sen. Barau Jibrin, former Speaker, Yakubu Dogara and Hon. Mohammed Ali Wudil after the Kano APC reconciliation meeting in Abuja yesterday

2023: Mixed reactions as Daura Emirate confers title on Amaechi

● Not politically motivated – Emirate ● PDP, APC differ

From Tijjani Ibrahim, Katsina

Daura Emirate has found Rotimi Amaechi, the Minister of Transportation, worthy of honour.

If things go smoothly as planned, on Saturday, February 5, the Emir of Daura, Alhaji Umar Farouq Umar, will confer the traditional title of Dan Amanar Daura (Trusted Son of Daura) on the minister, at his palace.

People around the former governor of Rivers State are saying the title was an appreciation for all the things Amaechi has done for the people of Daura, where President Muhammadu Buhari hails from.

The minister is a two-time Director General of President Muhammadu Buhari Campaign Organisation (2015 and 2019) and is now tipped among those eying the presidency in 2023.

Could the title then be an endorsement of PMB's emirate? This is the question on the lips of some people.

Speaking on behalf of Daura Emirate Council, Galadiman Daura and District Head of Mai'Adua, Alhaji Ahmad Diddiri Ahmad, said the title is given solely in recognition of his contributions to the development of the emirate, Katsina State and the nation in general.

He said the traditional institution does not align itself with any political party, adding that the title was purely to appreciate Amaechi for his contributions.

"Basically, we considered two things in relation to his contributions to the development of Daura Emirate in particular and to the state and the nation in general.

"One, despite all odds, he made sure that the University of Transport is located here in Daura. That is a gigantic project that will be a great source of employment for our people.

"Two, the Kano-Maradi rail line passes through Daura. That is also a monumental project that will boost business transactions along this axis,



■ Amaechi

from the Sea to Kano to Niamey up to Dakar, and all these will definitely improve the living standard of our people," he said.

When asked if the title has something to do with Amaechi's relation with President Buhari, the Galadiman Daura said that was mere speculation by politicians.

He said the emirate does not have any political inclination and therefore could not do anything based on political reasons.

"As I told you, it is purely done to appreciate his contributions and encourage him and even, by so doing, encourage others to do more," he said.

Also commenting, the Secretary of the Ruling All Progressives Congress in Katsina State, Alhaji Shitu S. Shitu said, "Political aspiration is something that is tied with time, so as far as I know, Amaechi did not come out to declare that he is contesting for one position or another. Whatever is going around, as far as I know, is not official but speculation, mostly from his supporters.

"We all know that whenever a politician is given a title, it is usually an appreciation of his contribution to that emirate or kingdom. I don't have any personal relationship with Amaechi but I know that he has brought a university of

transportation that is first of its kind in the country.

"That is indeed something worthy of appreciation and if the people of Daura or the emirate decide to honour him for that, that should not be any subject of discussion at all," he said.

When asked if that amounted to an endorsement of his presidential aspiration, Shitu said, "in the kind of politics we have now, we have gone past the era of someone endorsing somebody. We are at a level where people decide who they want and everyone has the right to contest and it is up to the people to decide.

"If you can recall, the president has made it clear early this year that he has no anointed candidate. So for anyone to say that conferment of traditional title means an endorsement, that is really unfair," he said.

On his part, the chairman of the opposition Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Katsina, Alhaji Salisu Majigiri, said one could not separate conferment of traditional titles on a politician with politics.

"If you remember, other politicians were given traditional titles in Daura. Orji Uzo Kalu was given the traditional title in Daura and he has declared his intention to contest for the presidency.

"Similarly, Rochas Okorocha was given a title and he is on his way to declare his intention to contest and we all know that they will use that in their campaigns to woo support from this part of the country.

"So, if Amaechi is given the title, nothing will stop him from using that opportunity to show that he is part of the people of this area and also use it as his campaign tool. So there is no way you can separate the two," he said.

Similarly, the President of Daura Emirate Development Association, Alhaji Aliyu Daura, said the title was well-deserved considering Amaechi's contributions to the development of Daura and the nation in general.

"We are in full support of the conferment. He has done a lot for us and the country, in general, will benefit from it. This is how people should be appreciated when they have done something worthy of appreciation," he said.

On his part a politician and long-time ally of President Buhari, Danbilki Kwamanda had a word of caution to traditional institutions, saying conferment of traditional titles on politicians could destroy the institution and relegate the traditional leaders to becoming subservient to politicians.

2023: Northern Christian youths root for Tinubu

By Baba Martins

The Northern Christian Youth Professionals (NYCP), a coalition of professionals from the 19 Northern states and Abuja on Tuesday said they have concluded plans to organise prayer sessions for the presidential aspiration of Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

NYCP, which said it is committed to actively involving Northern Christians in the politics of the country, also said "in the coming weeks, we will be organizing different online and local prayer programmes, calling on Northern Christian Youths across Nigeria and in the diaspora to pray for Bola Ahmed Tinubu to get an opportunity to serve and improve the lives of Nigerians in the capacity of the president."

Addressing a press conference in Abuja, the National Coordinator of the coalition, Isaac Abrak, said they are rooting for the aspiration of Tinubu because he had shown capacity as the governor of Lagos State, "and we believe he can do the same for the country."

He further called on the All Progressives Congress (APC) delegates, especially those of northern extraction to ensure that Tinubu gets the ticket as the presidential candidate of the APC, "which will eventually get us into villa in 2023."



■ Tinubu

Age on Atiku's side, associate tackles Bauchi gov

By Hamisu Kabir Matazu

A political associate of former Vice President Atiku Abubakar, Alhaji Muhammad Abdullahi Suga, has tackled Bauchi State Governor Bala Mohammed who said age was not on the side

of the former No 2 citizen.

The governor had on Sunday said Atiku, who is one of the presidential aspirants of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), is qualified but that age was not on his side.

Reacting, Suga said Atiku

is what Nigeria and Nigerians need to salvage the country from the verge of security and socio-economic collapse.

"Is Bala saying that he is wiser than America that elected Trump at the 74 and Biden at 78 or Italy that re-elected President

Sergio Mattarella at the age of 80?"

"As the situation demands, every Nigerian can agree with me that the failing state of the Nigerian economy needs an entrepreneur like Atiku to resuscitate it, next to him is

Dangote but he's not a politician.

"Also, as a former customs officer, Atiku has the experience and capacity to protect our borders from the import of illegal arms and drugs that are currently aggravating conflicts in the country," he said.



How NPA's e-call up system for trucks ended Apapa gridlock

45-year-old John is a senior management staff with one of the shipping companies in Apapa. Driving to office daily in the last five years had been hellish due to the never ending traffic into Apapa. The gridlock is created by the madness caused by truck drivers.

Ordinarily, the journey which ought not to have been more than 10 minutes from Surulere, where he resides took John about three hours trying to meander in-between the long queue of heavy trucks on the bridge from Costain to Apapa.

He watched helplessly as urchins working with some security operatives extort money from truck drivers who could meet their demands go freely, while private car owners and made to wait.

Speaking to himself, John said: "I am looking forward to the day this craziness will stop."

As usual, he got to the office late. Because of the chaotic gridlock, people don't get queried for coming to work late any more.

However, all these are now a thing of the past as the e-call up System initiated by the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) in 2020 has put an end to the nightmarish experience of John.

Presently, takes less than ten minutes drive from Surulere to Warehouse road where his office is located.

Commending the efforts of NPA in this regard, Maritime stakeholders under the aegis of Concerned Maritime Stakeholders of Nigeria CMSN gave a thump up to NPA over the decision to streamline operations of its pet project, the Truck Electronic Call-Up System, also called 'eto', which has drastically reduced traffic congestion and other encumbrances on most port access roads, especially in Apapa.

It would be recalled that the acting Managing Director of NPA, Mohammed Bello- Koko had on assumption of duty in June 2021, reorganized the operational systems of the 'eto' with the deployment of more infrastructure, which made it more efficient by eliminating traffic congestion.

NPA had also ensured the punishment and redeployment of some erring security officials comprising operatives of the Lagos State Traffic Management LASTMA, NPA security personnel and even some police officers, who were alleged to have undermined the systems.

This is in addition to barring rickety and unworthy trucks and articulated vehicles from operating under the new system, which reduced cases of breakdowns with the attendant hitches, thus making the system more efficient.

Executive Director of the group,



■ Minister of Transport, Hon. Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi (middle), Acting Managing Director, Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Mohammed Bello Koko (right), and the Chief Technical Officer, Lekki Port Lagos Free Trade Zone (LFTZ) Enterprise Limited Steven Heukelom during the inspection of Lekki Deep Sea Port project in Lagos recently.

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Engr. Nik Bernard, who spoke with our correspondent in an interview, commended the management of NPA for taking proactive steps toward rejigging and rebooting the operating systems of the scheme, which he attested has brought sanity once again to the seaport access roads.

"Beyond insinuations in some quarters, the 'eto' has recorded measurable achievements, with far-reaching impacts on the maritime industry, especially in terms of efficiency in the movement of cargo in and out of the nation's seaports," he added.

Engr. Bernard, who operates a haulage and logistics business, also noted that the deployment of Information Communication Technology ICT infrastructure under the 'eto' has brought sanity to the port access roads, which has also led to proper traffic management system.

He noted that the cumulative effects of these successes have led to a sharp drop in the cost of haulage by over 35 per cent, which he described as a welcome development.

Daily Trust had reported that previously it costs over N1million to transport a 40-foot container from the Lagos Ports Complex, Apapa to in Mile2, Festac or Maza- Maza area of Lagos. But presently statistics show a remarkable decline in haulage cost.

It now cost less than N300, 000 as a result of quick turnaround for the truckers occasioned by the improved traffic flow under the 'eto' system.

...Plans to end theft of export cargos

The Nigerian Ports Authority NPA has designated the Lilypond Container Terminal, Ijora as the final processing hub for all non-oil export consignments being

shipped through the country's seaports in Lagos.

This is in line with federal government's effort to boost export and create wealth. Under this arrangement, non-oil exports are not expected to be examined along the Apapa port corridor. The move is to eliminate the stealing of export cargos by criminals who pose as security operatives along the Port access road.

All non-oil export cargos, including agro and allied products, mineral products and iron bars, among others arriving from the hinterlands and other city centres are expected to be driven to the terminal where final sorting, packaging and weighing would be carried out to avoid delays associated with double examination.

Port Manager, Lagos Ports Complex, Apapa, Mrs. Olufunke Fumilayo, who spoke during a joint media briefing with the Apapa Area 1 Command of the Nigeria Customs Service, said designating the terminal as the final export processing centre was one of the authority's initiatives towards boosting non-oil export activities through the seaports.

She noted that all export products processed, packaged and examined by all the relevant security agencies at the centre would be taken to the designated seaport terminal, where they would be loaded directly on board a waiting vessel without further delay. To make this possible, all cargo owners and truckers should ensure that they conclude all documentations with Customs, shipping companies and terminal operators, among others before taking the consignments to the seaports.

She, however, disclosed that the NPA had discovered that some trucks laden with

export products park their trucks on Creek Road while waiting for the Technical Delivery Orders TDO, a development, she said negates all efforts being made by the NPA in collaboration with other government agencies to ensure that export cargoes do not encounter delays.

She pleaded with truck drivers and cargo owners to adopt approved and generally acceptable ways of handling cargo documentations whether for exports or imports so as to make the ports more efficient and reduce the cost of doing business.

On the need for collaborations, she noted that the successes recorded so far at the seaports were made possible due to the synergy that exists between all the agencies at the ports, assuring that plans are on to further strengthen this synergy with a view to enhancing port efficiency for the overall benefit of Nigeria's economy.

The PM cited the arrest of some stowaways on board some ships as well as the seizure of some hard drugs and the subsequent arrest and prosecution of the suspects as some of the benefits of the collaborations that exist between the agencies.

"Collaboration is the key focus; I dare say that activities at the ports have been highly successful due to these collaborations. We were invited to a meeting by the management of the NPA where it was disclosed that Lilypond Terminal, Ijora has been designated as the export processing centre for all export cargo meant for the seaports in Lagos", the Port Manager also said.

NPA to act as landlord to NIMASA's N50bn modular floating dock

The Management of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) and the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) are currently putting finishing touches on plans to move modular floating dock purchased by NIMASA in 2018.

The move is part of plans put in place by NIMASA to privatize the dock which will centre on Public Private Partnership (PPP).

It would be recalled that NIMASA, in 2018, said it had perfected arrangements to ensure that the over N50 billion floating dockyard acquired in 2018, begins operations before the end of the first

quarter of this year.

The arrangement is to move the floating dock to Continental Shipyard, Apapa which is owned by NPA.

Director General of NIMASA, Dr. Bashir Jamoh, while addressing newsmen in Lagos, on Friday, reiterated the apex maritime regulatory agency's commitment in ensuring the revamping of the controversial floating dockyard.

He assured stakeholders of the maritime industry that the floating dock will be operational before the end of first quarter of 2022.

"However, we don't want to operate it

by government or NIMASA alone but for Public Private Partnership. As usual, the issue of privatisation of any government property is not a product, but a process.

Jamoh, who declined to name the foreign players in the privatization process, added that the Nigerian Ports Authority is a co-partner in the process, with provision of its Continental Shipyard.

"We have been undergoing this process, and the DG ICRC was here for the first certificate, telling us that privatisation of the floating dock is profitable, doable and they gave us the go ahead to do that.

"We have also gone ahead with the

Managing partner and co-pattern, which is the Nigerian Ports Authority NPA, with the provision of Continental Shipyard.

"We expect in no distance future, maximum by February 2022, privatization will be approved by the Federal Executive Council because it's a national assets," he said.

He said that the cost implications cannot be handled by the federal government alone, pointing out that privatisation would aid the floating dock operations, saying the foreign counterparts will be take up the class conditions before the usage deployment.



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Abdulsalami Abubakar: A harvest of honours

By Muhammed Kuta Yahaya

Hard work and appreciation are part of human existence at the individual or governmental level. Appreciation for deeds well done is one form of motivation to spur the person so appreciated to do more. And this will be demonstrated today, February 2, 2022 at the Federal University of Technology, Minna, where Former Head of State, General Abdulsalami Alhaji Abubakar, GCFR; CSG will be honoured with Doctor of Technology (Honoris Causa)

By providence, he became the eighth military head of state of the largest Africa Black nation on June 8, 1998 and in 10 months accomplished what seemed impossible in several years when he shunned the temptation of overstay in office which made him instant celebrated world leader and the most sought-after mediator in conflict situations and peace-building processes in Africa.

Not known for half measures in any chosen endeavour, Abubakar had upon handing over power to a civilian administration on May 29, 1999, taken to farming and has Maizube Farms as flagship for 22 unbroken years now, with excellent results that are difficult to ignore. The integrated farm bubbling with various products in comprehensive value chain development and appropriate deployment of technology to crops, horticulture, fisheries, livestock, human capital development, and palpable socio-economic impact on the entire local environment and beyond quite exemplary.

However, as he adds another feather to his cap today, his distinguished life of service to God, country and humanity reverberates, especially his impeccable and thoroughbred professional records and enviable stature as an important reference point in mediation in Africa. As the ECOWAS Chairman, he played a significant role as arbitrator between the rebel forces and the Sierra Leone National army that brought peace to the country in 1998. He resolved the Sierra Leone political crisis in 1999. Also, in 2003 he led an ECOWAS mediation team that negotiated the setting up of an interim government after the Liberian civil war. He also served as United Nations Special Envoy to the Democratic Republic of Congo in 2000 to discuss the position of the Security Council on several issues relating to the Lusaka Agreement, among others. While in 2004, he was appointed Special Envoy of the Chairman, Africa Union to Chad and Sudanese crisis. The Commonwealth Secretary-General appointed him as a Special Envoy to the Republic of Gambia in 2005. Also, in 2006 the United Nations Secretary-General appointed him as Special Envoy to the Republic of Gambia. He was appointed a member of the African Union High-Level Implementation Panel on the Sudan crisis in 2009 as well as ECOWAS Chief Mediator on the political crisis in Niger also in 2009.

In all these actions, Gen. Abubakar proved that honour and trust are essential ingredients of the character of every public office holder. He displayed courage and integrity in contrast to the willingness and opportunism that others would have displayed given the same circumstances. Little wonder then that he kept his word on the transition programme considered as remarkable and refreshing transparency that helped to increase credibility for the process and won for Nigeria the respect of foreign friends.

His achievements have not gone unnoticed. Hence, since he left office in 1999, it has been a harvest of honours for General Abubakar in recognition of his achievements in transferring power from a military to a democratically elected civilian government. He received the Peace Prize

Award by Rainbow Push Coalition, United States of America (7th August 1999), the outstanding Peace Award for bringing democracy to Nigeria by Nigerians in the United States of America (16th October 1999), the Prestigious ECOWAS International Gold Award (27th May 2000), the National Honour for "The Shortest and Successful Democratic Transition in the History of Nigeria" (31st July 2000), the Outstanding Leadership Qualities Award by MABDEC in the United States of America (August 2000) and the Distinguished Leadership of Honour Award by the Nigerian Bar Association (21st August 2000). Also, the Chicago State University instituted a lecture series in his honour which took place on 23rd February 2001 and International Festschrift in his honour between 25-27 November 2021.

Additionally, among his awards is the Grand Commander of the Federal Republic (GCFR) awarded by the Nigerian Government, the Companion of the Order of the Star of Ghana (CSG) by the Republic of Ghana, the Medal of Grand Officer (France) and the Grand Order of Honour of Togo. So far, he has received about eleven Honorary Doctorate degrees, between 2000-2022 from the following Universities: University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Ahmadu Bello

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University, Zaria, Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi, Edo State University, Ekpoma, Crescent University, Abeokuta, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi and the University of Education, Winneba, Ghana. Other awards are from Igbinedion University, Okada, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, and the University of Agriculture, Makurdi, Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola, University of Calabar, Calabar, PAMO University of Medical Sciences, Port-Harcourt, and today its Federal University of Technology, Minna.

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OPINION

The Roots of Banditry: A Fulani Perspective (III)

By Ahmadu Shehu, Ph.D.

The first and second parts of this essay discussed some salient issues around banditry and its implications on the northern nay Nigerian society. While it should be clear to an objective mind that banditry cannot be in any way associated with the Fulani as an ethnic group, one honest question has to be answered. Why is it possible to successfully attribute banditry to the Fulani and no other ethnic groups?

The answer is *prominence*. If you send a boy to steal money, there will be two beneficiaries, i.e. two thieves. If the mission fails and the boy gets caught, there is likely going to be one boy out there to be hanged as the thief. This is the scenario in banditry between foot soldiers and their enablers.

The kingpins and tycoons, who run the show in kidnapping and banditry, know their onions. They understand that while they can provide the lethal weapons, feeding and logistics to fund their criminal business, they need a certain category of people with certain attributes and qualities to do the physical aspects of the dirty job.

The herders – majority of who are Fulani – have all the prerequisites to be used as foot soldiers in the lucrative business that is banditry in Nigeria. Secondly, more than anyone else, they have been put in a dangerous, hopeless socioeconomic situation that makes them susceptible to recruitment into these criminalities.

From Sokoto, Kaduna, Zamfara, Kogi to Niger and other states that suffer endemic banditry, the worst hit areas are those closer to the forests and bushes that are used as dens by the terrorists. Similarly, most dangerous locations on the highways are usually along deep forests that allow bandits close access to their settlements and discourage manhunts.

Now, forests and bushes are to herders what cities are to urban people. With or without banditry, the forest is home and bush a resource for not only nomads, but all practicing herders. You own the city, they own the forest. It is no brainer, therefore, that a business in the forest can best be handled by its owners.

Herders' unlimited knowledge, experience and natural domestication of these forests make them the most qualified and unfortunately, available manpower to operate this dreadful terrorism. Furthermore, herding communities around the world are known for abundance of physical, physiological, psychological and emotional skills required for combat and rugged life.

This is partly because unlike sedentary life, a nomadic lifestyle is very rudimentary, flexible and less possessive. A nomad, for instance, has barely much to lose other than his life and cattle. He has no address, property or investments, nor does he have affiliations to the typical desires of the modern world to protect or miss.

Furthermore, unlike sedentary life, nomadism exposes the body to a rugged physical experience. Walking from Sokoto to Adamawa and back in months

transforms and militarizes the body. For the nomads and herders, the rain that makes you shiver, the sun that makes you sweat, the hunger that shakes your intestines, the thirst that burns your heart, those sorrowful lions and tigers are all a normal thing of the day, just as the Hausa adage says *jiki ya saba* 'the body is used to it'. For comparison, it is this kind of stamina that makes soldiers superhuman compared to civilians.

However, this sociocultural lifestyle alone does not make herders more prone to violent crimes without being accompanied by the economic dislocation of herding communities in the country, especially in the North West. For one, it is an undeniable fact that herding is as old as human history itself, and that herders – of various ethnic groups – have been part of this country for as long as history remembers.

The fact that we did not have these problems involving herders in the past centuries of our existence should tell us that the systematic involvement of this category of our population in this specific crime has its roots in socioeconomic imbalances and injustices that have turned these people into the monster that they are today. It is the same as other social crises confronting Nigeria.

In summary, the numerical prevalence of herders among bandits is due to their social lifestyle and a severe socioeconomic dislocation over the time. Their prevalence as the executioners and foot soldiers has led to their prominence in these despicable acts, and this has been mischievously used as the basis for stereotyping and demonising a whole ethnic group that the majority of the herding population belongs to.

Thus, the prominence of Fulani herders in banditry is not a matter of their ethnic identity, but a social crises occasioned by their readily accustomed way of life that suites the prerequisites for this evil activities, as well as the socioeconomic dislocations occasioned by natural factors and wrong-headed policies that have made these populations standby armies for criminalities. Whoever finds himself in these conditions is likely to end in a similar way.

As always, the solutions to these crises are simple to enumerate, but extremely difficult to undertake. It involves two different approaches. One of these is to crush the terrorists and their sponsors who are holding arms against the state. The most important solution, however, is to solve the underlying conditions that cost these citizens their decency and honour.

But, wait; are these not the same prescriptions proffered for all social crises in Nigeria, *ala Boko Haram*, IPOB, Niger Delta militants, etc? Yes. Have these crises been resolved? No. Why? Failure of the leadership. If that is the case, then the first and indeed the only solution to this and certainly other myriad of problems is good leadership. I would then prescribe thus: fix the leadership and the leadership fixes the nation.

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EDITORIAL

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FCT councils, honour agreements with LEA teachers

Following the failure of the six area councils in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) to fulfill their part of the agreement reached with the FCT branch of the Nigeria Union of Teachers, primary school teachers in FCT public schools resumed their suspended strike on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, over their owed allowances. The teachers are demanding, among others, the payment of their promotion arrears from 2015, backlogs of annual increment and 25 months arrears of the national minimum wage. The payment of salaries of primary school teachers in the country is the responsibility of local governments or area councils in the case of FCT.

It would be recalled that the teachers had on November 8, 2021, embarked on a five-day warning strike. They, however, proceeded on an indefinite strike at the expiration of their warning strike as no response to their demands came from the area councils. The strike was later suspended on December 1, 2021 with an understanding by both parties to meet on December 13, 2021; the meeting, the teachers said the area council chairmen have continued to shun.

The striking teachers are accusing the area council chairmen of playing pranks and ignoring their demands. This, perhaps, was the reason the Chairman of the Nigeria Union of Teachers (NUT) in the FCT, Mr. Stephen Knabayi, declared that primary school teachers in the territory will not return to class until their arrears and allowances are paid. According to the Union, each time the chairmen of the area councils were reminded of the scheduled meeting, the chairman of the Association of Local Governments of Nigeria (ALGON) would plead for more time. The meetings fixed for January 13, 2022, and January 21, 2022, both failed due to the refusal of the area council chairmen to meet with the NUT leaders.

The Chairman of the FCT ALGON, Adamu Mustapha, described the decision by the teachers to resume their strike as unfair. He said area council chairmen were making frantic efforts to offset these arrears. "We have said we would conditionally clear this backlog of arrears. But they went ahead to declare strike", he said.

The plight of primary school teachers in the FCT over the non-payment of their entitlements is also the experience of their counterparts in other states of the federation; suggesting how poorly government treats the trainers of the country's future leaders. For instance, teachers in public primary schools in Niger State commenced a strike on Monday, January 10, 2022, in compliance with the directive of the state wing of the NUT to protest the percentage salary paid to them. The strike commenced on the same day they were expected to resume for the second term of the academic session.

The incessant strikes by teachers in the FCT public primary schools certainly have their negative consequences that will be suffered mainly by the pupils in such schools. For example, this group of primary school pupils in the FCT that spend more time at home than they attend school is expected to learn the same curriculum contents and write the same terminal examinations with their counterparts in private schools within the FCT as well as other public primary schools in states where pupils do not experience strikes by teachers. Yet, these frequent strikes by FCT teachers are happening to pupils whose learning activities were recently slowed down and hampered by the COVID-19.

Besides, the government should not and cannot afford to joke with the welfare of those saddled with the responsibility of giving basic intellectual and moral training to young citizens it expects to become future leaders of the country. The poor treatment of teachers that has seemingly become a norm in the three tiers of government puts the future of the country and of the next generation of leaders at stake. Thus, the narrative about teachers being owed their legitimate entitlements for years has to change.

While we commend the Chairman of the Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC), Abdullahi Adamu Candido and the AMAC branch of the NUT for reaching a workable written agreement for the payment of the arrears owed teachers, which led to the suspension of the strike in AMAC, we encourage other area council chairmen in the FCT to also reach an agreement with teachers so that the strike could be suspended for pupils to resume classes. We further urge the chairmen to honour every pact signed with teachers. Where the chairmen renege on their agreements again, *Daily Trust* calls on the FCT minister and the federal government to intervene and deduct from the source what is due to teachers as entitlements in the affected area councils. Education is a basic right of the Nigerian child.

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Tenure policy restoration in the federal service: Matters arising

By Prof. Tunji Oloapa

The news has now circulated sufficiently that the federal government has reversed itself on the crucial issue of tenure policy in the federal civil service. It deserves applause on this reversal because it implies that it has seen the light with regard to the significance of the policy in getting the civil service system back on its feet. The tenure policy is just one such policy that has the potential to salvage the credibility and performance profile of the service. The worry, however, and the reason for this intervention, has to do with the long gestation period that it takes for the service and the government to wade through the mechanics of implementation and evaluation.

The tenure policy is a significant reform policy targeted at restoring the eroded confidence in the capacity readiness of the service to achieve efficient service delivery to Nigerians. Two reasons are fundamental to the significance of the policy. The first has to do with the intent to arrest the declining professionalism of the service due to the blatant politicisation of the human resource functions of hiring, transfers and promotion. Stagnation in the system has been induced largely by two correlated determinants—the incessant lateral transfers and promotional blocks. The dubious promotional practice at the state civil services enables young, inexperienced and at best, half-baked officers, into the Federal Civil Service who then become directors and permanent secretaries at a tender age that allows them to hold such offices forever without retiring. This dislocates the chances of the core federal professionally inducted officers who had progressed steadily from GL. 8 from reaching the peak of their career. The inevitable consequence of this practice is that these genuine officers are essentially demotivated in a way that undermines performance and productivity. The administrative leadership has been insensitive to this anomaly for far too long as many of those in that strategic policy making cadre are beneficiaries of the wanton politicisation of service.

The second reason for the tenure policy has to do with the urgent need to address the need for the institutionalisation of performance management and accountability in the civil service. The Nigerian public service operates the traditional "I-am-directed" Weberian administrative system, which most states across the globe have jettisoned for healthier and most efficient managerial alternatives. Since the 1974 Udoji Reform Commission, Nigeria has been struggling with instituting a performance management system backstopped by a mix of project management practices, professionalised HR function and meritocratic procedures as the basis for administrative leadership pipelining and career progression. The tenure policy was meant to be Nigeria's acceptance of Peter Drucker's axiomatic rule that what is not measured cannot be managed.

One plausible reason for the reversal of the government's stance on the tenure policy is most definitely the national fiscal crisis occasioned by the increasing cost of governance burden. This is due to the multiplicity of redundancies that permeate both the state and federal civil services, as well as the overloading of the workforce that allows so many people to be doing so little. And from the press release, the HCSF is also obviously worried about the state of capacity readiness of the service to deliver on significant mandate, especially that of service delivery to Nigerians. For her, what obtains now is not commensurate with what is expected. And something needed to be done. Of course, I am one of those who can truly appreciate the unenviable position of the HCSF. She supervises a system that has all the potential to become a world-class institution.

However, and on a positive note, this reversal provides the system with the opportunity to make the first most significant move in tackling the cost of governance problematic that will set the service on the path of instituting performance management metrics.

Thus, reversing the tenure policy comes with some fundamental reform moves we must assume the federal government is ready to make or has already initiated. One recurring question that must underlie the government's willingness to step into the breach of the reform effort is: Can civil service by itself possibly deliver on the needed reforms to engineer the deep-seated systemic shifts to sustainably achieve efficient service delivery? An affirmative answer is precluded by the bureaucratic culture of any public service across the world. One fundamental first step for Nigeria in resolving that question is the need to empower one or a set of central agencies—Ministry of National Planning, Office of the Secretary to the Government of Nigeria (OSGF), Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation (OHCSF), Bureau of Public Service Reform (BPSR), or any other—that will be saddled with the task of providing technical expertise and back-up on behalf of the Presidency.

And the objective for these central agencies will be to get, first, the ministers and their permanent secretaries to sign on to a performance agreement or performance contract determined by a carefully negotiated key performance indicators linked to the SERVICOM-type social compact and service charter signed with stakeholders. This will then cascade down to the MDAs that must themselves sign up to ministerial scorecards of performance. This makes it mandatory, as a matter of course, for the MDAs to articulate their sector strategies activated by an annual business planning process and performance budgeting matrix.

The challenge facing the agencies monitoring the reforms however would be the need to guard against a purely technicist understanding of reform, which suggests, falsely, that the public service can be insulated against larger governance reengineering that frees up the service delivery spaces across the whole national economy.

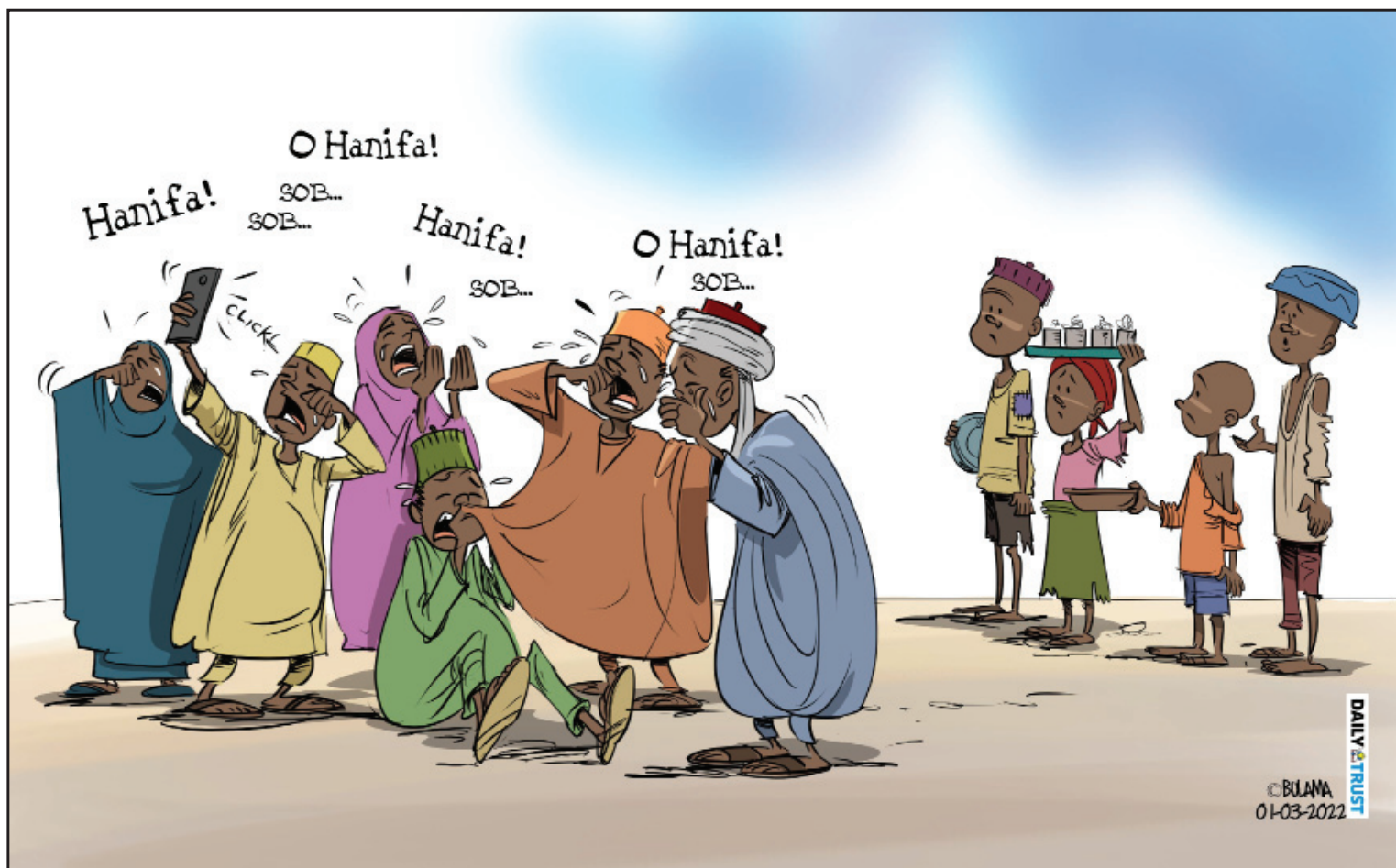
Next on line, I see the urgent need for remodeling of a new framework of OHCSF-FCSC-MDAs engagement and partnership that aligns with the emerging performance management model that Nigeria is installing. This is important because the reform of the public service is anchored also on a reformed HR function that connects performance to productivity. And the responsibility will be to first recognise and deal with the generalist template of the traditional HR function that underlies the old personnel administration system that stands diametrically opposed to the new and emerging performance managerial culture. With the latter system, the Nigerian public service can activate a decentralised HR function that involves line managers more in the recruitment, performance assessment and capacity development of their staff. As an irreducible minimum, this makes it possible to tap into a meritocratic dynamic that not only addresses and manages diversity through the federal character policy, but also encourages career progression. This meritocracy can only be achieved through a re-professionalisation process, which brings the public servants back in tune with both the essence of her profession as well as capacitating her with competencies and skills suitable for managing a twenty-first-century public service.

When all is said and done, the reversal of the tenure policy by the federal government puts Nigeria once again at the threshold of a possible transformation of her public service system.

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LETTERS to the Editor

CARTOON by Bulama



Time to tackle the menace of drug abuse

The rampant abuse of drugs among Nigerians especially youths has left many asking the rhetorical question: "Are youths still the leaders of tomorrow?"

There are various kinds of illicit drugs that are widely circulated and abused as sedatives, depressants or stimulants. These drugs have diverse effects on the users. It has been established that the health hazards associated with illegal drugs far outweigh its usefulness.

The National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, NDLEA, has been trying in its capacity to clear our society of these illicit substances and give us a saner nation.

The 2021 operational statistics show that the agency made over 12,000 arrests with more than 3.4 million kilogrammes of illicit drugs recovered, thereby reducing the risk of having junkies in our communities.

In spite of all these arrests being made by the agency, every day at our land borders, airports and seaports, the circulation of illicit drugs is still alarming.

I want to plead with the Chairman/Chief Executive of NDLEA to encourage massive advocacy which I believe will educate the general public more about the dangers of drug abuse and misuse.

Also, the officers of the agency should not relent in their efforts to fight the menace by conducting raids and arresting all the cartels and barons behind the circulation of these drugs.

Fighting this war will put an end to the series of security challenges we are facing in this country; banditry and kidnapping, killings etc.

Olufemi Fadahunsi sent this from Ado Ekiti

Nigeria and the hatchet of hunger

Hunger is something every human being can relate to. In the course of every day that passes by, one is bound to become famished at some point. When the inevitable comes, there is sweet revenge to be had on one of man's most ancient tormentors when healthy food is handy and when the building blocks that bring up a balanced diet abound.

But this is hardly ever the case. As the world continues to edge towards the precipice pushed by conflicts and climate change, hunger has become a grim reality for countless people around the world, especially children who have unfortunately come to know the universal scourge that gnaws at every intestine from time to time.

Today, hunger continues to weave itself into the daily reality of Nigeria's poorest children especially those caught up in the conflicts which are rapidly and rapaciously eating up large swathes of the country.

So many rural children who are fortunate to enjoy the normalcy that going to school every week day brings have to walk long distances and back on practically empty stomachs. Such children have tales to tell of the sheer brutality of hunger. Unfortunately, this has become the lot of many children in Africa and across much of the developing world.

On January 27, 2022, the World Food Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organisation released the Hunger Hotspots Report in which they highlighted soaring food

insecurity across 20 countries and regions where conflict, economic shocks, natural hazards, political instability, and limited humanitarian access are putting millions of lives at risk.

Unsurprisingly, lairs of human misery like Ethiopia, South Sudan and Yemen made the unenviable group of countries of highest concern. Nigeria, the Giant of Africa, completed the ugly quartet. That the most populous black country on earth and the Africa's largest oil producer is not only on the list but made the very bottom must greatly alarm all those who work round the clock to ensure that hunger is stamped out and all those in whose best interest it is that hunger ceases to be endemic not just to Nigeria but to every country of the world at all.

In 2011, South Sudan, the world's youngest country, came to historic independence after about half a century of brutal marginalisation and oppression from Sudan. Teething problems have continued to convulse the country as it comes to grips with the challenges of becoming a nation.

Yemen has been embroiled in a brutal civil war for years. Images of starving children from the country which has become a battleground in the proxy war between Saudi Arabia and Iran continue to feature in the nightmares of millions of people around the world.

At the hands of their Nobel-winning prime minister who has since brought his darkest side to the fore, Ethiopia, the seat of the African Union, continues to descend into chaos. The war

in the Tigray region of the country continues to turn up atrocity after atrocity including the rape of toddlers.

But it is the improbable presence of the Giant of Africa on the list that is raising the most eyebrows. The Giant of Africa should ordinarily have no business being on the list. However, as per the report, insecurity and high inflation rates are aggravating acute food insecurity in the country. In conflict-scarred Borno State, around 13,500 people are projected to slide into cataclysmic acute food insecurity if humanitarian and livelihood-building interventions are not sustained.

As things stand, a painful paradox stares Nigeria square in the face. How and why should it be that a country blessed with such an embarrassment of riches is jostling for space on the list of the world's hungriest enclaves with countries devastated for years by unconscionable conflicts?

As with everything else that is not working in Nigeria, it is children that are bearing the brunt of hunger. Efforts to rebuild those areas scarred by conflict in Nigeria continue but the fear is real that enough is not being done to speedily rescue families from the clutches of hunger.

As it stands, more has to be done until every family in Nigeria has enough to eat. The Giant of Africa cannot continue to stand by while hunger continues to heinously hack its children.

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On Magama Gumau-Saminaka dilapidated highway

Recently, a motion was moved at the Bauchi State House of Assembly by Honourable Umar Muda Lawal representing Toro seeking the immediate rehabilitation of Magama Gumau-Saminaka highway.

This is indeed a welcome development and worth giving serious attention.

We of the Toro Uplift and Magama

Gumau Youth Awareness Multipurpose Co-operative Society are fully in support of the motion and hope the authorities will come to our aid.

The Magama Gumau-Saminaka road has been in a dilapidated condition for quite some time, resulting in ghastly accidents, robbery and kidnapping of commuters along the way daily.

The poor condition of the road has adversely affected the fortune of members of the communities who are largely farmers because they cannot move their produce to markets with ease. Other businesses are also affected.

The situation is so bad between Magama and Saminaka that commuters often prefer trekking to boarding a

vehicle. Many sections of this road have been washed away by flooding over years.

We therefore passionately appeal to the House to come to our aid. We believe the security and well-being of the citizens is one of the high points of its mandate.

Ukasha Rabi Magama resides in Toro, Bauchi State

STATEMENT TO THE NIGERIAN EXCHANGE GROUP & SHAREHOLDERS ON THE EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED RESULTS

For the period ended December 31, 2021



The Board of Directors of Jaiz Bank Plc is pleased to announce the Bank's unaudited results for the third quarter ended December 31, 2021

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	2021 N'000	2020 N'000
Assets		
Cash and Balances with Central Bank of Nigeria	48,172,426	45,869,170
Due from Banks and Other Financial Institutions	22,264,390	14,839,178
Sukuk Investment	63,473,239	73,795,575
Investment in Musharaka	38,058	-
Murabaha Receivables	64,381,288	40,907,082
Investment in Bai Mu'ajjal	2,486,441	1,979,088
Investment in Istisna	14,129,274	3,662,628
Investment in Ijara Assets	33,250,146	24,962,636
Qard Hassan	34,754	97,301
Investment in Salam	505,727	-
Investment Properties	-	1,603,513
Investment in Assets Held for Sale	19,203,461	18,975,452
Property, Plant and Equipment	6,043,271	2,926,153
Leasehold Improvement	41,462	47,526
Intangible Assets	560,599	475,815
Other Assets	4,005,098	2,611,415
Deferred Taxation Asset	832,253	832,253
Total Assets	279,421,887	233,584,784
Liabilities, Equity Of Investment Account Holders And Owners' Equity		
Liabilities		
Customer's deposits	111,360,669	74,580,714
Other financing	31,657,269	15,405,242
Other liabilities	17,869,276	24,273,971
Tax payable	503,660	558,770
Total liabilities	161,390,874	114,818,696
Equity of Investment Account holders		
Customers' unrestricted investment accounts	97,530,112	100,932,427
Total Equity of Investment Account holders	97,530,112	100,932,427
Owners' Equity		
Share capital	17,270,586	14,732,125
Share premium	1,348,446	627,365
Retained earnings	(3,422,816)	(2,538,887)
Risk regulatory reserve	2,175,084	2,175,084
Statutory Reserve	2,108,625	2,108,625
Other reserves	1,020,977	740,742
Total Owners' Equity	20,500,901	17,845,054
Liabilities, Equity of Investment Account holders and Owners' Equity	279,421,887	233,596,177
Commitments And Contingent Liabilities	64,832,044	44,031,315

	2021 N'000	2020 N'000
Income:		
Income from Financing Contracts	15,205,240	10,757,796
Income from Investment Activities	8,972,187	8,003,175
Gross Income from financing and investment transactions	24,177,427	18,760,971
Net impairment (charges)/Writeback for the period	(3,862,392)	(3,027,892)
Bank's share as a Mudarib/Equity investor	20,315,035	15,733,079
Return on Equity of Investment Account Holders	(4,939,957)	(3,789,440)
Net Spread after Provision	15,375,078	11,943,639
Other Income		
Fees and Commission	1,108,774	500,930
Other Operating Income	557,162	352,040
Total Income	17,041,014	12,796,609
Expenses:		
Staff Costs	7,233,561	4,902,366
Depreciation and Amortisation	812,248	811,624
Operating Expenses	4,789,475	4,016,643
Total Expenses	12,835,283	9,730,633
Profit Before Tax	4,205,731	3,065,976
Income Tax Expenses	(372,632)	(162,764)
Profit for the period after Tax	3,833,099	2,903,212
Other Comprehensive Income		
Item that may be reclassified to profit or loss		
Foreign currency translation difference	280,230	273,825
Total comprehensive income for the period	4,113,329	3,177,036
Earnings Per Share		
Basic and diluted Earnings per share (Kobo)	11.98 kobo	9.85 kobo

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 11th January 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

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Arising from the 13th National Steering Committee (NSC) Meeting

Introduction

Arising from the 13th National Steering Committee (NSC) Meeting of the Open Government Partnership (OGP) in Nigeria held on Tuesday, 30th September, 2021, at the Honourable Minister of State Conference Hall, Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning. The third quarter National Steering Committee meeting for 2021 was convened by the Governance and Leadership Sub-Committee of the National Steering Committee (NSC) and presided over by the Co-Chairs, the Honorable Minister of State for Budget and National Planning, Prince Clem Agba, (State Actor) and Dr. Tayo Aduloju, Chief Operations Officer at the Nigeria Economic Summit Group (NESG) (Non-State Actor). The meeting was attended by 17 National Steering Committee Members drawn from the State and Non-State Actors; OGP National Coordinator, OGP Secretariat Staff and members of the Press.

The meeting observed that there exists administrative and policy issues bothering on the effective implementation and delivery of OGP commitments in Nigeria. The observations were deliberated upon and the following decisions and resolutions arrived at by the National Steering Committee.

Observations and Decisions:

The meeting decried the slow pace in appointing a new Civil Society Advisor for the Secretariat long after the former CSO Advisers resignation in May 2021. The NSC gave the Non-State Actors till end of October 2021 for the CSOs to conclude on the process and announce a new Civil Society Advisor for the OGP Secretariat.

The meeting raised the need to put in place a systematic approach to assess the effectiveness of the OGP TWGs with a view to validate their availability and readiness for the job. The National Steering Committee directed that the Secretariat work out modalities for ensuring the full participation of TWG state and Non-state actors at TWG meetings. Amongst the directives to be implemented is to organize an orientation retreat for all TWG Co-chairs to be chaired by the Honourable Minister of State Budget and National Planning/Non State Actor Co-Chair. The Centre LSD volunteered to fund the Orientation Retreat in November, 2021.

In line with the principles of the OGP which is hinged on openness, Transparency and Accountability, the National Steering Committee mandated the Secretariat to prepare a breakdown of the OGP Secretariat Budget and circulate it to all National Steering Committee Members within two weeks, while records of all expenditures be submitted to Governance and Leadership members before the next National Steering Committee meeting in December, 2021.

The meeting frowned at the slow pace in accessing the MDTF funding with respect to the development of the Beneficial Ownership Register. The NSC charged the Secretariat to follow up with the Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning (Finance Arm) and determine the implications for its continued delay to Nigeria in order to facilitate the release of MDTF.

The lingering internal crises at the Secretariat, with respect to insubordination and attending OGP/SFTAS meetings within and outside Abuja by some staff without recourse to the National Coordinator was stepped down by NSC and G&L Committee was mandated to look into it with a view to proffering lasting solutions.

The meeting was informed that the deployed staff to the OGP Secretariat have been screened and shortlisted by the National Coordinator. However, they are yet to report for duty because the requested Job description, induction, office working tools and enough allocated Secretariat office space for staff are yet to be concluded. National Steering Committee directed the National Coordinator to expedite work on the job descriptions of all OGP staff and induction by October, 2021 as well as ensure that pending office furnishings and working tools are procured for staff. It was also agreed that an induction/orientation workshop be held for both new and old staff of the OGP Secretariat by end of October, 2021.

NSC approved for the Secretariat to share the workplan of the SFTAS/OGP with donors and development partners for collaborations and sponsorship.

The meeting applauded Nigeria for its successful appointment for a second tenure of 3 years at the OGP Global Steering Committee starting from October 1st 2021. NSC directed the Secretariat to convene a press conference and do a press release on the achievement as well as ensure that the media reports are widely disseminated.

The meeting discussed the candidacy of Nigeria for the Chairmanship of the OGP Global Steering Committee which is being contested with Estonia on the 14th of October, 2021. The National Steering Committee instructed the National Coordinator to confirm the time of the campaign and also mandated the OGP National Coordinator to follow up and ensure that the Honourable Minister of State / Non State Actor Co-Chair links up to the Global Steering Committee meeting or he delegates the Hon Minister of Youth and Sports Development (Incoming-Chair NSA) in the event that he is unavailable, because the event is championed by high level policy players from across the world.

The meeting discussed the slow pace in developing and implementing a communication strategy for the OGP. The NSC directed the Committee set up for developing the communication strategy to conclude on its assignment and submit its report to the NSC through the National Coordinator by 8th October, 2021. The National Coordinator was also directed to follow up on the status of internet license payment to Galaxy backbone while the Honourable Minister of State Budget and National Planning volunteered to reach out to the Managing Director to expedite action on its delivery. In a related development, NSC instructed that the OGP Secretariat should ensure that all OGP official correspondences and communications be done using only the OGP official email. It was also instructed that the National Coordinator take charge in managing the official OGP email address. NSC also noted the customized Name tags and stationaries during the meeting as was earlier requested.

The meeting resolved 9th December, 2021 for the next NSC meeting while 7th of December, 2021 for the next G&L meeting.

BUSINESS

CBN EXCHANGE RATES

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

COMMODITIES PRICE (January 10, 2022)

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

BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES

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

By Chris Agabi

Nigeria lost N1.6trn to oil theft in 9 months – Elumelu

Between January 2021 and September 2021, Nigeria lost about \$4 billion (about N1.68 trillion) to crude oil theft in the Niger Delta region alone, according to Mr Tony Elumelu, the Chairman of Heirs Holding and UBA Group.

Heirs Holdings also has a huge interest in Nigeria's oil and gas industry operating under Heirs Oil & Gas with Tony Elumelu as its chairman.

Speaking as a guest lecturer at the National Defense College Course 30 lecture, Mr Elumelu said oil theft is threatening the corporate existence of Nigeria with huge cash in the hands of criminals. He spoke on the topic: "Strategic leadership: My business experience."

He said "Our oil and gas business is threatened by theft. Theft in the Niger Delta is a national menace. We will produce crude oil and the thieves will steal like 50,000 barrels per day. To me, it requires a national seminar and dialogue. In my opinion, it is one of the most lethal threats to our country because there is so much money in the hands of people who don't pay taxes and people you don't regulate. The country is not



Elumelu

safe" Mr. Elumelu said.

"Between three quarters of last year, between January to September 2021, Nigeria lost about \$4bn to thieves who don't pay tax and they will use the money to buy more lethal ammunition, posing threats to our cooperate existence" he warned.

He said Nigeria must be

deliberate about the right set of leaders to deal with the oil theft menace and other ills in the society adding that it requires strategic leadership to deal with issues such as this. This again, require strategic leadership" he further stated.

He also tasked the security agencies to confront the oil theft

menace by deploying strategic leadership capabilities.

Speaking on how he became a successful entrepreneur empowering thousands of people across Africa through the Tony Elumelu Foundation, he said he achieved his goals one at a time but with a clear vision, execution plan and based on timelines.

He also said his core principle is to reward hard work, competence, and dedication to duty without favouritism.

He said one of the things that kill morale in workers and destroy an organisation is having a reward system that rewards incompetent staff to the detriment of productivity based on sentiments and other misplaced considerations.

"Discrimination deprives the organisation of the needed drive and kills the soul of the organisation" he said.

He to be successful in businesses, set clear visions, articulate a plan to execute based on timelines and assemble the right team to make your vision happen.

Completion of Lekki Port will end Apapa gridlock – Sanwo-Olu

From Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos

The completion of the Lekki Port will put an end to the intractable Apapa gridlock, the congestion along Oshodi-Apapa Expressway, port access roads and Apapa environs, Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu of Lagos State has said.

Sanwo-Olu who spoke at the opening ceremony of the Africa Business Convention, organised by Business Day Newspaper at Eko Hotels and Suites, Victoria Island in Lagos stated that the final solution to Apapa gridlock will be the completion of Lekki Port.

He assured that several measures would be put in place to ensure Apapa is congestion-free, saying, "We need to change the officials regularly to ensure that there is no compromise in services rendered."

Having completed iconic projects within the state in the last two and half years, he mentioned that some of the infrastructural projects such as Lekki Deep Port, 4th Mainland Bridge, Red and Blue line rails and Imota Rice Mills, among others that are ongoing or in the pipeline, would be completed and become operational within the next 24 months.

According to the governor, the process leading to the commencement of the construction of the 4th Mainland Bridge, which starts from Badore in Ajah and ends in Ikorodu, would be completed before the second quarter of the year.

FG earns N1trn from privatisation – Osinbajo

By Zakariyya Adaramola

The federal government has realised N1trillion from sales of government companies since the inception of the National Council on Privatisation and its precursor (Technical Committee on Privatisation and Commercialisation (TCPC), Vice President Yemi Osinbajo has said.

Osinbajo disclosed this when he inaugurated the reconstituted National Council on Privatisation (NCP) in Abuja, the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) said in a statement on Tuesday.

"Nigeria has realised about N1trillion in proceeds for the federal purse, arising from completed transactions and reforms that have contributed significantly to the country's overall economic development", the vice president was quoted as saying.

Analysts have anticipated that the many previously state owned enterprises privatised were supposed to expand the private sector, provide infrastructure and utilities more effectively, and attract investment.

Unfortunately, privatisation has not had the result of turning Nigeria's owned enterprises

around. Several years after the breakup of the power authority and the eventual sale of the power firms, citizens and industries still don't have a reliable power supply.

Although the country has an installed capacity of 12,522 MW, it is only able to generate around 4,000 MW, which is insufficient for the population of 200 million. Added to that are price hikes, a variety of tariffs and estimated billing.

The Vice president tasked members of the reconstituted National Council of Privatisation (NCP) to tackle new transactions and reform activities of the federal government as well as resolve some of the thorny economic issues that are critical to the country's economic development.

The VP said, "The inauguration marks another milestone in our administration's drive towards economic rejuvenation and liberalisation as the pathway to unleashing the immense potential of Nigeria's economy."

He listed the thorny economic issues as current and emerging challenges in the reform of the National Electric Power, continuation of the reform in the River Basin Development Authorities and National Parks

sub-sector and reform of the transport sector.

While charging the members to conduct the reform programme in a transparent, sustainable, credible and widely accepted manner, Osinbajo who is also the NCP chairman noted that, "We are required to take appropriate steps to ensure that the interests of the various segments of our society, particularly the ordinary citizens, are protected in the implementation of the reform programme."

Apart from the vice president, who is the chairman, other statutory members of the reconstituted NCP are: the Vice Chairman and Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning, Mrs (Dr) Zainab Shamsuna Ahmed, Minister of Trade, Industry and Investment, Otunba Richard Adeniyi Adebayo, Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Mallam Abubakar Malami (SAN), Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF), Mr Boss Gida Mustapha, Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Mr Godwin Emefiele, and Special Adviser to the President on Economic Matters, Dr Adeyemi Dipeolu.

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

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

CROSSINGS DETAILS	STATION ▶	JERE	JERE	RUANA	RUANA	KUBWA	KUBWA	KAKAU	KAKAU	JERE	JERE	DUTSE	DUTSE	GIDAN	GIDAN
	TIME (HH:MM)	7:56	7:58	11:23	11:20	12:38	12:35	14:15	14:13	15:16	15:14	16:11	16:14	19:15	19:19
	DWELL TIME	7:59	Pass through	Pass through	11:24	Pass	Pass	Pass through	Pass through	Pass through	15:17	19:15	Pass through	19:20	Pass through

NEWS

Jetties operating illegally as container terminals – Importers

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

The Nigerian Importers Integrity Association (NIIA) yesterday raised the alarm over what they described as illegal activities around private jetties in Lagos.

The president of the association, Godwin Onyekazi, who made the disclosure, said some private jetties operating on the Kirikiri channel and oil service facilities

now engage in handling containers.

The group called on the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) and other relevant agencies including the Nigeria Customs Service, National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) and the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) to halt activities of unregulated private jetties and oil service centres that have converted their facilities to container terminals.

He said, "Hundreds

of empty containers are loaded from unlicensed jetties on the Kirikiri channel onto big barges which then discharge these containers in neighbouring countries.

"It is not clear who licensed these barge operators and the jetties, if these barges and jetties are registered with all relevant authorities and finally if they are paying the statutory dues to NPA and all other governmental agencies."

He said only port operators, concessioned by the federal government

through NPA, can engage in container handling operations. Loading of empties from any other facility is illegal and should be investigated.

"This trend is dangerous, as it poses serious economic and security implications for Nigeria. Who licensed the jetties as container terminals? Who is monitoring their activities? Nigeria is so volatile now that we cannot afford this sort of lapses in our port operation," Onyekazi noted.

Reps to FG: Prevent N100bn annual revenue loss from cocoa

By Balarabe Alkassim

industry.

The House of Representatives has called on the federal government to revamp cocoa production through a sound production and regulatory policy that will prevent estimated N100 billion revenue being lost annually.

This followed the adoption and passage of a motion moved by Ademurin Kuye (APC, Lagos) at the plenary on Tuesday.

Presenting the motion, he said the unregulated and liberalised cocoa industry is depriving cocoa farmers of yearly revenues as they are unable to collect the Living Income Differential (LID) of \$400 per tonne paid to cocoa farmers in other countries like Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire, apart from the cocoa floor prices that are paid by world cocoa buyers.

He lamented that despite the availability of arable land and climate to sustain cocoa production in Nigeria, the country has fallen down the line in the pecking order in Africa and the world respectively.

Kuye said: "Over 100 billion naira revenue is lost annually due to the federal government's non-commitment to find sustainable, executable solutions to problems bedeviling the cocoa

"Despite the cyclical ambivalence of oil, the country's major foreign exchange earner, the federal government has been unable to look into cocoa which is a potential growth sector that could serve as a buffer during periods of oil-induced recessions."

The lawmaker lamented that Nigeria was once the second-largest producer in the world with 450,000 tonnes, and cocoa was the country's top foreign exchange earner in the 1950s and 1960s before the discovery of crude oil in commercial quantities in the 1970s.

He added that the Nigerian cocoa market crashed in the 1990s when production fell to 170,000 tonnes and was also impacted by the Structural Adjustment Policies of the late 1980s including the dissolution of the Cocoa Marketing Board to liberalise its marketing trade and allow improved output and pricing.

He added: "The National Cocoa Development Committee, Established in December 1999 by the Obasanjo administration, was tasked to improve cocoa quality and increase production from 170,000 tonnes to 300,000 tonnes and 600,000 tonnes per annum in the short and long term respectively."

5 firms shortlisted for Lagos-Ibadan, Warri-Itakpe E-ticketing

From Abdulateef Aliyu, Lagos

The Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) has shortlisted five firms out of 24 that bid for the electronic-ticketing solutions for Lagos-Ibadan and Warri-Itakpe Standard Gauge Train services.

The five firms were unveiled yesterday as they went through the next stage of Request for Proposal.

Daily Trust reports that two firms were shortlisted for Lagos-Ibadan while three were shortlisted for the Warri-Itakpe train service.

This was in line with the plan of the federal government to automate and decentralise the ticketing system for the train services which have since been running.

At the formal opening of the bids

for the five shortlisted companies, the NRC Director of Procurement, Mr Ben Iloanus, said after advertising for the e-ticketing project of Lagos-Ibadan and Warri-Itakpe Standard Gauge operations, the corporation shortlisted based on the evaluation of the whole expression of interest.

He said the corporation then selected five of the bidders.

According to him, the NRC had moved to the next stage of issuing Requests For Proposal (RFP) which would analyze the technical solution and the financial strength of the bidders.

The Director, Transport Infrastructure of the Infrastructure Regulatory Commission (ICRC), Dr. Emmanuel Onwodi, commended

the NRC for its diligence and transparency in the exercise.

He said the commission was running a two-stage process with the idea of coming up with a preferred bidder that would go into partnership with the federal government to deliver the secure solution for the running of the e-ticketing.

"What we have done before now is the Request for Qualification (RFQ) at the end of the exercise. We have pre-qualified five firms and we have issued them requests for proposals, meaning that they have been asked to submit their technical and financial bids," he stated.

He said both NRC and ICRC intended to come up with a preferred and reserved bidder.

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■ Chairman Gerawa Rice Mill, Alahji Isa Gerawa (4th left); Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria, Mr Godwin Emefiele; Kano State Governor, Dr Abdullahi Umar Ganduje; Kebbi State Governor, Senator Abubakar Bagudu; Jigawa State Governor, Alhaji Abubakar Badaru at the unveiling ceremony of the Gerawa Rice Mill at Gunduwawa village, Kano yesterday

Gerawa's 420 tons rice mill worth N15bn commissioned in Kano

From Ibrahim Musa Giginyu, Kano

The Governor of Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Godwin Emefiele, has commissioned a 420 metric tons per day mega rice mill in Kano State constructed by Gerawa Group of Companies.

Speaking during the commissioning of the mill and the foundation laying of additional 560 metric tons rice mill, the CBN governor stated that before 2015, Nigeria has less than 10 functional integrated mills with a combined capacity of less than 350,000 metric tons, but with the coming of President Muhammadu Buhari-led administration, the statistic has grown to over 60 integrated mills with a combined capacity of over N3 million metric tons.

The CBN governor added that there are about 10 new integrated mills scheduled to be commissioned this year, adding that the growing number of integrated mills has been complemented by hundreds of small scale mills located across the states of the federation in an effort towards the nation's food security.

Speaking during the occasion, Chairman, Gerawa Group of Companies, Alhaji Isa Muhammed Gerawa stated that the establishment of the rice mill has been

a testimony of the efficacy of the federal government's agricultural development policies that encourage farming and other related activities with support from the CBN. He added that the intended 560 metric tons capacity rice mill will be completed in November, 2022.

The financier of the project, Fidelity Bank, said it was proud to be associated with the project because of its potential to not only improve the lives of many small-holder farmers in Kano, Jigawa and environs but to also develop the country's rice value chain and ensure food security.

Speaking through its Managing Director/CEO, Mrs Nneka Onyeali-Ikpe, who was represented at the event by its Executive Director, Northern Businesses, Hassan Imam, said it has facilitated the disbursement of over N34 billion in direct credit to players in the value chain.

While laying the foundation of the 560 metric tons capacity mill, Governor Abdullahi Umar Ganduje stated that Kano State being the most populated state in the country has provided a conducive environment for businesses to thrive. He added that Kano State government will continue to support investments that will ensure economic growth and national development.

Bayelsa, Sterling, others sign \$5m pact for drone technology drug supplies

From Bassey Willie, Yenagoa

Bayelsa State government has signed an agreement with a consortium comprising Zipline Global Leaders, Sterling Bank, Health Spaces and DrugStoc for the Bayelsa Health Supply Chain Transformation Project (BHSCTP).

The project is aimed at using drone technology to supply drugs to the hospitals in the state, especially those areas that are not accessible by road.

The project, estimated at \$5million to be provided by the firms, is expected to provide a 21st-century supply system and other

supply chains using drone technology in the distribution of cost-effective pharmaceuticals in the state.

Speaking during the MoU signing yesterday in Yenagoa, Governor Douye Diri charged the stakeholders in the project to ensure that it comes on stream to boost distribution of pharmaceuticals, particularly in remote communities in the state.

He identified access to healthcare as a major challenge and urged the consortium to deploy the technology to create access for residents in far-flung communities.

He said: "We would like to see the drones fly to Koluama,

Korokorosei, Egbemodrone, Angalabiri and to every nook and cranny of the state to solve the issue of access to pharmaceutical products."

Also speaking, the Zipline Senior Vice President (Africa), Daniel Marfo, explained that Zipline and the other two firms were coming together to provide a supply chain that is adaptive, resilient and serves the health needs of the people in the area of health product distribution.

He said the project is a \$5million investment by the consortium members to improve access to healthcare, adding that products could be provided within 30 minutes upon request.

AFEX reopens N100bn funding series to bolster Africa's agro-processors

From Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos

Nigeria's first private sector commodities exchange and leading commodities market player, AFEX, has announced the reopening of its \$240m (100bn) Asset-Backed Commercial Paper (ABCP) to help strengthen Nigeria's agriculture sector by offering low-cost financing to agro-processors to bridge the funding gap between lenders and borrowers.

The new funding is AFEX's second in a three-year commercial paper program that started in Q4 2021, where \$65m (27bn) was raised while seeking to raise an additional \$175m (73bn) for processors unable to borrow in the commercial paper markets.

ABCP on the other hand is a short-term debt instrument typically providing investors with a competitive 15per cent return on their investment, while maturity is up to 270 days.

While banks or other financial institutions issue the security itself, the ABCP Notes are sponsored by AFEX Commodities Exchange and the proceeds of the issuance is used by AFEX Investment Limited.

According to the CEO of AFEX, Ayodeji Balogun, AFEX has a strong track record in offering distinctively differentiated and innovative financial instruments to the marketplace, adding that the new ABCP will help bridge the gap between agro-processors and investors.

Nigeria's tax to GDP ratio lowest globally – Osinbajo

By Abbas Jimoh

Vice President Prof. Yemi Osinbajo has said Nigeria's tax to Gross Domestic Products (GDP) ratio is the lowest in the world at 8 per cent.

Osinbajo who stated this on Tuesday in Abuja while declaring open the Chartered Institute of Taxation (CITN) Annual Public Lecture to mark its 40th anniversary, said its comparators are in the threshold of about 15% to 25%.

The vice president was represented by the Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning,

Mrs Zainab Shamsuna Ahmed, who on her part was represented by the Permanent Secretary in the ministry, Mallam Ahmed Aliyu. He said that tax collection has improved to the extent that FIRS exceeded its target for Year 2021 with N6.450 trillion from both oil and non-oil revenues.

"Nigeria's tax to GDP ratio is one of the lowest in the world. It is at about 8 per cent while our comparators are in the neighbourhood of about 15 percent to 25 percent. Even in Africa we can surely do better. This is symptomatic of undue reliance on oil revenue as a

result of fiscal imbalances in our nation's financial landscape."

He said the government was happy with the results of sustained efforts towards enhanced tax compliance despite the global economic challenges occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic and the disruption of economic activities by 2020 protests.

Speaking earlier, the president of CITN, Adesina Adedayo, said that the institute is adding value to national development in regulating the tax profession and bringing taxation issues to the front burner.



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CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA ON BEHALF OF DMO OFFERS NIGERIAN TREASURY BILLS

Notice is hereby given by the Central Bank of Nigeria on behalf of DMO that the Federal Government of Nigeria Treasury Bills of 91, 182 and 364-day tenors amounting to N4,116,905,000; N3,745,689,000 and N90,148,205,000 respectively would be issued by Dutch auction on Thursday, February 10, 2022.

All Money Market Dealers should submit bids through the CBN S4 WEB INTERFACE between 8.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 09, 2022.

Each bid must be in multiple of N1,000 subject to a minimum of N50,001,000. Authorized Money Market Dealers can submit multiple bids. A bid may be for authorized Money Market Dealers own account, non-Money Market Dealers or interested members of the public. The result of the auction would be announced by 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 09, 2022. The Bank reserves the right to reject any bid.

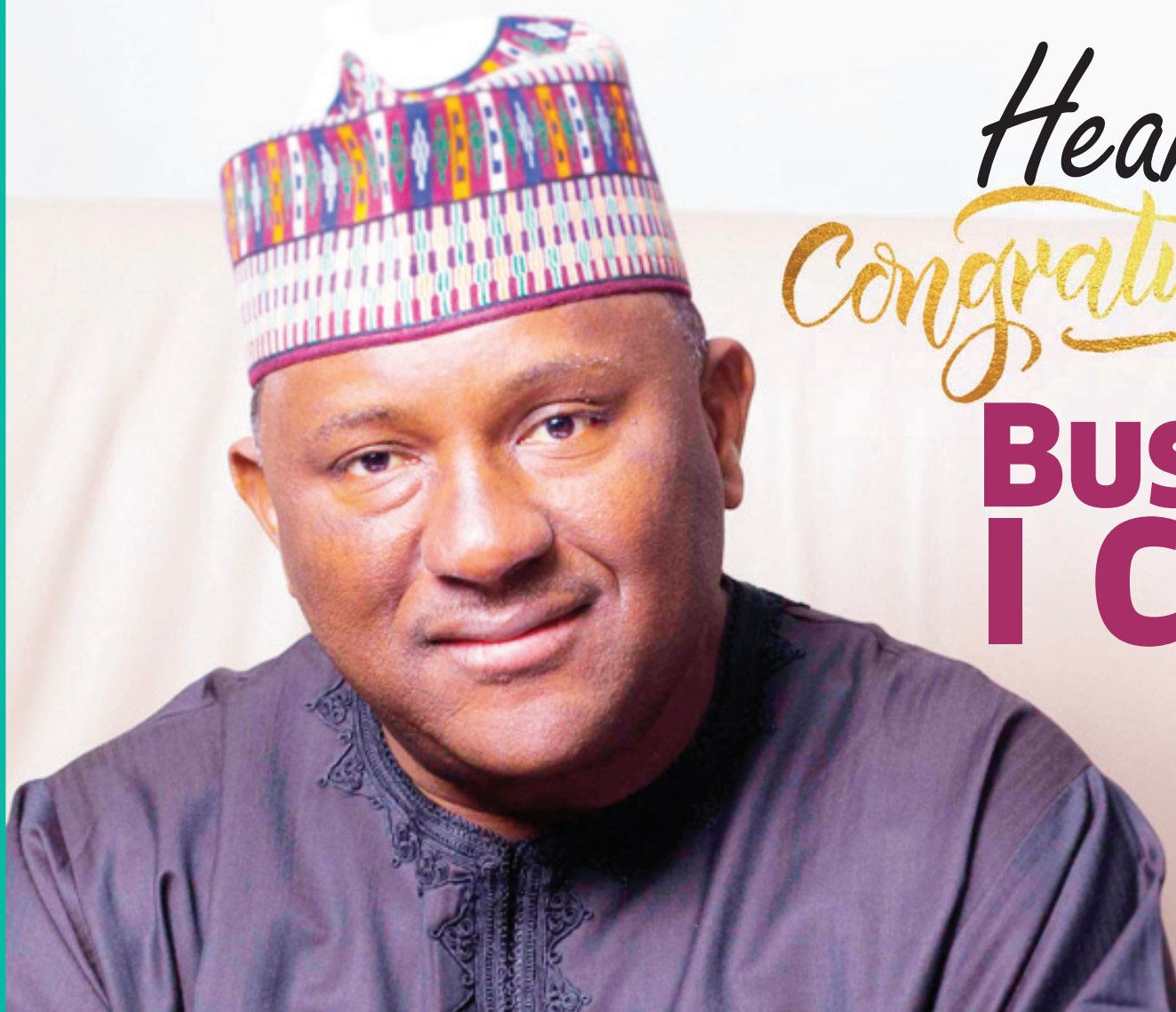
Allotment letters would be issued for successful bids on Thursday, February 10, 2021, while payment for the successful bids should be made to your account with Central Bank of Nigeria not later than 11.00 a.m. on Thursday, February 10, 2022.

The Bank reserves the right to vary the amount on offer in line with market realities prevailing as at the period of auction of the Nigerian Treasury Bills.

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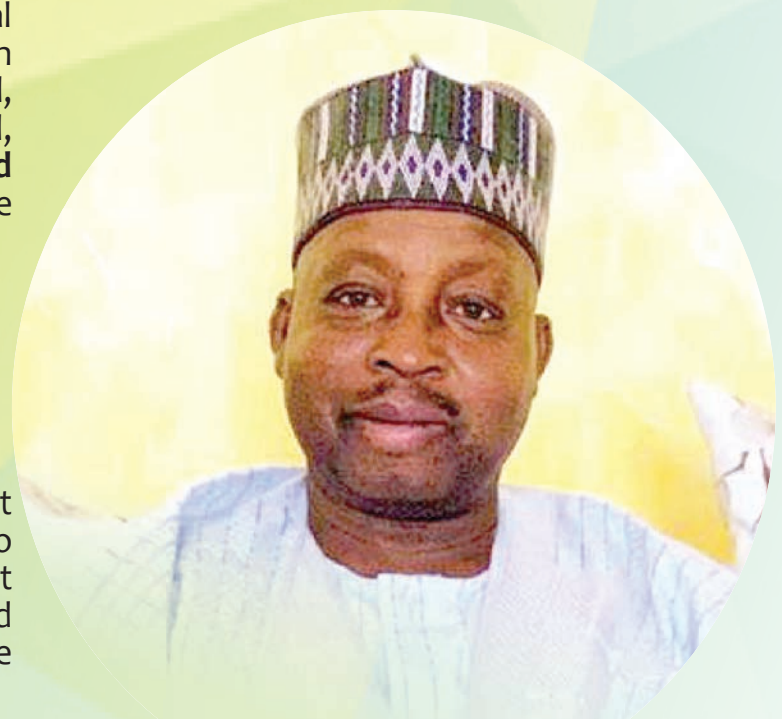
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Senate okays bill barring Abuja landlords from collecting annual rent

By Abdullateef Salau

The Senate yesterday passed for second reading, a bill seeking to regulate rent payments in the Federal Capital Territory.

The bill, sponsored by Senator Smart Adeyemi (APC, Kogi), sought to reduce advance payment for new tenants to three months and

thereafter, proceed with the monthly payment scheme.

It also sought to protect low income earners from any form of oppression by homeowners as well as provide a safety net for landlords against erring tenants.

Adeyemi said the bill was to cushion the effect of outrageous rents on properties on residents in the FCT.

He said: "Some of the landlords have even started threatening me to do one or two things against me if I proceed with the bill and I just laughed.

"When you take up this type of job, it is between you and your God. We shouldn't be afraid of what anybody could do to us."

Senator Aliyu Sabi Abdullahi (APC, Niger) described the

proposed law as people-centred bill and urged his colleagues to support its passage.

Senators Ibrahim Gobir (Sokoto) and Bala Ibn Na'Allah (APC, Kebbi) supported the bill.

Only Senator Chimaroke Nnamani (PDP, Enugu) opposed the bill, saying rents are determined by market forces like cost of acquiring land and building materials.

Reps recommend N308m compensation for extrajudicial killings by Customs

By Balarabe Alkassim

The House of Representatives has recommended that the Nigeria Customs Service pay N308m to victims of separate incidents involving locals and its men in Jibia, Katsina State and communities in Ibarapa and Iseyin in Oyo State.

It also called for sanctions against men of the service involved in the incidents that led to the death of the victims.

This followed the adoption of the recommendation of a report on the incidents presented by the House Committee on Customs and Excise yesterday.

The chairman of the committee, Leke Abejide, presented the report on the investigative hearing on the murder of innocent people in Jibia by men of the NCS on August 9, 2021.

The committee recommended that the families of each of the 10 persons that died in Jibia incident be compensated with N20m and the 13 injured people be paid N2m each as compensation.

The committee also recommended that the families of deceased victims of Igangan, Igboora, Ayete, Tapa in Ibarapa Area as well as Iseyin in Oyo State be compensated with N20m and N2m for the injured victims.

The families of four people who died in the incidents are to be paid N80m; while the injured person in the Iseyin incident is to receive N2m.

The committee also recommended that the officers involved be brought to book, prosecuted and punished accordingly to serve as a deterrent to others.



■ From left: Abdulsalam Badamasi of the USAID-funded Strengthening Civic Advocacy and Local Engagement Projects (SCALE); Dr. Adesina Fagbenro and Executive Director, Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre (PLAC), Clement Nwankwo during a meeting on "Closing Civic Space: Effect on Advocacy and Freedom to Participate in Governance" held in Abuja on Monday

FG launches N62bn HIV Trust Fund

By Ojoma Akor

The Federal Government, in collaboration with the private sector, yesterday launched the N62.1bn HIV Trust Fund of Nigeria.

The Fund is geared towards sustainable mobilization of resources from the private sector towards ending AIDS in Nigeria, particularly in the prevention of mother-to-child transmission.

President Muhammadu Buhari, who launched the Fund in Abuja, said he hoped the private sector and other partners would surpass the N62.5bn target in the next five years.

He noted that ending AIDS is a public health priority in Nigeria requiring increased domestic funding.

Director-General, National Agency for the Control of AIDS,

Gambo Aliyu, said the Nigeria AIDS Indicator and Impact Survey showed that two million Nigerians were living with HIV out of which 800,000 had been identified and placed on treatment as of three years ago.

He said in the last three years, the Federal Government had placed an additional 900,000 persons on treatment, bringing the total number of people living with HIV, identified and placed on treatment, to 1.7 million.

He said: "This puts Nigeria on a fast track lane to control the HIV spread by 2023 seven years earlier than the global target of 2030."

He said despite this, the national coverage of prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV was less than 50 percent leading to about 22,000 new cases of mother to child transmission of HIV every year

in the county.

The Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha, said about 80 percent of funding for HIV in the country had been from donor funding with the private sector contributing about one to two percent; while the government provided the rest.

Dr Herbert Wigwe, board chairman of the HIV Trust Fund of Nigeria, said: "The HIV Trust Fund of Nigeria is a private sector driven platform that would only reduce the burden of HIV/AIDS in our society but also prevent mother to child transmission."

Alhaji Aliko Dangote, Chairman, Board of Trustees of Dangote Foundation, said the money raised for the Fund would be used to get pregnant women tested and place those who tested positive on treatment, among others.

NBC suspends popular FM/TV programme, Idon Mikiya

By Faruk Shuaibu & Zakariyya Adaramola

The National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) has suspended a popular current affairs programme of Vision FM, Idon Mikiya, for six months.

The station was also fined N5m.

This was contained in a letter signed by the NBC Director-General, Balarabe Shehu Ilelah, addressed to the Managing Director of Vision Media Service Limited.

The letter said the suspension took effect from January 28.

The suspension, according to the letter, was after the NBC monitored the broadcast of Idon Mikiya programme on January 5 on both Vision FM and Farin Wata TV.

"Your discussion on issue, including appointments at the National Intelligence Agency (NIA), constitutes a breach of the provision of section 39(3) (b) of the 1999 constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, which imposes restrictions on matters concerning government security services or agencies established by law.

"Transmitting the trade secrets or other issues regarding a national security agency amounts to an act prejudicial to national security contrary to the above section cited.

"Recall that the commission has invited the management of Vision FM severally bothering on issues of balance, fairness and presenter bearing opinion, which are violations of the following Sections of the Nigeria Broadcasting Code" the letter read.

When contacted, the Managing Director, Vision Media Services, Shuaibu Mungadi, confirmed receiving the letter, saying the company had complied with the suspension order.

He, however, said the station committed no infraction: "If you read the section in question, you'll see that we've not violated any law. It was actually the NBC that violated the law, not Vision Media Services. So, there was no infraction anywhere."

On the N5m fine, Mungadi said: "I'm not sure we'll meet the fine itself because I don't know how much money is placed on that programme."

"So, if you suspend it, that means you already suspended our means of income. It's the mainstay of our company and if suspended, it also negates the federal government's claim that it's trying to provide jobs because we have 7 radio stations with one TV station.

"If you close down these stations due this fine, definitely, hundreds of people will lose jobs, and I'm not sure we have the money for now," he said.



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The company's appreciation also goes to all captains of industries, heads of corporate organizations and all invited guests present at the grand occasion.



We wish everyone a safe trip back to their respective destinations and we will also like to restate here that we all appreciate your presence and may God reward you all.

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DISCLAIMER ON HON. ABDULLAHI S. MAJE AND PURPORTED ALGON INTERIM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (IMC)

It has come to the attention of the National Executive Council (NEC) and the Board of Trustees of the Association of Local Governments of Nigeria (ALGON) that one Hon. Abdullahi S. Maje, who is not a member of ALGON NEC or the Chairman of Niger State Chapter of ALGON, but the council chairman of Suleja LGA, Niger State; in cohorts with some persons has continued to parade himself as the Chairman of a non-existent Interim Management Committee ("IMC"). Hon. Abdullahi Maje and his cohorts are currently plotting to conduct an illegitimate election for already extant National Executive offices of ALGON.

For clarification, ALGON as a responsible and responsive Association wishes the general public and Law Enforcement agencies to please note as follows:

1. That Hon AlabiKolade David Esq is the current National President of ALGON and also the Chairman of Lagos State Chapter of ALGON.
2. That the Interim Management Committee (IMC) is not mentioned in and is completely alien to ALGON's Constitution.
3. That there is currently in existence a duly constituted ALGON National Executive Committee (Exco) and National Executive Council (NEC).
4. That an FCT High Court Judgment of 29th March 2021 has nullified IMC and declared its membership null and void.
5. That a Federal High Court Order of 20th December 2021 has thrown out a case filed by Abdullahi Maje to uphold the purported IMC.
6. The general public is advised to beware of attempts by Abdullahi Maje to fraudulently obtain funds using ALGON's name; as ALGON does not engage in soliciting funds for its programmes and activities.
7. That ALGON is an Association of diverse political parties drawn from a broad spectrum but unified by a firm commitment to grassroots development.
8. That only ALGON NEC (meaning the 36 State Chapter Chairmen) or the National President (Hon. AlabiKolade David) or 18 State Chapters of the Association, can summon an Emergency or Extraordinary meeting of the

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9. The public is advised to please note that neither the ALGON NEC, nor the National President, nor 18 State Chapters of ALGON, have summoned any ALGON Emergency or Extra-Ordinary meeting for any purpose whatsoever.
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11. That all communications and enquiries pertaining to ALGON and its activities should be directed to its National Secretariat (under the headship of ALGON Director General Hajiya Binta Bello Adamu) located at 6th Floor, WAEC Building, No. 10 Zambezi Crescent, Maitama, Abuja, Federal Capital Territory – ALGON shall not accept responsibility otherwise.

Thank you for your attention.

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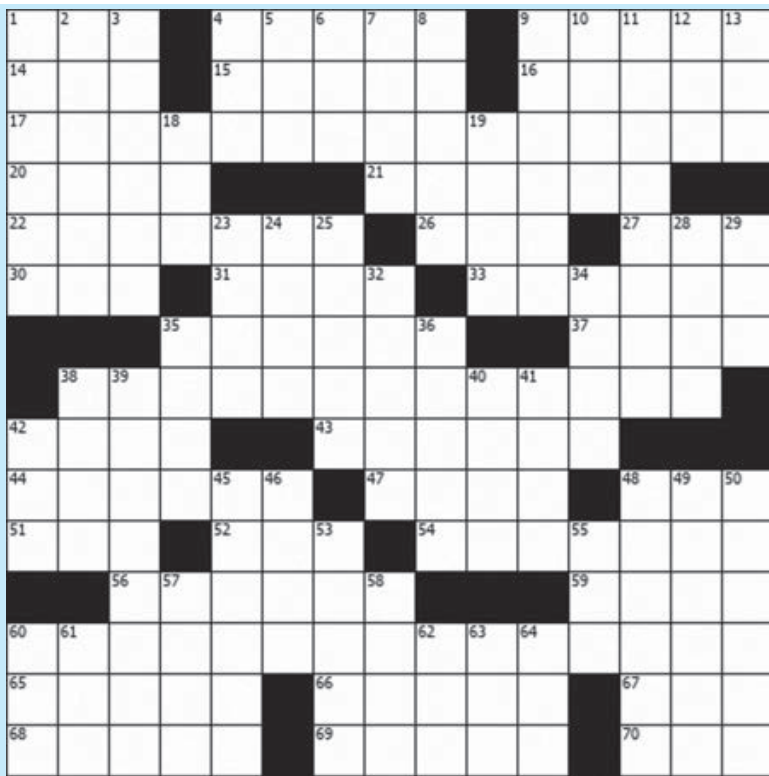
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EASY CROSSWORD >>



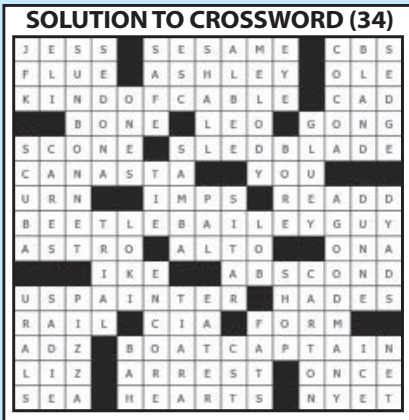
Across

- 1. Made with, in cookery
- 4. Apple orchard pest
- 9. "The Mikado" locale
- 14. Dusting cloth
- 15. Cheek reddener
- 16. Tape over
- 17. Start of a quip
- 20. Amo, amas, ____
- 21. Lubes anew
- 22. South Dakota senator Tom
- 26. "Without question!"
- 27. Where Androcles's lion had a thorn
- 30. Tiny six-footer
- 31. Pitches in
- 33. Holy springtime Tuesday
- 35. World War II bloc
- 37. Nearly rainless
- 38. More of the quip
- 42. Be deficient in
- 43. Bombastic
- 44. Make a minister of
- 47. Adjective on an Ivory wrapper
- 48. UV ray-blocking stat
- 51. Willie Winkie description
- 52. Prof's org.
- 54. Like Handel's music
- 56. Platforms resembling steps
- 59. Balladeer Ives

Down

- 1. Historic Spanish fleet
- 2. He isn't in the business
- 3. Horror-stricken
- 4. Word with hole or pit
- 5. Creator of the Ushers
- 6. The Howells' home
- 7. Aircraft designer Sikorsky
- 8. Disney duckling
- 9. Like Jackie Mason or Alan King
- 10. Shrinking Asian sea
- 11. Jet-setter's document

- 12. Braying beast
- 13. "The Matrix" character
- 18. Sold without an M.D.'s prescription
- 19. Opposing votes
- 23. Sentry's cry
- 24. 1953 Mel Ferrer musical
- 25. Sovereign decree
- 28. Name on airport signs
- 29. Took a spouse
- 32. Establish
- 34. Narc's assault
- 35. "The Thin Man" pooch
- 36. Poison oak, e.g.
- 38. Seldom encountered
- 39. Support from below
- 40. City on the Ganges
- 41. Stadium area
- 42. Amaze
- 45. Shoe cushion



SUDOKU >>

How to play: The number 1 through 9 will appear once only in each row, column, and 3 x 3 zone. There are 9 such zones in each sudoku grid. There is only one correct Solution to each sudoku.

Good luck!

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Solution to Sudoku 34

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SNAPSHOT >>

Sahara desert blanketed in rare snowfall as temperatures plunge to -2C



Stunning images of sand dunes in the Sahara desert covered in snow have been captured by a photographer. The desert is more commonly known for its hot and dry climate so this incredible sight is very rare occurrence. Temperatures had plummeted to -2C when Karim Bouchetata took the photos on Tuesday near the town of Ain Sefra in northwest Algeria yesterday. The area has seen snow before due to it being surrounded by the Atlas Mountains and 1,000 metres above sea level. But the phenomenon is still rare as it has seen snow just five times in the last 24 years - in 1979, 2016, 2018 and 2021. The ice created stunning patterns in the sand but there possible wasn't enough of the white stuff to build a lifesize snowman or an igloo. The Sahara Desert covers most of Northern Africa. The desert has gone through temperature and moisture changes over the past few hundred thousand years, but snow rarely occurs because there is not usually enough water in the air for it despite it being able to get very cold at night. Katim also captured pictures of the Sahara Desert covered in snow in January last year. Sheep and camels were also seen standing on the snowy dunes as temperatures dipped to -3C. In 2016 snow fell in the area and children made snowmen and even sledged on the sand dunes. Two years later the desert was covered in 18 inches deep snow after a freak winter storm - the second showing of the white stuff for 37 years.

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■ Chairman Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Professor Mahmood Yakubu (left), and Security personnel during the inter-agency consultative committee security meeting held at the INEC headquarters Abuja yesterday



Hijab: There's 'sinister plot' to frustrate Muslim girl's education – Coalition

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

A coalition of Muslim organizations yesterday said there was a “sinister design” to frustrate the education of Muslim girl-child over what it called the “persistent discrimination” against the use of Hijab.

The coalition comprising 20 Muslim organizations in Lagos made the declaration during a press conference to commemorate the World Hijab Day held at the Lagos Secretariat Central Mosque.

The coalition however urged the president, governors, the National Assembly and state assemblies as well as the Judiciary and all regulatory authorities “to uphold the provisions of the constitution and other relevant laws, to ensure that Hijab wearing Muslim Women are not harassed and discriminated against.”

Executive Director, Hijab Rights Advocacy Initiative, Hajia Mutiat Orolu-Balogun, who addressed newsmen on behalf of other 20 Islamic organizations, declared that they would not back down in their advocacy against discriminating of

Hijab wearing Muslim women.

She lamented that 10 years after the commemoration of World Hijab Day began and the various efforts made by the coalition, the discrimination still continued.

Orolu-Balogun said, “It is common knowledge that when Muslim women are found at the lower strata of the society or are uneducated, no one pays attention to how they are dressed.

“However, we find most opposition to when Muslim women and girls want to get an education, employment or public services open to all citizens their Hijab is in question. I cannot but agree with the quote, “The consistent denial of Muslim girls’ Right to Hijab seems to follow a grand and sinister design to discourage Muslim girls from Education by those who wanted them permanently at the background so as not to contribute positively to family, community, National and Global development.”

“This can be the only logical conclusion one can reach when some federal government colleges like Queens College and many government owned schools still

ask Muslim girls to choose between their faith and getting educated; both of which are not mutually exclusive.

“The principals of these schools have ascribed unholy power unto themselves and have defied the law, court judgments, and good conscience and even the laws setting them up, by denying the right to wear the Hijab by these students.

“Despite all these challenges, Muslim women and girls have worked three times as hard, shown commitment and resilience, and are now trailblazing in their chosen fields.”

The coalition however called for a re-orientation of Nigerians on their rights and that of other citizens to be carried out by the relevant agency as a matter of urgency.

They also asked President Muhammadu Buhari to compel all regulatory authorities and bodies to prevent their staff and agents from discriminating against Hijab wearing Muslim women and refusing them services because of the Hijab, and adding punitive measures in order to forestall this issue from recurring exponentially.

...Another urges N/Assembly to pass religious discrimination prohibition bill

By Abbas Jimoh

The Coalition of Nigerian Muslim Women has urged the National Assembly to pass the Religious Discrimination Prohibition Prevention Bill 2021 to protect the rights of females to adorn hijab in public.

The coalition made the call on Tuesday in Abuja at a press conference marking the ninth World Hijab Day Worldwide.

This year's commemoration was themed ‘Hijab is our Crown, not our Crime

#DressedNotOppressed.’

A member of the Women in Da'awah who read the coalition's position, Hajiya Maryam Ahman, said the bill, which had passed second reading since March 2021, would provide a mechanism for enforcing certain provisions of the constitution and other international laws that recognise the right of women to wear hijab.

She said, “We call on the National Assembly to introduce and pass laws that serve the interest of all

citizens and which protect the rights and freedoms of all to education, health, employment, finance, home ownership, careers regardless of what one wears.

“We ask that the ministries take a decisive action by issuing and re-issuing circulars to these schools to remind and caution them to protect this right of girls and ladies to wear hijab in schools and universities,” Ahman said.

She urged the National Youth Service Corps to

introduce an optional set of uniform for Muslim female corps members that desire to appear in modest clothing as hijab is concerned.

She said the current dress kit issued to corps members needed to be reviewed to recognise the right of Muslim corps members to conform to their values.

Also, the coordinator of the coalition, Hajiya Rahmatu Musa Sani, urged parents to ensure the training of their children according to the tenants and values of Islam.

Makinde okays hijab wearing in Oyo

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

The Oyo State Governor, Seyi Makinde, has said female students in public schools in the state can wear hijab if they wish.

He described Hijab as “a covering which not only beautifies the wearer but also helps in advancing decency in the society.”

Makinde stated this in a statement issued by his Special Assistant on Islamic Affairs, Imam AbdRasheed AbdAzeez,

to mark this year's World Hijab Day.

He noted that his administration would not oppose activities and practices that would promote godliness and modesty.

Makinde, who reiterated that female Muslim students who wished to wear hijab in public schools in Oyo State had not been denied their right to do so, cited the School of Nursing, Eleyele and College of Nursing and Midwifery, Eleyele, Ibadan

as a few of the examples.

On the theme of this year's celebration ‘Hijab is our crown, not a crime,’ the governor said no female Muslim should be harassed in Oyo State for wearing hijab.

He said, “I have instructed those in positions of authority in the state's public service and across all our public schools not to intimidate or harass anyone because of their religious beliefs or practices. Our government is god-fearing and we will

continue to preach religious tolerance, equality, and justice, which will further engender peaceful coexistence, love, and togetherness.

“As the theme of this year's celebration suggests, hijab is the pride of every female Muslim and it remains sacrosanct.”

The governor appealed to various religious heads and leaders to always seek engagement with the state government on any issue in order to avoid a crisis.

Ekiti guber: INEC bars Boot Party, clears 17 others

... Identifies security risks to FCT poll

By Abbas Jimoh

The Independent National Electoral Commission has rejected the outcome of the primary conducted by the Boot Party (BP) to elect its candidate for the June 18 governorship election of Ekiti State.

INEC Chairman, Prof. Mahmood Yakubu, said this in Abuja yesterday during the Inter-Agency Consultative Committee on Election Security.

He said the BP was barred as its primary was not monitored by INEC.

He said, “In the case of the Ekiti State governorship election, the period earmarked in the Timetable and Schedule of Activities for party primaries ended three days ago on 29th January 2022.

“All 18 political parties served notices for their party primaries to elect their candidates for the election and invited the commission to monitor them.

“One party adopted the direct method for electing its candidate while 16 parties opted for the indirect method. However, from our field report, the Boot Party (BP) did not hold its primary election at any venue known to, and monitored by, the commission. “Consequently, we do not expect the party to nominate a candidate for the Ekiti State Governorship election.”

Yakubu warned political parties to strictly adhere to the commission's timelines for all activities, including the conduct of primaries and nomination of candidates.

FG'll honour agreements with ASUU – Buhari

● As NIREC seeks resumption of talks

By Muideen Olaniyi

President Muhammadu Buhari yesterday expressed the commitment of the Federal Government to honouring agreements reached with the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU).

He spoke in Abuja while receiving members of the Nigeria Inter-Religious Council (NIREC) led by its co-chairs, the Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar III, and the president of the Christian Association of Nigeria, Rev. Samson Olasupo Ayokunle.

Buhari said the decision to honour the agreements was to prevent disruptive strikes, engender uninterrupted academic programmes and improve funding of educational institutions.

He lauded the leadership of NIREC for intervening in the year-long strike by ASUU and holding consultations with the parties, saying no society which wishes itself well neglects its educational system and all its component parts.

Buhari, in a statement by his spokesman, Femi Adesina, said NIREC should, in its subsequent consultations with members of ASUU, tell them that the government regards them and the service they provide to the nation very highly.

“My administration is committed to this engagement and dialogue, and I urge them to stay the course towards a joint resolution in the best interest of our children and nation,” he said.

CAN President, while speaking on behalf of the council, said the meeting with Buhari was to avert strikes in the universities and the challenges of ASUU.

The NIREC leadership, while acknowledging that some of the issues had been addressed by the government, appealed to Buhari to direct immediate return to the table to conclude the re-negotiation of the 2009 agreement.



INNA LILLAHI WA INNA ILAIHI RAJIUN



The Board, Management and Staff of Nigerian Shippers' Council regret to announce the untimely demise of Mr. Faisal Muazu Mohammed on Tuesday, 7th December, 2021.

Until his death, he served in the Trade Services Division of Consumers Affairs Department as Deputy Director.

He has since been buried according to Islamic rites.

We pray that Almighty Allah grants him Aljanna Firdaus

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BABANI: I, formerly known as MUHAMMAD ABUBAKAR now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMADU BABANI. All former documents remain valid. Bank and the General public should please take note.

TYAVNUM: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS FAITH ENECHUJO IKANI DANIEL NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS TYAVNUM TERLUMUN NICHOLAS. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

EZE: I, formerly known and addressed as AKUECHE JULIET ONYENATURUCHI now wish to be known and addressed as EZE JULIET ONYENATURUCHI. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known as MUSTAFA BASHAR but now wish to be known and addresses as MUSTAFA BASHAR and that my correct date of birth is 22nd FEBRUARY, 1996. Not 1st JANUARY, 1992. All my former document to remain General public, Financial institution and All Authorities concern should please take note.

I formerly known as OLASUPO OLUWI wish to be known and addressed as PHILIP OLASUPO OLUWI All my documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should take note.

I formerly known, addressed as SHETTIMA LAWAN GAMBO, now wish to be called and addressed as SHETTIMA GAMBO LAWAN. All former documents to remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

AISHA: I was formerly known as AISHA MUHAMMAD now wish to be known and addressed as AISHA ALIYU. All former documents remain valid General Public and Authorities concerned should take note

OLORUNTOBA: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS FAITH ENECHUJO IKANI JAMES, NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS FAITH Enechjo Benjamin Aina Olorunto. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

GEOFFREY: I, formerly known and addressed as HAR AONDONA now wish to be known and addressed as HAR GEOFFREY AONDONA. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known as ALIYU KABIR but now wish to be known and addresses as ALIYU KABIR SANI all my former document to remain General public, Financial institution and All Authorities concern should please take note.

I formerly known as DEBORAH ABOSEDE SAMUEL, wish to be known and addressed as DEBORAH SAMUEL. All my documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should take note.

ISAH: I formerly known, addressed as MUHAMMED AMINU, now wish to be called and addressed as ISAH ABDULBAKI. All former documents to remain valid. General public, NIN and authorities concerned should please take note.

BABA: I, formerly known as MAKAMA AHMAD BABA now wish to be known and addressed as MOHAMMED AHMED BABA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as Miss Joy Owere Ikpehi, now wish to be known and address as Mrs Joy Okpeje Odeh. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

IDOWN: I formerly known and addressed as SALIU HALIMAT SALIMAN. Now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULHAFAEEZ HALIMAT IDOWN. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as BELLO HUSSAINI but now wish to be known and addresses as USAINI BELLO and that my correct date of birth is 2nd OCTOBER, 2000. Not 1st JANUARY, 1992. All my former document to remain General public, Financial institution and All Authorities concern should please take note.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS ABBAS UMAR NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS ABBAS ABUBAKAR ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID AUTHORITY CONCERN AND GENERAL PUBLIC TO NOTE

I formerly known as ANOZIE EBERENNA HELEN, now wish to be known and addressed as EBHO EBERENNA HELEN. All former documents remain valid. General Public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

ANCHAU: I formerly known as ADAM ABDULLAHI SANI now wish to be known and addressed as ADAM ABDULLAHI SANI ANCHAU. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

My name was wrongly captured in my BVN as IBRAHIM AMINA, instead of my correct name IBRAHIM AMINA MUHAMMAD. Concern authorities and the general public should please take note.

EGBUNU: I, formerly known and called EGBUNU ALHAJI, now wish to be known and called EGBUNU SAMBO ALHAJI. former documents remain valid. Stanbic IBTC Bank plc. My date of birth 5 June 2003 and not 1 January 1986 and the general public should please to take note.

I formerly known as MARIAM IBRAHIM but now wish to be known and addresses as MARYAM MUSA all my former document to remain General public, Financial institution and All Authorities concern should please take note.

I formerly known as FATIMA ABDULLAHI, Now wish to be known and called as RAMATU USMANU, D.O.B 01/01/1997 Not 09/05/1991. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

RECONCILIATION OF NAMES: This is to formally inform the general public that UMORU JOY and UMORU JOY NDOMA belong to one person. I was formerly known as UMORU JOY and now wish to be called and addressed as UMORU JOY NDOMA. All documents bearing the names remain valid. The general public, concerned Institutions, and banks to take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH: MUSTAPHA. This is to state that my correct name and date of birth is MUSTAPHA ADAGONYE MUHAMMED and 11/11/2000 respectively, and not MUHAMMED MUSTAPHA ADAGUYE and 6/11/1992 as wrongly captured in my Bank account and BVN. All other documents remain valid. The authorities concerned and the general public to take note.

MUSTAPHA: I am known and addressed as MUSTAPHA OKIKIOLA DAMILOLA, which is my correct name. But was wrongly documented as DAMILOLA ABDULSAMOD MUSTAPHA. All former document remain valid any authority concerned and general public take note.

MERCY: I formerly known and addressed as MISS ISIBOR MERCY AMAKA. Now wish to be known and addressed as MRS OSHI OBUGIE MERCY. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I, formerly known as ADAMA LAWAL BALARABE, now wish to be called and address as ADAMA MUSTAPHA ALIYU. All former document remain valid. All authorities concern and general public to please take note.

I, formerly known as MUHAMMAD USA ABDULRAHMAN Now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULRAHMAN HUSSAINI All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.

CHIZOBA: I, formerly known as AKOR CHIZOBA ASSUMPTA, now wish to be known and addressed as OJIMBA CHIZOBA. My date of birth was wrongly captured as 13/10/1990 instead of 17/10/1994. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MUSA: I, formerly known as SALEH ABDULLAHI, now wish to be known and addressed as SALEH ABDULLAHI MUSA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

Mohammed: I formerly known as HAJIYA FANDAU now wish to be known and addressed as Hajja - Fantau Mohammed Geidam. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

ALEMUGHO: I formerly known and addressed as ALEMUGHO ROSARINE. Now wish to be known and addressed as ALEMUGHO ROSARINE ETESEM. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I, formerly known as HAUWA MUHAMMAD LAWAL now wish to be called and address as HAUWA ASHIRU LAWAL. All former document remain valid. All authorities concern and general public to please take note.

I, formerly known as MUHAMMAD USA ABDULRAHMAN Now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULRAHMAN HUSSAINI All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.

NDUBUISI: I, formerly known as OKONKWO NDUBUISI, now wish to be known and addressed as OKONKWO EMMANUEL NDUBUISI. My date of birth was wrongly captured as 3/10/1990 instead of 3/10/1976. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

FATIMA: I, formerly known as GARBA FATIMA MOHAMMED now wish to be known and addressed as GARBA FATIMA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

OKPE: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS JOHN TREASURE NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS OKPE KELECHI LOVINA AND MY DATE OF BIRTH IS 21/10/1995. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

BASHIRU: I formerly known and addressed as BASHIRU SAIIBU ARUNA. Now wish to be known and addressed as, MUHAMMED BASHIRU ODION. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I, formerly known as NASIR MUSA, now wish to be known and addressed as MUSA NASIR SAIDU. All former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note.

I, formerly known as GARBA SULE YUSUF. Now wish to be known and addressed as GARBA MOHAMMAD. All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.

PATIENCE: I, formerly known as AKOR PATIENCE AGADA, now wish to be known and addressed as PATIENCE ENE AKOR. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ISA: I formerly known as ISAH LAWAL, now wish to be known as ISA LAWAL. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

ADZER: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS SHANKYURA MRSURSHIMA COMFORT. NOW, I WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS ADZER MRSURSHIMA COMFORT. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

MUSA: I, formerly known and addressed as NA'AMAN MOSES KWATA now wish to be known and addressed as NA'AMAN MUSA. All former documents remain valid. NIMC and the general public to take note.

KUNAV: I formerly known as MISS IANGE DOOSUUR GLORIA now wish to be known and addressed as MRS KUNAV DOOSUUR GLORIA. All other documents remain valid. The concerned authorities and the general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as IBRAHIM ADAMU SK DANJA, now wish to be known. Called and addressed as IBRAHIM ADAMU SK, all former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

SALISU: I, formerly known as JIBIRIL ABUBAKAR, now wish to be known and addressed as ALI SALISU. My correct date of birth is 24/1/1987. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ALI: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS KPANAKI MERCY SOKOYEBOM NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS ALI MERCY SOKOYEBOM. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

GAIUS: I, formerly known and addressed as BAKO ABIGAIL IBRAHIM now wish to be known and addressed as ISHAYA ABIGAIL GAIUS. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

RAYMOND: I, formerly known and addressed as JUSTINA WILSON now wish to be known and addressed as JUSTINA RAYMOND. All former documents remain valid. First bank and the general public to take note.

CORRECT OF NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: AKPUSUGH. This is to state that my full and correct name is AKPUSUGH TERSOO RAPHAEL and not just AKPUSUGH RAPHAEL as wrongly captured in my bank account and BVN. And my valid phone number is now 07014178957 and no longer 08124197707. All other documents remain valid. UBA and the general public to take note.

LAWALI I formerly known and addressed as MUHAMMAD LAWALI now wish to be known and address as MOHAMMED LAWALI BALA all former documents remain valid general public should take note

DOOSHIMA: I, formerly known as DOOSHIMA ANASTINA ATUM, now wish to be known and addressed as ATULE DOOSHIMA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

IORKPILIGH: I WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS JANDE JENNIFER MWUESE AND I NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS IORKPILIGH JENNIFER MWUESE. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

RUKAYYYA: I formerly known as RUKAYYYA UMAR MUHAMMAD now wish to be known and addressed as RUKAYYYA UMAR DOB 23-6-2000 not 1-1-1998. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

I formerly known and called ANYOR SHIMENENGE JACENTHA now wish to be known and called ANYOR SHIMENENGE JACENTHA. All former documents remain valid. First Bank Plc, BVN and the general public to take note.

HASSAN: I formerly known as MISS HASSAN HUZAIMATU now wish to be known and addressed as MRS HASSAN MOHAMMED HAZAIMATU. All other documents remain valid. The authorities concerned and the general public to take.

I formerly known as BESSE S SANI now wish to be known and addressed as SANI SANYINNA BESSE All former documents remain valid general public to take note

JARMA: I, formerly known as ABUBAKAR ASHEIKH ZARMA now wish to be known and addressed as ABUBAKAR ASHEIKH JARMA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

USMAN: I formerly known as Salihu Usman Sokodekey, now wish to be known as Usman Salihu U, Correct date of birth: 02/04/1998. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

IDRIS: I formerly known as KHALID SANI MUSA now wish to be known and addressed as IDRIS HARUNA ABDULRASHEED. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

I formerly known and called IJOGO IORLAMEN CLEMENT now wish to be known and called APE IORLAMEN CLEMENT and my correct date of birth is 21st October, 1982. All former documents remain valid. First Bank Plc, BVN, Zenith Bank Plc and the general public to take note.

I formerly known as ABDULLAHI BUHARI now wish to be known and addressed as YAKUBU HASSAN All former documents remain valid general public to take note

MUSTAPHA: I, formerly known as MUSTAPHA BALA, now wish to be known and addressed as MUSTAPHA BALA ZAKKA. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

MARYAM: I formerly known as MARYAM MOHAMMED now wish to be known MARYAM IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public to take note.

I formerly known as Hajara Gaba usman and wish to be known and addressed as Hajara Baba Usman All former documents to remain valid authority concern and general public should please take note

LAURATU: I formerly called and address as UWANI UMAR, now wishes to be called and address as LAURATU UMAR NJIKAMI, all former documents remain valid Unity Bank plc and the general public to please take note

I formerly known and addressed as AISHATU IBRAHIM now wish to be known and addressed as AISHATU HARUNA. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known as HAUWAWU MAMMAN now wish to be known and addressed as HAUWAWU MUHAMMED All former documents remain valid general public to take note

ADAMU: I formerly known as BALA MADU, now wish to be known and addressed as HABI BU ADAMU. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note.

OHIEKU: I, formerly known as MUHAMMED ABDULSALAMI, now wish to be known and addressed as OHIEKU MUHAMMED ABDULSALAMI. My date of birth was wrongly captured as 12/6/1990 instead of 28/12/1990. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SHAIBU: I formerly known as Mamma Shaibu Adamu with DOB as 01/12/1996, but now wishes to be known and addressed as Mamma Shaibu with DOB as 14/02/1997. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

HUSSAINA: I formerly called and address as HUSSAINA USMAN YUSUF, now wishes to be called and address as HUSSAINA YUSUF, all former documents remain valid general public to please take note

I formerly known and addressed as ISHAKU HABU KACHALA now wish to be known and addressed as ISHAKU HABU. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known as HUSSAINI HAYATUDEEN now wish to be known and addressed as MAINASARA UMAR All former documents remain valid general public to take note

ADAM: I formerly known as INNA ISMAIL, now wish to be known and addressed as AISHA ISMAIL ADAM. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note.

GARBA: I, formerly known as NUHU GARBA BOTO, now wish to be known and addressed as GARBA NUHU. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I was formerly known and addressed as SALAMATU BASHIRU. Now wish to be known and addressed as HUSSAINI SALAMATU. All former documents remain valid. Concern authorities and the general public should please take note.

ANNA: I formerly known as ANNA SHITTU now wish to be known and addressed as ANNA TIDY SABE. All former documents remain valid, authorities concerned N Y S C and the general public to please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as YOHANA ISA now wish to be known and addressed as YOHANA ISA DOGO D.O.B 19/7/1996 NOT 27/7/1991. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS MUHAMMADU ABUBAKAR WITH DATE OF BIRTH 02/02/1970 NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS MUHAMMADU IBN ABUBAKAR SHINDI WITH DATE OF BIRTH 21/09/1970. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID AUTHORITY CONCERNED AND GENERAL PUBLIC TO NOTE

GENESIS: I formerly known as GENESIS DANIEL, now wish to be known and addressed as GENESIS DANIEL GAMBO. And My present date of birth is 17-September-2000. All my former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

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Bank: First Bank Plc
Account No: 2002911690
Sort Code: 011084060

Bank: UBA Plc
Account No: 1007117397
Sort Code: 033080013

Bank: GTBank Plc
Account No: 0024570856
Sort Code: 058083231

Requirement for Change of Name
Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit; Men: Court Affidavit

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ROTHI: I formerly known as ROTMI G. LUKA AND LUKA ROTMI GYADA, now wish to be known and addressed as ROTMI GODWILL LUKA. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as ISMAIL ABUBAKAR wish to be known and addressed as ABUBAKAR ISMAIL former documents remain valid general public should take note

ADAM, I formerly known as MOHAMMED ADAM now wish to be called and addressed as ADAM MOHAMMED ADAM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as FAKHITA UMAR UMAR now wish to be called and addressed as FAKHITA UMAR ABBA. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

ZAHRADEEN, I formerly known as ZAHRADEEN MUSA SULAIMAN now wish to be called and addressed as ZAHRADEEN MUSA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

AMINA: I, formerly known as AMINA HAMISU, now wish to be known and called AMINA UMAR SULAIMAN. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

BARTHOLOMEW: I formerly known as OKOYE CHIAHA BARTHOLOMEW, now wish to be known as CHIAHA BARTHOLOMEW. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known and addressed as FAISAL LALO wish to be known and addressed as FAISAL LALO RAYUWA former documents remain valid general public should please take note

KABIRU, I formerly known as KABIRU RABILU now wish to be called and addressed as KABIRU RABILU ISYAKU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

SHAAIBU, I formerly known as MUHD SUMAYYA SHUAIBU now wish to be called and addressed as SHAAIBU SUMAYYA MOHD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

MAIGIDA, I formerly known as HABIBU MAIGIDA now wish to be called and addressed as MAIGIDA SADIQ HABIBU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ISMAIL: I formerly known as ISMAIL TUKUR DANKARKI now wish to be called as ISMAIL TUKUR ABUBAKAR all former documents remain valid. G.T.B general public all authority concern should please take note

RAYYANATU: I formerly known as RUKAYYATU YUNUSA, now wish to be known as RAYYANATU YUNUSA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known and addressed as JAAFAR AHMAD SULEIMAN wish to be known and addressed as JAAFAR AHMAD former documents remain valid general public should take note

MAMMAN, I formerly known as MUHAMMED ISYAKU now wish to be called and addressed as MAMMAN ISYAKU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ISHAQ, I formerly known as ISHAK ISMAIL now wish to be called and addressed as ISHAQ ISMAIL. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ABDULHAMID, I formerly known as SANI BAPPA HABIBU now wish to be called and addressed as MAIGIDA ABDULHAMID HABIBU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

HAUWAWU: I, formerly known as HAUWAWU AMINU, now wish to be known and addressed as HAUWAWU AMINU BAWALE. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

MOPCHAN: I formerly known as LUKKA JUMMAI, now wish to be known as LUKKA MOPCHAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known and addressed as IGBON FEMI KENNETH, FEMI KENNETH IGBON, KENNETH OLORUNFEMI IGBON wish to be known and addressed as IGBON KENNETH OLORUNFEMI former documents remain valid general public should take note

SHAYIBU, I formerly known as SHAYIBU ASSAGIR now wish to be called and addressed as SHAYIBU SAGIR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

KHADIJAT, I formerly known as KHADIJAT MUSTAPHA now wish to be called and addressed as KHADIJAT NEEMAT MUSTAPHA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

SAMINU, I formerly known as SAMINU MUHAMMAD USMAN now wish to be called and addressed as SAMINU BALA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

HUSSAINI: I, formerly known as HUSSAINI MUHAMMED now wish to be called and addressed HUSSAINI MOHAMMED all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

LUKA: I formerly known as LAZARUS LUKA BAKO, now wish to be known as LAZARUS LUKA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

SHITU I formerly known and addressed as SHITU IDRIS now wish to be known and addressed as SAIDU IDRIS All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

GIFT, I formerly known as LOIS EGHUJORWO now wish to be called and addressed as GIFT AWU MICHEAL. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

SANI, I formerly known as SANI LAWAN now wish to be called and addressed as SANI LAWAN GUMEL. All former documents remain valid. Union bank, Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

HAFIZU, I formerly known as HAFIZU ALIYU ABDULLAH now wish to be called and addressed as HAFIZU ALI ABDULLAH. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

HAMZA: I, formerly known as HAMZA MUHAMMAD now wish to be called and addressed as HAMZA AMMANI all former documents remain valid, my date of birth was wrongly captured as 27/01/1992 the correct date of birth is 27/8/1992 Any authority concerned and general public should please take note.

OLUCHI: I formerly known as OLUCHI SOLOMON EKWE, now wish to be known as OLUCHI EKWE. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note

DALA I formerly known and addressed as ABDULLAH BUBA AND ABDULLAH BUBA DALA now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULLAH BUBA DALA All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

KHADIJA, I formerly known as KHADIJA IBRAHIM ABDULLAH now wish to be called and addressed as KHADIJA IBRAHIM BURA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

SADEEO, I formerly known as SADIQ ABDULLAH BASIRKA now wish to be called and addressed as SADEEO ABDULLAH MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

AMINU, I formerly known as AMINU SAMINU JEGA date of birth 27/01/1977 now wish to be called and addressed as AMINU IMAM GARBA date of birth 01/01/1982. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

JAGBA: I, formerly known and addressed as OLASUNKANMI MODUPE JOANA. Now wish to be known and addressed as JAGBA MODUPE JOANA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

SARAH: I formerly known as MISS. OGBU SARAH, now wish to be known as MRS. ELAIGWU SARAH OGBU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

IBRAHIM I formerly known and addressed as IBRAHIM MOHAMMED LAWAN now wish to be known and addressed as IBRAHIM MUSA All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

SA'ADIYA, I formerly known as SADIYA BELLO now wish to be called and addressed as SA'ADIYA BELLO TUKUR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

YUSUF, I formerly known as YUSUF T YUSUF 3 JAN, 1991 now wish to be called and addressed as YUSUF TIJJANI YUSUF 5 JAN, 1994. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

MUSA: I formerly known as MUSA DANJUMA now wish to be called and addressed as MUSA ABDULLAH DANJUMA. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

NKECHI: I, formerly known and addressed as NKECHI NWOKO. Now wish to be known and addressed as NKECHI ALOZIE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

TYOUGH: I formerly known as HUEL PHILIP TYOUGH, now wish to be known as TERFA TYOUGH MOSES. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

ABUBAKAR: I formerly known as SANUSI ABUBAKAR now wish to be called as SANUSI ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concern and the general public to take note

KAMALU, I formerly known as KAMALU BABA ABDULKADIR now wish to be called and addressed as KAMALU BABA UMAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

HUSAINI, I formerly known as HUSAINI MUHAMMED now wish to be called and addressed as HUSAINI MUHAMMED GANGARI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

WILSON: I formally known as EDEH FAVOUR now wish to be known and address as WILSON FAVOUR All former documents remain valid, general public shall take note.

OJO: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss MOGAJI IBUKUN FELICIA, MOGAJI IBUKUNLAWA FELICIA. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs OJO IBUKUN FELICIA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

KAUNA: I formerly known as KAUNA PETER GURAMA, now wish to be known as KAUNA ISHAKU KENNETH. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should take note

ABDULYASAR: I formerly known as ABDULYASAR UMAR now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULYASAR NUHU. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as AISHA MUHAMMAD MUKHTAR now wish to be called and addressed as AISHA MUHAMMAD ABDULMUJIB. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

CLETUS, I formerly known as CLETUS ORTSEGA MASHINE now wish to be called and addressed as CLETUS ORTSEGA MASESHIN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

FATIMA: I formerly known as FATIMA ABDURRAHMAN, FATIMA ABDURRAHMAN YUSUF, now wish to be called and address as FATIMA SALAHUDEEN. All former documents remain valid, Authority concern and general public should please take note

CORRECTION OF NAME OYELAYO: I, formerly known and addressed as OYELAYO GYIADUJEN OLALEKAN now wish to be known and addressed as OYELAYO GYIATHUDEEN OLALEKAN. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ALI: I formerly known as SAMUEL ALI DUNAH and SAMAILA ALI DUNAH, now wish to be known as SAMAILA ALI KAMO. All former documents remain valid, the general public should take note.

SAMALA: I formerly known as SAMALA HASSAN now wish to be called and addressed as ISMAIL HASSAN. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note

I formerly known as MARYA KASIM now wish to be called and addressed as MARYAM KASIM DAUDA. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

UKAIGWE, I formerly known as EGDE CHIDIMMA CYNTHIA now wish to be called and addressed as UKAIGWE CHIDIMMA CYNTHIA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

SHUAIBU: I formerly known as SHUAIBU MAI WADA now wish to be called and address as SHUAIBU ALIYU, All former documents remain valid, Authority concern and general public should please take note

OJERINDE: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss BASSEY CHRISTIANA. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs OJERINDE CHRISTIANA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

MARY: I formerly known as MISS. MARY MUSA, now wish to be known as MRS. MARY SAMSON. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

ADAM: I formerly known as GIMBA UMAR now wish to be called and addressed as UMAR ADAM KABIR. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note

I formerly known as KEFTIN KEFTIN AMUGA now wish to be called and addressed as JOSHUA KEFTIN AMUGA. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

AYUBA, I formerly known as KANI HAMZA now wish to be called and addressed as AYUBA ALI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

SILAS: I Formerly known as RORO SILAS Now wish to be called and addressed as SILAS ALBERT RORO BAWAIZI All former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the general public to please take note.

DENNIS: I, formerly known and addressed as SAMUEL AYOMIDE FREDRICK. Now wish to be known and addressed as DENNIS OSA FREDRICK. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

EMEKI: I formerly known as EMEKI ISAIHAH, now wish to be known as ISAIHAH, EMEKI INJI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

IBRAHIM: I formerly known and addressed as SHAMSIYYA IBRAHIM HAMZA now wish to be known and addressed as SAFIYYA KHAMIS HAMZA All document former documents remain valid general public should take note

IBRILU: I formerly known as IDRIS RAUBILU AND IDRIS RAUBILU, now wish to be known and addressed as IDRIS RABILU. All former documents remain valid Authorities concerned and the general public should please take

ABDURRAHAMAN, I formerly known as ABDURRAHAMAN MUHAMMAD now wish to be called and addressed as ABDURRAHAMAN MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM: Formerly known as IBRAHIM ALIYU now to be addressed as Ibrahim Ali. All documents remain valid. General public take note.

CHANGE OF NAME AND CORRECTION OF NAME DIRIBE: I, formerly known and addressed as DIRIBE BLESSING EBERE in my NIMC, and NKWOCHA EBERE. Now wish to be known and addressed as DIRIBE BLESSING EBERE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

VALENTINE: I formerly known as AGADA VALENTINE, now wish to be known as STEPHEN VALENTINE. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

ABDULLAH: I formerly known as INUWA ABDULLAH MUHAMMAD now wish to be called as MUHAMMAD INUWA ABDULLAH. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concern and the general public to take note

I formerly known as Bello Usman now wish to be called and addressed as Bello Usman Shehu. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

SALEH, I formerly known as ALHAJI SALEH now wish to be called and addressed as SALEH SOJA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

IDRIS: I formerly known as IDRIS ABDULLAH, now wish to be known and addressed as IDRIS ABDULLAH TSADZA. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

ABDULRAZAO: I, formerly known and addressed as JUBRIL ADAMU JUBRIL. Now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULRAZAO JUBRIL ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

UCHECHI: I formerly known as COLUMBUS UCHECHI AGNES, now wish to be known as NUNGBE UCHECHI AGNES. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

MUHAMMAD, I formerly known as MAHMUD MUHAMMAD ALFA, DOB 17/05/1989 now wish to be called and addressed as MUHAMMAD ALFA MAHMUD, DOB 17/04/1996. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as HABIIBU ADAMU BALARABE now wish to be called and addressed as BALARABE DANJUMA. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

AYOOLA, I formerly known as AYOOLA ONAOLAPO now wish to be called and addressed as AYOOLA TIMOTHY ONAOLAPO. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

Zaidu: I formerly known as HAWAU Zaidu MUHAMMAD now wish to be called and addressed as Zaidu MUHAMMAD all former documents remain valid. Any authority concerned and general public should please take note.

DIKE: I, formerly known and addressed as PAUL EMMANUEL CHINNONYEREM. Now wish to be known and addressed as DIKE CHINNAEMEREM HUMBLE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as PETER OLORUNTOBA wish to be known and addressed as PETER OLORUNTOBA FEMI former documents remain valid general public should take note

FAISAL, I formerly known as FAISAL SHEHU ABDULAZIZ now wish to be called and addressed as FAISAL ABDULAZIZ. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as JULIUS YAHAYA now wish to be called and addressed as JULIUS OLOBOJO YAHAYA. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I was formerly known as AMINU IBRAHIM SA'ADU AND AMINU IBRAHIM now wish to be known and called as AMINU IBRAHIM IBRAHIM. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

MADO: I, formerly known as MALMADU BABA now wish to be called and addressed as MADO BABA all former documents remain valid. Any authority concerned and general public should please take note.

ADENIKE: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss ADENIKE IYABO OGDAN. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs ADENIKE IYABO ABAS-OGDAN. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as RAKIYA AMADU wish to be known and addressed as UWANI BISHIR former documents remain valid general public should take note

ABDULHAMID, I formerly known as ABDULLAH AMINAT ABIKE now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULHAMID AMINA BASHIR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as Zahrau Basheer Garba now wish to be called and addressed as Zahrau Basheer Sani. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I was formerly known as AMINU IBRAHIM SA'ADU AND AMINU IBRAHIM now wish to be known and called as AMINU IBRAHIM IBRAHIM. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

UMAR: I formerly known as UMAR ALIYU now wish to be called as UMAR FARUQ ALIYU all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

ADEBOYE: I, formerly known and addressed as ADEBAYO BOSEDE YEMISI. Now wish to be known and addressed as ADEBOYE BOSEDE YEMISI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as ASIYA IBRAHIM wish to be known and addressed as YALWA SALISU former documents remain valid general public should take note

JOSEPH, I formerly known as DUCHE PIUS now wish to be called and addressed as JOSEPH FAVOUR GODAM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as MUHAMMAD MU'AZU YUSUF now wish to be called and addressed as MUHAMMAD MUHAMMAD YUSUF. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I was formerly known as AMINU IBRAHIM SA'ADU AND AMINU IBRAHIM now wish to be known and called as AMINU IBRAHIM IBRAHIM. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

UMAR: I formerly known as UMAR ALIYU now wish to be called as UMAR FARUQ ALIYU all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

UDOCHUKWU: I, formerly known and addressed as UWAKWE CHIOMA BLESSING. Now wish to be known and addressed as UDOCHUKWU CHIOMA BLESSING. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as UKAMAKA PERPETUAL EWENIKE wish to be known and addressed as MRS UKAMAKA PERPETUAL EZENWELU former documents remain valid general public should take note

NAFIU, I formerly known as RABU SANI MIKAIL now wish to be called and addressed as NAFIU MINKAILA SANI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as DANYARO AMADU now wish to be called and addressed as DANYARO SULAIMAN. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

ALIYU, I formerly known as SANI JAMILU now wish to be called and addressed as ALIYU AHMAD JAMILU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

DAUDA: I, formerly known as MUSA ADEYEMO DAVIS, now wish to be known and called DAUDA BELLO MUSA. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

ADENIYI: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss ALUKO DORCAS OLAMIDE also am the one bearing BAMIDELE TAIWO. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs ADENIYI DORCAS OLAMIDE. All former documents remain valid. Bank Authority and General public please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as UKAMAKA PERPETUAL EWENIKE wish to be known and addressed as MRS UKAMAKA PERPETUAL EZENWELU former documents remain valid general public should take note

NAFIU, I formerly known as RABU SANI MIKAIL now wish to be called and addressed as NAFIU MINKAILA SANI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as DANYARO AMADU now wish to be called and addressed as DANYARO SULAIMAN. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

ALIYU, I formerly known as SANI JAMILU now wish to be called and addressed as ALIYU AHMAD JAMILU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

DAUDA: I, formerly known as MUSA ADEYEMO DAVIS, now wish to be known and called DAUDA BELLO MUSA. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

SANUSI: I, formerly known and addressed as ABD'AZEEZ SAIDAT ROMOKE. Now wish to be known and addressed as SANUSI SAIDAT ROMOKE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

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OLAITAN: I, formerly known and addressed as ADERIBIGBE OLABISI MORONKEJI. Now wish to be known and addressed as OLAITAN OLABISI MORONKEJI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ARINFE: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss KUYOORO AYOBAMI MARY. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs ARINFE AYOBAMI MARY. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I, formerly known as ALIYU HALILU now wish to be known and addressed as ALIYU HALILU SULAIMAN. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

BELLO. I formerly known as BELLO ISA, now wish to be known as addressed as BELLO ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AMADU : I formerly known as MOHAMMED MOHAMMED now wish to be known as AMADU MUHAMMAD AMINU. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

ADEOYE - I, formerly known as *ADEOYE SUNDAY*. Now wish to be known as *ADEOYE SUNDAY KOSSI*. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

NWANKWO: I, formerly known and addressed as EDEH SHALOM CHIDIMMA. Now wish to be known and addressed as NWANKWO SHALOM CHIDIMMA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

UVBIAMA: I, formerly known and addressed as OGHENE EJIRO VOKE. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs UVBIAMA EJIRO VOKE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I, formerly known as HASHIMU GARBA BAJOGA now wish to be known and addressed as IBRAHIM GARBA. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

I formerly known as TAMBAYA SAMSON KUREH now wish to be known and addressed as KURE TAMBAYA SAMSON All former document remain valid General public and any authority concern should please take note.

MUHAMMAD I, formerly known as ALHASSAN MOHAMMED. Now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMED ALHASSAN. All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public Should take note.

TAMA - I, formerly known as *MISS. DEBEKEME TAMA ESTHER*. Now wish to be known as *MRS. TAMA ESTHER MICHAEL MICKELLS*. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I. AWOYALE OLUWASEYI. That AWOYALE DANIEL OLUWATOFARATI is my biological son. That he was formerly known and addressed as YAKUBU DANIEL OLUWATOFARATI. That he now wish to be known and addressed as AWOYALE DANIEL OLUWATOFARATI. That all former documents remain valid. Banks and General public take note.

FAMAKINWA: I, formerly known and addressed as Mrs OLADELE FAMAKINWA FOLASHADE RACHAEL. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. FAMAKINWA FOLASHADE RACHAEL. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ABDULLAHI I formerly known as FARIDA ABDULLAHI now wish to be called as KHADIJA ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

TIJJANI. I formerly known as TIJJANI MOHAMMED BUKAR, now wish to be known as addressed as TIJJANI MOHAMMED CHABBAL. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AMARA. I formerly known as OGBONNA AMARA ANTHONIA, now wish to be known as addressed as MADUAKO AMARA ANTHONIA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ELOGHENE - I, formerly known as *MISS. ELOGHENE OVORAKPOR*. Now wish to be known as *MRS. ELOGHENE IDAMA*. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known and addressed as OLUWASEUN VICTOR OGUNLEYE. Now wish to be known and addressed as GENERAL MURTALA RAMAT MUHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ARIYO: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss YEKINNI WASILAT AJOKE OMOKEJI. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs ARIYO WASILAT RACHEAL. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

IBRAHIM : I formally know as IBRAHIM BINU MUHAMMAD, now wish to be known and addressed as ALOASEEM MUHAMMAD IBRAHEEM, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

YAGUMSU: I formally know as FATIMA MOHAMMED, now want to be called and address as YAGUMSU KACHALLAH. All former documents remain valid. General Public should please take note.

ALI. I formerly known as ABDULRAHMAN LAWAN MODU, now wish to be known as addressed as ALI UMAR. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

That during the enrollment of my (BVN), my name was wrongly written as UWADOKAM CHINYEREMAKA F. instead of UWADOKAM FIMBAR CHINYEREMAKA. That my correct name is UWADOKAM FIMBAR CHINYEREMAKA. My date of birth is 20th day of June, 1980. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public take note.

AINA: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss UDOH BLESSING UWANA. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs AINA BLESSING UWANA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AYUBA I formerly known as AYUBA MOHAMMED KANKIA now wish to be known and addressed as AYUBA MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note.

ISHAKU : I formally know as MARKUS CHIROMA BULUS, now wish to be known and addressed as TIMOTHY ISHAKU. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

AJI formally known as TIJJANI BULAMA GAMBO, now wish to be known and addressed as. TIJJANI MOHAMMED AJI. All my former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM : I formerly known as IBRAHIM MUHAMMED KAYERI now wish to be known as IBRAHIM MOHAMMED. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

BLESSING: That i was formerly known as BEKEE CHIGEMEZU MARVIS. Now wish to be known called and addressed as BEKEE BLESSING. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

ADANIKEN: I, formerly known and addressed as UMOREN REBECCA BECKY. Now wish to be known and addressed as ADANIKEN REBECCA UMOREN. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

BUHARI I formerly known as BUHARI UMAR now wish to be known and addressed as BUHARI UMAR SAHEED. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note.

ABUBAKAR : I formally know as DAHIRU BABA, now wish to be known and addressed as DAHIRU ABUBAKAR, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ABDULKARIM. I formerly known as SALEH MOHAMMED ABDULKARIM, now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULKARIM MOHAMMED SALEH. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ROBINSON = I, formerly known as ROBINSON BARIDAKARA. Now wish to be known as ROBINSON ANTY. All former documents remain valid. The general public please take note.

MRS Ononiwu: I Formerly known and addressed as MISS. Akunna Delphine Onyinyechi, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS Ononiwu Delphine Onyinyechi. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

SAMUEL: I, formerly known and addressed as SAMUEL ISRAEL AKINKUNMI. Now wish to be known and addressed as SAMUEL ISRAEL GBEMIGA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

YUSUF I formerly known as KAKA ABBA SHETTIMA, now wish to be known and addressed as YUSUF MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note.

UMAR: I formally know as ASABE UMAR, now wish to be known and addressed as ASABE UMAR KANDALA, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as OBAGWU ENEH ALICE now wish to be known and addressed as OBAGWU ENE ALICE. All former documents remain valid authorities concerned and general public should take note.

NJOKU: I, Formerly Known And Addressed As NJOKU NWAKAUCHE, Now Wish To Be Known And Addressed As NJOKU NWAKAUCHE IKECHUKWU. All Former Documents Remain Valid General public please take note.

CHILOTA: I, Formerly Known And Addressed As UGWUTA STANLEY ECHEFULACHI, Now Wish To Be Known And Addressed As CHILOTA STANLEY ECHEFULACHI. All Former Documents Remain Valid General public please take note.

OWOLABI: I, formerly known and addressed as OWOLABI GBENGA. Now wish to be known and addressed as OWOLABI OLUGBENGA OLANREWAIJU. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

HUSSAINI I formerly known as HUSSAINI IBRAHIM now wish to be known and addressed as HUSSAINI DAN ASABE. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note.

SHUAIBU : I formally know as RASHIDA ABUBAKAR, now wish to be known and addressed as RASHIDA SHUAIBU, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ABUBAKAR : I formerly known as SADEEQ MUHAMMAD now wish to be known as ABUBAKAR SADIQ MUHAMMAD. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

NNAMA: I, Formerly Known And Addressed As NNAMA HENRY ONYEDIKACHUKWU, Now Wish To Be Known And Addressed As NNAMA ONYEDIKACHI HENRY. All Former Documents Remain Valid General public please take note.

MRS. NKEIRUKA = I, formerly known as MISS. OGOEGBU NKEIRUKA FAVOUR CYNTHIA. Now wish to be known as MRS. NKEIRUKA FAVOUR MENEBOB. All former documents remain valid. The general public please take note.

IDOWU: I, formerly known and addressed as OMOYEMI ANNE AMOJO. Now wish to be known and addressed as IDOWU OMOYEMI ANNE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

MARYAM I formerly known as MARYAM JAFAR now wish to be known and addressed as MARYAM JAFAR YAHAYA. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note.

AISHA I formerly known as AISHA MUSA, AISHA MUSA KAFUR now wish to be known and addressed as AISHA MUSA. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note.

HASSAN : I formerly known as HASSAN M BUKAR now wish to be known as HASSAN BUKAR MOHAMMED. With D O B 14/01/1992 to 14/01/2000. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

Mrs OKOYE: I, Formerly Known And Addressed As Miss NWACHUKWU IJEOMA PEACE, Now Wish To Be Known And Addressed As Mrs OKOYE IJEOMA ARINZE. All Former Documents Remain Valid General public please take note.

I, formerly known as HALIRU USMAN now wish to be known and addressed as MUAWUYA USMAN. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

HASSAN : I, formerly known and addressed as OGUNYEMI AYOBAMI HADIJAT, now wish to be known and addressed as HASSAN AYOBAMI HADIJAT. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

SAIDU I formerly known as NAJANU IBRAHIM now wish to be known and addressed as SAIDU JIKA. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note.

YAHAYA : I formally know as BELLO GAINI, now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD BELLO YAHAYA. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as USMAN AHMAD KAWU now wish to be known and addressed as USMAN AHMED. All former documents remain valid. All my correct DOB is 01-01-1989 not 18-04-1988. General public should take note.

EBOGHO: I, formerly known and addressed as TIMEPIRI SAMUEL, now wish to be known and addressed as EBOGHO TIMEPIRI SAMUEL and my correct Date of Birth is 17th of January, 1962. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as OKWUEGBU BLESSING CHIAMA now wish to be known and addressed as ANYASOR BLESSING CHIAMA. All former documents remain valid. First Bank, general public and authorities concerned should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as MISS OGUINDIRAN NOFISAT OLUWATOBILOBA, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS OWOADE BOLUWATIFE OLUWATOBILOBA. All former documents remain valid. The general public take note.

HARIRA: I, formerly known as ADAMA IDRISU now wish to be known and addressed as HARIRA BUBA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and general public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD : I formally know as JAMILU HARUNA, now wish to be known and addressed as JAMILU MUHAMMAD, all former documents remain valid, authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

SALIM. I Formerly Known As MUHAMMAD SALISU now wish to be known and addresses as SALIM MUHAMMAD DADDAU all former Documents remain Valid General public should take note please.

IDENYI: I, formerly known and addressed as IDENYI NWANKWO JULIANA, now wish to be known and addressed as IDENYI UKAMAKU JULIANA. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as ONYEDIKA COLLINS IHOUNYE now wish to be known and addressed as ONYEDIKA FRIDAY IHOUNYE. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

OLADELE: I formerly known and addressed as OLADELE TEMILOLA FLORENCE, now wish to be known and addressed as OLADELE TEMILOLA FLORENCE AJOKE. All former documents remain valid. BARCOK UNIVERSITY, ILISHAN REMO, OGUN STATE AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC KINDLY TAKE NOTE.

ADAMU: I, formerly known as ADAMU MUHAMMADU, now wish to be known and addressed as ADAMU AHMADU. All former documents remain valid. Access bank Plc and general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM I formerly known and addressed as ABDULKARIM IBRAHIM now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULKARIM A IBRAHIM All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

ALI : I formerly known as ALI MODU ABBA now wish to be known as ALI ABBA. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

MRS IHEJIRIKA: I, formerly known and addressed as MISS OWELLE IRENE EYIUCHE, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS IHEJIRIKA IRENE EYIUCHE. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as FATIMA AMINU DATTIJO with D.O.B 30-05-1963 now wish to be known and addressed as FATIMA YELDU with D.O.B 31-05-1965. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

OSHUN: I Formerly known and addressed as Adebisi Saleemah Elliot. Now want to be known and addressed as Adebisi Saleemah Oshun. All former documents remain valid. General to please take note.

EZEMENYIBA: I, formerly known as ADIA RUTH CHIAMA, now wish to be known and addressed as EZEMENYIBA RUTH CHIAMA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and general public should please take note.

TUKUR I formerly known and addressed as YAU MISSING TUKUR now wish to be known and addressed as TUKUR MOHAMMED All former documents remain valid DOB 13/01/1963 to 13/06/1963 All concern and authority General public should please take note.

FATIMA. I formerly known as FATIMA MUHAMMAD, now wish to be known and addressed as FATIMA MUHAMMAD BUKAR. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

INI-OBONG: I, formerly known and addressed as INI-OBONG JOHN, now wish to be known and addressed as INI-OBONG JOHN UMANA. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

I, formerly known as CALEB ASMAU RACHEL now wish to be known and addressed as CLEMENT RACHEL. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

OLAKUNLE : I, formerly known and addressed as SOLOMON ELIZABETH MOJISOLA, now wish to be known and addressed as OLAKUNLE ELIZABETH MOJISOLA. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

IORLIAM: I formerly known as IORLIAM AKOR AKOR now wish to be known and addressed as IORLIAM AKOR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and general public should please take note.

MOHAMMED I formerly known and addressed as YUSUF MOHAMMED now wish to be known and addressed as MOHAMMED YUSUF All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

MONDAY. I formerly known as MONDAY DURATHY OMOJUWA, now wish to be known and addressed as MONDAY DORATHY ESEMINUKAN. All former documents remain valid. With D.O.B.11/10/1992 to 11/10/1993 General public should please take note.

KORUBO: I, formerly known and addressed as MESHACK ALALIBO, now wish to be known and addressed as KORUBO ALALIBO MARTYNS. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

I, formerly known as ABUBAKAR ZAKI with D.O.B 01-01-1986 now wish to be known and addressed as ABUBAKAR YAHAYA with D.O.B 02-02-1997. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

OTU : I, formerly known and addressed as UKO PAUL IME, now wish to be known and addressed as OTU PAUL IME. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

ABBA : I formerly known as KARTA MUHAMMAD, now wish to be known and addressed as ABBA MUHAMMAD MUSTAPHA. All former documents remain valid. General Public Should please take note.

ZAKAR I formerly known and addressed as ZAKAR MUSA now wish to be known and addressed as ZAKAR MUSA DAGAZIRWA All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

CLARA. I formerly known as CLARA YARIMA, now wish to be known and addressed as CLARA YARIMA GALADIMA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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I, formerly known as SHUKURIYYA HAUWAW TAHIR now wish to be known and addressed as HAUWAW DAHIRU MAGAJI. All former documents remain valid. Access Bank, general public and authorities concerned should please take note.

OLAIYA: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss ADEWOYIN OLAITAN KIKELOMO. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs OLAIYA OLAITAN KIKELOMO. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I, formerly known as MUHAMMAD SABIU now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD HARUNA SABIU. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

IDRISSA I formerly known and addressed as IDRIS GARBA now wish to be known and addressed as IDRIS GARBA All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

ANAS I Formerly Known As NURA ADAMU now wish to be known and addresses as ANAS AMINU all former Documents remain Valid General public should take note please.

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LESHI: I, formerly known and addressed as LESHU OLUWAKEMI ABAYOMI. Now wish to be known and addressed as LESHU OPEYEMI ABAYOMI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AMINA I formally known as AMINA AL-MUSTAPHA ADAM now wish to be known and addressed as AMINA AL-MUSTAPHA all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

ISMA'IL: I formally know as MOHAMMED ISMA'IL, now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD ISMA'IL, All former documents remain valid. First Bank plc, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

MUBARAK I formally known as MUBARAK AHMAD MANGA now wish to be known and addressed as MUBARAK AHMAD all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

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AYOO: I, formerly known and addressed as ADEBANJO TAIWO and ADEBANJO TAIWO TOYOSI. Now wish to be known and addressed as AYOO TAIWO TOYOSI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

JOY: I formally known as JOY JOSEPH, now wish to be known and addressed as JOY JOSEPH KWATAMEDIA. All former document remain valid General public should please take note.

ADAMA: I formally know as ADAMA ADAMU ABUBAKAR, now wish to be known and addressed as ADAMA MALLAM BUKAR, All former documents remain valid, With DOB 07/07/2003, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

SALISU I formerly known as SALISU ABDULKADIR AHMAD now wish to be known and addressed as SALISU ABDULKADIR with DOB:15/05/1986 not 24/12/1985. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note.

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LOSS OF DOCUMENTS
This is to inform the general public that the loss of original Certificate of Occupancy plot No. 333 file No. RES/83/8 situated at Badawa Quarters TP/UDB/114. Bearing the name of MR. CHRISTOPHER NGHANZE of No. 35/36 Fagge ta Kudu Quarters, Kano. All effort made to trace the original certificate of occupancy proved abortive. Members of the general public to note. If found kindly return to the nearest police station.

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA.

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SCHEDULE

DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
MR YAKUBU ABIMUKU WHO DIED ON THE 31 ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2021 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE NIGERIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE.	ABIMIKU MONICA JACOB GUARDIAN TO FAVOUR AKOLO ABIMIKU AND FRANK O. ABIMIKU OF DADIN KOWA KEFFI NASARAWA STATE. WIDOW AND SON.
AJAYI TIMOTHY AYO WHO DIED ON THE 7 TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2020 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, ABUJA.	AYO AJAYI ANTHONIA (AKA) TIMOTHY AND AYOBAMI SOPHIE IFEOLUWA OF OPP. GSS KWALI ABUJA. WIDOW AND DAUGHTER.
OLUSA BUSARI OLUSESAN WHO DIED ON THE 6 TH DAY OF JULY, 2020 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE INFRASTRUCTURE CONCESSION REGULATORY COMMISSION.	HAFEEZ ABIODUN OLUSA AND SIDIKAT IYABODE OLUSA OF PLOT 110, PHASE 2 SITE 1 KUBWA ABUJA. SON AND WIDOW.

DATED AT ABUJA THIS 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022

SIGNED:
HADIZA MOHAMMED DODO (MRS)
CHIEF REGISTRAR

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SCHEDULE

DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
LAWRENCE EKE WHO DIED ON THE 27 TH DAY OF JULY, 2020 WHO WAS RETIRED.	EKE UWABUNKEONYE LAWRENCE AND TOCHUKWU EMMANUEL EKE OF CHIEF PALACE ROAD WOMEN CENTER JIWA ABUJA. SON AND SON.
INSPR. ONDAJE IJENIA AP/NO.227451 WHO DIED ON THE 14 TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE NIGERIAN POLICE FORCE.	ONDAJE BLESSING (A.K.A ONDAJE BLESSING OVI ITODO) GUARDIAN TO AND MASTER KINGSLEY ONDAJE OF NO. 10 JOHN ALUH ST. PIPE LINE OTUKP. BENU STATE. WIDOW AND SON.
YUNUSA AUDU WHO DIED ON THE 3 RD DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE NIGERIAN POLICE FORCE.	DANJUMA USMAN AYUBA AND HALMATU USMAN OF ANGUWAN MAKERI TUNGAN MAJE ZUBA, ABUJA. SON AND WIDOW.

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SCHEDULE

DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
GWAMNA YAKUBU WHO DIED ON THE 5 TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2020 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE NIGERIA POLICE FORCE, WUYE DIVISION.	PAUL YAKUBU, GAZA YAKUBU AND ASIBI YAKUBU OF KUCHIGORO VILLAGE, NEAR PRIMARY SCHOOL, ABUJA. SON, SON AND WIDOW.
SANI HADYZA MOHAMMED (AKA) SANI HADYZAH MOHAMMED WHO DIED ON THE 16 TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2020 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE CAPITAL SCIENCE ACADEMY ABUJA.	BALA AISHA ABDULAZIZ GUARDIAN TO UMAR ASHRAF KABIR OF KUJE, ABUJA. DAUGHTER AND SON.
AJANG PHILIP NYAM WHO DIED ON THE 10 TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE SETRACO (NIG) LTD.	JACOB PHILIP AJANG AND ABIGAIL PHILIP AJANG OF SAINT JEROME CATHOLIC CHURCH GIDAN ZAKARA, KEFFI. SON AND DAUGHTER.

DATED AT ABUJA THIS 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022

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SCHEDULE

DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
STEPHEN ENAWORIH WHO DIED ON THE 23 RD DAY OF JANUARY, 2020 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE S.C.C (NIGERIA) LIMITED.	MRS STEPHEN RUTH ALABA OF B24, SURULERE STREET, ERIN - IJESHA, OSUN STATE. WIDOW.
MARY ISAAC DAMENG (DAMENG MARY) WHO DIED ON THE 17 TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021 WHO WAS RETIRED.	ISAAC MAUREEN DAMENG AND ISAAC DAMENG CATHERINE OF NO 464, 111 CLOSE, 3 RD AVENUE GWARINPA, ABUJA. DAUGHTER AND DAUGHTER.
EZEOKAFOR CHIKWADO RAPHAEL WHO DIED ON THE 9 TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021 WHO WAS SELF EMPLOYED.	EZEOKAFOR EBEL PETER AND EZEOKAFOR TOCHUKWU RAPHAEL OF PLOT 294, ENUGU STREET, GARKI 2 ABUJA. SON AND SON.

DATED AT ABUJA THIS 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022

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SCHEDULE

DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
SAMUEL EBENGE EKPO WHO DIED ON THE 23 RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (RETIRED).	MERCY SAMUEL, PROMISE SAMUEL AND WISDOM SAMUEL IFIOK OF NYANYA GENERAL HOSPITAL AREA (B) BLOCK 59, NYANYA, ABUJA. WIDOW, SON AND DAUGHTER.
NSE NELSON SUNDAY WHO DIED ON THE 3 RD DAY OF JUNE, 2021 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.	NELSON GODWIN OLADOYE (AKA NELSON OLADOYE) GUARDIAN TO AND NELSON BOSEDE OF 25 FEDERAL LOW COST ESTATE, KARSHI, ABUJA. SON AND DAUGHTER.
USMAN ALIYU WALI WHO DIED ON THE 13 TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE FEDERAL STAFF CENTRE ABUJA.	SHEHU JIBRIN WALI AND ALIYU SHEHU WALI OF ANGWAN JKADA DAWAKI SULEJA, NIGER STATE. SON AND SON.

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SCHEDULE

DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
JOSIAH SATI ZUGWAI AKA JOSIAH ZUGWAI WHO DIED ON THE 30 TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE JULIUS BEGER NIGERIA PLC.	JOSHUA ENDURANCE PRAISE AKA JOSHUA ENDURANCE PRAISE AND JOSHUA CHARITY OF BEHIND DESTINY SCHOOL GAURAKA NIGER STATE. DAUGHTER AND WIDOW.
ETU GODWIN WHO DIED ON THE 28 TH DAY OF JUNE, 2018 WHO WAS RETIRED.	ETU ISAAC GODWIN OF NO.64 GOODLUCK ESTATE JAH1, ABUJA. SON.
HYCINTH CHIGOKZIRI NNAMANI AKA NNAMANI HYACINTH CHIGOZIRI AKA HYCINTH NNAMANI AKA HYACINTH NNA NNAMANI WHO DIED ON THE 1 ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE AGURA HOTELS.	NNAEMEKA LEVI NNAMANI AND GODNESS CHIMAEMEREM NNAMANI AKA NNAMANI GODNESS OF AGURA STAFF QUARTERS KARMO, ABUJA. SON AND DAUGHTER.

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SCHEDULE

DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
MR. ODAGWE O. NORBETH (AKA MR. NORBETH OGOCHUKWU ODAGWE WHO DIED ON THE 10 TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE INDEPENDENCE NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION.	ADEBOLA AYOLA ODAGWE (AKA AYOLA ADEBOLA ADIJAT) GUARDIAN TO AND DENZEL OLUWAFERANNI . OGOCHUKWU OF PLOT 5, PHASE 2, POST ARMY HOUSING ESTATE KURUDU. WIDOW AND SON.
LOVELINE ONYINYECHI UZODINMA WHO DIED ON THE 30 TH DAY OF MAY, 2020 WHO WAS A BUSINESS WOMAN.	LOVETH NDUKWU OGECHI GUARDIAN AND CHINOYE UZODINMA OF JAH1 I, BACK OF NEXT CASH AND CARRY, ABUJA. SISTER AND DAUGHTER.
STEPHEN IDOKO WHO DIED ON THE 10 TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2021 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR ARTS AND CULTURE.	ESTHER IDOKO GUARDIAN TO JESSICA IDOKO OF ALH MUSTAPHA ROAD MASAKA. WIDOW AND DAUGHTER.

DATED AT ABUJA THIS 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022

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SCHEDULE

DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
GARBA ANDREW YAWA (A.K.A GARBA ANDREW YAINA) WHO DIED ON THE 12 TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE BINGHAM UNIVERSITY, NASARAWA STATE.	ABIGAIL ANDREW YAWA GUARDIAN TO AND GYENOM ANDY YAWA OF NO. 6, ADEYEMI ADEGBENGA STREET, HAJI CAMP, GWAGWALADA, ABUJA. WIDOW AND SON.
JOHN MAMODU UJATA WHO DIED ON THE 31 ST DAY OF JANUARY, 2021 WHO WAS RETIRED.	UJATA HENRY UJATA AND UJATA MARTIN OGILI OF 18 ANYIM PIUS STREET, CBS ESTATE LUGBE ABUJA AND NO. 2 BETHEL LANE CLOBEK CROWN ESTATE, LUGBE, ABUJA. SON AND SON.
DOGO DOUGLAS (JEB - WAY) WHO DIED ON THE 22 ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE SERVICES.	FUMEN DOGO AND JOHN DOGO (BOBO) OF HOUSE 35, 1 ST CRST P & P ESTATE KAURA AND BLOCK 51 HOUSE 201A QUARTERS MAITAMA, ABUJA. SON AND SON.

DATED AT ABUJA THIS 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022

SIGNED:
HADIZA MOHAMMED DODO (MRS)
CHIEF REGISTRAR

EDO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION KANO

The General public is hereby notified that the above named has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission Abuja for Registration under Part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act No. 1 of 2020.

The Board of Trustees members are:

- 1) AGBATOR OGBEFUAMEN PATRICK - CHAIRMAN
- 2) TONY AILE - SECRETARY
- 3) DANESI HASSAN
- 4) OGEDENGBE PAUL SIMON

AIMS AND OBJECTIVE

1. Welfare to members

Any objection to the above registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General Corporate Affairs Commission, plot 420 Tigris Crescent Off Aguiyi Street, Maitama P.M.B. 198, Abuja within 28 days-of this publication.

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE ZAMFARA STATE OF NIGERIA PROBATE DIVISION ZAMFARA STATE

WHEREAS the person whose names and address are set out in the first column hereunder died intestate on the date and place in the said column. AND whereas the person whose address(s) are set out in the second column hereunder claimed the relationship to the said deceased and has applied to the above court for a grant of "LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION" of personal property of the said deceased. NOTICE is hereby given that the LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION will be granted to such person unless notice to PROHIBIT the grant thereof is filed in the probate Registrar High Court of Justice Gusau, Zamfara State within TWENTY-ONE DAYS (21 DAYS) from the date of publication of this NOTICE.

SCHEDULE:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF DECEASED	NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT
AHMADU ALHADI SARKIN KIYAWA (AKA) SARKIN AHMADU, AHMAD MUHAMMAD ASHA (AKA) AHMADU SARKIN KIYAWA (AKA) MUHAMMAD KAURA AHMAD ASHA MUHAMMAD AHMAD	1. NASIRU AHMAD ASHA 2. ABDULSALAM AHMED OF KAURA NAMODA LGA ZAMFARA STATE THE SON OF THE DECEASED
MUAZU KAFUR MUHAMMAD OF A1 DEVELOPMENT SERVICE OF TUDUN WADA GUSAU WHO DIED ON 01-10-2021 AT SARKIN MASKA SHEHU, HOSPITAL FUNTUA	ABDULLAHI MUAZU OF NO. 88 TUDUN WADA LOW-COST KATSINA STATE THE SON OF THE DECEASED
ISAH OKPANACHI OF RIMA RIVER BASIN DEV. AUTHORITY TALATA MAFARA WHO DIED ON 25-11-2021 AT SHEHU CLINIC TALATA MAFARA	1. HALIMA ISAH 2. YUNUSA ISAH OF YARBEDI TALATA MAFARA THE CHILDREN OF THE DECEASED

Dated this24th..... day of JANUARY, 2022

PROBATE REGISTRY HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE GUSAU, ZAMFARA STATE. SIRAJO GARBA ALIYU PROBATE REGISTRAR

THE EMMANUEL LIGHTBEARERS SOCIETY

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE ABOVE NAMED SOCIETY HAS APPLIED TO THE CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION (CAC) ABUJA FOR REGISTRATION UNDER PART "C" OF THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT (CAMA) 2020.

THE TRUSTEES:

1. OLOYEDE DAVID OLUFEMI ---- SECRETARY
2. ADEWUSI ADEOLA OLADELE ---- CHAIRMAN
3. OGUNDANA OLUFEMI KAYODE

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To help in creating and assisting welfare programmes for the Less privileged.
2. To empower youths in reaching their potentials.
3. To Organise Outreach programs through The African Church Emmanuel Ogba Parish.
4. To be a voice in making The African Church Nigeria Organ a better fit for society as a whole.

ANY OBJECTION TO THIS REGISTRATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION PLOT 420, TIGRIS CRESCENT, OFF AGUIYI IRONS STREET, MAITAMA, ABUJA, NIGERIA. WITHIN TWENTY EIGHT (28) DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION

SIGNED: SECRETARY

1999 ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF OWERRI GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL

This is to inform the general public that the above named Organisation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Abuja for registration under Part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990.

TRUSTEES ARE:

1. BABALOLA CINDY AMAKA
2. OJIMIWE OGECHI HAPPINESS
3. NTIAJUOKWU WINIFRED IFENYINWA
4. OLISA CHIOMA LAURAEETTA

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. To uphold sisterhood amongst the same set girls from our alma mater.
2. To indulge in any business that will ensure the growth of the group and the almatama.
3. To provide scholarships, counselling and vocational training for exceptional students of Owerri girls secondary school.

Any objection to this Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Irons Street, Maitama, Abuja, within 28 days of this publication.

Signed by:
BABALOLA CINDY AMAKA

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, KANO STATE PROBATE DIVISION KANO.

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DECEASED

ALHAJI (DR) SANI BUHARI (WALIN DAURA), Late of No. 166, Madunguru Qtrs. Kano. Died on 28th Day of November 2021, at Kings College Hosp. Dubai.

APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT

SALAMATU SANI BUHARI, HAFSATU SANI BUHARI & RAMATU SANI BUHARI, all of No. 166, Madunguru Qtrs. Kano. The Proposed Administratrix of the said Deceased.

DATED THIS 31ST DAY OF JANUARY, 2022

PROBATE REGISTRY HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE KANO STATE. SGD: ABDULLAHI ADO BAYERO PROBATE REGISTRAR

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to notify the general public of the loss of Housing document with reference no: FHA/OCE/APO/4BDD belonging to **HAJIA TAIBAT JUMOKE ABDURAEHEM**. All efforts made to trace the said document proved abortive. If found please return to the nearest police station. Federal Housing Authority take note.

Bank Details

Pay into any of our Accounts: Account Name: MEDIA TRUST LTD,	Bank: Stanbic IBTC Plc Account No: 0000913253 Sort Code: 221081552	Bank: First Bank Plc Account No: 2002911690 Sort Code: 011084060	Bank: UBA Plc Account No: 1007117397 Sort Code: 033080013	Bank: GTBank Plc Account No: 0024570856 Sort Code: 058083231
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Send your payment mandate to our email addresses

LOSS OF DOCUMENTS

This is to inform the general public that the loss of original Certificate of Occupancy plot No. **69 file No. RES/81/1660** situated at Unguwa-Uku Quarters TP/ADB/145B. Bearing the name of **LAWAL ABUBAKAR** of No. 126 Kundila Housing Estate Fed. Electoral Commission PMB 3372, Kano. All effort made to trace the original certificate of occupancy proved abortive. Members of the general public to note. If found kindly return to the nearest police station.

Requirement for Change of Name
Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit; Men: Court Affidavit

SPORT



■ Action recorded in the NPFL week 9 fixture between Heartland and Kano Pillars at Dan Anyiam stadium Owerri. Pillars won 1-0

Danish club signs 18-yr-old Gombe-born striker, 2 others

An 18-year-old Gombe-born striker Sadiq Bappa, has signed a professional deal with Danish second Division side, Jammerbugt Football Club (FC).

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that Bappa prior to the signing was a player of Mailantarki Care Football Academy in Gombe (MCEFA).

This is contained in a statement issued by Adamu Ahmed, the media officer of MCEFA on Tuesday in Gombe.

Ahmed said that the three-year contract signed on Monday in Abuja is expected to end in 2025.

He said that the contract was secured following a scouting tournament organised by Mr Khamisu Mailantarki, the Chief Executive Officer of MCEFA which was held in Abuja.

"Mailantarki Care Football Academy have announced the successful signing of a professional contract by one of our players who was successful in one of the scouting programme recently conducted and held in Gombe.

"Sadiq Muhammed Bappa, a highly rated and talented youngster with amazing speed, precision, and technique signed the dotted lines for Danish side Jammerbugt FC for three years.

"The deal was signed in Abuja with Abdulrahman Baba, a representative of the club who concluded the deal with MCEFA," he said.

The media officer further confirmed to NAN that two other Gombe lads Sadiq Abdullahi and Umaru Muhammed also secured professional deals with the Danish club. (NAN)

Kano Pillars aim to end Remo Stars unbeaten run

...As Lobi, Nasarawa Utd, Abia Warriors seek rebirth at home

By David Ngobua

Former champions Kano Pillars will aim to halt the unbeaten run of second placed Remo Stars when they square up today in one of the 2022 Nigeria Professional Football League (NPFL) MatchD10 fixtures at the Ahmadu Bello stadium in Kaduna.

Remo Stars who are yet to taste defeat in the ongoing campaign are visiting Pillars at the wrong time as the spirit in the camp of the 'Masu Gida' boys is high following their morale boosting 1-0 away win at Heartland.

Rivers United who are also

unbeaten will be up against strugglers Dakkada who laboured to hold visiting Rangers to a 0-0 draw last weekend in Benin City.

Kano Pillars will do Rivers United a big favour, if they inflict the first defeat of the season on Remo Stars as that would pave the way for the 'Pride of Rivers' to open a three-point gap on their closest rivals.

However, if the unexpected happens in Port-Harcourt and Dakkada pick the maximum points, even a draw against Kano Pillars would return Remo Stars to the top of the table.

Meanwhile, most of the teams

that lost their away matches in week 9 have returned home and are raring to bounce back to winning ways.

Lobi Stars who suffered a crushing 0-3 loss at Sunshine Stars welcome Niger Tornadoes to Makurdi, Katsina United who suffered a slim 2-1 loss at Enyimba host Sunshine Stars, Abia Warriors 0-1 losers at Plateau United welcome inform Wikki Tourists just as Nasarawa United beaten 2-0 by the 'Bauchi elephants' will seek revival at home as they tackle former African champions Enyimba.

In Ibadan, 3SC who recorded

a historic 1-0 away win at MFM of Lagos are poised to add to the misery of relegation candidates Heartland, reigning champions Akwa United in Uyo while Plateau United travel down to Nnewi to face Enugu Rangers.

Meanwhile, the remaining Week 10 match between Gombe United and the whipping boys of the season MFM of Lagos will be played at the Pantami stadium.

Gombe United beaten 2-0 at Kwara United will fancy their chances against MFM who are on a free-fall having failed to pick a single point in their last four matches.

You've failed, NRA boss chides Nigerian referees

By David Ngobua

The president of Nigeria Referees Association (NRA), Tade Azeez, who branded his members as failures, has asked them to improve on their performances to justify the support from the Nigerian football Federation (NFF).

The NRA boss gave the charge yesterday during the badging of Nigeria's 2022 FIFA referees, assistant referees, beach soccer referees and Fustal referees in Abuja.

Tade charged the referees to up their game in order to become very relevant and indispensable on the international scene.

"Nigerian referees have failed. The NFF has been doing well to provide all the support that we need, and our FIFA and CAF instructors have also been doing their bit in trying to put us in great physical shape. But we have let them all down and we must turn a new leaf



and aim for better performances."

In the same vein, a member of the NFF Executive Committee and Chairman of the Referees Committee, Alhaji Sharif Rabi Inuwa, said having only one assistant referee at the 2021 AFCON is a serious indictment on Nigerian referees.

"That we could only have one assistant referee at the AFCON is a big indictment on all of us. We are not doing enough as professionals, and we must take this as a big challenge.

"We are proposing that we have a monitoring team for our referees who officiate internationally so that we can have an accurate assessment of how they perform and conduct themselves," he said.

A total of 30 referees, made up of 11 referees, 11 assistant referees, 4 beach soccer and 4 Fustal referees received their badges at the occasion.

NFF receives AFCON 2021 technical report from Eguavoen

The Nigeria Football Federation confirmed yesterday that it has received an in-depth technical report on the Super Eagles' outing at the 33rd Africa Cup of Nations finals in Cameroon from the team's technical crew led by Augustine Eguavoen.

"We have received the technical report on the AFCON 2021 and we are presently studying it, in conjunction with the Ministry of Youth and Sports Development. Once the study and appraisal are done with, we will make known our position," NFF General Secretary, Dr Mohammed Sanusi said.

Nigeria won all her three group phase matches against



Egypt, Sudan and Guinea Bissau in Garoua, and emerged the only team in the tournament to log maximum nine points from three matches.

The team however lost by the odd goal to Tunisia in the Round of

16.

Despite the loss, the clamour has continued for the NFF technical director, Austine Eguavoen to be allowed to lead the Super Eagles in their 2022 World Cup playoff with Ghana.

The three-time African champions will take on Ghana's Black Stars in the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 play-off round scheduled for the month of March.



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Senegal battle Burkina Faso in mouth-watering AFCON semi-final clash



■ Senegal captain, Sadio Mane



■ Burkina Faso captain, Bertrand Traore

Burkina Faso and Senegal, both losing finalists in 2013 and 2019 will go head-to-head tonight in one of the semi-finals for a place in the grand finale of the 2021 Africa Cup of Nations at the Stade Ahmadou Ahidjo, Yaoundé.

It will be recalled that Burkina Faso lost 1-0 in the final to Nigeria in 2013 while Senegal lost by the same score line to Algeria in 2019 in Egypt.

It will be recalled that both countries have never won the trophy and both equally have a chance to conquer the continent for the first time but only one of

them will reach the finals.

Burkina Faso against all odds is now among Africa's best four teams and have been impressive since the tournament started over three weeks ago in Cameroon.

However, since 2006 they have been unable to defeat Senegal in each of their last four meetings.

After suffering a 2-1 defeat in the hands of Cameroon in the tournament's curtain-raiser on January 9, Kamou Malo's men bounced back to winning ways four days later to defeat Cape Verde 1-0 to end their group as runners-up.

The Stallions as they are called

showed the world what they are made of when they stunned Tunisia 1-0 in last Saturday's quarter-finals encounter.

Records have it that Burkina Faso are unbeaten in 10 of their last 11 games across all competitions — picking up five wins and five draws — with their group-stage defeat in the hands of the Indomitable Lions being the only exception.

Similarly, Senegal started the tournament slowly but have surely found a way to grind out the results.

They kicked off their campaign with a 97th-minute

penalty which was converted by Sadio Mane to see off a dogged Zimbabwe side and played out goalless draws against Guinea and Malawi respectively.

The Teranga Lions, however, ended the group with five points from three games to secure a knockout stage berth which at this point was business time.

Senegal defeated Cape Verde 2-0 before convincingly defeating Equatorial Guinea in last Sunday's quarter-finals 3-1 and now head into this game unbeaten in 11 straight games, claiming eight wins and three draws.

Six Pharaohs shun FIFA Club Cup for AFCON glory

Six players of the Egypt national team have spurned the chance of winning the FIFA World Club Cup for continental glory.

These players ply their trade with Egypt's top side, Al Ahly who departed Cairo on Monday for the UAE ahead of participating in the anticipated FIFA Club World Cup that will run from 3 to 12 February.

The players are Mohamed El-Shennawy, Ayman Ashraf, Akram Tawfik, Hamdi Fathi, Amr El-Sulya and Mohamed Sherif.

It was gathered from sources within the Egyptian camp that the players will most likely join their club teammates in the far-away Middle East once Egypt exit the tournament.

Egypt will be up against the host nation, Cameroon in the semi-final of the ongoing 2021 Africa Cup of Nations on Thursday at the Olembe stadium, Yaoundé.

The Pharaohs are the most successful team in the Africa Cup of Nations.

Egypt won the tournament a record seven times, including the inaugural edition in 1957.

Meanwhile, Al Ahly are 10 time CAF Champions League winners and will be facing Mexican side Monterrey in their opening match on February 5.

Ahly currently lead the Egyptian Premier League table with 19 points from seven games, with one game still in hand.



■ Mohamed El-Shennawy

Cameroonians hail AFCON for bringing infrastructural development, jobs



■ Newly constructed road leading to the Japoma Stadium, Doula

Photo: Jide Olusola

Cameroonians who are already reaping the benefits of hosting the 2021 Africa Cup of Nations have expressed their joy seeing the impact being made by newly built infrastructure.

Cameroon was initially billed to host the tournament in 2019. But in November 2018, the Confederation of Africa Football stripped the country of its hosting rights, citing lack of the required infrastructure for the tournament.

The country last hosted the

AFCON in 1972 and many of the youths never experienced the euphoria until this edition.

According to some locals, hosting the tournament has compelled the government to fix some basic infrastructure such as roads, construction and renovation of stadiums.

They also cited job creation as some of the gains of hosting this year's AFCON.

A student, Jeremie Cooper, said before now, he could only imagine what it means to host

such a big tournament.

"I am 27 years old and this is the first time I am witnessing something like this. I have only read about the last hosting and can't say how it developed the country. But this one, I have seen so many things which the government had ignored being fixed.

"The road to the stadium here (Japoma Stadium) was very terrible and all of a sudden the government fixed it. Even the road from Yassa that leads

to this stadium was so terrible and there used to be traffic, now, it has reduced and they are expanding the road. I hope they won't abandon the road now that the tournament is about to end," he said.

A lady, Christine said the construction of the stadium and fixing of roads provided jobs for many unemployed youths.

"Though I didn't have anything to do with the construction, I know some of my female friends who were employed as volunteers and are getting paid and I have a neighbour who worked on the road construction. And the same applies to many other people as well," she noted.

A taxi driver in Doula, Zaolu who spoke in French said the transport fare didn't increase but they made more rounds than normal as they needed to transport more people.

"The fare didn't increase but we had more people to carry around. Personally, I had the opportunity of being hired by some people and I get paid well," he said.

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Making money from transport: Do governors have the will and ability?

A quiet revolution started in Lagos State yesterday, February 1, 2022. It should spread to other states, and if that happens the governors will be happy for it and for good. That will happen only if the political elite will have the ability to enforce it.

By the pronouncements of the state government, each bus driver in Lagos State is expected to pay N800 as a daily levy to the coffers of the state and will do so every day that he plies the streets and roads of the state.

It is a tax and it is also a part of the payment for services being rendered by some agencies, such as the service of Lagos Waste Management Authority, which clears garbage at the motor parks. It is revenue to the state. It is aimed at imposing order on an important sector of the economy that has, ironically, been known for its proclivity for discord, chaos, thuggery, and social disruption. It is a sector that has long served as the breeder and supplier of cheap political gangs that serve the interests of the highest bidder, especially during election times.

Consequently, Nigeria's road transport sub-sector, which is represented by the National Union of Road Transport Workers and other unions, has been hijacked by interest groups that serve and are in turn sustained by the powers whose purposes are not quite in sync with the good and welfare of the larger society.

The road transport sub-sector is multiples of the aviation sector and indeed larger than the seaports, especially when we put in perspective the fact that it is also the last mile that connects every other mode of transportation. Besides connecting cities and villages, it is also the form of transportation most used for intra-city movement. Indeed, one of the requirements of the modern economy is the provision of basic infrastructure, the foremost of which is a good road network that enables people and goods to move freely.

Besides the movement of people from one point to other for their social, cultural, religious and business functions, goods and services must be moved from points of production to multitudes of places where they are needed to satisfy human needs.

Thus, it is inconceivable to talk about the Gross Domestic Product of the economy in a year or any fraction thereof in the absence of a well-functioning transportation system. The haulage trucks plying the famous Lagos-Ibadan road; Lagos-Benin road; Abuja-Kaduna road and other highways, each transporting raw materials for the factories in the cities of their destinations, are carrying portions of our GDP. Just in the same way, the Danfos or Molues (the reformed ones now) running from Oshodi to Idumota,

or the buses that ferry market women from one part of Benin City to another, are transporting part of the components of our GDP.

However, whether those components of the GDP eventually enter into the final computation of the figures at the end of the period depends on what happens in the transportation sector. Indeed, if we are saying there is very low tax revenue to GDP, this is why, because a good part of the GDP is not taxed for whatever reason it is and the focus on a few formal sectors in an economy that we know is largely informal tends to create imbalance and sometimes may destroy value.

When all these activities are done, the statisticians at the National Bureau of Statistics have a way of collating the information to



Yet, here is a gold mine that state governments can tap into to turn their fortunes and ensure their sustainability. In fact, this is the oil that every state has, especially the highly densely populated ones. The state can stem the tide by stepping in to bring order to the current chaos called road transport in Nigeria

tell us how much we produced in a year by giving us the monetary value of all the goods and services that we produced.

Sometimes things don't just work smoothly. Occasionally there are disruptions in the transportation system within a town or state, sometimes violent ones. This could happen due to clashes between various factions of the NURTW. A good number of these clashes are money wars between rival factions. The transport sector has become such a gold mine but only the Agberos have so far discovered and taken advantage of it diligently or perhaps as some people say, some officials and godfathers share in the proceeds. The union imposes all manners of levies on transport operators, from Okada to

buses, and "Keke-Marwa" or the tricycles.

This is the narrative that the Lagos State government has decided to change but it may seem that the unions want this levy to be additional payments as they seek to maintain the status quo on the collection of their various levies. Last July, a report by the International Centre for Investigative Report said that the Lagos Chapter of NURTW alone generates N123.08 billion yearly.

The ICJ report unearthed a highly organised and sophisticated network that sucks millions of naira daily from a chaotic road transport sector that barely renders a decent service to the customers. It puts a figure to tales told in buses and on the streets of Lagos, of how NURTW officials live like kings by feeding fat on the levies they collect. The report covered 75,000 buses; 50,000 Keke Marwas and 37,000 Okadas. Operators of these vehicles are forced to pay, on a daily basis, N3,000, N600, and N1,800, respectively. In a year, according to that report, these levies came to N82.1 billion for buses; N8.1 billion for Keke Marwa, and N32.9 billion for Okada.

This is an avoidable or preventable haemorrhage from the economy of a state. What is not clear is whether Lagos State Government would be able to stop the routine Agbero collection and whether there are plans on how to take care of the security implication of such, as it is not going to be business as usual to tell these gangs to stop collecting what they have termed their rights and on which they enjoy luxuries, without giving them an alternative.

It is not clear if the Lagos State Government has alternatives for them and if the opportunity cost of this great policy has been duly considered and risk mitigated. It is not clear if the Lagos State Government would surrender to the wills of the union leaders who want to continue their daily taxes.

Given that apart from Lagos, Rivers and a few others, most of Nigeria's states are barely surviving, unable to generate incomes to meet their basic needs, including the payment of their workers. Today, many state governments are owing their workers several months of unpaid salaries.

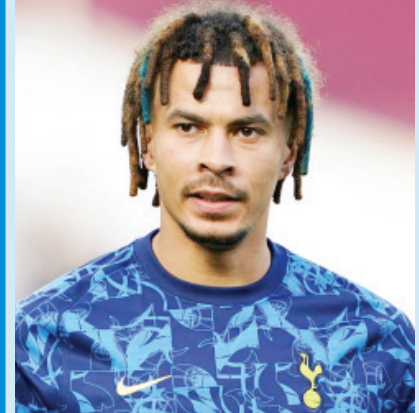
Yet, here is a gold mine that state governments can tap into to turn their fortunes and ensure their sustainability. In fact, this is the oil that every state has, especially the highly densely populated ones. The state can stem the tide by stepping in to bring order to the current chaos called road transport in Nigeria. Organising the road transport system also has great value in resolving some social issues and mitigating the menace of thuggery most seen in parks and on the roads. As a service, road transport is a critical element in our state and national economies that the time has come for it to be managed as a productive sector.

The choice is there for the governors to make. It is theirs to decide to organise this sector to become like manufacturing, banking or telecoms, or any other sector that is doing well and where the governments tax the operators to generate revenue.

The other choice, which has held sway and appears quite popular across the country, is to continue to retain it as a loose, fractious subterranean group that performs more roles than meet the eye.

SPORT REPORT

Dele Alli wants to be 'happy' again after Everton move



■ Dele Alli

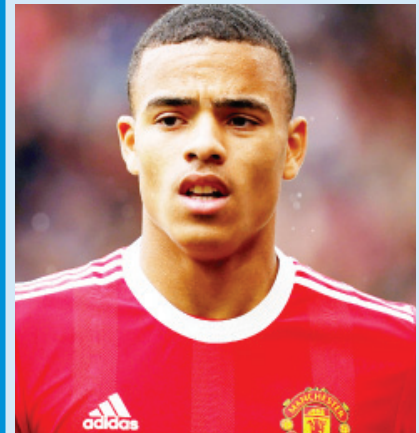
Dele Alli said he wanted to rediscover the joy of playing football after securing a move to Frank Lampard's Everton in an effort to revive his faltering career.

The England midfielder signed a two-and-a-half-year contract at Goodison Park, bringing his seven-year stay at Tottenham to an end late in the transfer window, which closed on Monday.

"I've had a few good conversations with him (Lampard) already and he's a player I've admired watching his whole career," Alli told Sky Sports.

"To have the opportunity to work with him now is very exciting and hopefully I'm sure we're going to do great things together."

Man United stop selling Greenwood shirts online



■ Mason Greenwood

Manchester United have stopped selling Mason Greenwood's shirt online and Nike has announced a suspension to its working relationship with the forward following "disturbing allegations" made against the England international.

The 20-year-old was suspended by United on Sunday, January 30 after images and voice recordings of alleged offences were circulated on social media.

Greater Manchester Police has also confirmed that a man in his 20s has been arrested on suspicion of rape and assault.

Greenwood's shirt has been removed from sale from the club's online store following the allegations.

A search for his name on the page returns the result 'your search for mason greenwood did not match any products.'