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Jonathan: INEC chairman to be named next week

By Habeeb I. Pindiga

A new chairman for the Independent National Electoral Commission will be announced next week after consultation with the Council of State, President Goodluck Jonathan has said.

Jonathan said yesterday at Nice, France, that he has chosen a credible, competent and non-partisan person whom he never met and whom he believes would conduct credible elections to be INEC chairman.

"The person that is going to be the chairman, I have not seen him in my life and I have never even spoken with him," Jonathan said at a meeting with Nigerians living in France, according to NAN news agency. "But from all the information and evidences I have, I have been made to understand that he is going to deliver credible elections for Nigeria and I am going to give him the chance."

The post of INEC chairman became vacant on April 28 when Jonathan,



PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan being welcomed by a French official and the Nigerian Ambassador to France Gordon Bristol at the Nice Airport, France, yesterday.

then acting president, asked Professor Maurice Iwu, whose tenure ends on June 13, to go on retirement leave immediately.

There are also vacancies of 10 national commissioners at INEC.

A statement yesterday in Abuja by Jonathan's spokes-

man Ima Niboro quoted the president as informing the gathering of Nigerians that he has also chosen similarly credible persons to be

national commissioners in the electoral commission.

Several names have been mentioned as being

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Nigerian students kidnapped in Malaysia

From Auwalu Umar (Kano) & Aisha Umar Agaie (Abuja)

SOME Nigeria students at the Limkokwing University in Malaysia have kidnapped a fellow student and are demanding a ransom of

\$20,000 (about N3 million) for his release, the foreign affairs ministry said yesterday.

The kidnap of Auwalu Dankaka, a student of Information Technology and son of chairman of Bebeji Local Government Area in Kano State, came in the wake of the release of three other abducted

Nigerian students after the payment of \$30,000 dollars ransom.

Spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr. Ozo Nwobu told *Daily Trust* in Abuja that the Nigerian high commissioner to Malaysia

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Kaduna toxic gas cylinder evacuated

From Ismail Mudashir, Kaduna.

SAFETY teams of the Kaduna Refining and Petrochemical Company (KRPC) and that of Kaduna Environmental Protection Agency (KEPA) yesterday evacuated the toxic gas cylinder that exploded in Kakuri, Kaduna Saturday.

The emission from the substance rendered over 300 inhabitants of the area unconscious on Saturday. When *Daily Trust*

visited the area, residents were seen going about their normal activities and the cylinder was no longer there. All those who slumped as a result of the emission have since been discharged from hospital.

A resident who witnessed the evacuation, Malam Kabir Zakari, said the team succeeded in removing the substance around 9.am.

"They poured four tankers of water on it last night in order to

reduce the ooze and that was what made us to sleep well on Saturday night. On Sunday morning, a combined team of KRPC and KEPA came around 9am, they poured chemicals on it before they carried it," he added.

Speaking to our correspondent on the incident, the Public Relations Officer of the Kaduna State Police Command DSP Aminu Lawan said no life was lost as a result of the emission. He said the command had com-

menced investigation into the issue. District Head of the Kakuri Alhaji Shehu Tijjani said all those that who were hospitalised as a result of the emission had since been discharged. He dispelled the rumour that many people died after inhaling the substance.

When our correspondent visited Gwamna Awan Hospital where over 150 victims of the emission were hospitalised, none of them was seen.

A safety engineer with the

KRPC, Yusuf Haruna described the substance as toxic gas but that there was need for a thorough examination to identify it.

Meanwhile, Governor of Kaduna State Mr. Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa has sympathized with those affected. Yakowa in a statement by his Special Adviser on Media and Publicity Reuben Buhari said he would do all within his powers to ensure that all those affected are adequately catered for.



Former President Olusegun Obasanjo (middle) flanked by Governor Adebayo Alao-Akala of Oyo State and Governor Olagunsoye Oyinlola of Osun State (left) during Obasanjo's meeting with them on the ownership of Ladoke Akintola University of Technology in Abeokuta, Ogun State, recently.

Abacha's wife defends hubby over alleged corruption

From Lawan Danjuma Adamu, Kano

WIFE of former Head of State, late General Sani Abacha, Hajiya Maryam Abacha, has denied charges of embezzlement against her husband, saying the allegations were fabricated by bank stakeholders from the South-west region.

The former first lady, who spoke on Kano based Freedom Radio, alleged that the charges were propagated by the victims of his banking reforms.

According to her, when Abacha took over in 1993, the value of Nigeria's currency was at a record low while the country was highly indebted. She said the situ-

ation challenged the military ruler to sanitize the banking industry.

Maryam said a lot of people from the South-west who were having a bigger stake in the sector were not happy with the exercise because it exposed their shoddy deals.

"So they have this belief that my husband had exposed them and damaged their names, therefore, they decided to smear his good reputation after his death by claiming that he was not holy," she said.

She also refuted charges of stashing money abroad, saying they were the handiwork of western powers who failed to get the

military ruler to dance to their tunes. Immediately after late Abacha refused to act their scripts, she said, the West imposed sanctions on Nigeria. She said western nations disliked her husband because he refused to take loans from them.

It was at that moment that some foreign leaders, who knew the antics of the West, advised the late Head of State to withdraw all Nigeria's monies in the West and transfer them to friendly countries, Maryam said. All the monies, she said, that were moved to foreign banks for safe keeping while the sanction lasted, were done with the consent of Abacha's

lieutenants and ministers.

"So we were surprised when after his death, allegations of corruption started coming up against him," she said. Maryam said there was no basis for singling out Abacha and accusing him of squandering Nigeria's wealth, adding, "Where are the ministers, the governors and the service chiefs that worked with him?" She said he was being blamed only because he was dead. While admitting that the family had suffered stigmatization to the extent of losing friends, Maryam said their life support since they left power had been solely private businesses.

Gaidam lauds decision on ticket, assures of equal opportunities

From Hamza Idris, Damaturu

GOVERNOR Ibrahim Gaidam has thanked his people and party for deciding to give him an automatic ticket to contest next year's election, assuring the electorate in Yobe State that his administration

would provide equal opportunities to participate in the electoral process to ensure true representation, distribution and execution of projects.

The governor stated this Saturday at the Damaturu stadium during a celebration to commemorate

11 years of uninterrupted democracy in Nigeria. The occasion was preceded by a prayer by Ustaz Baba Gana Mallam Kyari, the Chief Imam of Markas mosque for the repose of the souls of late President Umaru Yar'adua and late former Governor Mammam Ali. "We

have recorded significant progress in our socio-political evolution and economic advancement as a nation. We must resolve to uphold the ideals and tenets of democracy and ensure direct participation of all citizens in the affairs of the state," the governor said.

Four policemen die in Jos crash

From Mahmud Lalo, Jos

AT least four policemen were confirmed dead in a crash yesterday along old Bukuru By-pass in Jos. Plateau State Police Public Relations Officer ASP Muhammed Lerama who confirmed the incident said the officers were on their way to Jos Rwang Pam Township Stadium in a police patrol van when the accident occurred.

Lerama who said the cause of the accident was yet to be ascertained, added that the state command had launched an investigation into the cause. He added that the bodies of the late officers were deposited at a mortuary, stressing that the names of the officers were yet to be made public.

Community leaders to account for vandalised govt facilities

From Muhammad Abubakar, Bauchi

THE Bauchi State government is to hold District Heads, Ward Heads and other community leaders responsible if government facilities in their areas are tampered with or vandalized, Governor Isa Yuguda has said.

Addressing newsmen as part of this year's Democracy Day celebrations yesterday, the governor said government took the decision in view of cases of vandalization of government facilities in the state.

The governor, who cited the vandalized generator at the General Hospital Toro, warned that government would deal decisively with saboteurs and that the communities themselves should jealously guard facilities supplied to them by government. The governor who used the occasion to enumerate his achievements in the last three years, said as part of efforts by his administration to boost education, government had procured and distributed over six million text books to public schools.

Siemens: 10 top govt officials to face EFCC

By Boco Edet

TEN top serving and former government officials are to face the five man panel set up by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) probing an alleged 17.5million Euros dubious payment by Siemens beginning Tuesday.

A senior EFCC official said those to be interrogated between Tuesday and Friday are from Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN), Nigerian Telecommunications Company (NITEL) and Power and Steel Ministry.

The serving officials include CEO PHCN Engr. G.O.P. Osakwe, Perm. Sec. Power & Steel Ministry Engr. S.M. Mahmood, Secretary NITEL Tenders Board R. Olusanju, Director

NITEL Allah Bamulafiya and Legal Adviser NITEL Samson Olabiyi.

The former government functionaries are former MD PHCN Engr. Joseph Makoju, former MD NITEL Albert Mashi, former GM NITEL E.C Ossai, CEO MTEL Edwin Momfe, Ex-Director PHCN Shuaibu Maigida.

EFCC's Spokesman Femi Babafemi confirmed their invitations to the anti-graft agency.

Already the commission obtained the statements of two ex-ministers of communication - Current Deputy National Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Halliru Bello Mohammed and retired Major General Tajudeen Olanrewaju last week.

Chief Cornelius Adebayo, also an ex-Minister sought permission to address a medical problem at an undisclosed hospital in Canada but he had already been quizzed over the matter.

EFCC bolstered the case which has been under investigation since 2007 after former financial head of Siemens telecoms unit Michael Kutschenreuter and the former head of accounting were found guilty by a Munich court in Germany of bribing government officials in Russia and Nigeria to secure contracts.

Siemens has identified around 1.3 billion Euros in dubious payments that changed hands between 2000 and 2006. The affair has cost the company around 2.5 billion Euros in fines, investigations and back taxes.

Jonathan to address world leaders in France

PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan will make a key note presentation to world leaders on peace keeping and conflict resolutions at the 25th Africa-France Summit in Nice.

Jonathan, who is attending the summit on the invitation of French President Nicolas Sarkozy, arrived in the Southern French city of Nice yesterday.

In the entourage of the president are the Ministers of Petroleum Deziani Allison-Madueke, Foreign Affairs, Odein Ajumogobia; National Planning, Shamsudeen Usman and Commerce, Jubril Martins Kuye.

Nigeria's Ambassador to France Gordon Bristol said Jonathan was nominated by Sarkozy because of the pivotal role Nigeria played in peace, security and conflict resolution in Africa and the world.

Heads of States and Governments from Africa, Asia and Europe are participating at the two-day summit which opens today at the Nice Acropolis Convention Centre.

Tagged a "Renovation Summit," the multi-national gathering is to revamp relations between Africa and France and the growing awareness of the changes taking place on the continent.

The Africa-France Summit was initiated in 1973 by two African presidents, Niger Republic's Mamman T'roure and Senegal's Leopold Senghor.

In 1975, however, the summit was extended to Asia, English and Portuguese-speaking African countries and later to all African countries. (NAN)



Cross section of participant of International Science Olympiad contests during the presentation of certificate to the winners in Abuja at the weekend.

'Credible polls will make court cases unnecessary'

By Mohammed S. Shehu

PRESIDENT Good luck Jonathan has reiterated his commitment to ensure that the spate of post election litigations that trailed the 2007 elections no longer repeat itself in 2011 general elections.

Jonathan, who spoke through Senate President David Mark, gave the assurance yesterday during the interdenominational church service to mark 2010 Democracy Day at the National Christian Centre, Abuja.

He said the Federal Government has resolved to institution-

alize all structures that would enhance good governance and credible elections in the country adding that the ability of the country to survive the last 11 years of democracy, despite the turbulence, was an indication that democracy has come to stay.

"The greatest challenge this administration faced was between November and May this year and that the nation was able to survive this is an indication that democracy has come to stay.

"We as a nation have every reason to celebrate; eleven years in the life of a nation is very small consid-

ering how long it took other democracies to get to where they are now. We have successfully transitioned from one civilian rule to another in the last eleven years and I want to assure you that things will continue to get better," he said.

In his sermon, Bishop of the Methodist Church of Abuja Archbishop Chimaroke Iweha condemned what he described as hypocritical approach to government business in Nigeria and called on Nigerians to jettison greed and looting of public treasury which had been the bane of the nation's quest to progress.

He noted that for Jonathan to succeed, he must step on peoples' toes and urged him to move ahead with the electoral reform.

The Democracy Day service was attended by Minister of Internal Affairs, Captain Iheanacho, Minister of State, Information and Communication, Labaran Maku, Minister of Special Duties, Navy Captain Olubolade, Head of Service of the Federation, Mr. Stephen Oronsaye, Permanent Secretary FCT, representing the FCT Minister, Service Chiefs, Ambassadors and other top government's officials.

NLC: Govt yet to increase minimum wage

By Francis Okeke

CONTRARY to widespread reports over the media that the Federal Government is going to start implementation of a new national minimum wage by July, Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) said the conception was wrong.

Leader of the Joint Public Service Negotiating Council (JPSNC), trade union side, Comrade Olakunle Olaitan said it was the issue of relativity and the wide disparity between permanent secretaries and directors in the civil service that was resolved.

The Federal Government had over a week ago set up a committee to address complaints of federal workers protesting the various discrepancies in wages of workers in the different agencies of government.

Making the clarification, the spokesman of NLC Comrade Onah Iduh said what President Goodluck Jonathan announced was the "settlement of the dispute on the gap between what permanent secretaries earn and that of directors and other civil servants."

On his part, Comrade Olaitan said even though an announcement has not been made on the national minimum

wage yet, the committee had completed its work and "the issue of relativity has been substantially settled to the satisfaction of everybody. The issues in dispute have been settled and the wide disparity has also been substantially harmonised," he added.

NLC also praised President Jonathan for a speedy resolution of the crisis and called on him to ensure a speedy actualisation of an enhanced national minimum wage.

"It is a great feat and it indicates that Jonathan is a man of his words because during the May Day celebration, he said the dispute would be settled in three months but in less than one month we have seen it," the union's spokesman said.

2011 elections may hold by Jan

... As N/Assembly approves constitution changes

By Turaki A. Hassan

THE next general elections are likely to hold in January 2011 or December 2010 if the recommendation of the Joint Harmonisation Committee of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the review of the 1999 constitution is adopted by the state assemblies.

The joint committee, Daily Trust learnt, recommended that elections shall be conducted in not more than 150 days and not later than 120 days before the expiration of tenure of the present political office holders.

The amendment reads, "Elections to each House of the National Assembly shall be held on a date to be appointed by the Independent National Electoral Commission, the date mentioned in subsection (I) of this section shall not be earlier than one hundred and fifty days and not later than none hundred and twenty days on which the House stands dissolved, or where the election is to fill a vacancy occurring more than ninety days before such date, not later than thirty days after the vacancy occurred." Minority Leader of the House of Representa-

tives Rep. Mohammed Ali Ndume (ANPP, Borno) told Daily Trust yesterday that the leadership of the National Assembly will meet with the constitution review committee of the Governors Forum, which is chaired by Governor Gabriel Suswam of Benue State, to ensure that the state Houses of Assembly endorse the amendments as soon as they received it.

Deputy Senate Majority Leader Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba (PDP, Cross River Central) said the harmonization committee had finished its work and the report will be presented to the two chambers

on Wednesday for final approval and onward transmission to the 36 state Houses of Assembly for endorsement.

According to section 9 of the 1999 constitution any alteration of the constitution can only be effected when it is endorsed by 2/3 majority of the 26 state Houses of Assembly. Based on the amendments, all cases arising from election are to be dispensed within six months but contrary to the recommendation of the Justice Mohammed Lawal 'Uwais panel that all election cases should be concluded before swearing in of

political office holders.

Deputy Senate President Ike Ekweremadu had defended the position of the National Assembly saying a vacuum will be created in governance if those declared winners are not sworn-in but said all election petitions will now be dispensed not later than two months from the swearing in of elected persons. Other relevant alteration to the constitution includes the rising of the educational requirements for elective positions as only those who holds a minimum of National Diploma or its equivalent will be eligible to contest.

PIC: SHEHU K. GORO



Chief Judge of Kaduna State, Justice Rahila Cudjoe (right) administering the oath of office on the Deputy Governor of Kaduna State, Alhaji Mukhtar Ramalan Yero (left). With them is Governor Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa, at the Government House, Kaduna on Friday.

ECOWAS to review integration process

By Aisha Umar Agaie

THE 64th ordinary session of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers will start today in Abuja to review the status of implementation of the organization's regional integration programmes. The ministers will also consider means of accelerating the realization of the dreams of the institution's founding fathers when it was established on May 28, 1975.

A statement from the ECOWAS commission said the ministers will also consider the 2010 mid-year report of the President of the ECOWAS Commission Ambassador James Victor Gbeho which detailed the performance of the commission and institutions of the community, challenges and prospects.

"The council, which is composed of ministers responsible for ECOWAS affairs in the organization's 15 Member States, will consider the report of the meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee (AFC) which, among others, contains the recommendation for an approval of a supplementary budget to be utilized for ECOWAS disaster response in Member States as well as vocational training and tripartite social dialogue," the statement added.

The ministers will consider various memoranda, including those related to the schedule of rotation of the chairmanship of the authority of Heads of State and Government, modalities for the rotation of the positions of President, Vice President and Commissioners of the ECOWAS Commission, among others.

Electricity workers reject tariff increase

By Francis Okeke

NATIONAL Union of Electricity Employees (NUEE) yesterday voiced its opposition to Federal Government's plan to increase electricity tariff, saying that the populace cannot take it just as it advised government to concentrate on increasing power output.

NUEE's Deputy General Secretary Ibrahim Aliyu told Daily Trust that the union at this "crucial moment" will "advise that government concentrates on bringing in more megawatt into the system than coming out to say you want to increase the tariff.

"This will be too much for Nigerians to bear because right now they don't have enough electricity and you want to increase

the price of the little one they are getting."

Aliyu said Nigerians will be glad to pay for electricity if it is available "because if you look at the law of demand and supply, once you go to the market, there is availability of the products then you will pay happily but if the product is not available nobody will be happy to pay for it." He rejected claims by government that higher tariff will bring enough revenue to fix power sector, stressing that it is just a ploy to favour the private sector at the expense of Nigerian people.

He urged government to adequately motivate workers in the power sector by respecting and implementing the terms of all agreements it reached with the workers.

Reckless driving: FRSC seeks religious leaders support

By Misbahu Bashir

CORPS Marshal of the Federal Road Safety Commission Osita Chidoka has asked for the support of religious leaders in eradicating reckless driving on the roads. Chidoka made the remarks at an international conference on the 'challenges of human interactions through mobility' in the Vatican City, Italy.

A statement by the Media Assistant to Chidoka, Sani Abdullahi, said the Corps Marshal asked religious leaders, civil society groups and nongovernmental organization to work with governments at all levels in the fight against road traffic crashes by reducing dangerous driving in the spirit of collective responsibility.

Chidoka said this became imperative in view of the increasing rate of road carnage globally, with sub-Saharan Africa alone accounting for 10% of the statistics, while Nigeria and South Africa account for about 50% of the figure.

Pope Benedict XVI called on authorities to treat immigrants with respect and ensure that their rights are protected. The three day International Conference drew participation from Europe, America and Africa with Bishops and Priests in attendance.

Tenure of CPC boss not over yet

By Mohammed S. Shehu

THE second tenure of the Director General of Consumer Protection Council (CPC) Ifenyinwa 'Umenyi expires 2013, not 2010 as reported by Daily Trust.

'Umenyi made the clarification through her Legal Adviser, E. Ataguba, following a story in the May 26 edition of Daily Trust which listed the CPC boss among heads of Federal Government agencies who have refused to vacate their offices upon the expiration of their tenures. "I wish to point out that this information with all due respect is incorrect. For the avoidance of doubt, the President and Commander-in-Chief approved the second term of the Director General for four years with effect from 2nd February 2009," Ataguba said.

Women seek more representation in hajj affairs

By Abdulkadir Badsha Mukhtar

MUSLIM women in Nigeria have advocated for more representation in the conduct and organisation of hajj affairs in the country.

The request was contained in a communiqué issued at the end of the Train-the-trainers workshop for hajj awareness on women issues organized by Federation of Muslim Women Association of Nigeria (FOMWAN) in collaboration with the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) in Abuja.

The communiqué said more women should be given more roles to play to enable them help their womenfolk, who constitute 50% of the total number of Nigerian pilgrims going to hajj every year.

On the issue of pregnant women going for pilgrimage, the workshop "unanimously agreed that women must defer hajj until after child birth" to avoid premature births, miscarriages, and complications occurring among pregnant women.

Nigerian students kidnapped in Malaysia

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confirmed the kidnapping incident and said it was carried out by Nigerian students.

The Nigeria mission in Kuala Lumpur and Malaysian authorities are working to release the victim, Nwobu said.

Fellow Nigerian students offered the kidnapers \$5,000 for the release of Auwalu after listening by telephone to his torture by the kidnapers. But the kidnapers asked for additional \$15,000 before they release him.

The Malaysian envoy in Nigeria Mr. Nik Mustafa Kamal, when contacted, said he was not aware of the kidnapping.

In an interview with Daily Trust in Abuja, Kamal said he doubted if the incident truly happened and that if it did, it should be reported to the Malaysian police.

He also said the case needed to be confirmed from the Malaysian police because there had been incidents where students fake stories to seek for money from their parents.

Kamal said 7,000 Nigerians study in Malaysia and that if kidnappings continue, a special screening would be instituted before admissions are issued to Nigerians.

Many students from Kano are studying IT and other related courses in Malaysia, mostly sponsored by their parents.

The Kano State police public relations officer Baba Muhammed also confirmed the kidnap, saying Auwalu's father reported the case to the command.

Auwalu's father, Alhaji Dankaka Husseini Bebeji, could not be located for comments. Our reporter could not meet him at his office because he was said to have travelled to Abuja to meet with relevant government agencies on how to secure the release of his son.



VICE President, Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC), Comrade Issa Aremu, addressing students to mark Literacy Day celebration at Zamani College, Kaduna, at the weekend.

Minister: Government outstanding bonds hit N2.24trn

By Idris Ahmed

DIRECTOR General of the Debt Management Office (DMO) Dr. Abraham Nwankwo has disclosed that the total outstanding Federal Government bonds as at April 30, 2010 was N2.248 trillion.

This is coming against the backdrop of the revelation by the Minister of Finance Olusegun Aganga that Nigeria's total public debt, external and domestic, are estimated at N4.1 billion as at March 31, 2010.

The minister said that the debt is still within the internationally accepted benchmark for measuring debt sustainability.

The FGN total outstanding bond was made known at the weekend by the Debt Management Office through a report of proceedings of the recently-concluded international forum on FGN Bonds for Nigerians in Diaspora in Houston, Texas, USA. The DG noted at the forum that bonds are generally recognized as instruments that can be used to diversify an investor's

portfolio to achieve stability in value and income.

He said: "The bonds are tax exempt, implying bigger income in the hands of the investors; the bonds provide an alternative investment to equities, real estate and bank deposits; bonds can be used as collateral for borrowing from banks and discount houses and bonds can be sold either through any of the 21 PDMMs licensed by the DMO or on the floor of the NSE."

Dr. Nwankwo also assured that FGN bond is a good instru-

ment to invest in towards a target project such as property, children's education, retirement and homecoming for Nigerians in Diaspora.

Minister of Finance, represented by the Nigerian Ambassador to the United States, Professor Adebawale Adefuye, assured Nigerians in Diaspora that FGN Bonds are high grade instruments that offer you many of the benefits other investment products in the market do not have. He therefore, recommended it strongly for patronage.

INEC chairman to be named next week

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considered for the chairmanship of INEC. Among them are former chief justice of Nigeria Salihu Alfa Belgore, vice chancellor of the Bayero University Kano Prof Attahiru Jega, former president of the Nigerian Bar Association Olisa Agbakoba, retired justice of the Supreme Court George Oguntade, Information Minister Dora Akunyili, former secretary-general of the Commonwealth Emeka Anyaoku, civil rights activist Jibrin Ibrahim and former chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Nuhu Ribadu.

But Belgore, according to a reliable source, had said he was not interested in the job. As for Akunyili, Anyaoku and Ribadu, they do not fit the description given by the president yesterday.

There is also a chance that a dark horse may emerge.

Niboro's statement said, "The President told the gathering that the person he has chosen to head INEC is a person he believes Nigerians can rely upon to conduct very credible elections in 2011. He added that he had never met the nominee in person, but knew him well by reputation to be an incorruptible Nigerian who can never be influenced to manipulate election results to favour any party.

"He said that after the publication of the names of his intended nominees to fill existing vacancies in INEC, the government will listen to

the views of Nigerians on their suitability or otherwise, and withdraw anyone against whom a credible objection is raised."

The president also reiterated his commitment to credible elections next year. "What we promise for 2011 is one man, one vote and we will make sure that the votes count," Jonathan, who is in France to attend the 25th Africa-France Summit, said.

"What I can promise Nigerians is that we will do everything possible to conduct credible elections. New laws will help us. We must develop a system of electing credible leaders. That will be the beginning of real development for our country. Without the ability to elect credible leaders, all our talk about rapid development will be a waste of time. We cannot have good governance without a good electoral system that ensures that elections are free, fair and credible," he said.

The statement also said, "He (Jonathan) explained that his choice of individuals to lead INEC into the 2011 elections was hinged on his belief that the human factor was critical to the conduct of credible elections in Nigeria.

"President Jonathan said that while he will continue to work with the National Assembly to achieve necessary amendments to the constitution and electoral laws, he believed that credible elections could be conducted even with existing laws if followed to the letter and people are ready to do what is right."

Dakingari urges political leaders to emulate Sardauna, Aminu Kano

From Ismail Adebayo, Birnin Kebbi

GOVERNOR Saidu Usman Dakingari of Kebbi State has called on political leaders in the country to emulate late Sir Ahmadu Bello (Sardauna Sokoto) and Alhaji Aminu Kano, saying their leadership had positive impact on the people. Dakingari said though, the two leaders died a long time

ago, people were still feeling their impact. He said both men ensured that their politics revolved around the improvement of the people and the welfare of the less privileged in the society. The governor made the call while addressing the Nigerian Youth Council and PDP members who staged a one million youth match to commemorate the 2010 Democracy Day in Birnin Kebbi.

"We can still see the good impact, development and successes their politics brought to us. This is the kind of politics we must play, these are the kind of leaders we must follow," he added.

He said his administration had provided health care delivery, education and infrastructures to the people. The governor also announced his intention to con-

test the 2011 elections.

"I am confident today to come before the people to ask them to vote for me and my party because we have justified the trust they have in us. They know that I will also deliver in my second term," he said. Dakingari enjoined party supporters and political leaders in the state to eschew violence and anything that could jeopardize

peace in the state.

Earlier in his speech, Senator Abubakar Atiku Bagudu said Kebbi had witnessed tremendous changes since the inception of the present administration. The senator said the changes were made possible because of the transparency, accountability and due process policy of the Dakingari administration.

PIC: FELIX ONIGBINDE

No crack in Bauchi PDP ranks - Yuguda

From Muhammad Abubakar, Bauchi

BAUCHI State Governor Isa Yuguda has said that the People's Democratic Party (PDP) in the state is intact, saying it had no crack whatsoever.

The governor who said this at a parley with newsmen in Bauchi yesterday said the PDP had been united since its formation in the state and that those who were trying to factionalize it were not card-carrying members of the party.

"These people who parade themselves as party members are defeated. They are those who have been rejected by the people. They are those who view politics as a profession for crooks and hoodlums," he said.

He maintained that the PDP was intact, adding that the caretaker committee handling the affairs of the party would soon put up a solid structure for the party.

Some PDP members in the state under the aegis of PDP Patriotic Forum had last week expressed sadness over what they described as the mishandling of the affairs of the party in the state.

Unilorin Dean becomes Al-Hikma Varsity VC

From Mustafa Abuabakar, Ilorin

THE former Dean of Student Affairs at the University of Ilorin Professor Sulayman A. Abdulkareem has been appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin.

He takes over from Prof. Deremi Abubakar, whose term expired recently. Abdulkareem is a Professor of Chemical Engineering.



CROSS section of Real Brass Band entertaining guests at the inauguration of the Faculty Board of the Initiatives in Uyo last week.

Maintain zoning formula, ex-gov tells PDP

From Rakiya A. Muhammad, Sokoto

FORMER Governor of Sokoto State Malam Yahaya Abdul Kareem has called on the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to sustain the zoning formula, saying it would give every part of the country a sense of belonging.

Malam Kareem who made the call in

Sokoto yesterday added that through the zoning system, Nigerians, irrespective of religion or tribe could have an opportunity to occupy the number one position in the country. He also supported calls for a two party system in the country, saying it would be the best for the country.

The former governor said under the

present multi-party system there cannot be a strong opposition party. According to him, the two-party system would ensure a vibrant opposition. He also called for the involvement of elders in the nation's politics.

This, he said would enable youths to benefit from their wealth of experience and ensure the sustenance of democracy.

Stakeholders seek unity in Plateau

From Andrew Agbese, Jos

STAKEHOLDERS from the Plateau South senatorial zone have called on the people of the zone to unite.

The stakeholders at a lecture organized by Senator John Shagaya at the weekend said the people of the zone used to have a common front, adding that it was that unity that made them to achieve meaningful progress and development. Senator Shagaya said he was happy that the people of the zone had learnt lessons from the crisis that engulfed the

zone in 2004 and had not allowed a repeat. He said the lecture was to emphasize the fact that the people could unite irrespective of religion or ethnicity.

He noted that the major problem affecting the zone was poor education, saying it was because of that, that he was giving scholarships to 36 students from the zone. Dr. Bawa Abdullahi Wase, who presented one of the papers said while democracy was meant to be the answer to all problems in the country, the general consensus was that after 11 years, the expected dividend was still a mirage.

Dr. Bonaventure Haruna in his paper said

the legislator had a role which differed from the executive.

He said the people's expectation from the elected representative should therefore be guided by constitutional roles rather than by political expediency, adding that for the representative to be effective, the legislator must have a relationship with his constituents.

Majority Leader of the Plateau House of Assembly Joseph Bu'kar on his part wondered why the Southern zone with all the human materials it had could not project one of its own for the number one position in the state.



A police sergeant being arrested by the Lagos State Environmental Task Force at Ojota during sanitation exercise, last week.

Worker dies over new tax as NLC threatens strike

From Sadeeq Aliyu, Gusau

AN employee of the Abdu Gusau Polytechnic Talata-Mafara in Zamfara State, Alhaji Shehu Umar Gusau, collapsed and died last week following a shock as a result of a N20,000 Pay As You Earn tax deduction recently introduced by the state government.

Shehu, who was said to be hypertensive, collapsed Tuesday on hearing that N20,000 was deducted from his salary and was rushed to the Federal Medical Centre Gusau where he died the following morning.

Investigations showed that some civil servants have lost up to N40,000 to the new tax while others have vowed not to receive their salaries until the deduction is reversed. Many civil servants say the deduction by the state government is an indication of government's lack of interest in their welfare.

Meanwhile, the Nigeria Labour Congress in Zamfara State

has given a three-week ultimatum to the state government to reverse its decision to effect the new tax or face strike action.

Speaking to newsmen in Gusau, the NLC Vice Chairman Comrade Bello Galadima Maguru said the workers would not accept the salary deduction and urged the government to rescind the decision in the interest of harmonious working relationship between government and workers.

According to him, the deduction of about 30 percent of salaries by government as Pay-As-You-Earn tax is unacceptable and so government should drop the idea.

He advised the government to find out from other states the percentage being deducted as PAYE tax so as not to infringe on the rights of workers.

The Director Press Alhaji Adamu Sani Katuru said the deductions were done throughout the country, adding that the finance commissioner would soon meet with labour leaders for dialogue.

ASP, corporal injured over Democracy Day

From Jaafar Jaafar, Kano

ASSISTANT Superintendent of Police Babale Rufa'i sustained an arm fracture while Corporal Haruna Mohammed suffered injuries trying to arrest 35 suspected thugs with dangerous weapons for attempting to disrupt the Democracy Day celebrations in Kano at weekend, the command's spokesman said.

The suspects were arrested at strategic locations in the state trying to cause confusion on the celebrations. Parading the suspects before newsmen, command Public Relations Officer SP

Baba Mohammed Azare said the suspects were arrested with machetes, cutlasses, sickle-shaped swords and amulets among others.

Azare said the police would thoroughly investigate to bring other culprits to book, adding that the suspects would be charged to court after investigation.

"We have warned people to desist from threatening the peace of the state, but they went ahead and attempted to disrupt the Democracy Day celebrations," said the command's image-maker.

Be disciplined to ward off evil, Pastor urges Nigerians

By Austine Odo

PASTOR Wale Dahunsi of the Mountain of Fire and Miracle Ministries, Kubwa, Abuja, has charged Nigerians to discipline their lives to be able to destroy evil implantations that could affect their personal lives as well as national development.

At a sermon in Abuja yesterday, Pastor Dahunsi told the congregation that personal discipline and moderation in every area of life help a great deal to circumvent implanted evil which usually come from both visible and invisible enemies.

But he emphasized more on the invisible (spiritual) enemies, which he said are more dangerous, saying, "Discipline your life, your appetite, your way of living, be careful always, don't show-off, be moderate in the way you do things. Live your Christian life as if tomorrow will not come. If you buy a new car for instance, don't go about showing it off to everyone, or go to your village and show people to say you have arrived, you never know

who wants you down, be wise".

Dahunsi noted that in life, several people are attacked by agents of evil through evil implantations, through witchcraft, satanic agents, evil insects, evil birds and evil canteens among several others. He urged Christians to follow Jesus Christ in "His character and ways to His cross every day".

Noting that evil implantations result in distortion and disorganization of the mind, unnecessary constant fear, distorted glory, distorted carrier, profitless life, hatred, diversion from good to bad, lack of favour, disgrace, shame, bad odour and smell of death, Dahunsi said good Christians should always avoid satanic agents or their associates or false prophets, and be careful with what they eat, touch or associate.

"Evil implantations result in sickness, evil growths, evil flow (e.g., unusual blood flow from women) fibroid, lack of joy, business or marriage failure. Beware!", he further warned.

NCAT rector explains emergency landing by trainee pilots

From Nahimah Ajikanle, Lagos

THE Rector, Nigerian College of Aviation Technology (NCAT) Zaria Captain Adebayo Araba has explained the recent forced-landing of a trainee aircraft, Tampico, by two students of the college in Kano.

Araba who spoke in Lagos yesterday said the explanation became necessary to put the records straight following conflicting reports on the incident.

Recall that two students of NCAT had during a routine training, had a forced landing at a school compound in Kano after encountering bad weather on their way to NCAT.

According to the Rector, contrary to media reports on the incident, the students safely landed the aircraft and went back to the college uninjured while the aircraft was also not damaged.

The rector who said the incident was not a case of crash-landing as speculated in some quarters, explained that eight aircraft with 16 students had embarked on the training on that day but only one was unable to land at NCAT run-

way because of weather.

He explained that since the occupants of the aircraft were students still in training and not yet professionals as obtained in the commercial aviation industry, they had been trained to land their aircraft in places like roadsides and school premises in emergencies.

"This particular problem happened to some of the students that just left the PPL stage, which was the reason they were two in the aircraft. They were flying pilot to co-pilot. As part of the discipline in that college and all over the world, for any student, you have to be doubly sure of one or two things. One of which is emergency. You need to ask, can these students land this aircraft safely and walk away with it?"

"If during that demonstration, the student is not good enough, at that stage, we tell them to go. So, it becomes part of the training with any organization with Aviation Training Organization (ATO) to train the students to land on the road, farmland or by the sea side. It is part of the training with people with ATO. That is the license that we have."

NNPP lauds opposition to 2 party system

From Joseph Hir, Lafia

THE New Nigeria Peoples Party (NNPP) has commended members of the National Assembly, notably the House of Representatives for voting overwhelmingly against the two-party system, saying the move by some members to entrench two-party system was against well known democratic norms and principles.

In a communiqué at the end of their Town Hall meeting in Makurdi signed by the National Secretary of the party, Agbo Gilbert Major, the party said it was concerned that in total contempt and disregard for universal democratic practices, the National Assembly set out on an undemocratic voyage aimed at reducing the number of political parties that could operate in a country which laws state clearly that people are free to associate and form political unions, when there are so many serious issues begging for consideration as the elections approach.

The party said there are so many issues that are very germane to the country's search for an enduring democratic system such as independence of INEC, how its leadership should emerge, funding of INEC begging for

consideration, adding that it was uncomfortable with the recent chase aimed at forcing on a country of over 180 million people what they call two party system.

"We salute and thank the overwhelming majority of the House members who massively voted against the 'satanic' idea for giving Nigerians renewed faith in our democracy," said the NNPP communiqué. The NNPP among other issues said it was embarrassed by recent newspaper reports that the Federal Government was inclined to set up a probe panel to look into the 12.4 billion dollars oil windfall revenue in the Babangida days as reported by the Okigbo Panel, stressing that the development is diversionary.

It noted that if the matter is resurrecting now because the man in question has indicated interest in the 2011 election, the moral burden is on the past governments that effectively swept the whole issue under the carpet and not Babangida who is alive to defend himself.

"We are not opposed to accountability in any way, but if we must make progress, we should hold past governments accountable to explain why they kept the report away all this time," it said.

Police need N3bn to change uniform

By Misbahu Bashir

A total of N3 billion will be required for every policeman to get two pairs of the new uniform, Police Force Public Relations Officer ACP Emmanuel Ojukwu has said.

Ojukwu told Daily Trust in Abuja that the new uniforms comprising of light blue shirts worn on black trousers mainly used by senior police officers now are pricey.

There are over 370,000 policemen in the country. He said the black uniforms currently in use can only be changed when the police authorities accept the new uniforms being used by senior officers for assessment.

"It has been assessed initially that the new uniforms are difficult to maintain especially by officers that often mix together and struggle with suspects. Police authorities will determine whether or not the new uniforms will be

adopted to replace the dark grey ones being used which people regard as black," he said.

Inspector General of Police Ogbonna Onovo had said that the black uniforms are not comfortable in hot humid weather even though they are easy to maintain. "We are testing the new light blue shirts and it is unlikely if they will be adopted because they are difficult to maintain," he said.

PIC: FELIX ONIGBINDE.



REPRESENTATIVE of Nasarawa Local Government Chairman, Nura Muhammed (right) receiving an award from Chairman, Senate Committee on Labour Senator Wilson Asinobi Ake, during the presentation of award to labour-friendly local governments in Abuja at the weekend.

Minister: Women denied role in conflict prevention

By Akor Ojoma

MINISTER of Women Affairs and Social Development Iyom Josephine Anenih said women are being excluded from conflict prevention and gender-based early warning indicators are largely ignored.

She said this at the commemoration of the 2010 International Women's Day for Peace and Disarmament in Abuja over the weekend.

The minister said that greater women's participation in programming humanitarian assistance and their access to decision-making capacity-building and employment would make humanitarian responses more effective.

She said although a lot is being done by the UN in the area of women, peace and security, women's effective and systematic representation in formal peace processes still remain weak. While commending the Federal Government's Amnesty Programme in the Niger-Delta, she said the ministry has zero tolerance for proliferation of small and light arms, incessant killings as witnessed in Jos, Plateau State, violence in the Niger-Delta and senseless conflicts that have brought untold hardship to women and children as main victims of these conflicts.

The minister called for attention to be directed to the activities of ethnic militia who under the facade of vigilante groups perpetuate violence on both defenceless civilians, individuals and groups through their possession of unregulated and extrajudicial use of small and light fire arms.

Chairman Governing Council of National Centre for Women Development (NCWS) Hajia Habibat Saidu said meaningful progress and development are achieved only through peace, adding that peace is also the tool that lightens the burden on women.

Democracy Day: Lawyers advocate strengthening of institutions

By John Chuks Azu

LEGAL practitioners have advocated the strengthening of democratic institutions as Nigeria marked this year's democracy day and eleven years of uninterrupted return to democratic rule.

Chairman Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) Abuja Chapter Abdul Ibrahim said it is imperative for Nigeria to have a truly independent electoral body under a chairman and commissioners that are apolitical and none aligned.

"We must have strengthened political parties with well developed manifestoes. The Judi-

ciary should be well-funded and our judges must be insulated from political pressures. The Nigeria Police should be well catered for and equipped with modern gadgets with regular re-training. The Press must be encouraged to expose corruption in all its ramifications. Our leaders must be sincere and patriotic in their actions to achieve overall national development," he said.

On his part, Barr Lukman Hassan Esq. Said the government should reposition the electoral body to conduct credible elections while election tribunals should endeavour to determine petitions expeditiously.

He also called for a civic education to enlighten the citizens about their rights and responsibilities.

Another lawyer Barr Goddy Uche said the government should also reposition the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) in addition to the electoral body. "Our institutions, including the police and National Assembly, should be strengthened so that we can achieve true democracy instead of the present civilian rule." Barr Chris Alashi advocated for a truly independent judiciary while Barr Oli Chukwu Prince insisted on the importance of free and fair elections.

Bankole: Our democracy will endure

By Turaki A. Hassan

SPEAKER of the House of Representatives Dimeji Bankole said Nigeria's nascent democracy will survive and endure as the nation marks eleven years of unbroken democratic rule.

In a statement issued in Abuja by his-Special Adviser on Communications, Kayode Odunaro, Bankole said democracy in the present dispensation has surmounted unprecedented democratic and constitutional chal-

lenges with remarkable success.

He said with the commitment of all stakeholders there is hope and assurance that our democracy will survive and endure.

Bankole said the legislature has taken some unprecedented decisions in the interest of the nation in recent times adding that for the first time in our history the House of Representatives performed the constitutional role of approving the vice president nominee submitted by the president as vice president without

a hitch.

He reiterated the commitment of the National Assembly to amend the constitution as well as the electoral law of the nation in line with the wishes of the people.

"It is important that we all join hands together to nurture, strengthen and correct the imperfections our democracy so that the labour and sacrifice of all that fought for this present democratic set up will not be in vain," the speaker said.

Indonesia donates noodles, sports tools to Abuja school

By Aisha Umar Agaie

INDONESIA has donated noodles and sports equipment to Sherepe primary school in Bwari area council of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Abuja.

Charge d'Affairs of the Indonesian embassy Henri Samosir made the donation after the school requested for working tools and sports equipment and other relevant facilities.

He said the donation is a symbol of educational support and friendship from the people of Indonesia to the people of Nigeria in FCT.

He expressed hope that the management the school will use the materials adequately provided and hope that in future the embassy staff and the staff of the school will play a football match competition.

He urged the management of the school to involve the

students in sport activities and sport completion with other schools for the benefit of the future.

Assistant headmaster of Sherepe Primary School Mr. Yakubu Aminu Piko, on behalf of staff and students, thanked the Indonesian envoy for the donation.

District Head of Sherepe village and the chairman of the school PTA Malam Danladi Musa hoped the gesture will be extended to other schools with similar problems.

Adamawa emirate to streamline award of traditional titles

From Ibrahim Muhammad, Yola

THE Lamido of Adamawa Dr Muhammadu Barkindo Musdafa has lamented over the number of persons seeking traditional titles, saying henceforth only hardworking people who have excelled in their fields of endeavour would be given titles. He said the traditional institution in the state had also put in place measures to forestall any ethno-religious and political crisis.

Dr Musdafa who spoke yesterday while turbaning the new Chiroma of Adamawa Alhaji Aliyu Chiroma said, titles were conferred on those who deserved it. He maintained that it was not a money making venture. He added that conferment of titles in the emirate council was based on recommendations of the king makers. He pledged that traditional rulers in the state would continue to work with the state government to ensure peace and development. Meanwhile, the

Adamawa Emirate Council has denied using an anti-riot police squad to forcefully eject the family of the late Lamido Aliyu Mustafa from the palace last week. The Assistant Secretary of the council Alhaji Umar Yahya said, "It is a blatant lie, being sponsored by mischief makers, who are bent on sabotaging the present leadership." He maintained that the new Lamido was working hard to ensure unity, respect and mutual understanding among the royal clans.

NBC to pay radio station N20m for unnecessary sanction

From Adewale Giwa, Akure

A Federal High Court in Akure has ordered the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) to pay the N20 million as damages to an Akure based private radio station, "Adaba FM" for unlawful sanction and suspension of its operations.

The NBC had on April 27, 2009, imposed a fine of N500,000 on the radio station for allegedly breaching

sections 3.1.2 and 1.4.4 of the commission's code. The station was accused of inciting members of the public during the governorship re-run in Ekiti State.

Following the action by the NBC, the radio station through its counsel, Bashiru Rotimi, went to court to seek redress. The station urged the court to declare the sanction as illegal and unconstitutional.

Mr. Rotimi argued that the com-

mission neither issued a written nor oral warning to his client before imposing the sanction.

Justice Gloria Okeke, ruled that the closure of the station and suspension of its licence was outside the ambit of the NBC code. She added that the radio station was entitled to the relief sought in the motion on notice dated May 10, 2009 and granted all the reliefs including the payment of damages.

Al Mustapha's mum weeps over son's absence at late hubby's prayer

From Jaafar Jaafar, Kano

THE ailing mother of Major Hamza Al-Mustapha, the detained former Chief Security Officer to late Head of State General Sani Abacha at the weekend wept over the absence of Al-Mustapha at a prayer session in remembrance of

her late husband.

Hajiya Fatima Al Mustapha, 67, returned to the country from Saudi Arabia, where she was diagnosed of acute Cardiomegaly, "pathological enlargement of the heart" to be part of prayer sessions.

"Her condition is criti-

cal and deserves the sympathy of government. She is suffering because of her son's continued detention," said the family spokesman, Alhaji Hadi Al Mustapha.

Alhaji Hadi appealed to President Goodluck Jonathan to wade into the matter and ensure that justice is done.

Sheriff pardons 5 condemned prisoners

From Sharafa Dauda & Yahaya Ibrahim, Maiduguri

GOVERNOR Ali Modu Sheriff of Borno State has authorized the release of five condemned prisoners currently awaiting execution. The pardon was part of activities to mark the 2010 Democracy Day.

The five persons include, Malam Baba Ali, Linus Eze, Aji Adam, Gambo Musa and Ali Zarabe.

Some others had their death sentences converted to life in imprisonment. They are, Ali Kuru, Agwana Kwada and Mohammed Abba. Seventy-nine year old Molai Audu and 78 year old Idi Dahiru had their sentences reduced from 25 to 5 and 15 to 6 years respectively.

Twenty three others are to be released on grounds of ill health and old age, having served for more than three years and with less than six months to complete their jail terms.

... To fight rural poverty

From Isa Umar Gusau, Maiduguri

BORNO State Governor Ali Modu Sheriff has said his last year in office would pay special attention to the eradication of poverty at

the grass roots so that the common man would feel the impact of his administration.

Sheriff said this at an event to mark the 2010 Democracy Day in Maiduguri.

The governor said though, his government had done so much on youths and women empowerment in the state, he was going to boost his poverty alleviation programmes before his exit in 2011.

Task force on NECO, WAEC mass failure underway

From Yusha'u A Ibrahim, Dutse

PLANS are underway by the Federal Government to set up a task force on the implementation of an action plan aimed at addressing poor performance by students in the National Examination Council (NECO) and the West African Examination Council (WAEC) examinations, Minister of Education Professor Ruqayyah Ahmad Rufa'i has said.

Addressing newsmen in Dutse, Professor Rufa'i added that the mass failure in NECO and WAEC examinations had become a concern, not only to parents, but also the government.

PROFESSOR Rufa'i said the Federal Ministry of Education had already held a summit with all examination bodies, students, parents, teachers and other stakeholders where factors responsible for the failure were identified.

"We have already come up with an action plan in that respect and we will soon start implementing it.

The communiqué of the summit will also be available to all concerned bodies for implementation. If nothing drastic is done, we will have serious problems in the future," she said.

She added that another committee would be put in place to address the delay in NECO and WAEC results, saying the Federal Government would no longer accept any result that is not complete.


"If they have problems, they should solve them before releasing any result because I am not going to accept any result that is not released 100 per cent.

It is not fair to the students to sit for examinations with their colleagues, only to be told that, some of them cannot collect their while some can," she added.

Professor Rufa'i added that the Ministry of Education was planning to launch a special programme in the North, aimed at encouraging parents to send their wards to schools, adding that the launch would take place in Adamawa State.

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All intending foundation, undergraduate and postgraduate students attending the interviews should bring along originals and photocopies of their certificates, transcripts, testimonials, academic and work References (if applicable).

Parents and guardians may accompany their children and wards to the presentations and interviews if they wish.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT (Internal and External Advertisement)

Development Exchange Centre (DEC) is a leading non governmental, non-profit, non religious and non political organization located in Bauchi, Bauchi State. At present; DEC is providing a wide range of social development and microfinance services through 48 branch offices in northern Nigeria.

To effectively co-ordinate the centre, implement it's Programme and initiate more- the Development Exchange Centre Bauchi is inviting applications from suitably qualified candidates to fill the position of **Executive Director**.

This position will be based in Bauchi corporate head office of the Centre, with occasional travel in and around country and beyond.

Educational Qualification:

Degree in social science from any recognized institution

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20 years post graduation cognate experience in related and reputed organization

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Note: Only short listed candidates shall be contacted.



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INVITATION TO TENDER FOR SUPPLIES AND CONSTRUCTION WORKS UNDER THE 2010 APPROPRIATED CAPITAL PROJECTS

- a) **Introduction:**
Institute for Agricultural Research (IAR) Samaru, Zaria, of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, in consonance with the Federal Government Guidelines for the implementation of the 2010 Budget, hereby invites interested reputable, competent and experienced contractors to tender for the supplies and construction works slated for 2010 procurement. Details of the Work Lots and Tender Guidelines are as follows:
- b) **Work Lots:**
- Lot 1: General overhauling of 11KW 15HP Cold Room for Genebank; Supply of Genebank Cabinets; and Supply of Assorted Chemicals and Reagents for Biotechnology Research.
- Lot 2: Supply of Assorted Fertilisers; Herbicides; Spraying Machines and other Equipment/Facilities for Cotton Variety Improvement.
- Lot 3: Supply of Assorted Fertilisers; Insecticides; Fungicides; Herbicides; and Laboratory Materials for Cowpea Variety Improvement.
- Lot 4: Supply of Assorted Fertilisers; Insecticides; Fungicides and Herbicides for Groundnut Variety Improvement.
- Lot 5: Supply of Assorted Research Tools/Equipment; Herbicides; Pesticides; Fungicides; Laboratory Culture Chemicals and Fertilisers for Horticultural Crops Research.
- Lot 6: Supply of Assorted Fertilisers; Research Chemicals and Laboratory Materials for Maize Variety Improvement.
- Lot 7: Supply of Assorted Laboratory/Workshop Tools/Equipment; Laboratory Consumables; and Fertilisers for Agricultural Mechanisation Research.
- Lot 8: Supply of Assorted Fertilisers and Pesticides for Farming System Research.
- Lot 9: Supply of Assorted Laboratory Materials; Chemicals and Equipment for Food Science and Technology Research.
- Lot 10: Supply of Geographical Positioning System (GPS), Soil Moisture Meter, Infra-red Thermometer, Fertilisers; Insecticides; Herbicides; and Fungicides for Research into Irrigated Agriculture.
- Lot 11: Supply of Assorted Fertilisers and Laboratory/Field Chemicals for Sorghum Research.
- Lot 12: Supply of Assorted Fertilisers; Pesticides and Herbicides for Castor Variety Improvement.
- Lot 13: Supply of Assorted Fertilisers; Pesticides and Herbicides for Sunflower Variety Improvement.
- Lot 14: Supply, installation and Commissioning of Solar-energised Street Security Lights Within the Institute.
- Lot 15: Rehabilitation of Link Roads to Research Fields and construction of Security Post at Minjibir Research Outstation in Kano State.
- Lot 16: Supply, installation and Commissioning of High Performance Liquid Chromatographic System (HPLC) for Collaborative Research on Artemisia.
- Lot 17: Supply of Assorted Fertilisers, Herbicides, Insecticides, Fungicides, Power Generators, Video Machines and Colour Televisions, 3-IN-1 Colour Printer, Black-and-White Printer and a Motorcycle for Establishment of Technology Adoption Villages.
- Lot 18: Supply of Assorted Fertilisers and Pesticides for Genetic Improvement of Jatropha.
- Lot 19: Supply of Power Generating Set and Assorted Drugs for Human Clinic.
- Lot 20: Supply and Commissioning of 120HP Tractor, and Heavy Duty AF 5 Plough.
- c) **Minimum Pre-Qualification Requirements:**
Bids would only be considered upon fulfilment of the following Pre-Qualification Requirements:
- i) Certificate of Incorporation duly issued by the Corporate Affairs Commission of Nigeria;
 - ii) Tax Clearance Certificate for the last 3 years; and,
 - iii) Evidence of Registration of Company Staff with an accredited Pension Fund Administrator;
- d) **Other Requirements That Would Confer Added Advantage in Bid Analysis are:**
- i) Company Staff/Organisational Profile, including Staff Academic/Professional Qualifications;
 - ii) Evidence of Financial and Technical Competences (Certified by Reputable Banks and Professional Bodies Respectively);
 - iii) Evidence of Similar Works Successfully Completed Including Names of Clients;
 - iv) Evidence of Value Added Tax (VAT) Registration;
 - v) Copies of Company Audited Accounts for the last 3 conducted by Registered Certified/Chartered Accountants; and,
 - vi) Copy of Company Article/Memorandum of Association.
- e) **Submission of Tender Documents:**
All relevant documents must be properly sealed and clearly marked with the Lot number e.g. Lot 1, on the left hand corner of the envelope. Company name and address should also be clearly written on the reverse side of the envelope. Phone number(s) and Email address should be submitted along with other bid documents. The submission should be addressed to:
- The Director,
Institute for Agricultural Research (IAR),
Ahmadu Bello University,
Samaru,
P.M.B 1044, Zaria.**
- Submissions should reach the Director not later than six weeks from the date of this publication. Bid Opening is scheduled for Tuesday 20th July 2010, at 10.00am in the IAR Conference Hall. All bidders are hereby invited please.
- f) **Please Note:**
- i) Only Firms whose submissions adequately conformed to the bid solicitations would be evaluated and ranked;
 - ii) Two credible persons shall be invited from the Private Sector Professional Organisations whose expertise is relevant to the particular goods or services being procured, as observers for the bid opening meeting;
 - iii) Also, a representative of a Non-Governmental Organisation working in transparency, accountability and anti-corruption will participate in the Bid Opening;
 - iv) Submissions shall be meticulously verified, and false declaration will lead to disqualification and or blacklisting;
 - v) This notice shall not be construed as a commitment on the part of IAR to award any form of contract to any respondent, nor shall it entitle any organisation submitting documents to claim any indemnity from the Institute;
 - vi) Tender Document would be issued to prospective contractors only upon payment of N5, 000 processing fees, and submission of a valid receipt of payment. All procurement details would be in the Tender Document;
 - vii) Application for more than two work lots is not allowed and would lead to disqualification; and,
 - viii) Unsigned Tender Document and Late Submission will not be entertained and would lead to disqualification.
- g) **Further Inquiries:**
For any further inquiry, please contact the Undersigned, or phone number 0805 455 3192.

Signed:
Director, Institute for Agricultural Research,
Samaru, Zaria.



FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION
FCT PENSION DEPARTMENT
NO. 3 ORLU STREET, AREA 3, GARKI-ABUJA

INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF GOODS & CONSULTANCY SERVICES UNDER 2010 STATUTORY BUDGET

The Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) through the FCT Pension Department has provision for the procurement of goods and consultancy services under the FCT 2010 Statutory Budget proposal. Competent and interested companies are hereby invited to submit Technical and Financial bids for the supplies and Technical bids for consultancy services as follows:

Scope of Work

- The scope of supplies includes but not limited to the followings:
- Supply and installation of LaserJet (A4) Color Printers.
 - Supply of Laptop Computers.
 - Supply of Flat screen Desktop Computers
- Invitation for the expression of interest in respect of provision of consultancy services on the establishment of a web-based platform for on-line registration that is compatible with e-administration in the FCT Pension Department
 - Invitation for expression of interest in respect of actuarial valuation for the staff of the Federal Capital Territory Administration.

TECHNICAL (PRE-QUALIFICATION) REQUIREMENT

Interested Companies shall forward copies of the following documents and the original to be made available for sighting during the Tender Opening.

- Evidence of Registration with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) and Article of Memorandum of Association.
- Audited Account for the last three years.
- Tax Clearance certificate for the last three years.
- Interested Company should have up to date returns with CAC and note that due diligence could be conducted.
- List of verifiable documentary evidences of similar jobs successfully executed within the last three years.
- Current Bank reference and statement of account for the last twelve (12) months.
- Letter authorizing FCTA or its representative to cross check the submitted account of the Company.
- Sworn affidavit in line with the provision of part iv section 16, sub section 6 (e-f) of the Public Procurement Act, 2007.
- The Bidder should show evidence of registration and up to date remittance of employee pension fund contribution.
- Letter of introduction to authorized representative of the bidder with his/her sample signature and position in the company.

For Consultancy Services

In addition to the above, the following criteria should be provided:

- Full details of the firm's profile which should include Name, Verifiable contact address, e-mail, telephone numbers and website (if any)
- Work plan and technology capacity

COLLECTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS

Interested Companies are to collect Tender Documents from the office of the Director, FCT Pension Department, 3 Orlu Street, Area 3, Garki - Abuja upon presentation of evidence of payment of N10,000.00 (Ten thousand Naira only) non-refundable Tender fee into FCT Treasury Revenue Account at Fidelity Bank (Central Area) Account No. 051503010000426.

SUBMISSION

The Technical (Pre-Qualification) and Financial documents for supplies should each be sealed and labeled (Technical and Financial Bids as appropriate) separately and the two envelopes be put in another envelope that should also be sealed and labeled at the top right hand corner as (Technical or Financial stating the name of the project in each case). The Financial Bids should be submitted in three (3) copies (one original and two other copies) and all pages to be duly endorsed by the authorized representative of the bidder. The documents are to be submitted to office of the Secretary, FCT Tenders Board, Room 043, Former Public Building Department, Area 11 Garki-Abuja not later than 12:00 noon, on (8th July, 2010) being six (6) weeks from the date of this publication. The representative of the bidding company are invited to witness the opening of the tender on the same day at 2:00pm

SUBMISSION FOR CONSULTANCY

The Technical bid should be sealed and labeled as TECHNICAL BID and be dropped in the Tender box at the office of the Secretary, FCT Tenders Board, Room 043, Former Public Building Department, Area 11, Garki-Abuja not later than 12:00pm (17th June, 2010) (3) weeks from the date of this publication. The representatives of the bidding company are invited to witness the opening of the pre-qualification exercise on the same day at 2:00pm.

NOTE

- The representatives of the bidding companies and members of public especially civil rights organizations are invited to witness the opening of the tenders on the same day at 2:00 pm at Room G9, Archives Building in the office of FCT Tenders Board but should adhere to the code of conduct issued by the Bureau of Public Procurement.
- FCTA is not bound to accept the lowest or any other tender.
- The pre-qualification is not to be construed as real tender.

Signed
SECRETARY
 FCT Tenders Board



FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION
FCT PENSION DEPARTMENT
NO. 3 ORLU STREET, AREA 3, GARKI-ABUJA

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PREQUALIFICATION AND BIDDING EXERCISE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AREA COUNCIL TRAINING INSTITUTE, DABI/BAKO, KWALI AREA COUNCIL, FCT

Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA), through the Area Council Services Secretariat has provisions in the FCT 2010 Statutory Budget for the construction of Training Institute and is hereby inviting competent and interested companies to submit bids as follows.

PREQUALIFICATION BID ONLY

LOT I - Construction of Administrative block

PREQUALIFICATION AND FINANCIAL BID

Lot II - Site clearance, Construction of Boundary fence and Gate house

(B) GENERAL PREQUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Interested companies are to forward copies of the following documents and the originals to be made available for sighting during the Tender opening.

- Evidence of Registration with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) and Articles of Memorandum of Association.
- Interested Companies should have up to date returns with the CAC and be informed that due diligence could be conducted.
- Company's Audited Account for the last three years from a Chartered Accounting firm.
- Tax Clearance for the last three years.
- List of verifiable documentary evidences of similar jobs successfully executed within the last three years (complete with copies of award letters (last interim certificates of valuation on on-going projects, completion certificates and final maintenance certificates where applicable).
- List of key technical personnel stating their roles, designation, qualification and years of experience of the various disciplines who shall supervise the project. Copies of educational and professional certificates are to be initialed, endorsed by the officers and embossed with their respective professional seals.
- Reference Letter from a reputable bank.
- Sworn Affidavit in line with the provisions of part IV section 16, subsection 6 (e & f) of the Public Procurement Act (2007).
- Interested companies are required to provide evidence of registration and remittance of contributory pension funds in line with Section 16 (Subsection 8(d) of the Public Procurement Act.
- Letter of authority to FCT Administration to cross check the company's account.
- Companies with an Annual Turnover of less than N300 million need not apply.

(C) COLLECTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS:

Companies applying for LOT II are to collect tender documents from the office of the Director of Administration, Area Council Services Secretariat, Area 11, Garki - Abuja, upon the presentation of an evidence of payment of N10,000.00 (Ten thousand naira only) non-refundable Tender Fee into FCT Treasury Revenue Account at Fidelity Bank (Central Area) Account No: 051503010000426

(D) SUBMISSION

The Prequalification and Financial bid documents in respect of LOT II should each be sealed and labeled (Technical and Financial bids as appropriate) separately, and the two separate envelopes be put in another envelope that should also be sealed and labeled as: "(Site clearance, Construction of Boundary fence and Gate house)". The financial bids should be submitted in three [3] copies [one original and two other copies] and all pages are to be duly endorsed by the bidder.

The Prequalification documents in respect of LOT I should each be sealed and labeled Technical bids for: "(Construction of Administrative block, Area Council Training Institute, DABI/BAKO, KWALI AREA COUNCIL, FCT)".

All documents are to be dropped in the Tender Box at the office of: Secretary, FCT Tenders Board, Room 43, Former Public Building, FCTA Secretariat, Area 11, Garki - Abuja, not later than 12 noon 14th June, 2010 and 9th July, 2010. The tender period for LOT I is two (2) weeks while that for LOT II is six (6) weeks. The representatives of the bidding companies are invited to witness the opening of the tenders on the respective days at Room G9, Archives and History Bureau Building, Beside AGIS Building, Peace Drive, Area 11, Garki - Abuja at 2 p.m.

NOTE:

- Interested bidders are not allowed to apply for more than one (1) LOT.
- Members of the general public, especially the Civil Society organizations are invited to attend the opening exercise. They are however to abide by the Code of Conduct for Public Procurement observers issued by the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP).
- Company representatives are to come along with a letter of introduction indicating name rank and sample signature to the opening exercise.

SIGNED:
SECRETARY
 FCT Tenders Board



FEDERAL AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF NIGERIA

INVITATION TO TENDER

A. INTRODUCTION.

In compliance with the Public Procurement Act, 2007, The Federal Government of Nigeria through The Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria [FAAN] intends to undertake the under listed projects under its 2010 financial year capital budget. Consequently, the Agency wishes to invite interested companies to tender for the following projects.

B. LIST OF PROJECTS

LOT 1. CONSTRUCTION OF CONTROL TOWER WITH TECHNICAL BUILDING AT AIRPORTS.

LOT 1/FAAN/CB/ILR/001:- Ilorin
 LOT1 /FAAN/CB/AK/002:- Akure
 LOT1 /FAAN/CB/BN/003:- Benin .
 LOT1/FAAN/CB/KD/004:- Kaduna
 LOT1/FAAN/CB/IBD/005:- Ibadan.

LOT 2. CONSTRUCTION OF EXPANDED METAL AIRPORT OPERATIONAL FENCE AT AIRPORTS

LOT2/FAAN/CB/IMO/001- Owerri. (Operational fence only)
 LOT2/FAAN/CB/MIU/002- Maiduguri (Operational fence only)
 LOT2/FAAN/CB/YOL/003- Yola (Operational fence only)
 LOT2/FAAN/CB/MN/004- Minna (Operational fence only)
 LOT2/FAAN/CB/ILR/005- Ilorin (Operational fence only)
 LOT2/FAAN/CB/ENU/006- Enugu (Operational fence only)
 LOT2/FAAN/CB/NAIA/007-Construction of 16 KM perimeter and 12 KM asphalt concrete road, NAIA, Abuja

LOT 3. AIRFIELD LIGHTING (AFL) SYSTEMS REHABILITATION AND UPGRADE AT AIRPORTS.

LOT 3/FAAN/EE/BEN/001- Rehabilitation of Benin AFL system to CAT I AFL and simple approach standards.
 LOT 3/FAAN/EE/IBD/002-Rehabilitation of Ibadan Airport AFL to CAT I and simple approach standard.
 LOT 3/FAAN/EE/CAL/003- Rehabilitation of Calabar Airport AFL to CAT I and simple approach standard.
 LOT 3/FAAN/EE/AKR/004- Installation of CAT I and simple approach AFL system at Akure airport

LOT 4. PROCUREMENT/INSTALLATION OF AIRPORT EQUIPMENT.

LOT 4/FAAN/EVR/HQ/001- Supply and installation of cordless land –air- wildlife systems (CLAWS) - a bird deterrent device at Owerri airport.
 LOT 4/FAAN/AVS/HQ/002- X- Ray Screening Machines and Walk through Metal Detector
 LOT 4/FAAN/CB/MMIA/003: Procurement and installation of Carousel conveyor belt at MMIA

LOT 5. IMPROVEMENT OF POWER SUPPLY SYSTEMS AT AIRPORTS.

LOT 5/FAAN/EE/MAKIA/001:- Power improvement at Kaduna Airport.
 LOT 5/FAAN/EE/IBD/002:- Power Improvement at Ibadan Airport.

LOT 6. SPECIFIC INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT AT THE PROJECTS.

LOT 6/FAAN/PCR/MAKIA/001:-Complete furnishing of Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport Domestic Terminal Building, Kano
 LOT 6/FAAN/MECH/MMA/002:- Air-conditioning system for MMIA

LOT 7. AIRPORT RUNWAY IMPROVEMENT AND APRON CONSTRUCTION.

LOT 7/FAAN/CB/BN/001:- Asphalt resurfacing of Benin airport runway
 LOT 7/FAAN/CB/CAL/002:- Asphalt resurfacing of Calabar airport runway
 LOT 7/FAAN/CB/SOK/003:-Sealing of Cracks and Remarketing of Sokoto Airport Apron and Runway.
 LOT 7/FAAN/CB/NAIA/004:- Apron expansion at Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport Abuja

LOT 8. CONSTRUCTION/REFURBISHMENT OF TERMINAL BUILDING AT AIRPORTS.

LOT 8/FAAN/CB/SMIA/001:- Reconstruction /Remodelling of Sam Mbakwe International Airport, (SMIA) Owerri, Imo State.
 LOT 8/FAAN/CB/AKR/002:-Completion /equipping of Akure airport terminal building.
 LOT 8/FAAN/CB/NAIA/003:- Refurbishment of NAIA Terminal Building. Abuja

C. DOCUMENTS THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED ALONG WITH THE COMPLETED TENDER.

1. Evidence of Company Registration with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC).
2. Certified true copy of memorandum and article of association with CO2 & CO7
3. Evidence of tax payments for the last three years (2007 – 2009).
4. Copies of the audited account and financial statement of the company for the last three years.
5. Verifiable evidence of similar works successfully completed and on-going (indicating percentage status) within the last three years.
6. Evidence of fulfilment of obligations to pay pension.
7. Value Added Tax Registration Certificate/evidence of remittance.
8. List of equipment and evidence of ownership or lease.
9. Bid security of at least 2.0% of the bid price.

D. SUBMISSION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS.

1. The completed original tender document is to be submitted along with Three Copies (A4 sizes and neatly bound)
2. The document listed in item C are to be submitted in eight copies (A4 sizes and neatly bound)
3. The documents should be arranged in the order listed and each chapter separated by dividers.
4. Technical and financial bid document shall be submitted simultaneously in two separate envelopes clearly marked "Technical" or "Financial" and enclosed inside a third sealed envelope.
5. The document **must** be sealed in an envelope and the job reference number must be clearly written at the top left hand corner of the envelope. E. g. LOT 4/FAAN/EE/BEN/002
6. All documents must be submitted to the office of The General Manager (Procurement), FAAN Headquarters, Ikeja – Lagos. (Tel. 08033063503, 08054435214)

E. CLOSING AND OPENING OF TENDER.

Submission of all tender(s) shall close at exactly **FOUR (4) weeks** from the date on this advert at 11.30 a. m prompt, while bids will be opened on the same day at 12 noon in the Commercial and Business Development Conference Room, FAAN Headquarters, Ikeja- Lagos.

F. IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

1. Tender documents are to be obtained at the office of The General Manager (Procurement) Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (Headquarters) with a certified bank draft) fifty thousand naira only (N50,000.00) payable to Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria as tender processing fee
2. Representative of bidders are requested to attend the tender opening.
3. The FAAN reserves the right to verify the authenticity of any claims made on the documents submitted by companies.
4. Failure to comply with the instruction and provide any required document (s) may result in dis-qualification.
5. FAAN reserves the right to reject any or all the bid documents.
6. Original of documents listed in item C above must be produced for sighting.
7. Tender documents submitted late shall be rejected.
8. Submission should be very clear on the areas of specialization and LOT(s) of interest.
9. FAAN reserve the right to verify the company address/ location indicated in the bid document

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS ADVERT SUPERSEDES ALL PREVIOUS ADVERTS.

Signed:
FAAN MANAGEMENT

Inside Politics

The troubles of aspirants in Gaidam's cabinet

From Hamza Idris, Damaturu

THE political atmosphere in Yobe State is already very hot. The campaign whistle, though unofficially, has been blown and many senior politicians and government officials have begun strategising and scheming for the coming elections. In fact the tense atmosphere appears to be taking its toll on governance and service delivery to the people.

"The situation is very terrible because though we are in a democratic dispensation, it is only in Yobe State that you can hardly differentiate between a civil servant and a politician," Musa Aliyu, a lecturer of political science in the Institute of Administration, Potiskum said.

As of now, nearly all the people aspiring for various political offices are employers of the government of Yobe State. No officer has so far put in his resignation but *Daily Trust* has observed that many of them have been going out to their constituencies to campaign freely.

When contacted two of Governor Ibrahim Gaidam's commissioners who are eyeing some positions Alhaji Barau Sugum (water resources) and Samila Gadaka (lands) said they will resign at the appropriate time.

"We are only expressing interest for now; the election is far," Gadaka said.

In neighbouring Borno State, Governor Ali Modu Sheriff had since issued a stand warning to any appointee of his government who intends to vie for any elective office to resign.

In Yobe, posters and billboards of many of Gaidam's aides are now common sight on the streets of Damaturu, the state capital, and especially around the state secretariat of the ANPP, on walls close to the government house, stadium, roundabouts, and hotels and so on.



GOV. Ibrahim Gaidam

In fact, observers have noticed that the aspirants seize advantage of public events such as commissioning or supervision of projects which the governor attends to showcase their 'rented popularity' through 'hired crowds' who walk around chanting songs and displaying posters of their sponsors.

So far about ten commissioners in the cabinet of Governor Ibrahim Gaidam and scores of special advisers, senior special assistants and special assistants have indicated interests in certain elective offices from the Senate and the House of Representative down to the state House of Assembly.

Political pundits are of the opinion

that government activities may soon be grounded in Yobe State because the politicians appear to give more time to their politicking than official duties. Investigation reveals that many ministries are now deserted because the presiding officials are said to be playing hide and seek with their constituents who come to ask for one favour or the other.

Already, the opposition PDP is using the loophole to bash the ANPP government. Mohammed Mohammed Gulani, a chieftain of the PDP said failure of the appropriate authority to insist that any person aspiring for political office should resign is

making the system unwieldy.

"Virtually all available elective positions have aspirants from within the government," he said.

Ironically, however, with the exception of Alhaji Mohammed Manu who was sacked by Governor Gaidam soon after he became governor in 2009, no one has indicated interest to slug it out with the Governor Gaidam for the governorship position under the flagship of the ANPP.

Manu was the state commissioner of finance during the regime of late Governor Mamman Ali and was the first commissioner to be sacked by Gaidam. He is now up on his feet campaigning, even though the ANPP had purportedly endorsed the incumbent governor as its lone flag-bearer.

At present, the commissioner for Integrated and Rural Development Alhaji Shettima Saleh and the Executive Chairman of the Yobe State Pilgrims Commission Alhaji Hassan El-Badawy are campaigning for the Yobe North Senatorial seat.

Each of the two men wants to dislodge Senator Ahmed Lawan, chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Accounts who on grounds of "love and solidarity to Gaidam" refused to join the PDP alongside his mentor, Senator Albi-shir.

The commissioner for works Alkali Abdulkadir Jajere is gunning for the Senatorial seat of the Yobe Zone B which is presently accommodating Senator Adamu Talba of the PDP.

While the commissioner for Youth Alhaji Yusuf Yahaya is gunning for the House of Assembly, his counterpart in the ministry of home affairs Barrister Bala Haladu wants to contest for the House of Representatives.

The commissioner for special duties Barrister Aliyu Shehu and

that of lands and survey Isma'ila Gadaka are both campaigning to represent Fune/Fika at the House of Representatives.

Alhaji Sani Musa Lawan, the commissioner for budget and economic planning is strategising to represent Nangere federal constituency in the House of Representatives. Also, his colleague, Alhaji Lawan Shettima, the special adviser to the governor on political matters wants to go to the national assembly.

"It is the ANPP that set the pace for us to campaign because the party pronounced the governor as its gubernatorial candidate. We too have to start very early so that the electorate would know that we are on ground," a commissioner who does not want to be named said.

Asked why he did not resign, the commissioner said "that would be suicidal because once you are not in government, 'I am sorry' because there would be nothing for you," he said.

Daily Trust learnt that some of the commissioners eyeing the same elective positions are not in talking terms with one another.

"There is a seriously rivalry in Gaidam's cabinet it is taking its toll on virtually everything in the state," Mahmud Nulama, a chieftain of the Congress for Progress Change (CPC) observed.

A senior government official told this reporter in confidence that Gaidam is being careful in sacking his ambitious aides because those affected may turn their backs against the governor and such action would affect the fortunes of the ANPP in 2011.

"The problem is that if the governor sacks them, they may either join the PDP or any other party, or alternatively, they may remain in the ANPP and then engage in anti party activity when the election comes," the source said.

We won't respond to unfounded allegations - Fashola

GOVERNOR Babatunde Fashola of Lagos State on Saturday said his administration would not respond to allegations that are unfounded, untrue and meant to distract his administration.

Fashola stated this while responding to questions on the allegations made by an organisation, True Face of Lagos, which petitioned the state's House of Assembly.

The organisation had alleged that the Fashola administration had spent the state's funds with impunity.

But speaking at a world press conference to mark the third anniversary of his administration, Fas-

hola said:

"The allegations do not only lack substance but are baseless.

"I have said in one of my addresses that at the appropriate time, we shall respond when you confront us with evidence.

"But let me say here to you that we would not respond to allegations that are not factual.

"My self and my colleagues stand here to offer our integrity to serve you for the confidence you reposed in us by voting for us.

"We remain ever ready to defend what we have done in the last three years. (NAN)

We're reforming Plateau PDP says Tapgun

By Andrew Agbese, Jos

FORMER governor of Plateau state, Sir Fidelis Tapgun has described what is happening in the Plateau state PDP as a "reform" saying those who do want the state chapter to be reformed can leave the PDP.

Tapgun who spoke at the democracy day celebration of the Plateau southern senatorial zone held in Shendam on Saturday, said the structure of the party that existed in the state was then was not democratically elected but imposed hence the need to repair and reform the party in the state.

He said that it was after INEC noted that there was no election during the state congress of the PDP and wrote to the national headquarters that they decided to reform the party in line with democratic principles and the national secretariat of the PDP set up the caretaker committee to conduct fresh congresses for the party.

Tapgun further explained the committee was not able to complete its assignment in three months but has stayed up to nine months because some of the party members in the state decided not to cooperate with the caretaker committee.

The former governor who is a member of the caretaker committee warned that if the committee is not allowed to complete its assignment of setting up a new structure for the party in the state, the caretaker committee will be the one to handle the sale of forms for aspirants in the party.

"If the caretaker committee subsists till election time, then anybody that wants to contest any elective position on the PDP in Plateau will have to come to them since we were sent by the national secretariat of the party. So we are not worried," he stated.

Inside Politics

Ogbulafor's successor to emerge in 2 weeks – Baraje

THE National Secretary of the PDP, Alhaji Abubakar Baraje, has said that a new national chairman for the party will emerge in the next two weeks.

He told newsmen yesterday in Ilorin that the national secretariat of the party was only waiting for PDP stalwarts in the South-East to present an acceptable candidate.

Baraje blamed the delay in the emergence of a new chairman on the prevailing political situation in the country.

He said the delay could also be attributed to the fact that the nation was approaching another general election.

Baraje assured Nigerians that the 2011 general elections would be free, fair and meet international standards.

He said President Goodluck Jonathan was committed to conducting a free and fair election, noting that members of the party had resolved to give him maximum support.

Baraje, however, said the conduct of a free and fair election was the responsibility of all Nigerians,

especially journalists.

He enjoined journalists to show more patriotism and interest in the build-up to next year's elections through factual and honest reportage of events.

Baraje, who said the ruling PDP would not engage in acts that would bring the integrity of the nation into disrepute, also urged the media to report the truth.

On those calling for the reformation of the party, Baraje said: "PDP is already reformed. The party is governed by laws. We have our constitution and we do not gag anyone."

"All we are saying is that members of our great party should follow the laid down rules in whatever they want to do."

He expressed satisfaction over Friday's verdict of the Election Petition Tribunal in Osogbo which returned Governor Olagunsoye Oyinlola.

Baraje enjoined Nigerians to approach national issues patriotically, irrespective of their political affiliations.

(NAN)



ABUBAKAR Kawu Baraje

Democracy Day: PDP rallies support for Jonathan

By Muideen Olaniyi

THE Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has called on Nigerians to rally round President Goodluck Jonathan and all elected and appointed officials nationwide in their determination to ensure even development, sustenance of the rule of law and respect for human dignity.

In its message to mark Democracy Day, the party's Acting National Chairman Dr. Bello Haliru Mohammed congratulated Nigerians as the country marks 11 years of sustained democratic rule.

A statement signed by PDP National Publicity Secretary Prof. Rufai Ahmed Alkali congratulated President Jonathan, the Vice President Mohammed Namadi Sambo, the Senate President David Mark and the entire Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives Dimeji Bankole and the entire House.

Kwara LG polls hold October 30

From Mustafa Abubakar, Ilorin

THE Kwara State Independent Electoral Commission (KWSIEC) has slated elections into the 16 local government councils of the state for Saturday, October 30, 2010.

The KWSIEC Secretary, Mr Ahmed Salman, made the announcement in Ilorin on Saturday in a statement from his office.

The statement made available to *Daily Trust* at the weekend said "Elections will be conducted into the offices of Chairmen and Councillors in all the existing 16 Local Government Councils in the state."

"By this development, intending contestants from all the registered political parties are advised to take note and be guided accordingly", the statement said.

Governor Idris urges women to contest elections

From Isiaka Wakili, Lokoja

GOVERNOR Ibrahim Idris of Kogi State has urged women in the state to contest the next general elections.

The governor gave the encouragement when the state's women wing of the People Democratic Party (PDP) paid him a courtesy visit at the Government House, Lokoja.

He assured them of his administration's determination to provide a level playing ground that would allow women to contest with their male counterparts in 2011.

He promised to consider the 45 percent slots of political appointments to women in future appointments, adding that his administration would soon complete the ongoing women empowerment centres across the state.

2011 Election time-table, a big challenge - US Envoy

MS Robin Sanders, the U.S. Ambassador to Nigeria, has said that the inability of INEC to produce an accurate time table for the 2011 election poses a major challenge.

Answering questions at the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) Forum in Abuja yesterday, Sanders said, "the big challenge is that you do not know when the elections are going to be held yet, though the decision is in the hands of the National Assembly."

She said her observation emanated from concerns expressed by Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) at the maiden meeting of the U.S.-Nigeria Bi-National Commission (BNC) which ended on Thursday in Abuja.

"Those are the things that we were briefed on your side, and I hope resolutions will be made very quickly. Election date is one of the things to figure out first before everything else," the ambassador said.

She stated: "I will tell you quite honestly that, the focus of the BNC's first working group was on elections, credibility, clean, unrigged; transparent elections is kind of the order of the

day now and the theme of the day.

"You certainly need an election date, a sooner-rather-than-later kind of determination; you need a clear and transparent voter register."

Sanders said that for INEC to conduct a credible election, it must ensure that the voters' registration exercise was transparent, while the elections should be held according to the time-table when it was eventually put in place.

The envoy expressed the willingness of the U.S. to offer technical assistance to INEC, stressing that the Federal Government must be willing to deliver good governance to Nigerians.

"Certainly, internal political democracy is a big challenge and I think that, that really is not something that any outsider friend can do for Nigeria."

"That is going to come from political will; only Nigerian elements have the role there," she said.

On strategies to ensure implementation of the outcomes of the BNC, Sanders said both sides had engaged senior officials to outline

challenges and commitments.

"I think to have a senior member of the U.S. Government lead a delegation shows our seriousness and commitment, and I think Nigeria had an array of ministers during the BNC telling us some of the challenges, where the challenges are; telling us what their commitments are."

"I think that is one of the positive signals," she remarked.

The ambassador stated that the U.S. Government was willing to work with Nigeria on the BNC's strategic action deliverables.

Sanders challenged the Federal Government to conduct credible and transparent elections in 2011 that its friends and Nigerians will be proud of.

She said the U.S. was concerned as a friend, and urged the Federal Government to endeavour to put in place machinery that would ensure a credible and transparent election.

The ambassador said she was happy that Nigeria had survived the "very fragile environment of insecurity" which stretched from November 2009 until recently. (NAN)

AC decries rampant post-election court cases

By Muideen Olaniyi

THE Action Congress (AC) yesterday said it would not allow a repeat of the post-2007 election situation in which the courts, rather than the people, were left to decide the winners of elections.

The party, through its National Publicity Secretary Alhaji Lai Mohammed, said a situation whereby governorship elections in 32 of the 36 states of the federation were decided by courts amounted to a gross distortion of

democracy.

The party however said that it will not encourage the use of violence to resolve election problems, noting that the time has come to take pre-emptive measures within the ambit of the law to make every vote count in 2011 and beyond.

AC said if democracy is to survive in Nigeria, the people's votes must count, pointing out that a situation in which five persons determine the outcome of elections involving millions of voters is no democracy but a blatant mockery of

democracy. "In 2011, we will put in place all the necessary safeguards to ensure that the votes of the people count, and that recourse to the courts will be in a few borderline cases or those requiring judicial interpretations."

"In a number of cases, the judiciary rose to the occasion. But the huge number of election petition cases simply overwhelmed this arm of government and left it open to the vagaries of Nigeria's peculiar situation, with dire consequences for its image," the statement issued in Accra, Ghana by AC spokesman said.

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N500bn: CBN bails out airlines

From Nahimah Ajikanle Nurudeen, Lagos

DOMESTIC Airline Operators in the country can now heave a sigh of relief as the Central Bank of Nigeria has announced the extension of N500billion economic intervention fund to the aviation industry. The fund was earlier meant to stimulate credit to the power and manufacturing sectors.

The National Union of Air Transport Employees (NUATE) had said that the aviation sector needs an estimated N300billion to urgently fix various challenges besetting the aviation industry.

The decision of the apex bank was informed by its concerns over the heavy indebtedness of the domestic airlines in the country and the need to allow the operators plan the settlement of their accrued loans to various banks over a period of time, CBN spokesman Muhammad Abdullahi said.

"These airlines can now partake from the fund and those that are indebted to banks can refinance their loans and amortise them over a period of 10-15 years," Mr. Abdullahi said.

"This we believe will help put off a feared financial crisis in the aviation industry," he added.

Nigeria's airline industry has become highly competitive in recent years, particularly on domestic routes, with new carriers such as Arik Air and Dana Air coming up to compete with older firms such as Aero Contractors and IRS Airlines.

British investor Richard Branson's Virgin Atlantic has said it is looking to sell its 49 percent stake in Virgin Nigeria, which recently changed its name to Nigerian Eagle Airlines and said last year it needed fresh capital.

The airline last year suspended its loss-making long haul flights to Britain and South Africa to focus on domestic and regional operations, under pressure from its main financial backers-United Bank for Africa.

Analysts have said that some Nigerian airlines are in such financial dire straits that they could end up being forced to merge or face collapse.

According to the CBN spokesperson, the airlines heavy debt profile to banks constitutes a risk to their financial institutions and the entire banking industry.

Industry observers believe that this step will help in clearing the air on the feared financial crisis in the Aviation industry.

Daily Trust reporter said virtually all the domestic airlines operating in the country are currently at the verge of closing shop due to huge debts.

Nigerian aviation industry is currently having 21 registered operator with valid Air Operation Certificate (AOC) out of which 10 are into commercial scheduled while 11 operate chartered and cargo services in the country.

Out of the 11 commercial operators, three of them are currently grounded due to their inability to meet up with the challenges of operations, while seven others are experiencing



difficulties.

The seven that are operational are: Arik Air, AeroContrator, Associated, Virgin Nigeria, IRS, Dana Air, Chanchangi and Overland Airways.

Currently local airlines owed over N9billion to the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria, FAAN, about N2billion to NAMA while over N3billion is owed the ground handling operators Skyway Aviation Handling Company Limited, SAHCOL and Nahcoaviance.

Between the year 2000 and today, over 10 airline operators have closed shops. They are: Aviation Development Company (ADC), Al-barka Air Services, Amako Airlines, Dasab Airways, Sosoliso, Okada Air, NICON, Concord Airways, Nigerian Airways and most recently, Bellview, Capital and Afrijet airlines.

Afrijet Airlines' problem began in 2008 when the airline extended it services beyond cargo services to passengers' commercial flights and could no longer cope with operational cost having owed staff salary for months, sacked many workers and finally went off the sky in 2009.

Union Bank recently placed a caveat emptor on IRS airline over its N3billion accrued debts, even as First bank Plc earlier placed advertorial for winding up of the airline.

Aero is not left out with the report that the airline is yet to offset its N30billion non performing loan it owed Oceanic Bank, running for six months now.

Other airlines like Arik Air, Associated Airways, Dana Air, Chanchangi Airlines and Landover Aviation Services are still battling for survival as none of them is exempted from the list of debtors to the various aviation agencies.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE

DANA Airlines:

Lagos-Abj: 07.20; 08.19, 09.00, 12.15, 15.30, 17.10 (Mon-Fri/Sat/Sun)
Abj-Lagos: 07.20, 09.45, 11.25, 13.05, 14.40, 17.40 (Mon-Fri/Sat/Sun)
Lag-Kano via Abj: 08.19, Abuja: 10.00
Kano-Lag via Abj: 11.25, Abuja: 11.25
Lagos-Enu: 14.40,
Enu-Lagos: 16.20
Lagos-PH: 09.27
PH-Lagos: 12.15

OVERLAND Airways

Lagos-Ilorin: 07.15 (Mon-Fri), Ilorin-Lagos: 16.15 (Mon-Fri)
Abuja-Ilorin: 15.00 (Mo-Fri), Ilorin-Abuja: 08.15 (Mon-Fri)
Lagos-Ibadan: 07.15 (Mon-Fri), Lagos-Ibadan: 16.15 (Mon-Fri)
Ibadan-Abuja: 08.00 (Mon-Fri), Abuja-Ibadan: 5.00 (Mon-Fri)
Kats-Abuja: 07.30 (Mon-Fri) Abuja-Kats: 15.30 (Mon-Fri)
Minna-Lagos: 09.40 Lagos-Minna: 13.00 (Mon-Fri)
Abuja-Minna: 09.00 (Mon-Fri) Minna-Abuja: 14.30
Jos-Kano: 10.15 (Mon-Fri), Kano-Jos: 11.30 (Mon-Fri)
Abuja-Jos: 09.30 (Mon-Fri), Jos-Abuja: 12.30

STOCK MARKET INDEX

Date:	Friday, May 28, 2010
Index:	25,849.42
Deals:	10,502
Volume:	360,973,188
Value:	N 3,367,589,904.53
Cap.:	N6,287,591,515,165.62

TRUST INDEX

Inflation	12.5%
GDP	6.68%
Budget	N4.6tr
Ext. Reserves Acct	\$40.1bn
Excess Crude Acct	\$4.3bn
Poverty Ratio	54.4%
Monetary Policy Rate	6%
Banks	24
Oil Price	\$70 a barrel
Power Supply	3, 600MW
Oil output per day	2.6mbd
Broad Money Supply	N11,010,063.6m
Credit to Private Sector	N10,037,422.5m
Inter-Bank Rate	1.2200%
Treasury Bills	1.3%
Deposit Rate	7.51%
Prime Lending Rate	18.06%

CBN EXCHANGE RATES

	Buying (NGN)	Central (NGN)	Selling (NGN)
CFA	0.2596	0.2696	0.2796
DANISH KRONER	24.2836	24.3657	24.4478
EURO	180.8006	181.412	182.0233
FOR. NIS/STERLING	212.1513	212.8516	213.5689
RIYAL	39.432	39.5654	39.6987
SDR	216.9519	217.6883	218.4221
SWISS FRANC	126.8399	127.2688	127.6977
US DOLLAR	147.87	148.37	148.87
WAUA	217.1708	217.9052	218.6395
YEN	1.6516	1.6572	1.6628

Bureau de Change Rates

BUYING	
Dollar	N153
Euro	N190
Pound	N225
SELLING	
Dollar	N154
Euro	N193
Pound	N228

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



Business

Advert agencies owe media houses N83m - APCON

From Chris Agabi, Lagos

CONTRARY to claims by media houses that advertising agencies and media buying agencies owe them some N1.15 billion between January 1, 2001 and December 31, 2006, the Advertising Practitioners Council of Nigeria (APCON) has accepted only N83 million as valid debts. Media houses and advertising practitioners have been at logger heads over the debt issues even though they rely on each other to survive.

Presenting the report of the APCON Special Committee on Media Dept Issues (ASCOMDI) to newsmen in Lagos at the weekend, APCON Chairman Mr. Chris Doghudje said: "The debt situation as at April 22, 2010 when ASCOMDI gave its report to the Council of APCON was as follows: claimed indebtedness is N1,145,732,661.65, agreed indebtedness N83,002,766.34 and variable indebtedness becomes

N1,062,729,895.31.

According to Doghudje, based on the ASCOMDI report: "There was clear evidence that a huge percentage of the alleged debts did not originate from Association of Advertising Agencies of Nigeria (AAAN) and Media Independents Practitioners Association of Nigeria (MIPAN). These were traceable to independent producers/marketers and direct media buyers."

He noted that the detailed report on the debt problem showing claims, disputed claims, and agreed claims – was forwarded to all sectoral groups on February 19, 2010 and no response has so far been received from BON, NPAN and OAAAN.

He said ASCOMDI was set up in 2007 with these terms of reference: submission of claims in respect of debts due from January 1, 2001 to Dec 31, 2006 along with supportive documents. That was to be done between June 2007 and August 2007, later changed to September 2007 and later changed to

December 14, 2007. Claims not submitted were deemed to be outside the purview of APCON; Reconciliation of accounts within three months, originally to run from September 2007 to December 2007, later changed to March 2008; Give debtor organizations six months from March 2008 to September 2008 to settle their debts and Publish after the six months, the names of defaulting organizations and/or brands which thereafter stand blacklisted in the industry, especially by media owners.

Doghudje noted that, "After almost three years we cannot claim to have covered all the terms of reference. We have covered only two – the first and the second."

On the way forward, he said, "Should APCON still go ahead to give six months for agreed debts to be settled? And, should APCON thereafter publish the names of defaulters for media owners to blacklist? These are decisions the new APCON council, which will soon be inaugurated, will have to take."

PZ invests N10 billion in Nigeria

From Mohammed Shosanya, Lagos

FOLLOWING its expansion drive and enhanced customers satisfaction, PZ Cussons Nigeria Plc has announced N10 billion additional investment in the country. The new investment will last for three years, according to the Chief Executive of the multinational company, Mr. Christos Giannopoulos.

The company said it has spent over N200 million in the last 18 months in fulfilment of its corporate social responsibility to its host communities. Tagged Unity Investment, the programme has a special focus on the company's new Detergent Spray Tower, modernizes and expands existing infrastructure as well as con-

sists four innovative projects namely Project ASAP, Optimum, Phoenix and Project.

Disclosing this at a news conference in Lagos at the weekend, the PZ boss explained that while project ASAP involves relocating the personal care factory from Ilupeju to Ikorodu site, Optimum is the construction of a world-class distribution centre at Ikorodu.

Project Phoenix, he said involves the overhaul of the soap making process at Aba, adding, Project is the modernisation of the company's detergent manufacturing operation at the Ikorodu site including the construction of a new detergent spray tower.

He said: "In the initial design philosophy, PZ took the decision to ensure the tower meets the very stringent European and

Nigerian requirements and standards in the area. The factory also meets the world class Good Manufacturing Practice [GMP] standards. Our new distribution centre with its innovative and technologically advanced processes systems ensures factory fresh product delivery to our customers. This allows better inventory and control which along with enhanced transportation, ensures delivery within the shortest possible time. The equipment used within the distribution centre further reduces environment impact by our choice of electric powered reached truck."

The company's boss said PZ support backward integration through creation of businesses for third party haulers in excess of N3 billion per annum.



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2. We are blessed to have His Excellency at the helm of affairs in Kebbi State. May the Almighty Allah elongate your tenure, Ameen.



Signed
Alh. Abdullahi Yusuf Jega
Executive Secretary

Business/International

IAEA wants Nigeria to use Nuclear power for electricity

By Fidelis Mac-Leva

WORLD'S nuclear energy watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, IAEA, has called on Nigeria to redouble efforts in executing programmes and projects that would launch the country into nuclear power.

IAEA country officer for Nigeria, Mulugeta Amha, who threw the challenge at the end of his working visit to Nigeria, commended the federal government for her commitment towards the development and deployment of atomic energy for peaceful application in the socioeconomic development of the country.

He stressed that much was still needed to be done by the Nigerian government, especially in the release of counterpart funds for the execution of the technical cooperation programmes and projects.

Observing that the level of project implementation in relation to nuclear power was low in Nigeria compared other African countries, Amha said: "The successful implementation of the nuclear power programme by Nigeria would have a multiplier effect and be a source of encouragement for other African countries."

He commended the Nigeria Atomic Energy Agency, NAEC, for effective coordination of counterpart institutions for the realization of the dream to develop a nuclear programme in Nigeria.

Director General of NAEC, Dr. Erepamo Osaisai, had commended the IAEA for its demonstrable interest in the successful implementation of the nuclear programme in Nigeria.

He assured that Nigeria was committed to ensuring that all the needed input for the development and deployment of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes were put in place.

While in Nigeria, the visiting programme officer held meetings with stakeholders in the implementation of the country's programme framework for nuclear energy.

"The successful implementation of the nuclear power programme by Nigeria would have a multiplier effect."

Angola government cuts central bank's powers

ANGOLA'S parliament on Thursday unanimously approved a law that downgrades the status of the central bank, giving the government a major say in setting monetary policy.

The legislation, which took observers by surprise, appeared to tighten President Jose Eduardo dos Santos' grip on power and went against calls from the International Monetary Fund for more transparency from what is already one of Africa's most secretive administrations.

The new law, approved by all 152 lawmakers

present, was more "a hiccup than a game-changer" in the government's relations with the IMF, an analyst said, adding it was not yet clear how it would change the monetary policy picture in the country.

It was drafted against the backdrop of \$130 million embezzlement probe into the central bank that has resulted in dozens of arrests among middle and lower tiers of management.

According to a copy of the text obtained by Reuters, the central bank's "operational autonomy" will be safe-

guarded.

But the bank will also in future "stop setting the country's monetary, financial and foreign exchange policy", merely "participating" in interest rate decisions, overseeing the oil producing country's foreign exchange reserves and organising the currency auctions that determine the value of the kwanza.

Despite Dos Santos allowing a U.S. Treasury advisor and the IMF to work with the central bank to increase transparency, the legislative move suggests he and his

government are determined to keep tight control over Angola's institutions.

"This could be an early test for Angola's new relationship with the IMF. If this makes a material difference in how the government conducts its monetary policy, this could be problematic. But I see it more as a hiccup than a game-changer," said Philippe de Pontet, an analyst at Eurasia group.

"This is because monetary policy has never been independent of the Presidency, so it is difficult to assess to what extent this represents

actual backsliding."

Officials from the IMF, which is running a \$1.4 billion loan programme to Angola, were not immediately available for comment. The programme was launched in November and runs for just over two years.

Deputy Central bank governor Ricardo Viegas told Reuters the central bank would "remain active in monetary policy decisions". Speaking on the sidelines of the parliamentary session, he denied the bill downgraded the bank's powers. (*AfricanInvestor*)

Shell buys United States natural gas firm

OIL and gas giant Royal Dutch Shell has agreed to buy US natural gas explorer East Resources for \$4.7bn (£3.2bn).

The cash offer was made to East Resources and its pri-

vate equity investor Kohlberg Kravis Roberts (KKR).

East Resources holds more than 650,000 acres in the Marcellus shale, a rock formation running from West Virginia to New York,

said to have vast amounts of natural gas. The deal is subject to regulatory approval.

KKR invested \$350m in East Resources for a substantial stake only 11 months ago, according to the Wall Street

Journal.

Shell also revealed it had bought 250,000 acres of mineral rights in the Eagle Ford shale in south Texas.

"These acreage additions form part of an ongoing

strategy, which also includes divestments, with the objective to grow and upgrade the quality of Shell's North America tight gas portfolio," Shell chief executive Peter Voser said. *BBC*.

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Business/Agric

The looming food crisis

There is no love sincerer than the love of food—George Bernard Shaw, in his: "The Revolutionist's Handbook," Man and Superman.

By Jibrin Abubakar

NIGERIA is in the middle of an emergency. It is being threatened by man's oldest problem—food. The Director General of National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) Air-Vice Marshall Muhammed Audu Bida said about 12 million Nigerians risk going to bed without food. NEMA's DG couldn't have been trumpeting pointlessly. According to him, seven northern states will be severely affected as they will experience draught.

Since the alarm bell rang, the minister of agriculture has not given any assurances either. But Audu-Bida knows his onions. According to him, the National Strategic Grains Reserve is short of 65,000 tonnes, making it grossly inadequate as a backup to mitigate the pending food crisis.

He said the trend is already affecting neighbouring Chad, Niger and Cameroon. There have been reports that some hungry Nigerians have started trooping into Nigeria in search of food.

Food and nutrition emergencies have been declared in Niger, Chad and Cameroon, while some of their nationals are seeking refuge in Nigeria.

In the same chorus, a report by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) warned of crop failures in "Kebbi, Borno, Yobe and a few areas in the north central such as Plateau, Taraba and Kogi," as well as "excessive flooding in Osun, Lagos, Oyo, Ondo, Ogun, Bayelsa, Delta, Imo and Akwa Ibom States."

Corroborating Audu-Bida's fear, the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) said since over 70 percent of agricultural practice in Nigeria was rain-fed, there was a strong possibility of severe food shortage in the country this year because there would be irregular and erratic rainfall which would affect crops and harvest. There have also been reports from northern states that cattle have started dying as a result of nutritional problems.

The news perhaps is not just breaking to many Nigerians who have been in hunger for too long. About 100 million Nigerians are said to be hungry. That is 10 out of 15 or an average of about 75 per cent of the country's 150 million people. According to agencies reports, there are about



825 million hungry people in the world. 229 million are in Sub-Saharan Africa.

But why should Nigeria be fearful of food crisis when successive governments had churned out dozens of policies for the agricultural sector. Apart from its growing budgetary allocation from seven per cent in 2008 to 12 per cent in 2009, various special intervention funds were also initiated.

According to the former Minister of Finance Mansur Muhtar, more than N400 billion was injected into the sector in 2009 alone. The minister, who thumped up the agriculture ministry, said it is one of the two ministries that met part of the seven point agenda of the government. In its rating, the budget office had scored the agriculture ministry 83.99 per cent in capacity utilization and 70 per cent capital budget performance.

The Yar'adua-Jonathan government, perhaps more than previous governments shows a high level of commitment to the sector. Food security has been at the heart of its seven point agenda. It is also part of its vision 20:2020. The Central Bank is also pumping N200 billion into the sector in its Commercial Agric Credit Scheme; N40 billion of which is for smallholder farmers. And recently the Jonathan gov-

ernment approved N242.5 billion for over a period of three years (2009 and 2011) to improve infrastructure for the sector. It also got 13 per cent of the total budgetary allocation last year, making it one of the preferred sectors given that it contributes about 50 per cent to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). This is more than the oil sector which contributes less than 20 per cent. It got a paltry 3.7 per cent budgetary allocation this year. (i.e. recurrent N34.4bn and capital 49.9bn). The Yar'adua government had earlier voted three per cent (N300bn) of the Natural Resource Development Fund for the development of the sector two years ago.

Other previous policies aimed at preventing food crisis in Nigeria are: National Accelerated Food Production Project (NAFPP) from 1970 to 1974; Operation Feed the Nation (OFN) of 1976; Green Revolution Programme (GRP) of 1980; Directorate for Food, Road and Rural Infrastructure (DFRRI) of 1986; National Agricultural Land Development Authority (NALDA) of 1992; National Accelerated Industrial Crops Production Programme (NAICPP) of 1996; Agriculture Development Programme (ADP); National Seed Service Programme (NSS); the establishment

of the Federal Agriculture Coordinating Unit (FACU), Agriculture Credit Guarantee Scheme (ACGS), the Nigerian Agricultural Corporation and Rural Development Bank (NACRDB) and the recently launched contentious N200bn Commercial Agric Credit Scheme, among others.

Arguably, experts fear that there is a disconnection between successive agricultural policies and their efficacy. Two years ago, Nigeria was named world's second largest importer of the food item, coming only behind the Philippines, and just in 2009, N16.3bn worth of rice was smuggled into the country, according to the Rice Importers and Distributors Association of Nigeria (RIDAN). Altogether, Nigeria is a net importer of food, spending about \$3 billion (N400 billion) on food imports annually. It imports one million tonnes of rice from Thailand annually. They say if Nigeria must keep its name as the giant of Africa, it must think up a way of feeding itself or otherwise 'emaciate' in the throes of hunger.

But Nigeria shouldn't have been bothered by the threat of food crisis, if it had prepared for the rainy day, observers say. Former farms minister Sayyadi Abba Ruma had built on certain foundations which should be sustained by Professor Sheikh Ahmed Abdullah, experts say. They say the new man needs not to introduce fresh policies in the short run, because there is the need for the sector to stabilize to avoid clash of policies that are already creating confusion. They say his tenure has less than one year to impact on the lives of Nigerians. He must therefore quickly put round pegs in round holes. The former minister had started constructing some silos in some states. This momentum must be sustained too. Beyond that they say the annual fertilizer distribution exercise has not taken Nigeria anyway.

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Online Reactions

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ON www.dailytrust.com



Gas price shoots up by 400%

WHEN I watched Minister Diezani of the Petroleum Ministry announce the increase in gas prices by 400 percent on TV, my heart bled. Then many questions began to come to

my mind. What will happen to our already near dead industries? What will happen to all the SME's that rely on power to grow? What will happen to our mothers that rely on kerosene

or gas to cook? What will happen to the deforestation programme? All that are questions the minister needs to answer because even before the December period that she men-

tioned, the prices of gas would have been hiked by unpatriotic citizens who take advantage of situations like this to exploit people. Why the increase now? Is it the right step in the

right direction as the minister says? or is it part of Goodluck's new agenda? Someone should please tell us.

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LATE General Sani Abacha

Objective look-back at the Abacha years

AS a Nigerian, I can attest to it that we are one of the most endowed peoples in the world. Part of the endowment is one of knowledge and smartness. We are quick learners and we hate to be outdone. As a result of misrule, that endowment has come to the forefront as everyone is now trying his best to duplicate/refine what they have seen and learnt. Those who were on the sidelines during our earlier years of misrule are now the forerunners in the current government circle. What all these people are now doing is to further perfect their acts and it is up to us to stop it.

At this point in time it is up to us (you and me) to see things for what they are and find a lasting solution to our myriad problems. Finding solutions starts with identifying bad in all its ramifications and seeking to turn them into good; while trying to turn our good to better. It does not benefit us to justify any bad because we'll birth something worse.

In all, this write-up lacks objectivity and is nothing more than an attempt to launder a soiled image. To argue that Abacha is better because "he was not as bad" is sacrilegious to say the least. The argument that he fired a minister for fraud is neither impressive nor indicative of his character qualities. All it showed was his lack of tolerance for others that may be a bit smarter or bolder than he was.

Today, the negative effects of Abacha's administration are everywhere. Although he did not step out of Nigeria during his administration, we now know that he was able to open multiple accounts everywhere from the Cayman Islands to Switzerland. The sad show is still playing out in Switzerland as we speak without any indication that we will get the monies back.

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Yes you are right but a mature writer would have also included that there were also assassinations, thievery and embezzlement of Government funds at the same time. They are all birds of the same feather.
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WAS Ribadu really a fugitive? Maybe Tunde is not and has never been in civil service. There is no way Malam Nuhu Ribadu will be in custody of his asset declaration forms. The Code of Conduct Bureau is the custodian of that. Asset Declaration was just a "bus driver/conduct" tactic of Aaondoakaa. Ribadu did declare his assets.

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A great piece as usual, Mal. Adamu. I however think Mr. Goodluck should run if he so

wishes. At least no one would come tomorrow and request for zoning...after all it is now considered undemocratic. Best regards.

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Nigeria is a country where everything goes. The apostles of power-shift and rotational Presidency are now singing different songs because they feel the balance of power has tilted in their favour. The world is changing and Nigeria and Nigerians are also changing. The shame of the 2007 elections will never re-occur in Nigeria

again and proponents of vote-rigging should understand this.

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Please Mr. Adamu, continue giving us great commentaries and more information to keep us aware of the goings-on. Your write up was straight to the point. Please continue with exposing hypocrisy. I wonder why the Police Service Commission head and his officers did not resign honorably instead of taking back their vomit.

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MALAM Nuhu Ribadu

Electoral offences tribunal coming, says Jonathan

BY conducting free and fair elections, the President will leave a legendary legacy for which no doubt the citizens of this country will never forget him.

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May Allah give you the ability to fulfill this mission, Mr. President. Your decision to introduce this tribunal is commendable because most of the problem we are facing

in Nigeria during election periods is nothing other than theft of ballot boxes and alteration of results and these normally lead to serious short and long term crises within communities, towns or states.

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The US Governments is trying to show some concern over the forthcoming election in Nigeria but let this be an admonition to INEC as I

quote the envoy words that "President Jonathan can contest the 2011 presidential election provided the 2011 elections are going to be fair and transparent enough to ensure that every vote counts." Can every ballot counts in Nigerian elections? Only a translucent INEC can answer this. We pray for a transparent INEC in Nigeria through the perpetuation of the Uwais' Electoral Reforms Report.

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Facts about halitosis

THANKS for the enlightenment. Halitosis has been a cause of serious embarrassment to me and I am sure for a lot of other very clean persons too.

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Kwara workers get pay rise

WELL done Governor Bukola Saraki for rescuing the civil servants of your state. Other governors should emulate their Kwara counterpart.

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Haulage of workers in trailers disturb FG

ONE wonders if they are monkeys and not humans that are being transported. It also goes to show how Nigerians are oppressed, maltreated & even enslaved in their own country by both foreigners and fellow citizens. Quite unfortunate, and we hope the FG really means to look into it seriously.

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NLC opposes hike in electricity tariff

THE Federal Government should try to provide adequate power supply before they start thinking of hiking the price because compared to the present situation of the supply we are paying a steep price already.

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The increase does not guarantee stable and constant electricity. What is the justification and rational behind the increase? Please Nigerians are tired of empty



PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan

promises especially about things that touch the lives of all citizens.

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Let's have constant, steady and uninterrupted electricity first before the government can start thinking of increasing the tariff because the Nigerian masses are already paying for electricity they did not guzzle and as such are at this instant paying a high toll. We are hoping the Government will improve on the existing circumstances.

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Forgery: Police ask Keyamo to produce client

KEYAMO seems to have forgotten the fundamental principle that says lawyers are ministers in the temple of justice. We are not enemies of state i.e police and opposing counsels, but are there to help the court or any arbiter in arriving at a just conclusion. But over the recent years some lawyers have

been throwing out accusations and playing to the gallery and that is gradually giving "decent lawyers" a bad name.

In Nigeria it pays to be a Keyemo, when press boys give you prime time; and even a column in a tabloid; you get noticed; more briefs come in and then you start believ-

ing the hype. Ambulance chasing redefined according to their mentors in the Lagos circle of the NBA.

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Wonders shall never end and the Nigerian Police is truly the most wonderful of police any where in

this world. Now they are turning the case on the accuser.

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Keyamo produce your client, or is your client a ghost?

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By Mohammed Sabon-Gari

Chief Servant, where are the 5,000 houses?

We use the opportunity of this year's Democracy Day to congratulate you for serving Niger State as its Chief Servant in the last three years. We need not remind you that you have barely 12 months more to fulfil the promises you made to Nigerlites four years or so ago.

As can be seen in public places, the posters of your planned second term bid are already all over the state. However before the political campaigns for the 2011 General Elections take off in full gear there is need to review your performance so far and ask if you have kept the promises you made of an effective, efficient, accountable and transparent governance.

Without prejudice to the shortcomings of the previous administration you promised in your inauguration speech, at your swearing-in ceremony on 29 May, 2007, to provide a unique "Servant-Leadership" which you said was crucial in developing transparency, accountability and participatory decision-making process for good governance. How far have these promises been kept?

In that speech, the Chief Servant set himself the goal of making Niger State amongst the top three most socio-economic

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and politically developed in Nigeria by the year 2020. So far that promise has turned out to be a mirage. Indeed it is fair to say you have not matched your various speeches promising an end to "business as usual" during your tenure with action.

You have attributed this failure to your inability to save money for the execution of your planned development projects as a result of over-blotted civil service.

This excuse is a complete contradiction of your speech on the State of Service on July 15, 2008. In that speech you told Nigerlites that for the first time in the history of the state, Government has been able to save ₦4.46 Billion as bank balances as at May 2008 from our revenue in-flow. You also told Nigerlites that the state had 2.9 billion naira in a capital reserve account.

If the Chief Servant credited his administration of having successfully serviced and liquidated the states ₦3.8 Billion Paris Club Exit debit, the question begging for answer from the Chief Servant is whether the fiscal discipline and culture of saving that he proclaimed in 2008 has suddenly been abandoned and the state now has reverted to "business as usual." This question is apt because the state Government has since picked up a huge ₦6 Billion debt.

In one of the Chief Servant's speeches, he told Nigerlites that the state's monthly

earning from the internally generated revenue rose from ₦120 Million to ₦200 Million. He said this was grossly inadequate to meet the needs of the state. The government therefore adopted the public private partnership (PPP) for infrastructural development and efficient service delivery. Presently the State Government has committed public funds of the sum of ₦77 Billion into Senecou Agreement on the strength of the PPP to execute various projects. Nigerlites need to be informed of the exact projects and how much so far of the public fund has been committed to these PPP projects.

Education has been indentified in your inaugural address as being in a deplorable state and has totally collapsed. This led to your declaring free education for boys and girls at the basic level. This has turned out to be a failed project.

This conclusion is inevitable considering your report of having constructed only 1030 classrooms blocks and renovated 2000 in three (3) years of your administration. Ordinarily this performance translate into 14 classroom blocks constructed and 27 renovated for each of the 25 local government per year of the period of 3 (three) years. Does this not amount to failure of the government in lifting the education level to an enviable position? Reports show that no significant improvement has been achieved in this sector as 150 pupils are still cramped in a classroom in virtually all public schools in the state.

It is unfortunate that rather than embarking on planned systematic approach in dealing with over-congestion of pupils in classrooms by selecting limited number of schools and providing standard functional facilities for education, public funds earmarked for education are squandered on cultural festivities and meaningless seminars.

When Talba went on a donation spree to tertiary Institutions recently he gave the University of Ibadan 40 billion Naira. We ask, is Niger state amongst the catchments areas of UI? Even if it is, should a state donate so much of its scarce revenue to an institution owned by a far more richer Federal Government? The amount donated could go a long way in providing additional classrooms to decongest our over-crowded primary and secondary schools.

We also ask, where is the Developed Sector Plan meant to serve as road map for education development? What is the status of the proposed Teacher's Service Commission which is to handle teacher's welfare, promotion, discipline and the much talked about rural teaching allowance? All these have remained mere words with no evidence of implementation. The newly promised strategic approach to renovate and equip some selected schools as models, looks like an afterthought as it is being proposed for a period of less than 12 months to the exist of the administration.

The poem entitled "Keeping Promises" is the text of Talba's state-of-service to the people of Niger state in which the Chief Servant promised to provide five thousand houses in Minna, Bida, Kontogora and Suleja.

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By Mustapha B. Sabo

Run, Jonathan, run

Let me say from the outset that I am not a member of any political party; but I want Dr Goodluck Jonathan to run for president in 2011 on the platform of his ruling People's Democratic Party (PDP). The Nigerian constitution which is supreme guarantees him that right, it is inalienable and not a subject of compromise. Furthermore, PDP's zoning arrangement was not an outcome of a referendum by party members. Less than 50 party leaders arrived at such a politically explosive issue as zoning! So it should not be seen as sacrosanct! Over the years, PDP has shown its dynamism as a party. Its ability to monopolize the nation's political space was primarily for its flexibility, large followership and proactive leadership. It will be a grievous mistake for the party to compromise a highly brilliant democrat and person with national appeal to some illegal arrangement called zoning.

Jonathan's wealth of experience, loyalty to late President Umaru Musa Yar adua and how skilfully and calmly he piloted the affairs of the state during Yaradua's illness added weight to his credentials. Jonathan has proved a worthy party leader who would not condone corrupt practices even within the PDP leadership. All hailed and showered encomiums to Jonathan's leadership style: the political class, traditional rulers, religious leaders, business class, the underclass and the international community. Nigerians

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have spoken and it is an endorsement of President Jonathan for 2011!

I have no doubt that Jonathan will squarely tackle the economy. The Presidential Advisory Committee headed by General TY Danjuma (rtd) would guide his administration for the next one year. Being from the Niger Delta, he is better positioned to block the leakages in the oil industry. Who else other than the President is most qualified to find a lasting peace in the Niger Delta among the political elites? He saw and lived with environmental degradation, massive poverty and youth unemployment in the face of the proverbial region that lays the golden egg. Our economy is in comatose partially because power. By personally overseeing the power ministry, the President must have considered it as a national emergency.

As a true democrat, President Jonathan holds strongly to the propriety of every vote counts! He is committed to electoral reform and reforming INEC as shown by the exit of Professor Maurice Iwu, its head. He has assured Nigerians and the interna-

tional community of a credible election in 2011. I can see in President Jonathan the integrity, patriotism and commitment for rule of law as attributed to late President Yar adua. The PDP under Jonathan's listening leadership will be reformed and must imbibe the culture of internal democracy. It must open up to all and discard this zoning system.

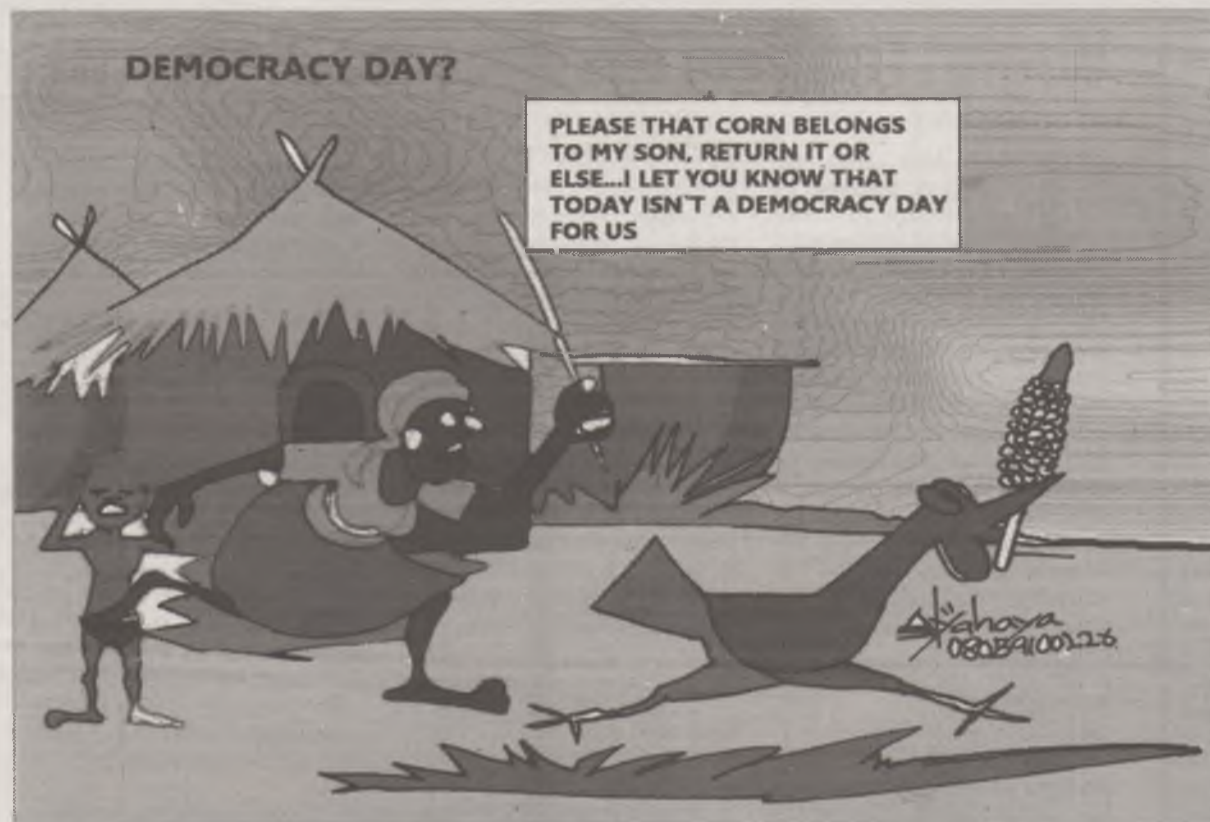
Jonathan is the right Presidential candidate for 2011. Nigerians must do away with the toga of regional/religious sentiments, the delight of the old brigade to what would develop our nation and improve us materially. Forget the generals with their unexplained wealth that would want to lord over us until thy kingdom cometh. The desecration Nigeria suffered under Obasanjo is enough reason for us to avoid them politically. They have taken the nation hostage by their incurable ego-centric conduct.

As a Nigerian and from a minority tribe (Kanuri), I see sinister motive in PDP's zoning arrangement. It is not only undemocratic; it is intended by the majority groups (or their clones) to control our lives and deprive us of power. The implication of zoning the Presidency to the North means giving it to the Hausa-Fulani; the south means Ibo or Yoruba. We are under no illusion that these groups control the economic artery of the nation, which easily translates to controlling it politics (if we extend further they are also in control of the military and Para-military). Jonathan, a minority as president in 2011, will be an assurance of our hope in the so called Nigerian project. The confederation of minorities must see the battle for Jonathan presidency in 2011 as a clarion call for relevance in the polity.

Vincent Ogbulafor, the erstwhile former PDP national chairman once boasted that his party will rule for 60 years. Within this period I foresee no chance of a minority becoming a President of Nigeria. They may at best throw the chairmanship bone to someone from a minority tribe. Why is the control of the state a do-or-die affair to the three musketeers? The state, especially in its deformed form like ours dispenses patronage and riches to those who control it and their associates. The state is the principal source of empowerment in Nigeria. The majoritarians know this basic fact and will do everything to frustrate Jonathan's bid.

President Jonathan should be the candidate to beat in 2011. As a PhD holder, education will get a place of pride in the nation. Our almajirai, long abandoned by the northern elite, may finally have a chance to go to school. As person exposed to environmental degradation of oil companies, he will give priority attention to north's desert encroachment. Jonathan will end the violence in the Niger Delta, provide an economic Marshall plan for Nigeria, fix our infrastructure and take Nigeria to its rightful place in the comity of nations.

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Your Letters

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Nigerian Democracy at 11

It's now eleven years since the return of civilian rule in Nigeria, but Nigerians have not witness any development over these years. Things are even getting worse than before:

no constant power supply, poor roads, falling standard of education, our hospitals are in critical conditions, economic meltdown, Nigerian stock exchange is not looking good and there is a problem of unemployment in the country. This administration is nothing but a setback.

President Jonathan should as a matter of urgency address these issues once and for all to avoid further escalation of the problem. It is very unfortunate that despite the vast natural resources that

God in his infinite mercy endow Nigeria with, the resources are mismanaged by a very few and the masses are left in squalor and poverty. The national cake is being looted and squandered by few out of whims and fancies to the detriment of the majority.

In any case, Nigerians may be happy with our eleven years of civilian rule, not democracy!

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Re: Coming in from the cold

ADAMU Adamu's column was a nice piece to read but it also showed that he's lost touch with reality. PDP zoning was to the Hausa/Fulani in the North, as recent reaction to the constitutional elevation of the then Deputy Governor of Kaduna state to the status of governor after about 43 years of uninterrupted rule by the Hausa/Fulani attests. Let a candidate outside Hausa/Fulani emerge as a presidential flag bearer from the North in 2010 and the likes of Adamu Adamu will sing a new song. It's a pity we share the same geographical location!

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For Ingausa to survive

HAIJIYAYYE Liman should keep up her unique writing style. Her "Ingausa" article is superlative! However, she made an oversight by not acknowledging the integration of the words of some Nigerian languages into Hausa and vice versa. The Yoruba have adopted "Gaskiya", "Ko", "Nama" etc. The Hausa have also adopted "Aso ebi", "kwana kwana", "Anty" etc. Nigerian Languages are our heritage; they should be cherished and passed on for posterity.

A Hausa dictionary can help out Haijiyayye's readers.

MAARUF Ibrahim, Abuja, 08034537022.

Salary increase is not the answer

WHAT we workers need is for our money to be useful to us. Even if salary increases many-fold, there would be an alarming increase in consumables which would not commensurate with the increment in the salary. Please let there be a stable economy and I believe the need to increase salary will be minimal.

ADEOMI, Birnin Kebbi, 08134535200.

Re: Goje's deputy denies report on 2011 presidency

HABA Daily Trust! Every element of a news item was attached, along with a reporter's by-line to confirm its authenticity! What's going on here?

ALHAMDU Ponar, Billiri, Gombe State, 08033981108.

The Abacha Years

HASSAN, the writer of your opinion article on Abacha years is totally wrong; his views are cash-and-carry type of journalism. Please if he has nothing in his head, he should quit the pro-

fession.

ENG FRED, Kaduna, 08036578922.

For all the children

IT was heart-wrenching listening to a little girl from Plateau State say on television that children like could not celebrate this year's Children's Day for security reasons so that "they will not kill us". These were her words. Please let's stop killing each other in the name of religion; God can fight for himself.

SOLOMON Bako, Kaduna, 07039872217.

Increased power tariff? Bad idea

INCREASING energy tariff as is being proposed is only going to ensure more loss of revenue through outright diversion from the meter, and more widespread illegal connections. All that is required is effective and efficient collection of dues at current rates, which are already high! Anything else, will just create more money for unscrupulous officials of government and PHCN staff.

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President's visit to Zamfara

THAT was okay; but why deduct money from civil servants' salaries to host him? We did not invite him!

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By Caesar Iheanacho

Atiku's return: A plus for PDP

For some time now, the return to the ruling People's Democratic Party (PDP), of the former Vice-President, and Turaki of Adamawa, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar, has generated much interest in the polity, with commentators and analysts taking a variety of positions depending on both their understanding of the issues at stake, and their political learning.

While a group has questioned the former number two man on the propriety of returning to the party where he was a founding and influential member, and wondering what becomes of the Action Congress (AC) which he also founded and nurtured to the status of a leading opposition party, other have seen reason with Atiku.

The second group, made up of Atiku loyalists, supporters and sympathetic Nigerians are generally comfortable with the return of the *Turaki*, on the grounds that no matter what, no true son of the soil forever abandons his home. A true son of the soil or even a Prince, like Atiku, when there is a problem in his homestead, can take a leave to avoid mutual damage or destruction within the family. When tempers cool or reason prevails; and there is no more conflict, the one who took leave can make a comeback, which is usually triumphant.

Alhaji Atiku's kith and kin are in the PDP, while those in the Action Congress (AC) are loyalists who took flight with him when any other action might have caused mutual damage to a common heritage, in this case, the PDP. Some of these supporters are expected to return to the PDP with their leader.

Most Nigerians, at least those who were adults during the heydays of the Obasanjo administration, are aware of the circumstances under which the former vice president left the PDP.

Those circumstances could happen in any other party or even country. In fact, in human affairs and human organisations, misunderstandings occur and later, those involved make up.

The result is that the concerned organisation becomes stronger, more purposeful and the better for it. It was for this reason, and based on his deep philosophy and appreciation of human nature, that Alhaji Atiku, never bore malice towards anyone, directly or indirectly connected to his exit from the party. He took everything in his stride knowing that like a storm, the tension that enveloped the party at that time would give way to a period of peace and reconciliation. That he has now returned to the PDP as a full-fledged member ready to contribute his quota to help the party overcome its many teething problems, as a testimony to the fact that at no time did the *Turaki* of Adamawa, wish the party ill.

To underscore the fact that the PDP crisis in the Obasanjo era was not good for the party and the polity, the late President Umaru Yar'adua of blessed memory, on coming to power in 2007, immediately inaugurated the Alex Ekwueme National Reconciliation Committee (NRC), with a mandate to woo and bring back aggrieved members of the party. That singular action by the late President Yar'adua, his belief in the rule of law and due process, the amnesty to Niger Delta militants and his acknowledgement of the flawed nature of the 2007 elections, remain evergreen testimonies to his greatness.

The point that is instructive and commendable about the PDP's national reconciliation is that at every stage, the former Vice President has shown humility and calmness. Even when the party put national reconciliation machinery in place, the *Turakin* Adamawa took time to consult widely and seek counsel. Against the expectation, he visited former President Obasanjo, his former boss and political associate, at his Ota farm, where it was believed that the issue of his return must have been discussed. While many frowned at this, it was clear that it was vintage Atiku at work. It was the action and steps of a man who does not harbour grudges.

It is the belief of many politicians and analysts, that the return of the former Vice President to his political home, the PDP, would mark a significant milestone in the national reconciliation effort of the party, and will now free the largest party in Africa, from the constraints that had reduced its democratic credentials and appeal. It is hoped that the party would learn from this incident and endeavour to always remain the inclusive national political party it was conceived to be by the founding fathers.

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Re-thinking state control of police

The issue of whether state governments should have control over state police commands re-echoed recently with remarks credited to the former Inspector General of Police, Mr Michael Okiro. Mr Okiro's statement, contained in a paper he delivered at a lecture that took place at the University of Jos, Plateau State, essentially called for the 'decentralization' of the Nigeria Police Force as a measure to address what he said are problems of internal security of individual states, taking note of their peculiar threats and response needs. He observed that the exclusive control over the police by the federal government meant that the political heads of the other two tiers of government, state and local, are 'helpless' in the fight against crime and the maintenance of law and order.

As a former chief law enforcer of the nation having risen through the ranks to attain the position, Mr Okiro is well-placed to offer a benefit-of-hindsight assessment of the organization he once headed. For instance his observation that the current structure makes it difficult for commissioners of police in the states to adhere to professionalism due to political interference by state governors is relevant in view of Okiro's own conduct when he was Commissioner of Police of the Lagos State Command.

Okiro's diagnosis of the problems of law-enforcement in the states is correct; there are issues however with his prescription, which in our view are wrong. There is no doubt that with fast-changing needs of national security; creative ways need to be evolved in response. With increasing democratisation of the polity, there therefore comes the imperative to begin to consider the democratisation of law-enforcement apparatuses, especially the police and policing.

The debate over state control of the police as the force is presently constituted is not new. Various attempts have been made in the past, particularly during the Second Republic, to decentralize the command and control structure of the Nigeria Police Force. These efforts failed largely because there were fears, which were not groundless, that state officials might deploy police personnel under their control to muzzle the opposition and silence their critics. We think that the time is ripe to introduce legislation to empower states to establish their police units, with jurisdiction only within their domains.

This of course will require the recalibration of the law establishing the Nigerian Police and codification of policing and legal strategies to define what would constitute a state offence to be dealt with by the state concerned, and federal offence to be dealt with by federal agents, irrespective of whichever part of the country the offence is suspected to have been committed. Fundamentally, this is where we differ with Mr Okiro and others before him that have called for the transfer of the present command and personnel of existing police commands to state governments. In our view, a better way forward would be to dissolve all state police commands and deploy the personnel to existing regional commands, known as zones. The zones would form the nucleus of the federal police who would be in charge of dealing with federal crimes committed in the states.

This would mean that states, under the new arrangement, would have a free hand to begin the formation of their police establishments, with initial technical assistance from the Nigerian Police.

Similarly, the entire gamut of the laws of the country has to be re-examined and re-launched to reflect the new system. This is not something that can be undertaken in a few months. It would require meeting of all state and federal governments' justice and law-enforcement officials. We recommend that a national conference be convened to work out the details of the proposal. Such problem areas as political control of the police, and areas of responsibility between federal and state police, among others, can be addressed at such a forum. There are other benefits, apart from providing employment opportunities, which a state police structure could provide, like simplifying policing and general law-enforcement.

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Virgin: The deal that fleeced Nigeria (I)

By Chris Aligbe

The May 2003 ill-advised decision of the Federal Executive Council at its valedictory meeting presided over by then President Olusegun Obasanjo to liquidate the erstwhile national carrier, Nigeria Airways, caused considerable anguish to many of us in the aviation industry. Not because of our love for the troubled national carrier, but because we knew that a long journey of downturn had begun. We pointed out that countries like Zambia, Belgium and the Air Afrique group of nations that liquidated their national airlines had not, and might not recover. Also, as at that time, the assets of Nigeria Airways had a value that was three times the value of its debts.

Frantic and self-serving attempts were made by those who liquidated Nigeria Airways to bring into being a replacement airline. First it was Air Nigeria; then Nigerian Global, both under Kema Chikwe, who was Aviation Minister and next, was Nigerian Eagle, which involved South African Airways, under Isa Yuguda as minister. All three attempts failed. The first two were phoney to say the least, while the last failed because of poor conception, limited knowledge and treachery.

Having floundered for almost eighteen months, the void created by the absence of a major flag-carrier was an embarrassment and national shame for the Obasanjo administration. Obasanjo was now determined to personally address the issue, not just with the urgency it required, but also with finality.

For us in the industry, it was therefore understandable, yet shocking, when, in the last quarter of 2004, Obasanjo, side by side with Virgin Group founder Sir Richard Branson, in Aso Villa, gleefully launched what was to become Nigeria's new private-sector-driven flag carrier, Virgin Nigeria. The brief ceremony witnessed a display of a prototype aircraft with Virgin Atlantic livery tainted with green, obviously designed by Branson's Virgin Group. The industry was shocked because there were no discussions by stakeholders on the new carrier and no involvement of industry practitioners. Even the National Assembly which has statutory oversight functions on such issues, particularly as Nigeria's national wealth was being ceded out with executive fiat in disregard of due process and the rule of law in a manner that evoked sad memo-

ries in later months of the ceding of the Bakassi Peninsula.

As events unfolded, the sordidness of the Virgin Nigeria's backdoor conception, gestation and birth became clearer.

First, the Memorandum of Mutual Undertaking, MOMU, on which it was founded, signed on the 28th of September 2004 by the then Aviation Minister, Isa Yuguda, on behalf of Nigeria and Branson, on behalf of Virgin Atlantic Limited, contained terms that will make the heart of any discerning patriotic Nigerian bleed. Some of these obnoxious terms include, but not limited to the following:

- Virgin Atlantic Limited to hold 49% equity while Nigeria holds 51% - Capital base was set

airline operations and start-ups. With this scenario, Virgin Nigeria, right from day one, was a disaster for the nation and guaranteed handsome returns to Virgin Atlantic Limited.

The industry was filled with voices of discontent, protest and counsel. Late Capt. Jerry Agbeyege filed a suit to stop Virgin Nigeria. But just four days to the hearing, he was hacked down in a murder that is still unresolved, unsung and forgotten. Also, one of Nigeria's London-based foremost aviation experts sent in a treatise to Obasanjo on the inequities and impropriety of the Virgin Nigeria deal. Capt. Dele Ore, Capt. Joji and I, along with the AON rose up in protest against it. While the expert received an acknowledgement of

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at \$50million

- Virgin Nigeria has rights to Nigeria's then existing sixty-two Bilateral Air Services Agreement (BASA) with the option of first refusal and exclusivity on London, New York, Dubai, Jeddah and Johannesburg routes

- In addition, it has rights to all new BASAs that will be entered into by Nigeria

- Virgin Nigeria to operate its domestic flights out of the International Terminal of MMA, Lagos

- Virgin Group to set up and manage Virgin Nigeria on behalf of Nigeria.

Also the MOMU contained extensive indemnity and protection clauses that would normally not be given by countries where industry professionals are allowed to make input.

The fact therefore is that Virgin Nigeria came into being before Obasanjo took steps to invite and encourage some selected Nigerians and institutions to take up the 51% equity allotted to Nigeria. Those who came in were not only ill-prepared to venture into airline investment but did not also have any knowledge of the dynamics of

his treatise in a letter signed by Prof. Ihionvbare, then Senior Special Adviser to Obasanjo, in which he was told in no uncertain terms that his views were not relevant, but promised that the government would do what was in the best interest of the country; the rest of us were ignored. This is in spite of the fact that one of the best consultants working with the Virgin Group expressed surprise at the terms which he said he had never seen any country accede to in his over 40 years in the aviation industry. Even a British tabloid predicted that Virgin Nigeria would be a "public relations disaster" for Branson.

The vision that was sold to the public for Virgin Nigeria by the Virgin group was "A World Class airline with spirit of Africa and Nigeria as a hub". It was also projected to become the "first choice airline in Nigeria for intercontinental, regional and domestic travellers".

Also, sold to the public and, indeed the Nigerian government, right from inception and reaffirmed as late as 2008 in a paper delivered by the then Managing Director from Virgin Group, Mr. Conrad Clifford, is that by 2010, Virgin Nigeria will have 40 aircraft in its fleet and 6000 Nigerian employees. All these were totally contrary to the real intentions and objectives of the Virgin Group which, in one simple form, was basically to build a formidable, strong and reliable regional and domestic Nigerian airline that will be a feeder to Virgin Atlantic on the lucrative UK and intercontinental routes.

Aligbe, an aviation industry consultant, is based in Lagos.

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AFRICA REPORT

Violence, abductions could impact Darfur crisis — UN

DARFUR'S humanitarian crisis could spiral if the fighting and kidnappings of foreigners that are restricting the world's largest aid operation are not halted, the UN aid chief John Holmes said on Sunday.

Holmes told Reuters during a visit to Sudan that insecurity caused by ongoing fighting between rebels and government, tribal clashes and abductions targeting foreign workers had forced some aid agencies to scale down operations and others to withdraw.

"Unless we can somehow get a grip on the insecurity and the kidnapping, we may see a steady erosion of the number of people prepared to work here," Holmes said in Nyala, South Darfur.

He said the International Committee of the Red Cross, after a number of kidnappings of its staff, had suspended much of its operations and others had pulled out completely.

President Omar Hassan al-Bashir expelled 13 aid agencies last year after the International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant accusing him of war crimes and this left a limited number of groups willing or able to plug the gaps.

"There's a real problem if that process continues because then we might find ourselves in a downward spiral. If the organisations continue to leave who is going to pick up the slack?" he said.

An American female aid worker from the US Christian

charity Samaritan's Purse remains in captivity after being abducted just outside Nyala town more than two weeks ago.

Darfur's humanitarian operation, which costs \$1 billion a year, is the largest in the world with more than 4 million people, or two-thirds of the population,

requiring aid.

Two million of those live in miserable camps which have become slums surrounding Darfur's main towns and the United Nations estimates some 300,000 have died since 2003.

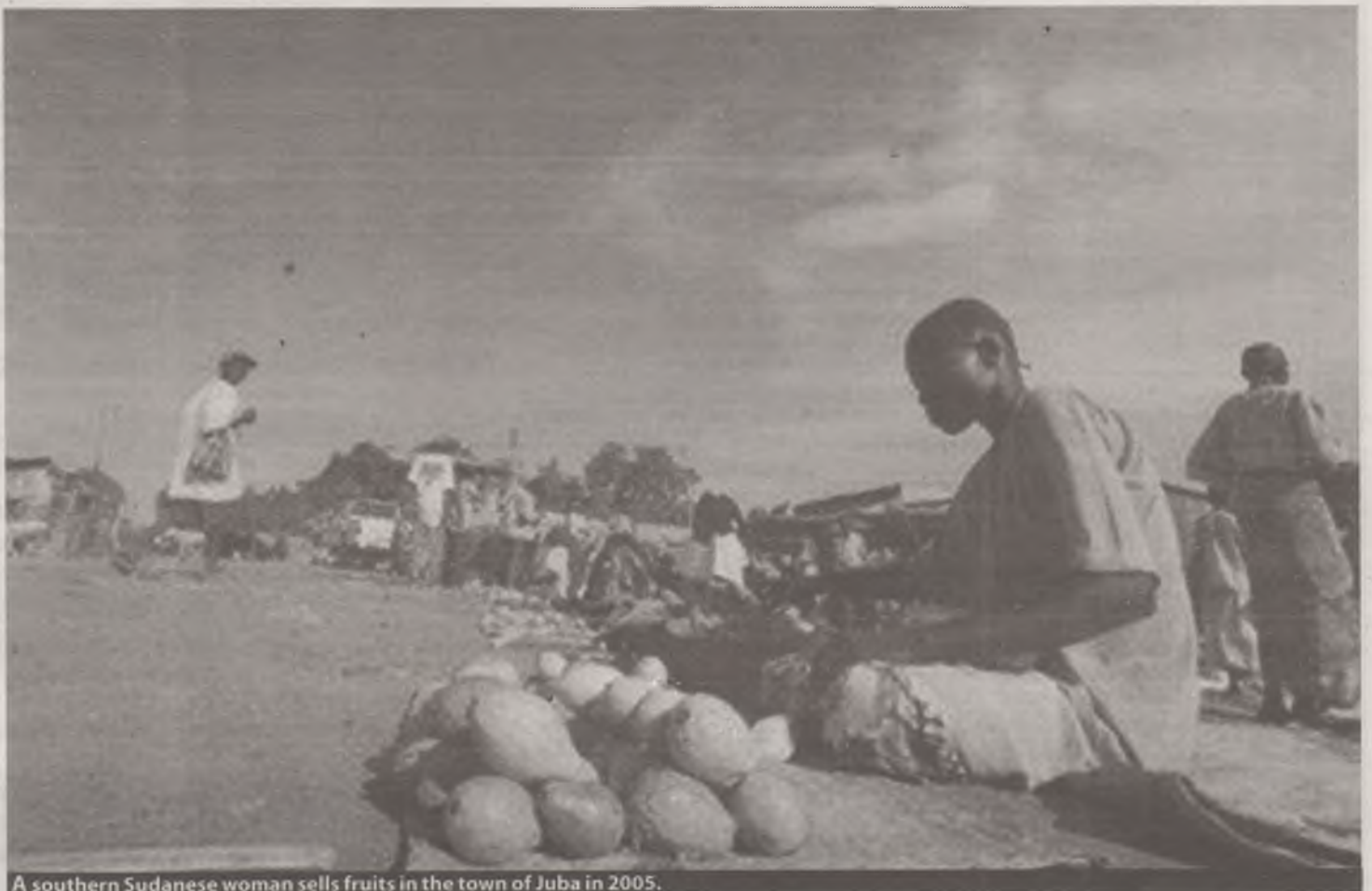
Mostly non-Arab rebels took up arms in early 2003 accusing

Khartoum of neglecting the arid west.

An ensuing counter-insurgency campaign mobilised militias to quell the revolt, many of whom still carry weapons and enjoy impunity from crimes such as kidnappings, rape and looting.

Washington dubbed the vio-

lence genocide, an allegation Bashir ridicules. The ICC is investigating whether genocide charges can be brought against the leader already accused of war crimes and crimes against humanity in Darfur. Bashir won April elections that were marred by opposition boycotts citing fraud.



A southern Sudanese woman sells fruits in the town of Juba in 2005.

Zimbabwe paper: US trying to stop diamond sales

A newspaper loyal to Zimbabwe's ruling party is accusing the US of trying to stop international sales of Zimbabwean diamonds.

The *Sunday Mail* quotes an e-mail from a US State Department official urging the international diamond control body to

ban Zimbabwean diamonds. The paper calls it "a well-orchestrated Western-led campaign" against the regime of President Robert Mugabe. An official from the international diamond control body, Abbey Chikane, claims documents — possibly including

the quoted e-mail — were stolen from his luggage by Zimbabwean security agents earlier this week.

Kimberley Process investigators have previously recommended Zimbabwe's suspension over their findings of illicit trading and human rights abuses.

Malawi gay couple freed after presidential pardon

A gay couple from Malawi arrested and sentenced to 14 years in prison after they threw a lavish engagement party was freed from prison hours after receiving a presidential pardon, prison officials said yesterday. Prison Service spokesman Evance Phiri said Tiwonge

Chimbalanga and Steven Monjeza were released late Saturday, hours after President Bingu wa Mutharika pardoned them without condition. "We were asked to release them immediately," Phiri said, adding that they were released around 9:20 p.m. local time (1920 GMT).

S/Africa security threat serious — Newspaper

SOUTH Africa may fall victim to a terrorist attack during the World Cup it is hosting in less than two weeks, according to a report in the *Sunday Times*, quoting an investigative group and other sources. The recent arrest in Iraq of Abdullah Azzam al-Qahtani, an alleged al Qaeda supporter who claimed he was planning attacks on the Dutch and Danish teams, has revived debate on whether the tournament faces a threat of this kind. Qahtani's scheme was later dismissed as posing no serious threat.

South African officials have long said their non-aligned status and a lack of any substantial local support for militant groups should insulate them from attacks during the June 11-July 11 event.

Both the government and soccer's governing body FIFA, which is cooperating with foreign security agencies and Interpol, have helped strengthen that view by stating no viable threat had been identified.

However, analysts and security experts believe such actions cannot be ruled out because of the huge attention that even a small attack would get during the tournament.

Ronald Sandee, director of the NEFA Foundation, which investigates possible terrorist activities, briefed the US Congress counter-terror caucus on possible threats to the tournament, the Johannesburg-based paper said.



UNIVERSITY OF MAIDUGURI

(OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR)

ETF (SIP) PROJECTS

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION TO TENDER FOR ETF FUNDED CONSTRUCTION/SUPPLY PROJECTS

The University of Maiduguri is desirous of inviting interested contractors to bid in the pretender qualification exercise for the following sundry projects under the ETF (SIP) package.

The projects, their scopes, and the corresponding non refundable pre-tender fees payable to validate the bids are enunciated below:

(A) PROGRAMME UPGRADE			
LOT NO.	PROJECT	SCOPE	PRE TENDER FEES PAYABLE
ETF/SIP/LOT 1A	Construction of the Faculty of Pharmacy and generator provision	Works entails construction of a classical academic - facilities complex with network of laboratories, lecture halls, offices, and support functions. The 2 -storey sandcrete structure will require high construction skills and has a usable floor area of 4000m ² .	125,000.
ETF/SIP/LOT 1B	Office furniture & equipment to the Faculty of Pharmacy	Moderate scope hard/soft furniture and office equipment supply/installation works	25,000.00
ETF/SIP/LOT 1C	Teaching & Research Equipment to the Faculty of Pharmacy	Involves procurement, installation and where necessary with accompanying post delivery maintenance of state of art/modern teaching/research equipment	25,000.00
ETF/SIP/LOT 2A	Construction of Medical College Pre-Clinical Building	Works entails construction of a classical academic facilities complex with network of laboratories, lecture halls, offices, and support functions. The 2 -storey sandcrete structure will require high construction skills and has a usable floor area of 2800m ² .	125,000.00
ETF/SIP/LOT 2B	Construction of Medical College Clinical Building UMTH	Works entails construction of a classical academic facilities complex with network of laboratories, lecture halls, offices, and support functions. The 2 -storey sandcrete structure will require high construction skills and has a usable floor area of 2000m ² .	50,000.00
ETF/SIP/LOT 2C	Furnishing & equipment of Pre-Clinical & Clinical Building	Moderate scope hard/soft furniture and office equipment supply/installation works.	25,000.00
ETF/SIP/LOT 2D	Teaching/Research equipment to the Medical College	Involves procurement, installation and where necessary with accompanying post delivery maintenance of state of art/modern teaching/research equipment	20,000.00
ETF/SIP/LOT 2E	Expansion and Improvement of College of Medical Sciences Academic Offices/ Lecture Halls Block & Provision of Toilet Block for Students	Works entail extension and facelift to an inhabitable structure, left in state of abandonment for years	20,000.00
(B) TEACHING AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT IMPROVEMENTS			
ETF/SIP/LOT 3A	Construction of Faculty of Education Complex	Works entails construction of a classical academic facilities complex with network of laboratories, lecture halls, offices, and support functions. The 2 -storey sandcrete structure will require high construction skills and has a usable floor area of 3000m ² .	125,000.000
ETF/SIP/LOT 3B	Furnishing & Equipping of Faculty of Education Building	Moderate scope hard/soft furniture and office equipment supply/installation works.	25,000.00
ETF/SIP/LOT 4A	Construction of Faculty of Engineering Wing 'D'	Works entails construction of a classical academic facilities complex with network of laboratories, lecture halls, offices and support functions. The 2 -storey sandcrete structure will require high construction skills and has a usable floor area of 2000m ² .	50,000.00
ETF/SIP/LOT 4B	Teaching/Research equipment to the Faculty of Engineering Wing 'D'	Involves procurement, installation and where necessary with accompanying post delivery maintenance of state of art/modern teaching/research equipment	50,000.00
ETF/SIP/LOT 4C	Furnishing & Equipping of Faculty of Engineering Wing 'D'	Moderate scope hard/soft furniture and office equipment supply/installation works.	25,000.00
ETF/SIP/LOT 5A	Provision & Equipping of E-Library	Works involves the establishment of an E - Library with designated work stations (250) VAST, bandwidth subscription and accompanying accessories. The building to house the E -Library will need commensurate facelift and furnishing. Post installation services including staff training formed part of the package.	50,000.00
ETF/SIP/LOT 5B	Provision of Books, Journals and Reference material	Entails supply of books, journals, electronic journals and reference materials of substantial scope	50,000.00
ETF/SIP/LOT 5C	Library Furniture & Equipment	Involves procurement of Library furniture, shelves, of file equipment and soft furnishing works. It is a project of substantial scope.	25,000.00
ETF/SIP/LOT 6A	Construction & Furnishing of twin 500 seater lecture theatres for the Medical College & Science Faculty	Involves construction of twin 500 seater theatres integrated with in -built seats, acoustic elements, and public address systems. The theatre basements are conserved for functions of necessity.	50,000.00
ETF/SIP/LOT 6B	Construction & Furnishing of 1000 seating capacity auditorium for multifarious uses.	Involves construction of 1000 seater auditorium integrated with in -built seats, acoustic elements, and public address systems. The auditorium basements are conserved for functions of necessity, and the hall convertible	50,000.00
ETF/SIP/LOT 6C	Construction & Furnishing of 1200 joint capacity Mega MPH/Office in the New academic complex	These are large, raked mega halls looped into a confinement with a joint seating capacity for 1200 students. Offices and public conveniences have been incorporated into complex.	25,000.00
ETF/SIP/LOT 6D	Construction & Furnishing of 1200 joint capacity Mega MPH/Office in Old academic complex	These are large, mega halls looped into a confinement with a joint seating capacity for 1200 students. Offices and public conveniences have been incorporated into complex.	25,000.00
ETF/SIP/LOT 6E	Renovation & Furnishing of Students Centre	Minimal scope project of rehabilitation	10,000.00
ETF/SIP/LOT 6F	Procurement of Mobile 100KVA generator for the students	A 100KVA Perkins Mobile, low able type generator. The wheels are to be fabricated locally	10,000.00
ETF/SIP/LOT 6G	2KM of laterite road work linking gate 3 and Academic complex	Minimal scope laterite dual carriage road works for a distance of 2km having a minimum width per lane of 6 meters.	10,000.00
ETF/SIP/LOT 7A	Drilling & Development of 3 No. 2 nd aquifer boreholes with minimum yield of 22 litre/sec.	Works consists of the drilling, development and commissioning of 3 nos. 2 nd aquifer productive boreholes, inclusive of geological/geophysical survey and connection to existing system.	20,000.00
ETF/SIP/LOT 7B	Construction of 4 Nos. Underground reservoirs of 500M ³ capacity	Entails construction of 4Nos. gigantic reinforced concrete reservoirs of 500m ³ capacity each.	20,000.00
ETF/SIP/LOT 7C	Erection of 4Nos. standard steel horseley overhead tanks size 5m x 5m x 4m	Involves erection of 4nos. Horsley bridge overhead tanks with each having a capacity of 100m ³ , all lifting and gauging accessories inclusive	20,000.00
ETF/SIP/LOT 7D	Water improvement, reticulation and generator procurement works in campus	Entails general improvement of existing water sources, reticulation and storage works of moderate scope. Under the package existing low yield and defective boreholes are to be worked-upon in addition to general laid pipe replacement works.	20,000.00
ETF/SIP/LOT 7E	Supply of 3Nos. 100KVA generators	Involves supply, installation and housing of 3nos. 100KVA Perkins generators for boreholes	20,000.00
ETF/SIP/LOT 7F	Connection of 5MVA/33/11KV Power line by PHCN	Entails drawing of a dedicated 5MVA/33/11KV lines from a PHCN main station to the campus from a distance of about 20KM. transformer procurement and installation is part of the package.	50,000.00
ETF/SIP/LOT 7G	Supply & Installation of 2Nos. 800KVA & 1No. 250KVA generators	Works entails the procurement and installation of 2Nos. 800KVA a 250KVA Perkins open type generators including rehabilitation of existing generator houses.	25,000.00
ETF/SIP/LOT 8	Expansion and improvement of Faculty of Management Sciences Wing D	Works entails extension and facelift to an inhabitable structure, left in state of abandonment for years.	20,000.00

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2). PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Interested contractors are invited to submit the following pre-qualification documents;

- i). Evidence of Registration with Corporate Affairs Commission.
- ii). Evidence of Registration with the University and the FMW in relevant categories.
- iii). Tax Clearance Certificate for the last three (3) years.
- iv). Articles and Memorandum of Association.
- v). Evidence of Financial Capability.
- vi). Audited Account of the bidder for the last (3) three years.
- vii). List of Plants and Equipment as may be applicable with evidences of possession.
- viii). Verifiable list of similar and other jobs successfully executed with their locations, including copies of letters of award and completion certificates.
- ix). List of names of key personnel officers to be involved in the project, stating their qualification and professional registration(s) where applicable (enclose photocopies of credentials).
- x). Evidence for the payment of the prescribed full tender fees.

Original of documents i-iv above must be produced for sigting during the opening session.

3). SUBMISSION

The Pre-qualification bids must be returned to the Office of the Registrar, P.M.B. 1069, University of Maiduguri **Three (3) weeks** from the date on this advert. All bids will be **opened on the same day and venue by 2:00pm** in the presence of the bidders or their representative.

The completed documents must be in sealed envelopes and clearly marked "THE PRE-QUALIFICATION TO TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION / SUPPLY OF _____

_____ stating the project as may be applicable.

NOTE

This is not an invitation to tender, full tendering procedures will be applied only to bidders that have been pre-qualified and found capable of executing the projects, upon the payment of non-refundable full tender processing fees of amounts equivalent to the pre-qualification fees in respect of each of the lots. Please note also that the University is not bound to accept tenders sent by courier or post.

DR. LAWAN BUKAR ALHAJI
REGISTRAR



ENERGY COMMISSION OF NIGERIA



PRE-QUALIFICATION

1. INTRODUCTION

The Energy Commission of Nigeria (ECN) invites interested and credible Companies to apply for pre-qualification for the various Projects of the Commission for the 2010 Fiscal Year.

2. SCOPE

The scope of work includes:

- LOT 9: **Business Automation Application Software and Disaster Recovery**
- LOT 10: **Alternative power source for transmission stations**
- LOT 11: **Classroom Block at Egbebu Primary School, Ekoli, Ebonyi State**
- LOT 12: **Electrification project (on-going) at Yobe State- Kukar Gadu, Daya Chana and Siminti of Fika/Fune Fed. Cont.**
- LOT 13: **Construction of roads, drainage and solar powered streetlight at Kirfi, Kirfi LGA, Bauchi State**
- LOT 14: **Completion & Commissioning of Electrification, Uzea, Esan North East LGA, Edo State**

3. PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

The following requirement for pre-qualification must be submitted

- i) Evidence of Company Incorporation in Nigeria
- ii) Evidence of Tax Clearance and VAT Certificate
- iii) Evidence of Registration with the Energy Commission of Nigeria
- iv) Company Profile with list of Technical/Managerial Staff with evidence of previous work experience detailed clients, nature of work/contract, contract sum etc
- v) Articulated Work Plan and Methodology.
- vi) Evidence of Financial capability
- vii) Evidence of submission of Annual returns from CAC
- viii) Experience in handling similar job is an added advantage.
- ix) Full Office Address of the Company and GSM Number(s)

4. SUBMISSION

Pre-qualification documents must be in sealed envelope marked, "CONFIDENTIAL PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR ECN 2010 FISCAL YEAR CAPITAL PROJECTS" and the LOT of interest clearly printed at the top left corner of the envelope and submit within six (6) weeks from the date of this publication to:

The Director General/CEO
Energy Commission of Nigeria
Plot 701C, Central Business Area
P. M. B. 358, Garki,
Abuja.

Note - The submission of the pre-qualification documents is not a guarantee for the award of contract. Only pre-qualified companies shall be invited to pick the Bid document.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL/CEO
Energy Commission of Nigeria, Abuja.



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ACADEMIC AND NON-ACADEMIC STAFF VACANCIES INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the following vacant positions in the University:

I. ACADEMIC STAFF

1. Professor
2. Reader
3. Senior Lecturer
4. Lecturer I
5. Lecturer II
6. Assistant Lecturer
7. Graduate Assistant

A) FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE

- i. Department of Animal Production
- ii. Department of Agronomy
- iii. Department of Crop Protection
- iv. Department of Home Economics & Food Science
- v. Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development

B) FACULTY OF ARTS

- i. Department of English
- ii. Department of Religions
- iii. Department of Arabic
- iv. Department of French
- v. Department of Linguistics and Nigerian Languages
- vi. Department of the Performing Arts

C) FACULTY OF BASIC MEDICAL SCIENCES

- i. Department of Chemical Pathology & Immunology
- ii. Department of Pharmacology & Therapeutics
- iii. Department of Physiology
- iv. Department of Medical Biology and Parasitology
- v. Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics
- vi. Department of Haematology
- vii. Department of Pathology

D) FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

- i. Department of Accounting & Finance
- ii. Department of Business Administration
- iii. Department of Economics
- iv. Department of Geography
- v. Department of Political Science
- vi. Department of Sociology

E) FACULTY OF CLINICAL SCIENCES

- i. Department of Anaesthesia
- ii. Department of Epidemiology and Community Health
- iii. Department of Medicine
- iv. Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- v. Department of Paediatrics and Child

- vi. Health
- vii. Department of Surgery
- viii. Department of Otorhinolaryngology
- ix. Department of Radiology
- x. Department of Ophthalmology
- xi. Department of Behavioural Sciences

F) FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION SCIENCES

- i. Department of Computer Science
- ii. Department of Information & Communication Science
- iii. Department of Mass Communication
- iv. Department of Telecommunication Science
- v. Library and Information Science

G) FACULTY OF EDUCATION

- i. Department of Arts and Social Sciences Education
- ii. Department of Counsellor Education
- iii. Department of Educational Management
- iv. Department of Science Education
- v. Department of Educational Technology

H) FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

- i. Department of Civil Engineering
- ii. Department of Electrical Engineering
- iii. Department of Mechanical Engineering
- iv. Department of Chemical Engineering

I) FACULTY OF LAW

- i. Department of Business Law
- ii. Department of Islamic Law
- iii. Department of Jurisprudence and International Law

J) FACULTY OF SCIENCE

- i. Department of Biochemistry
- ii. Department of Chemistry
- iii. Department of Geology and Mineral Sciences
- iv. Department of Mathematics
- v. Department of Microbiology
- vi. Department of Physics
- vii. Department of Plant Biology
- viii. Department of Statistics
- ix. Department of Zoology

K) CENTRE FOR PEACE AND STRATEGIC STUDIES (CPSS)

Lecturer I to Professor

Academic Vacancies in the Faculties and the Corresponding Departments

Faculties/Centre	Professor	Reader	Senior Lecturer	Lecturer I	Lecturer II	Assistant Lecturer	Graduate Assistant
A	i-iv	iv & v	iii	ii & iii	ii, iii	i, ii, iii, iv	iv
B	i and ii	ii-v	iv	i, ii & v*	i, ii & v*	i-v*	i, iii, iv & v*
C	i-iii	iv	iii and v	i, ii, iv, v & vi	iii	iii	NIL
D	i-vi	i-iv	i, ii, iii & vi	i, iii & iv	ii	ii	i & iii
E	i-vi	ii-viii	i, iv, v, vi, vii & ix	i, iii, iv, v, vi	x	NIL	NIL
F	i-iv	i-iv	i-iv	i, ii, iv & v	i-iv	ii & iv	i, ii & v
G	i-iv	ii-iv	iv	iv	iv	i-iii	
H	i-iii	ii-iv	ii & iii	ii	i-iii	ii, iii	ii & iii
I	i-iii	i and iii	i & iii	iii	iii	NIL	NIL
J	i-vii	i, iii - vii	ii, iv-ix	ii, iv, vi, vii & ix	i-vii, ix	Junior Research Fellow applicable to v, vi & vii	iii, v & vi
K	CPSS	CPSS	CPSS	CPSS	NIL	NIL	NIL

*Graduate Assistant, Assistant Lecturer, Lecturers II and I are needed for Hausa and Igbo languages.

- L. UNIVERSITY LIBRARY**
8. Deputy University Librarian
 9. Senior Librarian
 10. Librarian II
 11. Assistant Librarian

2. NON-ACADEMIC STAFF

A. ACADEMIC PLANNING UNIT

12. Deputy Director of Academic Planning
13. Assistant Planning Officer

B. AUDIT UNIT

14. Director
15. Deputy Director of Audit
16. Chief Internal Auditor

C. BURSARY DEPARTMENT

- (a) Bursary
 17. Deputy Bursar
 18. Chief Accountant
 19. Senior Accountant
 20. Accountant II
 21. Executive Officer (Accounts)
- (b) Bursary Stores
 22. Chief Procurement Officer

23. Stores Officer

D. COMSIT DIRECTORATE

24. Principal System Analyst
25. Programmer I
26. System Analyst II
27. Chief Computer Operator
28. Data Analyst I
29. Senior Computer Technician

E. DIRECTORATE OF LEGAL SERVICES

30. Chief Legal Officer
31. Assistant Legal Officer

F. DIRECTORATE OF INFORMATION AND PROTOCOL

32. Director
33. Deputy Director of Information
34. Administrative Assistant (Information)
35. Radio Station Manager

G. CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

36. Secretary

H. NETWORK OPERATIONS CENTRE (NOC)

37. NOC Manager
38. Engineer II
39. IT Technician
40. Help Desk Officer

I. TECHNICAL STAFF

41. Chief Technologist
42. Assistant Chief Technologist
43. Senior Technologist
44. Technologist I/ Senior Laboratory Superintendent
45. Technologist II/ Laboratory Superintendent
46. Laboratory Attendant

Vacancies of Technical Staff in Academic Departments/Units

Faculties	Chief Technologist	Ass. Chief Technologist	Senior Tech	Tech. I	Senior Lab Supr.	Tech. II	Lab. Supr.	Lab. Attendant
A				ii		i		ii
B						iii, iv		
C					vii	iii, v		i, iv
D								v
E								i
J	v		vii, ix		v, vi	vi	vii, ix	ii, v

J. UNILORIN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT BOARD (URDMB)

47. Apiary Superintendent

K. FACULTY OF EDUCATION

- (a) Sports Unit
 48. Stadium Manager
 49. Sports Coach II
- (b) Centre for Supportive Services for the Deaf
 50. Tutor I
 51. Tutor II

L. FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

52. Coordinator, SIWES

M. HEALTH SERVICES / COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

53. Medical Officer I
54. Chief Nursing Officer
55. Staff Nurse/Midwife
56. Pharmacy Technician

N. NATIONAL CENTRE FOR HYDROPOWER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (NACHRED)

57. Assistant Research Fellow (Academic position; same as Assistant Lecturer)
58. Research Assistant (Academic Position; same as Graduate Assistant)
59. Administrative Secretary
60. Administrative Officer
61. Administrative Assistant
62. Technologist II
63. Assistant Executive Officer
64. Finance Officer
65. Accountant II
66. Higher Executive Officer
67. Assistant Executive Officer
68. Secretarial Assistant II
69. Senior Driver Mechanic
70. Driver
71. Messenger

O. PHYSICAL PLANNING UNIT

72. Director
73. Deputy Director
74. Chief Architect

P. REGISTRY DEPARTMENT (a) ADMINISTRATIVE CADRE

75. Deputy Registrar
76. Protocol Officer (Vice-Chancellor's Office)
77. Liaison Officer

78. Principal Assistant Registrar

79. Senior Assistant Registrar
80. Assistant Registrar
81. Administrative Officer
82. Administrative Assistant (b) EXECUTIVE CADRE
 83. Assistant Chief Executive Officer
 84. Executive Officer
 85. Assistant Executive Officer
 86. Clerical Officer
- (c) SECRETARIAL CADRE
 87. Senior Confidential Secretary
 88. Senior Secretarial Assistant II

Q. UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

89. Library Officer
90. Library Officer (Arabic)

R. UNIVERSITY SCHOOL

91. Senior Teacher III
92. Senior Teacher IV
 - a. Computer/Mathematics
 - b. Business Studies/Mathematics
 - c. Basic Technology
 - d. Yoruba/CRK
 - e. French
 - f. Class Teacher

S. WORKS DEPARTMENT

93. Deputy Director of Works
94. Principal Engineer (Electrical)
95. Senior Engineer (Mechanical and Electrical)
96. Engineer II (Civil and Mechanical)
97. Maintenance Officer II (Civil)
98. Senior Foreman
99. Foreman (Craftsman)
100. Craftsman/Assistant Craftsman

For details of the qualifications and method of application, visit the University of Ilorin website at this URL (www.unilorin.edu.ng/employment/qualifications.htm) Note that computer literacy is compulsory and the NYSC discharge certificate/ certificate of exemption is mandatory for all senior staff positions from CONTISS 07 /CONUASS 01 and above.

The closing date for the submission of applications is Monday July 12, 2010.

Signed
Olufolake O. Oyejemi (Mrs.)
Registrar


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INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS AND CONSULTANTS FOR UNIVERSITY PROJECTS
A. Introduction

The University of Ilorin has several projects to execute under the following Interventions:

- a) Education Trust Fund 2009 Special High Impact Intervention Projects
- b) Education Trust Fund 2009 and 2010 Interventions
- c) Capital Grant for 2010 and proposed 2011 projects
- d) University Generated Projects

B. Contractors

Contractors are required for:

- i) Supply of Teaching and Research Equipment for the Departments of Library and Information Science, Telecommunications, Information and Communication Technology;
- ii) Equipment for the Department of Chemical Engineering;
- iii) Supply of Multi-Language Translation (Wireless Head-Phone) Equipment;
- iv) Rehabilitation and supply of various equipment to Departments;
- v) Construction of the University Tower;
- vi) Procurement and Installation of Kerbs, and Construction of Walkways along the University Main Road;
- vii) Construction of College of Health Sciences Complex; and
- viii) Construction of Retreat Centre.

Contractors are required to submit pre-qualification documents with verifiable evidence including, but not limited to, the following:-

1. Evidence of incorporation of Company by Corporate Affairs Commission;
2. Evidence of current registration with the Federal Ministry of Works, Housing and Urban Development;
3. Evidence of Tax Clearance Certificate for the last three current years;
4. Company's Audited Account for the last three years;
5. Evidence of compliance with the provisions of the Pension Reform Act 2004;
6. List of similar jobs executed with evidence of names of clients, location of projects, letter of contract award, certificate of practical completion and cost of projects;
7. Letter of reference from contractors' bankers; and
8. Letter of consent from professionals to be engaged on the project.

C. Consultants

Consultants – Architects, Structural/Civil/Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, Quantity Surveyors and Project Managers are required for various projects under the interventions listed in 'A' above. For a comprehensive list of the projects, visit the University website (www.unilorin.edu.ng/contract_projects.htm.)

Interested Consultants should submit pre-qualification packages which shall include, but not limited to, the following:-

1. Evidence of Incorporation of the Company.
2. Evidence of Registration of Company with relevant professional bodies.
3. Evidence of Tax Clearance Certificate for the last three current years.
4. Evidence of previous Consultancy Services rendered with details of clients, Location, Cost of projects, etc.
5. Company profile including staff list and certificate of qualification.
6. Evidence of compliance with the provisions of the Pension Reform Act 2004.

D. Processing Fee for Contractors

Interested Contractors are to pay a processing fee of N30, 000.00 for each project. Drafts are to be made payable to the University of Ilorin, Ilorin, and attached to the pre-qualification documents.

E. Submission

All submissions in sealed envelopes should be delivered to:

The Registrar,
University of Ilorin, Ilorin,
P. M. B. 1515,
Ilorin,

not later than 12 noon of 14th June, 2010. The envelopes should be clearly marked at the right hand corner with the name of the project.

Contractors are required to send an electronic copy of their submissions to: dppu@unilorin.edu.ng. Pre-qualification submissions will be opened immediately thereafter at the University Auditorium Complex, University of Ilorin at 2.00 p.m. on the same day.

N.B.

- (i) This is not an Invitation to Tender;
- (ii) The University reserves the right to reject any or all the pre-qualification packages; and
- (iii) Failure to comply with any of the instructions above or to provide any of the listed documents may automatically result in disqualification.

Signed
Olufolake O. Oyeyemi (Mrs.)
Registrar


EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), a United Nations Agency is seeking the services of a consultancy firm for the conduct of a Willingness-To-Pay (WTP) Survey on Contraceptives.

UNFPA therefore invites interested consultancy firms with expertise in economic evaluations, particularly WTPs, to submit the underlisted documents for initial pre-qualification;

- A. Company profile with evidence of registration with the Corporate Affairs Commission and Audited Reports for at least the past 3 years.
- B. Details of previous research experience and published studies in economic evaluations, particularly on WTP studies.
- C. Composition of the proposed study team for the study with inclusion of at least the CVs of the Lead consultant (s), Project manager and Financial/administrative officer.

Closing date: Friday 11th June 2010

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We would continue to issue tender documents and receive tender submissions up to **12.00noon on 14th June, 2010** at the address stated above.

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A Matter of Honour... ...and cash

By Anne-Marie Palmer-Ikuku

They mean different things to different people. Some see them as high honour; others as public validation of their worth (literary and scientific). Yet, to some others, they are a source of quick cash, instant wealth.

They, here, refer to prizes which could be for peace, or for excellence in creative writing, or for discoveries and innovations in science and technology. Of literary and scientific prizes nurtured in Africa, The Nigeria Prize for Science and The Nigeria Prize for Literature are the flagships. These prizes — unarguably the biggest in Africa — have brought their winners immense benefits, joy and pride.

Take Gabriel Okara, a founding father of modern Nigerian poetry and co-winner of The Nigeria Prize for Literature, 2005, the Nigeria Prize for Literature, he says, is the greatest honour bestowed on him. Ezenwa Ohaeto, (joint winner with Okara) described it as a great honour. He was beside himself with joy when he shared it with Okara, whom he described as "a poetic idol".

Kingsley Abhulimen, winner of The Nigeria Prize for Science, 2004, says The Nigeria Prize for Science has given him 'credibility'. Winning the prize has opened doors and earned him a US patent for his work.

On the whole, everyone agrees that The Nigeria Prize for Science and The Nigeria Prize for Literature are highly desirable possessions.

The prizes used by Nigeria LNG Limited (NLNG) to honour excellent writers and innovators and to signal the seriousness of the problem they face — each comes with \$50,000 purse.

The awards are presented every October at The Grand Award Night, a high profile gala that attracts the crème de la crème of the society.

Traditionally, prizes are used to celebrate academic excellence. But in contemporary times, they have gone beyond identifying or celebrating excellence to providing incentives for specific innovations, influencing public perception, mobilising new talent and capital, and strengthening communities. Essentially, then, prizes are now used as a tool for motivation and as the spur that produces revolutionary solutions. They can also help to establish the importance and legitimacy of a field, a discipline, or an art.

PRIZES AND CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The question is often asked why Nigeria LNG Limited chose to honour writers and scientists despite its huge basket of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programmes that include the provision of roads, light, water, and education.

The answer is obvious: no business can exist in isolation and be sustainable. No organisation can deem itself successful if it operates in a failed society. Or as J. Krishnamurti, a renowned speaker on philosophical and spiritual subjects, succinctly puts it: 'It is not a sign of good health to be well adjusted to a sick society'.

This very outlook has informed our CSR activities in Bonny and the other contiguous gas pipeline communities. Indeed, Bonny Island is the only part of Nigeria that has recorded 99.2 per cent power availability — this translates into 362 days uninterrupted electricity supply yearly — in the last 10 years, courtesy of Nigeria LNG Limited and other industry partners.

This has encouraged both growth in industries and the generation of jobs, essentially improving the standard of living for the entire community. More than 10,000 households have been connected to the Bonny electricity distribution grid. The energy companies operating on the Island have come together to set up the Bonny Utility Company for this activity and to provide and maintain water, electricity and roads on the Island.

There are other major successful projects such as the ultra-modern Bonny General Hospital and the Bonny Vocational Centre, the only London City & Guilds accredited centre in Nigeria. NLNG has also provided roads, bridges, potable water, schools and equipment to her host communities.

Nigeria LNG Limited has also upgraded the facilities and curriculum of the Maritime Academy of Nigeria, Oron, with equipment worth more than N30 million and has assisted it in obtaining international certification.

This is in addition to providing equipment for the University of Port Harcourt, the Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt, and the Braithwaite Teaching Hospital, Port Harcourt.

In addition to all these, NLNG has instituted a

N500 million micro-credit scheme for host communities.

Thus, NLNG has been guided by the principle of good neighbourliness. This is what also has guided the institution of the prizes for science and literature and NLNG's continued support for them.

THE NIGERIA PRIZE FOR SCIENCE

Nigeria is a developing country with aspirations for joining the ranks of developed nations. Science and technology can help in achieving this.

Creating awareness, stimulating competition, rewarding and recognising excellence in these fields are conditions precedent, not only for realising these dreams, but also for providing meaningful existence for the citizenry.

Experts seeking greater recognition for science have said that this recognition will encourage leaders to take science-based decisions as it will help resolve myths that tend to cripple development by providing answers to crucial issues such as food shortages, fuel shortages, electoral malpractice, poverty, health and environment, consequently improving standards of living.

A good study of the history of countries like Japan, India and Singapore also clearly shows that they rose on the crest of knowledge provided by science and technology to conquer poverty and join the first world. Science can only be relevant if it is supported to play vital roles in the society.

By instituting a significant prize for science, NLNG clearly expects to bring science and scientists to public attention, save them from what is regarded as current low rating in national estimation and avail the nation of their immense benefits.

The Nigeria Prize for Science is awarded yearly to any scientific work that provides solutions to a major national problem.

In the first year of the Prize in 2004, Professor Alfred Akpoveta-Susu of University of Lagos and his doctoral student, Kingsley Abhulimen, won The Nigeria Prize for Science with their entry entitled: Real Time Computer Assisted Leak Detection/Location Reporting and Inventory Loss Monitoring System. The study was considered by the judges as "an outstanding contribution to research in leak detection in a network of pipelines carrying liquids."

For his work establishing the beneficial effects of snail mucin for the topical treatment of wounds and





burns, Michael Adikwu won the Prize in 2006. Specifically, Adikwu's work established that snail biopolymer mucin can be made into various pharmaceutical formulations such as ointments, creams, gels and films, for healing of wounds as well as facilitatory agent for absorption of pharmaceutical preparations. The judges said Adikwu's work is a significant contribution to drug formulation and drug delivery systems, adding that the work will promote the potentials of local materials in the formulation of drugs. To win the prize, Adikwu beat nine other contestants who submitted works in wide-ranging fields such as physics, veterinary clinical virology, quantity surveying, mathematics, and agriculture. In 2008, the prize was awarded to Dr. Ebenezer

THE NIGERIA PRIZE FOR LITERATURE

For the Literature Prize, NLNG observed that, for decades, Nigerian writers had collectively bemoaned their fate. They griped in newspapers, conferences, and workshops about the neglect their noble profession had fallen into. They were unhappy with the declining levels of education and literacy; unhappy with the loss of a reading culture; and for good reasons, sad that writing and publishing in a nation that gave the African continent its first crop of literary giants had all but become lost art.

Taking cognisance of these concerns, NLNG began to explore options of instituting a literary prize, because significant literary prizes are widely seen as

who have a stake in the development of our literary culture. After all, in the words of Eugenia Abu, a literary writer, "A reading nation is a leading nation". Entries that qualify for this Prize are those published for the first time in book form within four years, which is the natural cycle for the prize. Since inception, the Prize has been awarded all but twice when the judges could not pick any of the entries. The Prize has produced winners who have either become national icons, or have been recipients of well over-due national celebration, which therefore qualify the prize as both a recognition and an inducement prize.

Gabriel Okara won the prize for his book *The Dreamer: His Vision*, with Ezenwa Ohaeto of blessed memory for his book *The Chants Of A Minstrel*.



Meshida, an Engineering Geologist and senior lecturer in the department of Civil Engineering, University of Lagos for his work entitled Solution to Road Pavement Destabilization by the Invention of Laterlite: A Stabilizing Flux for Fine Grained Lateritic Soils. It sought to establish how this type of soil can weld roads together and prevent potholes that eventually result in dilapidation. Dr Meshida's work was described by the panel of judges as "work of exceptional merit which could contribute to advancement of humanity." This work can be used by government agencies, construction companies and other agencies and organisations to save our roads from degeneration.

Andrew Jonathan Nok, a professor of Biochemistry at the Ahmadu Bello University, ABU, Zaria, emerged winner of the coveted The Nigeria Prize for Science, in 2009.

Prof. Nok, who was recently appointed a visiting professor at Yale University, United States, won the science award last year for his seminal work in discovering the gene responsible for the creation of Sialidase (SD), an enzyme which causes sleeping sickness.

In 2006, the World Health Organisation, WHO, estimated that about 60 million people who live mainly in rural parts of East, West and Central Africa are at risk of contracting sleeping sickness. According to the judges of The Nigeria Prize for Science, Nok's discovery has the potential to develop a scientific elegant solution to this predominantly African problem. His work will form the baseline for developing DNA-based vaccines against sleeping sickness.

a first step on the road to recovery for literature; it serves as a celebration of literature and writers. This was a unique opportunity to effect beneficial change using the prize as a tool.

The Nigeria Prize for Literature, awarded yearly, alternating amongst four literary genres — prose fiction, poetry, drama and children's literature — has definitely put in motion this change. It has in the last seven years emerged as Nigeria's most important literary award and a springboard for many writers. It has generated a lot of new writing as evident in the number of entries received each year and with new writers appearing with each Call for Entries.

This prize is not only a recognition of artistic excellence; it is the high point of a process for stimulating creativity and the development of a vibrant literary culture in Nigeria. It was hoped at the time that the prize would help to "improve the literature value chain" for lovers of the arts — that is, not just the creative writer, who is always the star of the literary event, but also editors, proof-readers, book designers, printers, teachers, critics, students and the general reading public; in other words, all

The Dreamer: His Vision is about the struggle by the late Moshood Abiola, believed to have won the June 12, 1993 presidential election, to claim the mandate given to him by Nigerians and improve the lots of ordinary people. Ezenwa Ohaeto's *Chants of a Minstrel* celebrates the bardic tradition of ancient Africa.

Ahmed Yerima won in 2006 with his book *Hard Ground* published by Kraifgriots in 2006, which takes a look at life in the Niger Delta. The book draws on the sad history of the Niger Delta, as well as its contemporary, real-life political drama; deflecting the play's focus from the political and economic genesis of the problem of the Niger Delta to the emotional and spiritual impact on characters, and the shattering effect on close family ties.

Hard Ground met the panels criteria of an entry with national relevance, successful experimentation, engagement with established dramatic traditions, interest in our contemporary society or history and originality in conception, creative language and style, an effective dramaturgy and a high standard of textual production — especially the quality of the design, editing, proof-reading and printing of the text.

In 2007, the committee began by seeking an answer to the question, what is children's literature? After weeks of deliberation, the judges adopted a set of simple criteria for their own guidance that included content that "reflects the social experience, level of psychological maturity and linguistic ability of its





primary audience rather than that of its author". The story telling quality and the ability to attract and hold the attention of young readers was also crucial.

Seventy entries were received and the prize was jointly won by revered septuagenarian (at the time) Mabel Segun for her collection of short plays *Reader's Theatre*; and Prof. Akachi Adimora-Ezeigbo, Professor of English at the University of Lagos, for her book *My Cousin Sammy*.

In 2008, The Nigeria Prize for Literature entered the second of its four-year cycle by returning to the genre of Prose Fiction. The judges commended the entries received and observed a lot of improvement in the range and depth of the fictional world covered by the writer, although self-publishing and poor editing still persisted, resulting in poor packaging. Kaine Agary won with her book *Yellow Yellow*.

At inception of the Prizes, only works published in Nigeria by Nigerians resident in the country qualified to participate. However, this clause has been dropped in 2010 to allow participation by Nigerians all over the world henceforth.

No doubt, the Prizes have helped greatly the production standard of literary works in Nigeria. Writers now understand the need for professionalism, including the design and printing of texts.

JUDGING THE PRIZES

The prestige of any prize, which can be defined as the collective belief in its value, depends not just on the prize money, but also and most importantly on the calibre and decision of its judges.

The panels of judges of The Nigeria Prize for Science and The Nigeria Prize for Literature are made up of respected men and women in the academia selected by the Nigerian Academy of Letters, Nigerian Academy of Science and NLNG. Prize analyst Jim English argues that "how you pick the judges of a prize is critical, because that determines the outcome."

The panel comprises men and women of integrity drawn from the six geo-political zones in the country and well respected by the arts and science communities. The selection process is very thorough and gender sensitive.

When the competition started, judges were allowed to serve on the panel for a two-year period and a further two years, if nominated. It was also agreed that the identity of the judges should be discreet to allow them to assess the entries received objectively and unencumbered.

However, this decision was reviewed in line with

international best practice for prizes of its size after consultations with stakeholders, and in 2010, it was agreed to make public the names of the judges. The tenure for the judges was also reviewed to one year. In the first four years of the Prize, the panel of judges for the Literature prize was led by Prof. Dan Izevbaye, a university teacher of literature for 40 years, Professor of Literature for more than 20 years, a judge of the Association of Nigerian Authors' prize and a past president of the Nigerian Academy of Letters. Other members of the panel include Prof. Charles Nnolim, a retired Professor of English at the University of Port-Harcourt, a fellow of the World Literary Academy, fellow of the



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International Biographical Association, member of the World Academy of Letters, fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Letters, a well-respected international literary critic and member of the Order of the Niger; Prof. Zaynab Alkali, former Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Nassarawa State University, fellow of a German Literary Society and author of four award-winning books; Prof. Rasheed Abubakar, Professor of Stylistics, fellow of the Nigeria Institute of Public Relations, member of the Nigerian Academy of Letters, journalist and former Editor/Managing Director, New Nigeria newspaper and current National Chairman of the Education Trust Fund Book Committee; and Dr. Reuben Abati, a first class honours graduate of Theatre Arts from the University of Calabar where he won the Vice-Chancellor's prize for the best overall graduating student. A multiple award winner, Dr. Abati is the recipient of over 18 journalism awards and prizes including the DAME/Hadj Alade Odunewu Prize for Informed Commentary which he has won thrice, the Fletcher Challenge Commonwealth Prize for Opinion Writing and the Cecil King Memorial Prize for Print Journalist of the Year. He is presently the chairman of the editorial board of The Guardian newspapers.

In 2008, Prof. Mary Kolawole, professor of English, Obafemi Awolowo University and chair for African region in the 2006 Commonwealth Writers' prize, replaced Prof. Zaynab Alkali. Dr. Reuben Abati was replaced by Prof. Tanimu Abubakar of the Department of English and Literary Studies, Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) Zaria. The other judges remained on the panel for continuity.

This year, a new set of judges has been appointed. Prof. Dapo Adelugba, literary critic, one of Nigeria's foremost theatre arts teachers, Secretary-General of the Nigeria Chapter of the International Theatre Institute (ITI) and currently a visiting professor at Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria, leads the panel which includes, Prof. Mary Kolawole, Prof. Tanimu Abubakar, Prof. John Ila, former executive director, Kogi State Arts and Culture and now lecturer, Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) Zaria and Prof. Kalu Uka, renowned dramatist and Professor of Dramatic Studies. These are all well respected literary critics.

The judges for the Science Prize are no less distinguished. The panel was initially chaired by Prof. Emeritus Umaru Shehu, world renowned physician with two national honours - Commander of the Order of the Niger and Commander of the Federal Republic, Pro-Chancellor and Chairman Governing Council to University of Lagos and Bayero University, Kano, fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Science and fellow of the West African College of Physicians. Prof. Emeritus Ifedayo Oladapo also chaired the panel until he passed on in March 2010. Prof. Emeritus Ifedayo Oladapo, a first class honours graduate in Civil Engineering, was Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of Lagos, Vice Chancellor of Ondo State University and the first engineer to be given a National Merit Award. Following his demise, Prof. Anya O. Anya now heads the panel.

Prof. Anya O. Anya is a Biologist and Chairman of the Nigeria National Merit Award Committee. The other judges are Grace Olaniran-Taylor, Professor Emeritus of Chemical Pathology, University College Hospital, Ibadan and winner of L'Oréal-UNESCO Awards for Women in Science 2008 given to outstanding women researchers who



have contributed to scientific progress; Awele Maduemezia, Professor of Physics, one-time Vice Chancellor of the then Bendel State University and former President of Academy of Science; Lateef Salako, former Chief Executive, Federal Vaccine Production Laboratory, Yaba; and Gabriel Ogunmola, a renowned Professor of Chemistry, former Dean of Science, University of Ibadan and first recipient of The Olu Allison Endowed Chair of Applied Chemistry.

A UNIQUE REWARD

Prizes are not a new phenomenon in Nigeria. But what makes The Nigeria Prize for Literature and The Nigeria Prize for Science unique is their emphasis on best practice.

The Nigeria Prize for Science and The Nigeria Prize for Literature are registered charities (companies limited by guarantee) with the Corporate Affairs Commission and sponsored by Nigeria LNG Limited.

In registering these two prizes as charities, they are modelled after other international prizes such as The Nobel Prize, which is administered by the Nobel Foundation with involvement of the Swedish Govt; the Pulitzer Prize, administered by the Columbia Journalism School; the Booker Prize, administered by the Booker Foundation, the Caine Prize for African Writing, administered by the Caine Prize Foundation and the NOMA Award for Publishing in Africa, administered by the NOMA Award Trust, UK.

Following in the footsteps of these major prizes, A literature and a science committee, made up of distinguished professors and laureates and selected on merit, oversee the running of the Prizes on behalf of The Nigerian Academy of Letters and The Nigerian Academy of Science, pending the time a Board of Trustees will be set up. The company partnered with the science and literature communities, book publishers and the academia to set up the Prizes.

The prizes, like other international prizes, are awarded at a colourful ceremony, The Grand Award

Night, which draws sustained local and international attention to prize and winners.

Planned as a **prestigious gala, with very high standards and tasteful style**, it is designed to be an unforgettable night for the winners and the public receiving the winners. **The Grand Award Night** is also timed to coincide with the anniversary of the first shipment of LNG from Nigeria (October 9), or the nearest Saturday to that date.

There is a keynote speech delivered at every Grand Award Night. This has turned out to feature a roll call of distinguished Nigerians including **Prof. Barth Nnaji**, world-acclaimed robotics engineer and former Minister of Science and Technology; **Dele Olojede**, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Journalism; **Chief Folake Solanke**, first female Senior Advocate of Nigeria; former Head of State, **Gen Ibrahim Badamosi Babangida**, Senate President **David Mark** and **Dim Emeka Odumegwu-Ojukwu**.

It is one event in the country that brings together people from diverse backgrounds, the literary and science communities, journalists, diplomats, government officials, retired Heads of State — singularly to celebrate excellence in literature and science.

A public presentation of the winner of The Nigeria Prize for Science is always held after the Grand Award Night to amplify the work that won the prize.

MAKING A MARK

The last six years have served as a learning curve. It brought a general understanding of the level of investment needed to build a strong prize and establish it as a major Nigerian brand.

Nigeria LNG limited has maintained its high-minded commitment to sustaining these prizes as well as the spirit that has driven their acceptance and success.

The company agreed to sponsor these prizes to engage the country's intelligentsia, promote excellence, and assuage the identified thirst for

respected prizes amongst sections of the Nigerian populace. This fits perfectly into its numerous involvements in human capital development, including those mentioned earlier.

Over all, it spotlights the trend of caring deeply for the country and its future which is at the core of NLNG's body of values. This commitment and a dogged pursuit of its constant improvement have resulted in national and international acclaim for the prizes.

In the six years of their existence, The Nigeria Prize for Literature and The Nigeria Prize for Science have truly made their mark as prestigious national prizes, and, together with NLNG, have changed the course of our nation's history, for good.

MOVING FORWARD

Following from this, NLNG is currently exploring the option of endowing the fund in perpetuity, in line with international best practice.

The endowment, which will be made in both Naira and US Dollars, will be for the purpose of funding the Prize money (to be paid in US Dollars), logistics of administering the prizes, and the Grand Award Night.

There will be appointed chairmen for the Board of Trustees, to ensure that the prizes are not atomised. The chairmen (Co-chairman for science & literature) will be Nigerians of good standing, who are widely respected and acknowledged for integrity.

Membership of the committees may not be the exclusive preserve of the Academies partnering with NLNG. Membership would extend to Ministries of Science and Technology, Education and Culture, journalists, publishers, English, Literature and Science teachers.

Reputable local and foreign blue chip fund management companies will be engaged to ensure that the economics is right and the right levels of investment and safeguards are put in place. They will appropriate field-tested investment approaches that incorporates the strategy, rigour and analysis of private equity firms and apply these in a way that responds to the uniqueness of non-profit organisations.

Once made, the endowments' objective will be to ensure that the known liability is met from year to year in perpetuity with timely payment as and when required of cash in appropriate currency, thereby maintaining the incentive provided by the prize. A freely convertible currency, probably the US Dollars, will ensure that irrespective of the investment approach, the Prize money is valued by the recipient, wherever they may be.

In essence, NLNG is building a sustainable culture of reward and excellence that can continue to add strategic value to Nigeria's steady evolution. NLNG is changing the course of Nigerian history, one prize at a time.

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DIGEST

Thin hair... You could be anaemic, stressed or just hungry



HAIR loss can have a profound effect on self-esteem, triggering depression and so, ironically, hindering recovery

AS a trichologist I have spent decades studying and treating hair problems. Sadly, many cases are self-inflicted - brittle, dry and irreparably damaged hair is the result of years of heat-treating, dyeing and styling. Yet the state of our hair is also a visible barometer of our internal health. Illness - and certain medications - cause locks to lose their lustre, becoming dull, limp and fine-looking.

Indeed, today I see more cases of hair loss than I have ever done before. Perhaps it is because we are more stressed, or simply because we are living longer - as both anxiety and the natural ageing process can result in the hair falling out.

Whatever the cause, hair loss can have a profound effect on self-esteem, triggering depression and so, ironically, hindering recovery. It is by no means a shallow act of vanity for someone in the throes of ill-health to worry about their hair.

If anything, finding ways to address the problem can actually be a huge boost to self-esteem and therefore only help the speed at which we get better.

You cannot diagnose illness just by looking at the hair. But it is possible to be completely unaware that you are suffering from a health problem that is causing poor hair growth, and if you are worried visit your GP.

Anaemia

We need iron to produce red blood cells, which carry oxygen around the body. Iron

deficiency leads to anaemia, meaning fewer red blood cells. Less oxygen is carried to the scalp, starving the follicles, and eventually causing gradual, uniform hair loss. The hair will appear wispy, and the scalp may be more visible than usual.

Other symptoms include pale skin, lethargy and fatigue. An iron supplement may help. Lack of Vitamin C and consumption of caffeine and alcohol can also hinder iron absorption. Drinking a glass of orange juice with iron-rich food aids absorption, helping hair grow back.

Eating disorders

The growing phase of the hair cycle is prematurely halted by reduced food intake, which makes blood flow sluggish to the scalp. Hair loses its shine and falls out. Those who lose weight suddenly, or limit their calorie intake to maintain a low weight, may well also have wispy, dull-looking hair.

The hair loss is rarely permanent but eating a balanced diet with plenty of protein is vital. Hair is made from protein, and it is particularly important to eat protein at breakfast as this is when levels are at their lowest in the hair follicles.

Also make sure the diet is rich in vitamins - especially the B complex - zinc and essential fatty acids.

Polycystic ovary syndrome

Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) in women is caused by an excess of male hor-

mones which can trigger thinning at the front and top of the scalp. This happens only in PCOS sufferers with a family history of genetic hair loss.

The condition causes increased hair growth on the face and body. Drugs to reduce the amount of male hormone should help hair regrowth, as will head massage, which increases blood flow to the scalp and hair follicles.

Thyroid problems

The first sign of a thyroid disorder can be hair loss. Too much or too little thyroid hormone in the body affects the metabolism and the hair-growth cycle. Hair loss is generalised - back, sides and top - as every follicle is affected.

Drugs or other treatments can be given to manage the condition. To help hair grow

back, have plenty of protein and massage the head every morning.

Stress

Stress can cause premature greying. Hormones released in the body during stressful events affect the absorption of B vitamins needed for pigmentation. Emotional stress can also lead to alopecia in which the immune system attacks the hair cells, resulting in clumps of hair loss, often starting with a small bald patch on the head or in facial hair in men.

As well as relaxation techniques, taking a B vitamin complex supplement could help deal with premature grey. Alopecia can be treated in various ways including steroids or UV light therapy but in some cases it is simply a matter of waiting for the hair to grow back, which can take years.

Acupuncture does work as it stimulates a natural pain killer, scientists find

ACUPUNCTURE works by stimulating a natural pain-killer in the body that swells arteries and allows more blood to flow through, scientists have discovered. The identification of the chemical adenosine as a central player could also make the ancient Chinese therapy even more effective at relieving pain.

Scientists were able to triple the beneficial effects of simply sticking needles in mice by adding a leukaemia medication that increased their amounts of the molecule.

Dr Maiken Nedergaard, a neuroscientist at the University of Rochester, New York, said: "Acupuncture has been a mainstay of medical treatment in certain parts of the world for 4,000 years, but because it has not been understood completely, many people have remained sceptical.

"In this work, we provide information about one physical mechanism through which acupuncture reduces pain in the body. "What we found is that adenosine, a natural pain killer, is released during acupuncture and that adenosine may be

the primary way acupuncture reduces pain.

"The most important observation is that acupuncture worked almost three times as long if we gave a drug that slow down the removal of adenosine."

Adenosine, which also helps to regulate sleep and keep the heart healthy, becomes active in the skin after an injury to inhibit nerve signals and ease pain. The researchers, whose findings are published in Nature Neuroscience, performed acupuncture treatments on mice that had discomfort in one paw, giving them each a thirty minute acupuncture treatment near the knee, with very fine needles rotated gently every five minutes, much as is done in standard acupuncture treatments with people.

In mice with normal functioning levels of adenosine, acupuncture reduced discomfort by two-thirds, while in those engineered not to produce the chemical it had no effect.

And when adenosine was turned on in the tissues, discomfort was reduced even without acupuncture.

During and immediately after an acupuncture treatment, the level of adenosine in the tissues near the needles was 24 times greater than before.

Once the scientists recognised adenosine's role, the team explored the effects of a cancer drug called deoxycoformycin, which makes it harder for the tissue to remove it.

The compound boosted the effects of acupuncture treatment dramatically, nearly tripling the accumulation of adenosine in the muscles and more than tripling the length of time the treatment was effective.

Dr Josephine Briggs, director of the National Centre for Complementary and Alternative Medicine at the National Institutes of Health in the US, said: "It is clear that acupuncture may activate a number of different mechanisms.

"This carefully performed study identifies adenosine as a new player in the process. It is an interesting contribution to our growing understanding of the complex intervention which is acupuncture."

Sign Language



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BOWL-A-SCORE CHALLENGER

In our bowling game, a strike (worth 20 points) is made by using all the letters in a group to form a 10-letter word. The first letter of each strike is shown. A spare (worth 10 points) is made by using all the letters to form two words. A spare may not be formed by splitting the strike word in two (for example, the strike word "FORECASTER" cannot be split into the spare "FORE" and "CASTER"). Proper nouns may not be used. A perfect score is 300 points.

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. D U R G
N S T
I I
B | Strike
D _____
Spare
_____ | 2. R T U W
E N R
D E
A | Strike
U _____
Spare
_____ |
| 3. L P R S
E H I
E B
A | Strike
P _____
Spare
_____ | 4. E L U A
D A G
N R
Q | Strike
Q _____
Spare
_____ |
| 5. E T L E
A Q A
U D
Y | Strike
A _____
Spare
_____ | 6. P R R S
N O O
E C
D | Strike
C _____
Spare
_____ |
| 7. R R T U
I L N
A G
A | Strike
T _____
Spare
_____ | 8. N O S T
A A G
I M
N | Strike
A _____
Spare
_____ |
| 9. C C L N
M P O
I A
E | Strike
C _____
Spare
_____ | 10. Y R C B
E H O
P L
I | Strike
H _____
Spare
_____ |

SOLUTION TO ANACROTIC 4

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|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| A. Admiralty | I. Telephone | Q. On the fly |
| B. Flank | J. Hogarth | R. Flashlight |
| C. Seems | K. Engross | S. Beggar |
| D. Khartoum | L. Mischance | T. Inhabit |
| E. Undouted | M. In time | U. Rotund |
| F. Telemeter | N. Neater | V. Defining |
| G. Commonwealth | O. Daffodil | W. Sherman |
| H. Hemline | P. Stagnate | |

SUDOKU

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

159

				4		6		
	9			2	3	4		
	6	7	1					3
7								2
6			8	7	2			4
8								9
9					1	5	2	
		5	7	8				3
		8		9				

Solution to Sudoku 158

7	8	3	9	6	4	2	1	5
2	4	9	5	1	3	8	6	7
5	1	6	8	7	2	4	9	3
3	9	1	7	4	8	6	5	2
8	6	7	2	5	1	3	4	9
4	2	5	3	9	6	7	8	1
6	7	4	1	3	5	9	2	8
1	3	8	4	2	9	5	7	6
9	5	2	6	8	7	1	3	4



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CONGRATULATIONS TO A GREAT NATION ON DEMOCRACY DAY



His Excellency,
Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, GCFR
President, Commander-in-Chief
of the Armed Forces of the
Federal Republic of Nigeria

The Acting National Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party, **Dr. Bello Haliru Mohammed (OFR)** on behalf of the National Working Committee and the entire members of the PDP nationwide heartily congratulates His Excellency, **Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, GCFR**, the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Vice President, **Arc. Mohammed Namadi Sambo, GCON**, the Senate President, **Senator David Mark, (GCON)**, and the entire Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, **Rt. Hon. Dimeji Bankole, CFR**, and the entire House, State governors and State Houses of Assembly, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, **Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, GCFR** and the entire Members of the Board of Trustees of the PDP, and indeed all Nigerians as we mark 11 years of sustained democratic rule in our dear country.

We wish to once more register our appreciation to the Nigerian People for their confidence in us as the principal vehicle for the sustenance of democracy in this great nation.

On this joyous occasion, we call on all Nigerians to rally round President Goodluck Jonathan and all elected and appointed officials nationwide in their determination to ensure even development, the sustenance of the rule of law and respect for human dignity.



Dr. Bello Haliru Mohammed (OFR)
Acting National Chairman

Long live democracy in Nigeria!

Long live the Peoples Democratic Party!!

Long live the Federal republic of Nigeria!!!

Signed:

Prof. Rufai Ahmed Alkali
National Publicity Secretary

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The TEMPLATE developed on the preparation of these documents are available at any of our offices at a cost of N5, 000.00 (Five Thousand Naira) only.

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Failure on any of the above shall lead to regulatory sanctions.

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5. F.7	Bldr. Akutu Godwin Obunike	61. F.237	Bldr. Ojo Isaac Olusegun	118. F.508	Bldr. Omerife Chuks Ambrose	175. F.702	Bldr. Abdulrah Mustafa Adisa Bola	232. F.834	Bldr. Shodunfa Augustina Ayodele	315. F.975	Bldr. Kunya Sani Usman (Dr)	414. F.1161	Bldr. Musa Abdurazak Okeope
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29. F.110	Bldr. Afanu Joseph Abayomi	85. F.364	Bldr. Olatunji Babatunde James	142. F.592	Bldr. Ahmad Shehu Mohammed	199. F.754	Bldr. Okunle Lateef Adewale	256. F.881	Bldr. Akintayo Joseph Olatunle	339. F.1015	Bldr. Akintayo Samuel Olatunle	438. F.1185	Bldr. Fatogun Okunle Olatunle
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32. F.129	Bldr. Yusuf Mohammed Lawal	88. F.374	Bldr. Adeyeye Adekunle Samuel	145. F.598	Bldr. Amosu Todayi Abayomi	202. F.768	Bldr. Udofo Samson	259. F.884	Bldr. Akintayo Joseph Olatunle	342. F.1018	Bldr. Akintayo Samuel Olatunle	441. F.1188	Bldr. Okwara Philip
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41. F.167	Bldr. Awolaja Adewunmi	97. F.398	Bldr. Enuoyi Igwe Edwin	154. F.644	Bldr. Wusu Sunday Joseph	211. F.786	Bldr. Okon Imo Godwin (Mrs)	268. F.893	Bldr. Akintayo Joseph Olatunle	351. F.1027	Bldr. Akintayo Samuel Olatunle	450. F.1197	Bldr. Aniyi Victor Olatunle
42. F.169	Bldr. Okorie Kati Chima	98. F.406	Bldr. Ogunbiyi Moses Adebawale (Dr.)	155. F.631	Bldr. Lawal Sunday John	212. F.790	Bldr. Lawal Jimoh Idowu	269. F.894	Bldr. Akintayo Joseph Olatunle	352. F.1028	Bldr. Akintayo Samuel Olatunle	451. F.1198	Bldr. Oba C. Justice
43. F.171	Bldr. Awolaye James Olusegun	99. F.413	Bldr. Ona Raphael Chijo	156. F.633	Bldr. Osegbale Godwin Ehis	213. F.792	Bldr. Ngeju Charles Chanya	270. F.895	Bldr. Akintayo Joseph Olatunle	353. F.1029	Bldr. Akintayo Samuel Olatunle	452. F.1199	Bldr. Ajia Helen Taiyo (Mrs)
44. F.172	Bldr. Ewilerhoma Ogheneru Johnson	100. F.414	Bldr. Sule-Koiki Kamarudeen Adesagun	157. F.637	Bldr. Madamori Samuel Dada (Rev)	214. F.795	Bldr. Aguemba Temple Okezie	271. F.896	Bldr. Akintayo Joseph Olatunle	354. F.1030	Bldr. Akintayo Samuel Olatunle	453. F.1200	Bldr. Abiodun Okunle Olatunle
45. F.174	Bldr. Akwari Oji Dika (Mrs)	101. F.418	Bldr. Agasua Benjamin Azer	158. F.646	Bldr. Solademi Simeon Olatunle	215. F.796	Bldr. Osejiba Olatunle Olatunle	272. F.897	Bldr. Akintayo Joseph Olatunle	355. F.1031	Bldr. Akintayo Samuel Olatunle	454. F.495	Bldr. Okunle Aliyu Adekunle
46. F.175	Bldr. Jemide Jude	102. F.419	Bldr. Ebeule Vincent Akamien	159. F.649	Bldr. Asekorah Kenneth O	216. F.799	Bldr. Abiodun Samuel Foluwesayo	273. F.898	Bldr. Akintayo Joseph Olatunle	356. F.1032	Bldr. Akintayo Samuel Olatunle	455. F.228	Bldr. Abdullahammed Ahmed Bamba
47. F.179	Bldr. Omolunde Solomon Adebayo	103. F.421	Bldr. Moeaku Timothy Oluose (Prof.)	160. F.658	Bldr. Mohammed Tukur	217. F.801	Bldr. Adesanya Fumilayo Aina (Mrs)	274. F.899	Bldr. Akintayo Joseph Olatunle	357. F.1033	Bldr. Akintayo Samuel Olatunle	456. F.373	Bldr. Ogunbaye Olatunle Mursini
48. F.180	Bldr. Igodo Godwin Iroakpo (Dr)	104. F.430	Bldr. Akoh Sunday Enebi	161. F.660	Bldr. Alade John Olatunbosun	218. F.802	Bldr. Adesanya Fumilayo Aina (Mrs)	275. F.900	Bldr. Akintayo Joseph Olatunle	358. F.1034	Bldr. Akintayo Samuel Olatunle		
49. F.181	Bldr. Nggadaha Rilus Birma	105. F.432	Bldr. Imandeh Samuel Aondona	162. F.664	Bldr. Zumaru Mamudu	219. F.806	Bldr. Amadi Bernard Femi	276. F.901	Bldr. Akintayo Joseph Olatunle	359. F.1035	Bldr. Akintayo Samuel Olatunle		
50. F.182	Bldr. Akintayo Badojo Olorunsola	106. F.434	Bldr. Mshelawin Tabataha Godeon (Mrs)	163. F.665	Bldr. Shwarka Magalari S. (Mrs)	220. F.807	Bldr. Oyewole Olatunle Timothy	277. F.902	Bldr. Akintayo Joseph Olatunle	360. F.1036	Bldr. Akintayo Samuel Olatunle		
51. F.184	Bldr. Boroda Bola Mohammed	107. F.435	Bldr. Okelede Joseph Folunso	164. F.666	Bldr. Okunle Cyprian Kalu	221. F.811	Bldr. Omotayo Ajibola Gabriel	278. F.903	Bldr. Akintayo Joseph Olatunle	361. F.1037	Bldr. Akintayo Samuel Olatunle		



KEBBI STATE UNIVERSAL BASIC EDUCATION BOARD

P.M.B. 1101, BIRNIN KEBBI

PRE-QUALIFICATION TO TENDER FOR U.B.E.C / KSUBEB YEAR 2009 (FIRST, SECOND, THIRD & FOURTH QUARTERS) INTERVENTION PROJECTS

In compliance with the requirements as provided in the UBE Act, 2004, the State Universal Basic Education Board invites applications for pre-qualification tenders from reputable contractors for execution of U.B.E year 2009 (First to Fourth Quarters) Projects in selected **ECCDE, PRIMARY AND JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS**.

2. SCOPE OF THE WORK

- ❖ Construction of Blocks of Staff Quarters
- ❖ Construction / Renovation of Blocks of Classrooms
- ❖ Supply of standardized school furniture (Pupils & Teachers)
- ❖ Drilling of Hand-pumps in selected Schools
- ❖ Construction of Wall fence in selected schools
- ❖ Provision of plastic tanks to selected schools

1ST QUARTER 2009

S/N	PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT LOCATION	LGEA	DURATION
PRIMARY				
1	Const. of a Block of 3 staff Quarters each	Makera MPS	B/Kebbi	8 weeks
2	Const. of a Block of 3 staff Quarters each	Kambaza P/S	Gwandu	8 weeks
3	Const. of a Block of 3 staff Quarters each	U/Kuka P/S	Jega	8 weeks
4	Const. of a Block of 3 staff Quarters each	Shengel P/S	D/Wasagu	8 weeks
5	Const. of a Block of 3 staff Quarters each	Kangi P/S	Fakai	8 weeks
6	Const. of a Block of 3 staff Quarters each	Makuku P/S	Sakaba	8 weeks
7	Const. of a Block of 3 staff Quarters each	T/Kibiya P/S	Zuru	8 weeks
8	Const. of a Block of 3 staff Quarters each	Kuka MPS	Kalgo	8 weeks
9	Const. of a Block of 3 staff Quarters each	Tilli MPS	Bunza	8 weeks
10	Drilling of 10 No. H/pumps	10 No. selected P/Schools	10 No. LGEA	8 weeks
11	Drilling of 11 No. H/pumps	11 No. selected P/Schools	11 No. LGEA	8 weeks
12	Provision of 63 plastic Tank and sets of Teachers furnitures	Selected P/Schools	Selected P/Schools	6 weeks
JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL				
12	Supply of students furniture	5 No. selected JSS	5 selected LGEA	6 weeks
13	Drilling of 8 No. H/pumps	8 No. selected JSS	8 selected LGEA	6 weeks

2ND QUARTER 2009

S/N	PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT LOCATION	LGEA	DURATION
PRIMARY				
1	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	Umar Ahmad MPS	B/Kebbi	8 weeks
2	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	Sarku Manga P/S	Zuru	8 weeks
3	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	B/Gulbi P/S	Jega	8 weeks
4	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	Bachaka P/S	Arewa	8 weeks
5	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	U/Aiu P/S	Aliero	8 weeks
6	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	Dankoji P/S	Argungu	8 weeks
7	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	Yola P/S	Augie	8 weeks
8	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	Marafa P/S	Bunza	8 weeks
9	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	Ganten Fadama P/S	Bagudo	8 weeks
10	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	R/Maikabi P/S	Dandi	8 weeks

11	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	Kyaro P/S	D/Wasagu	8 weeks
12	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	Kangi P/S	Fakai	8 weeks
13	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	Nufawa P/S	Gwandu	8 weeks
14	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	Liba P/S	Maiyama	8 weeks
15	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	Magare P/S	Kalgo	8 weeks
16	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	Jadadi P/S	K/Besse	8 weeks
17	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	Makiri P/S	Ngaski	8 weeks
18	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	Dakingari P/S	Shanga	8 weeks
19	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	Sose Gomo P/S	Sakaba	8 weeks
20	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	Fales P/S	Yauri	8 weeks
21	Supply of pupils furniture	21 No. Schools listed above	21 LGEAs	6 weeks
22	Renovation of Block of 2 classrooms	J. Suleiman Ambursa Block A	B/Kebbi	6 weeks
23	Renovation of Block of 2 classrooms	J. Suleiman Ambursa Block B	B/Kebbi	6 weeks
24	Renovation of Block of 2 classrooms	J. Suleiman Ambursa Block C	B/Kebbi	6 weeks
25	Renovation of Block of 2 classrooms	Doka P/S	Sakaba	6 weeks
26	Renovation of Block of 2 classrooms	Shehu Matawalle P/S Block A	B/Kebbi	6 weeks
27	Renovation of Block of 2 classrooms	Shehu Matawalle P/S Block B	B/Kebbi	6 weeks
28	Renovation of Block of 2 classrooms	Wasada P/S	B/Kebbi	6 weeks
29	Renovation of Block of 2 classrooms	Getwasa P/S	Sakaba	6 weeks
30	Renovation of Block of 2 classrooms	Dankolo P/S	Sakaba	6 weeks
31	Renovation of Block of 2 classrooms	Rukukuji P/S	Sakaba	6 weeks
32	Renovation of Block of 2 classrooms	Makangara P/S	Arewa	6 weeks
33	Renovation of Block of 2 classrooms	Kukum P/S	Fakai	6 weeks
34	Renovation of Block of 2 classrooms	T/Wada P/S	Fakai	6 weeks
35	Renovation of Block of 2 classrooms	Baifi P/S	B/Kebbi	6 weeks
36	Supply of pupils furniture	11 No. School Listed Above	Selected LGEAS	6 weeks
JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL				
37	Supply of furniture to 3 No. JSS	Sama JSS Argungu Bahago Gomo JSS GJSS Boys Aliero	Argungu Zuru Aliero	6 weeks
38	Supply of furniture to 3 No. JSS	JSS Zauro GDJSS Jega JSS Isgogo	B/Kebbi Jega Zuru	6 weeks
39	Supply of furniture to 3 No. JSS	GDJSS Mahuta GDJSS B/Kebbi JSS Kardi	Fakai B/Kebbi B/Kebbi	6 weeks
40	Supply of furniture to 3 No. JSS	JSS Digi JSS Kalgo GJSS Bunza	Kalgo Kalgo Bunza	6 weeks
41	Supply of furniture to 3 No. JSS	JSS Natsini GTJSS Bunza JSS Ribah	Argungu Bunza D/Wasagu	6 weeks
42	Supply of furniture to 3 No. JSS	GAISS Wasagu JSS Sabiyel JSS Maiyama	D/Wasagu Ateiro Maiyama	6 weeks
43	Supply of furniture to 3 No. JSS	GDJSS Diri JSS KOKO JSS Kambaza	Sakaba K/Besse Gwandu	6 weeks

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44	Supply of furniture to 3 No. JSS	JSS Warrah JSS Kamba (Boys) GGJSS Yauri	Ngaski Dandi Yauri	6 weeks
45	Supply of furniture to 3 No. JSS	JSS Suru JSS Illo GDJSS B/Kebbi (Girls)	Suru Bagudo B/Kebbi	6 weeks

3RD QUARTER 2009

S/N	PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT LOCATION	LGEA	DURATION
PRIMARY				
1	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	Kwararo P/S	Augie	8 weeks
2	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	Masama P/S	D/Wasagu	8 weeks
3	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	Barbaroji P/s	Suru	8 weeks
4	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	Takalafiya P/S	Suru	8 weeks
5	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	T/Mallam P/s	suru	8 weeks
6	Supply of pupils furniture	10No. Selected P/schools	Selected LGEAs	6weeks
7	Supply of pupils furniture	7No. selected P/Schools	Selected LGEAs	6weeks
8	Supply of pupils furniture	7No. selected P/Schools	Selected LGEAs	6weeks
9	Supply of pupils furniture	7No. selected P/Schools	Selected LGEAs	6weeks
10	Supply of pupils furniture	7No. selected P/Schools	Selected LGEAs	6weeks
11	Supply of pupils furniture	7No. selected P/Schools	Selected LGEAs	6weeks
12	Supply of pupils furniture	7No. selected P/Schools	Selected LGEAs	6weeks
13	Supply of pupils furniture	7No. selected P/Schools	Selected LGEAs	6weeks
14	Supply of pupils furniture	7No. selected P/Schools	Selected LGEAs	6weeks
15	Supply of pupils furniture	7No. selected P/Schools	Selected LGEAs	6weeks
16	Supply of pupils furniture	7No. selected P/Schools	Selected LGEAs	6weeks
17	Supply of pupils furniture	2No. selected P/Schools	Selected LGEAs	6weeks
JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL				
18	Const. of a Block 3 c/rooms office & WC Toilet	JSS Maga (Boys)	D/Wasagu	8 weeks
19	Const. of a Block 3 c/rooms office & WC Toilet	JSS B/Tudu	Fakai	8 weeks
20	Const. of a Block 3 c/rooms office & WC Toilet	JSS Bakuwai	Suru	8 weeks
21	Supply of student furniture to 6 No. JSS	6 No. selected JSS	Selected LGEAs	6weeks
22	Supply of student furniture to 5 No. JSS	5 No. selected JSS	Selected LGEAs	6weeks
23	Drilling of Hand Pump to 8 No. JSS	8 No. selected JSS	Selected LGEAs	6weeks

4TH QUARTER 2009

S/N	PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT LOCATION	LGEA	DURATION
PRIMARY				
1	Const. of a Block work wall fence	U/Chebero P/S	Gwandu	8 weeks
2	Const. of a Block work wall fence	Alungwaje MPS	Arewa	8 weeks
3	Const. of a Block work wall fence	Andarai P/S	Maiyama	8 weeks
4	Const. of a Block work wall fence	Bagudo MPS	Bagudo	8 weeks
5	Const. of a Block work wall fence	Warrah II MPS	Ngaski	8 weeks
6	Const. of a Block work wall fence	Baiti MPS	B/kebbi	8 weeks
7	Const. of a Block work wall fence	Rikoto MPS	Zuru	8 weeks
8	Const. of a Block work wall fence	M/Mera MPS	Argungu	8 weeks
9	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	Babura P/S	Sakaba	8 weeks
10	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	Maishekari P/S	D/Wasagu	8 weeks
11	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	T/Rafi P/S	Dandi	8 weeks
12	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	T/Wazam P/S	Suru	8 weeks
13	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	T/Lanta P/S	Suru	8 weeks

14	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	Udungu P/S	Yauri	8 weeks
15	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	Alieru Quarters	B/Kebbi	8 weeks
16	Const. of a Block of 2 c/rooms & WC Toilet	Janzomo P/S	B/Kebbbo	8 weeks
17	Supply of furniture	8 No. Schools listed above	Selected LGEA	6 weeks

JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

18	Const. of a Block 3 c/rooms office & WC Toilet	JSS Dankolo	Sakaba	8 weeks
19	Const. of a Block 3 c/rooms office & WC Toilet	JSS Zauro	B/kebbi	8 weeks
20	Drilling of 4 No. Hand pump	4 No. Selected JSS	4 selected LGEAs	6 weeks
21	Supply of furniture	4 No. Selected JSS	4 selected LGEAs	6 weeks
22	Supply of furniture	4 No. Selected JSS	4 selected LGEAs	6 weeks
23	Supply of furniture	6 No. Selected JSS	6selected LGEAs	6 weeks
24	Renovation of C/room Block	JSS Kwaido Block A	Augie	6 weeks
25	Renovation of C/room Block	JSS Kwaido Block B	Augie	6 weeks
26	Renovation of C/room Block	JSS Bayawa A	Augie	6 weeks
27	Renovation of C/room Block	JSS Bayawa B	Augie	6 weeks
28	Renovation of C/room Block	JSS Suru (Boys) A	Suru	6 weeks
29	Renovation of C/room Block	JSS Suru (Boys) B	Suru	6 weeks
30	Renovation of C/room Block	I. Sakaba JSS Dabai Block A	Zuru	6 weeks
31	Renovation of C/room Block	I. Sakaba JSS Dabai Block B	Zuru	6 weeks
32	Renovation of C/room Block	JSS Karaye Block A	Maiyama	6 weeks
33	Renovation of C/room Block	JSS Ribbah Block A	D/Wasagu	6 weeks
34	Renovation of C/room Block	JSS Ribbah Block B	D/Wasagu	6 weeks
35	Renovation of C/room Block	GDJSS Gwandu Block A	Gwandu	6 weeks
36	Renovation of C/room Block	GDJSS Gwandu Block B	Gwandu	6 weeks
37	Renovation of C/room Block	Bahago Gomo JSS Zuru Block A	Zuru	6 weeks
38	a) Supply of furniture to 9No. primary school b) Supply of furniture to 9No. primary school c) Supply of furniture to 9No. primary school	Selected schools Selected schools Selected schools	Selected LGEAs Selected LGEAs Selected LGEAs	6 weeks 6 weeks 6 weeks
39	Supply of furniture to 5 No. JSS	Selected schools	Selected LGEAs	6 weeks
40	Const. of a Block of 3 c/room office & WC Toilet	JSS Bachaka	Arewa	8 weeks
41	Const. of a Block of 3 c/room office & WC Toilet	JSS B/Tudu	Fakai	8 weeks
42	Const. of a Block of 3 c/room office & WC Toilet	JSS Bunza (Girls)	Bunza	8 weeks
43	Const. of a Block of 3 c/room office & WC Toilet	JSS Gwandu	Gwandu	8 weeks
44	a) As above b) As Above	JSS Kuka JSS Jantullu	Kalgo Arewa	8 weeks 8 weeks
45	Const. of a Block of 3 c/room office & WC Toilet	JSS Natsini	Argungu	8 weeks
46	Const. of a Block of 3 c/room office & WC Toilet	JSS Diri (Boys)	Sakaba	8 weeks
47	Const. of a Block of 3 c/room office & WC Toilet	JSS Mahuta (Boys)	Fakai	8 weeks
48	Const. of a Block of 3 c/room office & WC Toilet	JSS Dankoji	Argungu	8 weeks
49	a) As above b) As Above	JSS Amanawa JSS K/Sani	Zuru Argungu	8 weeks 8 weeks
50	As above	JSS Gulumbe	B/Kebbi	8 weeks
51	Const. of 4 Blocks of staff Quarters	a) U/Amadu P/S b) Sabla P/S c) Jantullu P/S d) K/Sani P/S	Aliero Augie Arewa Argungu	8 weeks 8 weeks 8 weeks 8 weeks
52	a) Const. of Block Work wall Fence b) Supply of ECCDE furniture & equipment	a) Kalgo MPS b) Aliero Qtr. c) Illo MPS	Kalgo B/Kebbi Bagudo	8 weeks 8 weeks 8 weeks
53	Const. of 2No. Block of staff Quarters	a) R/Filli P/s b) Kwaifa P/S	Maiyama Suru	8 weeks 8 weeks

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54	Const. of 2No. Block of staff Quarters	a) G/Zana P/s b) Dada P/S	Bagudo K/Besse	8 weeks 8 weeks
55	Const. of 2No. Block of staff Quarters	a) T/Sani P/S b) Gebbe MPS	Dandi Shanga	8 weeks 8 weeks
56	As above	a) M/Shagali b) Lopa	Yauri Ngasgki	8 weeks 8 weeks
57	Const. of Block Work wall fence	a) Jega MPS b) B/Gulbi P/S c) S/Gari P/S	Jega Jega Yauri	8 weeks 8 weeks 8 weeks
58	Const. of Block Work wall fence Const. 2 c/room office & W.C Toilet	a) S/Kudu S. b) Liman D/Ghana Sangelu	Suru Suru	8 weeks 8 weeks
59	Const. of 5No. Blocks of ECCDE c/rooms & WC Toilet	a) Augie Nizz. b) K/Magaji c) S/Gari d) K/Saliyu e) Rikoto MPS	Augie K/Besse Yauri K/Besse zuru	8 weeks 8 weeks 8 weeks 8 weeks 8 weeks
60	Supply of ECCDE furniture and equipment to 6 No. schools	a) Augie Nizz. b) K/Magaji c) S/Gari d) K/Saliyu e) Kwasara Town f) Rikoto MPS	Augie K/Besse Yauri K/Besse Bagudo zuru	6 weeks 6 weeks 6 weeks 6 weeks 6 weeks 6 weeks
61	Const. of a block of 2 c/rooms, WC Toilet and wire fence (ECCDE)	Kwasara Town	Bagudo	8 weeks
62	As above	Aliero Qtr. MPS	B/Kebbi	8 weeks
63	As above	Illo MPS	Bagudo	8 weeks
64	Supply of steel frame pupils furniture (1050 units) to 7No. primary school (150 units) each	a) Augie Niz. b) Awade P.A c) Zagga MPS d) Illo MPS e) Gwamba MPS f) Zannan Gwandu MPS g) Gulumbe MPS	Augie Augie Bagudo Bagudo Bagudo B/Kebbi B/Kebbi	6 weeks 6 weeks 6 weeks 6 weeks 6 weeks 6 weeks 6 weeks
65	Const. of a Block of 3 c/room office, store and WC Toilet	JSS Kyangakwai	Dandi	8 weeks
66	As above	JSS Koko	K/Besse	8 weeks

3. PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- (i) Evidence of Registration with Corporate Affairs Commission
- (ii) Company profile.
- (iii) Current Tax clearance certificate.
- (iv) Evidence of Financial capability
- (v) Evidence of Registration with State Tenders Board
- (vi) Evidence of similar Jobs, execution / experience.

4. SUBMISSION OF PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS

Pre-qualification documents shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and clearly marked thus:-

"PRE-QUALIFICATION TO TENDER FOR U.B.E 2009 PROJECTS and addressed to,

**THE
SECRETARY,
DUE PROCESS COMMITTEE,
K.B.S.U.B.E BOARD,
P.M.B 1101,
BIRNIN KEBBI.**

Submission of pre-qualification of such documents for screening shall be valid within two weeks from the date of this publication.

COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS

Pre-qualified tenderers shall collect, complete tender documents on payment of a non-refundable fee of N5, 000.00/LOT for completion and submission.

All completed tender documents shall be signed, sealed and marked 'CONFIDENTIAL' and addressed to the same office above within one week from the date in the letter of invitation.

Opening of tenders shall be one day June, 2010 after the expiration of submission period.

The prospective bidders and the general public are invited to witness the opening.

NOTE:-

- Only pre-qualified bidders shall be notified and allowed access to tender documents.
- The State Universal Basic Education Board reserves the rights to reject any submission from any applicant arising from non-compliance with the aforementioned requirements and will not enter into any correspondence as a result.
- Also, pre-qualification shall not entitle tenderer to any claim(s).

SIGNED
SA'IDU KOKANI DOLE
(Secretary Due Process)
For: Executive Chairman



STATE UNIVERSAL BASIC EDUCATION BOARD

P.M.B 1102 BIRNIN KEBBI
ALONG JEGA ROAD, BIRNIN KEBBI

PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ICT CENTRE STAFF QUARTERS, RENOVATION OF CLASSROOM BLOCKS AND PROCUREMENT OF PUPILS AND TEACHERS FURNITURE UNDER THE YEAR 2009 E.T.F BOT-SPECIAL INTERVENTION AT SBS MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL SAMBAWA, MAIYAMA LGEA.

The Kebbi State Universal Basic Education Board (KEBBI STATE) invites competent and reputable contractors to vie for the above mentioned projects to be executed at SBS Model Primary School Sambawa in Maiyama LGEA

SCOPE OF WORK FOR CONTRACTORS

LOT 1 – LOT 3 - Construction of ICT Centre Wall Fencing and a block 3 unit of 1 – Bedroom houses.

LOT 4 – Renovation of existing blocks of classrooms and External Electrification connection.\

LOT 5 – Procurement of pupils and Teachers furniture.

YEAR 2009 ETF BOT – SPECIAL INTERVENTION (SBS MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL SAMBAWA)

LOT/CONTRACT NO.	TYPE OF PROJECT	LOCATION	LGEA	REMARKS
ETF/KB/BOT-SP/09/01	CONSTRUCTION OF A BLOCK OF OFFICE WITH STORE ICT CENTRE	SBS MPS SAMBAWA	MAIYAMA	CONSTRUCTION
ETF/KB/BOT-SP/09/02	CONSTRUCTION OF BLOCK OF 3 UNITS OF 1 – BEDROOM STAFF QUARTERS	SBS MPS SAMBAWA	MAIYAMA	CONSTRUCTION
ETF/KB/BOT-SP/09/03	CONSTRUCTION OF (BLOCK WORK WALL) PERIMETER WALL FENCING AND IRON GATE	SBS MPS SAMBAWA	MAIYAMA	CONSTRUCTION
ETF/KB/BOT-SP/09/04	RENOVATION OF 4NO. BLOCKS OF CLASSROOMS AND EXTERNAL ELECTRIFICATION	SBS MPS SAMBAWA	MAIYAMA	RENOVATION AND EXTERNAL ELECTRIFICATION TO THE C/ROOM
ETF/KB/BOT-SP/09/05	I. PROCUREMENT OF 297 UNITS PUPILS 2-SEATER STANDARDIZED DESK & CHAIRS II. PROCUREMENT OF 29 SETS OF TEACHERS TABLES AND CHAIRS	SBS MPS SAMBAWA	MAIYAMA	SUPPLY OF PUPILS DESKS AND SETS OF TEACHERS TABLES AND CHAIRS

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The pre-qualification documents must contain the following:-

- Company's Registration with corporate Affairs commission.
- Current update Tax clearance certificate for 3 years.
- Evidence of Registration with State Tenders Boards
- Evidence of similar projects executed in the past.
- Company's financial capacity and Bankers support.
- Evidence of VAT Registration.

SUBMISSION / OPENING

Tenderers are expected to submit their pre-qualification documents in sealed envelopes TWO WEEKS from the date of this advert. Submissions are to be made to the office of the Executive Chairman, Kebbi SUBEB, P.M.B. 1102 along Jega Road Birnin Kebbi, Kebbi State and must be clearly marked for particular project. Only pre-qualified contractors will be invited to bid.

N.B

The Board reserves the right to reject part or entire submission of any bidder arising from noncompliance with the laid down requirements and will not enter into any correspondence with any intending contractor, please.

SIGNED:
SA'IDU KOKANI DOLE
Secretary Due Process



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P.M.B 1102 BIRNIN KEBBI
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PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CLASSROOM BLOCKS AND PROCUREMENT OF FURNITURE FOR PUPILS AND TEACHERS UNDER THE E.T.F YEAR 2009 INTERVENTION PROJECTS.

The Kebbi State Universal Basic Education Board (KEBBI STATE) invites competent and reputable contractors to vie for the new classrooms for Junior Secondary Schools (JSS) and procurement of pupils students and Teachers furnitures for primary and Junior Secondary Schools.

SCOPE OF WORK FOR CONTRACTORS

LOT 1 – LOT 16 Construction of new classroom blocks for JSS

LOT 17 – 22 – Procurement of 3 seater ETF standardized desks for pupils and students and Procurement of sets of Teachers tables and chairs.

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The pre-qualification documents must contain the following:-

- Company's Registration with corporate Affairs commission.
- Current update Tax clearance certificate for 3 years.
- Evidence of Registration with State Tenders Boards
- Evidence of similar projects executed in the past.
- Company's financial capacity and Bankers support.
- Evidence of VAT Registration.

SUBMISSION / OPENING

Tenderers are expected to submit their pre-qualification documents in sealed envelopes TWO WEEKS from the date of this advert. Submissions are to be made to the office of the Executive Chairman, Kebbi SUBEB, P.M.B. 1101 along Jega Road Birnin Kebbi, Kebbi State and must be clearly marked for particular project. Only pre-qualified contractors will be invited to bid.

N.B

The Board reserves the right to reject part or entire submission of any bidder arising from noncompliance with the laid down requirements and will not enter into any correspondence with any intending contractor, please.

SIGNED
SA'IDU KOKANI DOLE
Secretary Due Process

FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE, BIDA

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION/TENDER

1.0. The Federal Government of Nigeria has provided funds in the 2010 Budget Proposals for the Federal Medical Centre, Bida to execute the under listed projects. Consequently, the Centre invites competent and reputable firms with expertise for the supply/execution of the items/works listed below for the submission of Documents for Prequalification/Tender:

1. Construction (Phase II) and Equipping of Administrative Building
2. Supply of Medical Equipment for ENT, Physiotherapy, Accident & Emergency, Ophthalmic, Surgery, Nursing Services, O & G, Cardiology, Urology and Orthopaedic Departments/Units and Theatres.
3. Rehabilitation of Hospital Building, bad components of Plumbing and Water Reticulation in the Comprehensive Health Centre, Zungeru and FMC, Bida
4. Purchase of 1 no. 1000KVA Perkins Generator and Installation
5. Medical Gas Piping of the Clinical Wards and Theatres
6. Construction of 1-Bedroom Chalets: House Officers Quarters
7. Purchase of 3 nos. Utility Vehicles for PHC activities
8. Purchase of 2 nos. Life Support Ambulance
9. Alternate Power Project (Design, Construction/ Installation of 33KVA Injection sub-station)

2.0 Bid Documents (in specified LOTS) should be obtained by hand from the Procurement Unit of the Centre on the submission of the evidence of payment of a non refundable processing fee of Ten Thousand Naira (N10,000.00) only for each LOT. The method of payment will be by Bank Draft payable to Federal Medical Centre, Bida.

3.0 Bid Documents MUST be submitted in 2 separate sealed envelopes. One each for the Technical and Financial bids for each LOT and clearly marked "TECHNICAL BID" OR "FINANCIAL BID" with the specified LOT Code Number at the top right hand corner of the envelope. All unmarked bids will be rejected.

3.1 All envelopes for the TECHNICAL BID must contain the following documents:

- i. Comprehensive Company Profile indicating Managerial, Structural, Technical and Operational Capabilities
- ii. Evidence of valid Certificate of Registration with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)
- iii. Company Audited Account for the last 3 successive years (2007, 2008, and 2009);
- iv. Evidence of Tax Clearance Certificate for the last 3 successive years (2007, 2008, and 2009);
- v. Evidence of VAT Registration and VAT Remittances;
- vi. Evidence of Financial Capability & or Banking Support;
- vii. List of similar projects previously undertaken;
- viii. Verifiable evidence of availability of appropriate manpower, machinery and equipment (for Construction Works)
- ix. Confirmation of Tender Validity Period of at least 120 days from the date of Bid opening;
- x. Evidence of Employees Open Retirement Savings Account (RSA) with a Pension Administrator of their choice;
- xi. Evidence of Remittance for both Employee and Employee Pension Contribution to the appropriate Pension Fund Custodian not later than 7 days from the date of payment of salaries;
- xii. Evidence of transfer of all Pension Funds and Assets prior to the commencement of the Pension Reform Act to licensed Pension Operators;
- xiii. Any other additional information/document that will enhance the Company's application.

3.2 Bidders should submit separate application for each Lot and for not more than two lots

3.3 Bid Documents should be obtained within 4 weeks of the date of this publication and submitted not later than 6 weeks from the date of publication.

3.4 Only Bidders who qualify from the Technical Bid assessment will have their Financial Bids opened for analysis. They shall be invited for that not later than 14 days from the Technical Bids opening day.

3.5 Submission of the Bid Documents is not a contractual agreement between any Company and Federal Medical Centre, Bida. Only Companies that are successful at both the Technical and Financial bidding sessions will be contacted for further processes.

RETURN OF BIDS

4.0 All Bids shall be submitted in wax sealed envelopes

4.1 All sealed envelopes must have the Company's Name, Address and contact Phone number clearly written at the second side of the envelope and addressed to:

The Medical Director,
Federal Medical Centre,
P. M. B. 14,
Bida, Niger State.

4.2 All bids shall be delivered into the appropriate Bid Boxes on or before 12.00 noon on 12/07/2010 at

Procurement Unit,
Medical Director's Office,
Federal Medical Centre,
Bida.

NB:

- a. Documents submitted late will be rejected
- b. Documents must be submitted physically, not by post or electronic transfer
- c. Bid Documents submitted in any other location/address other than the one given above will become invalid.

OPENING OF BIDS

5.0 Documents Bids will be opened in the presence of the Companies representatives who choose to attend in person in the Conference Hall of the Federal Medical Centre, Bida at 2.00 pm on 12/07/2010.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Procurement Unit, Medical Directors' Office, Federal Medical Centre, Bida from 9:00am to 4:00pm, Monday to Friday.

SIGNED
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For: Medical Director



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COMMUNIQUE

The Bridge Builders Frontiers, a non-profit and non governmental Organization with primary objectives of fostering good governance, institutionalization of democracy in Nigeria, promoting consensus building among Nigerians, supporting and encouraging Nigerians with proven leadership potentials and elimination of all forms of discrimination among our people. Held a well attended National Officers meeting of its Zonal Coordinators and State Directors at Bolingo Hotel Abuja on 27th May 2010 as a follow-up to its Executive meeting of 28th April 2010, to chart a way forward in strengthening good governance in Nigeria.

Trustees and Patrons of the Frontiers were also present at the meeting in addition to political opinion leaders from all the Geopolitical zones of the country.

The President of BBF in his welcome address outlined the mission and vision statement of the Frontiers and the challenges facing the Nigerian democracy. He listed these as:

- Lack of internal democracy in the political parties and its attendant effect on the quality of the election process.
- Poorly defined manifestoes of political parties that do not permit proper assessment of their performances;
- Poor economic state of the country especially the high rate of poverty and the poor state of the Nigerian people:
- Poor electricity power situation in the country and its effects on the production capacity and unemployment situation in the country.
- The poor security situation in the country and the need to quickly address it.

The President then called on the members of Frontiers to be ready to mobilize the grass-root people for the advocacy of good governance and the institutionalization of democracy.

Three papers were presented at the meeting on the following areas:

1. Institutionalizing Democratic Principles in our Political System: the Concept, the practice and the dividends by Dr. Mohmoud Lawan of Bayero University, Kano.
2. Enthronement of good Governance: a panacea for Social Harmony and Development in Nigeria- Secretary Nigerian

Labour Congress.

3. Framework for Grass-Root Mobilization for Good Governance and participatory Democracy in Nigeria by Dr. Davidson Aminu- National Orientation Agency.

RESOLUTIONS

Participants at the meeting made the following resolutions:

1. That Nigerians deserve good governance, Social Harmony and improved quality of life from us leaders for sustenance of its democracy.
2. That the first step to the enthronement of good governance and social harmony is electoral reform and transparent election, and that every effort should be put in place to eliminate electoral corruption.
3. That the electoral reforms should seriously address the processes and procedures for determining election petitions and that no one should be sworn in until after the determination of any election petition against the individual.
4. That state Directors should in line with the constitution of BBF create structures in the States, Local Government and Wards to mobilize the populace for the advocacy of good governance and participating democracy;
5. That step should be taken to ensure internal democracy in all political parties.
6. That leadership in Nigeria should emerge based on acceptance and ability to deliver and not on where one comes from or ones religious affiliation.
7. BBF enjoins all Nigerians to identify with and support the ideals of BBF for good governance and democracy in Nigeria.

Signed

Engr. Godie Ikechi
 President

Barr. Ibrahim M. Sani
 General Secretary

News Extra

Addicted to ink

...The world's most tattooed woman flaunts her body art

What began as a bid to cover up a nasty skin condition has resulted into a Guinness World Record for an American who has been named the most tattooed woman in the world.

Julia Gnuse - nicknamed the 'illustrated lady' - has 95 per cent of her body covered in ink, ranging from jungle scenes and cartoons to her favourite actors.

Miss Gnuse, from California, started getting tattoos on her legs after developing a skin condition called porphyria, which causes the skin to blister when exposed to sunlight.

She then turned her attention to her stomach, arms and back and before long was addicted to body art.

In an interview, Miss Gnuse said although the ink did not stop her skin from blistering, it covered up the scars and allowed her to be exposed to the sun.

'I did this for the reason of cov-

“I did this for the reason of covering scarring from the blisters. They get as deep as three degree burn,” she said.

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'I had a friend who is a plastic surgeon, who suggested tattooing my skin the same color to the scarring that I had, seeing if we can match my just pale-looking skin that I had.'

'That didn't work. We tried it. It was very difficult to match that. So I had the idea of a colorful tattoo, then I got hooked. I got addicted.'

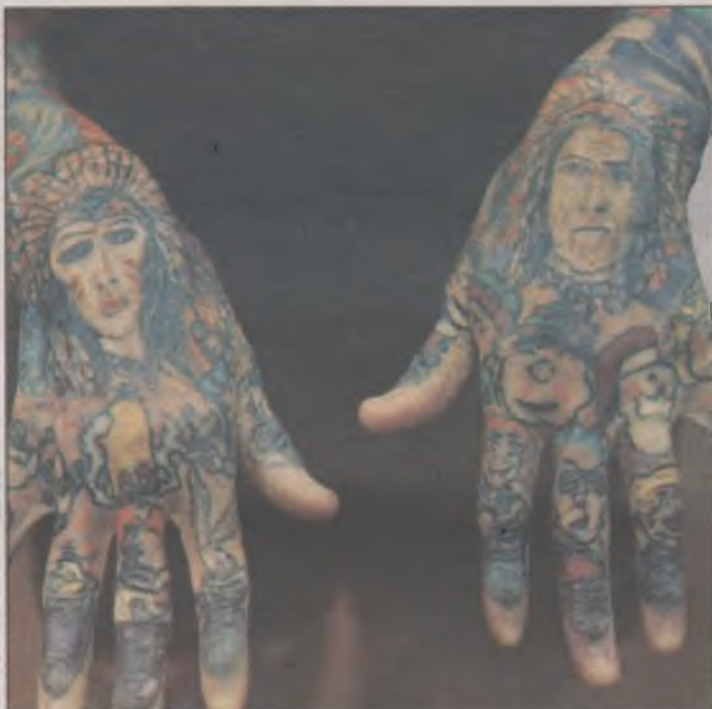
Miss Gnuse said there was medication available for her con-

dition, but said taking it could have placed her at risk of blindness.

Miss Gnuse, who unveiled her tattoos at a BookExpo in New York yesterday, said every one of her designs had been created by the same tattoo artist.



RECORD breaking: Julia Gnuse holds a Guinness World Record for the most tattooed woman in the world



MISS Gnuse, from California, said she became addicted to body art after first getting tattoos on her legs



NICKNAMED the 'illustrated lady' the images on Miss Gnuse's body range from jungle scenes and cartoons to her favourite actors



MISS Gnuse features in the 2011 Guinness World Records book



JOS UNIVERSITY TEACHING HOSPITAL JOS, NIGERIA

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS FOR THE EXECUTION OF 2010 CAPITAL PROJECTS.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Jos University Teaching Hospital hereby invites interested and reputable Contractors, Suppliers and Manufacturers with relevant experience and good track record for pre-qualification for the following jobs:

Lot A: CONSTRUCTIONS:

1. Completion of Laundry Department
2. Completion of Maintenance Department
3. Completion of Doctor's Quarters
4. Completion of Storm water Drainages (Phase III)
5. Driveways and parking Lots
6. Renovation of Board Guest Houses
7. Renovation/Alterations of walls
8. Relocation department at Permanent Site.

Lot B: SUPPLIES:

1. Medical/Hospital Equipment
2. Office Equipment/Furniture
3. Vehicles
4. Generators
5. Spare/Service Parts for Piped Medical Gases at the Permanent Site.
6. Air-Conditioners

Lot C: MAINTENANCE/FACILITY MANAGEMENT

1. Fumigation and cleaning of External grounds
2. Maintenance of Horticulture and Landscaping
3. Fumigation, cleaning and maintenance of Wards, offices and Stores
4. External electrical installations
5. External Mechanical/Plumbing installations
6. Sewage Treatment Plant
7. Water sourcing/Treatment Plant
8. Generators
9. Vehicles
10. Lifts
11. Medical Gas Plant
12. Street lights

2.0 PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following are the pre-qualification requirements that should be submitted by interested Contractors, Suppliers and Manufacturers:

- (a) Evidence of Incorporation of Company in Nigeria with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC).
- (b) Audited Accounts for the last three years (2007, 2008 & 2009)
- (c) Evidence of Tax Clearance Certificate (2007, 2008 & 2009)
- (d) Evidence of Tax Identification Number (TIN No.)
- (e) Copy of Provisional Certificate of Registration as JUTH Contractor in the appropriate Category (i.e. Category C and D only).
- (f) Evidence of Financial capability and Banking support (Name and address of bank(s))
- (g) Evidence of similar and VERIFIABLE Projects successfully executed within the last five (5) years (Completion Certificates).
- (h) Evidence of VAT Registration where applicable.
- (i) Evidence of Manufacturer(s) representation or distributorship.
- (j) Evidence of Equipment and Technology capability.
- (k) Comprehensive Company Profile and Organisational Structure.
- (l) Evidence/Experience of Technical Qualifications and Experience of Key Personnel.
- (m) Evidence of opening of Retirement Savings Account (R.S.A) for staff or employees with a Pension Fund Administrator (P.F.A).
- (n) Registration with JUTH

3.0 PLEASE NOTE:

Notwithstanding the submission of the pre-qualification information, Jos University teaching Hospital is neither committed nor obliged to include any company bid list.

- i. Only pre-qualified companies shall be invited to competitively tender for the projects
- ii. Pre-qualified companies will be required to pay non-refundable fees to obtain the full tender documents in respect of the project(s).
- iii. Original documents on any aspect of a company's submission may be requested for sighting.
- iv. Jos University Teaching Hospital reserves the right to verify any claim by the companies. Companies shall therefore include necessary authority and guarantee for such verification, absence of which could result in the disqualification of such a bid.
- v. The notice of "Invitation to Pre-Qualification" shall not be construed as commitment on the part of Jos University Teaching Hospital nor shall it entitle any company to make claims or seek any indemnity from Jos University Teaching Hospital.

4.0 SUBMISSION OF PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS

The complete pre-qualification documents with full pagination should be in Ten (10) spiral bound copies (unbound submissions will NOT be accepted) enclosed in an envelope, sealed and marked "PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR (indicate the Lot)" at the top right hand corner of the envelope and addressed to:

**The Chief Medical Director,
Jos University Teaching Hospital,
P.M.B. 2076,
Jos - Plateau State.**

The complete Pre-qualification documents should be deposited in the Tenders Box in the office of the **Director of Administration, Jos University Teaching Hospital, Permanent Site, Lamingo** within two weeks from the date of this notice.

5.0 OPENING OF PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS

The submitted documents shall be opened the same day in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend at the Hospital's Conference Hall at 2.00pm at the Permanent Site, Lamingo, Jos

**Signed:
MR. C. T. KANGKUM
Director of Administration
For: Chief Medical Director**



NATIONAL ORIENTATION AGENCY

BLOCK 'B', AREA 1, FED. SECRETARIAT, GARKI - ABUJA

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION AND TENDER FOR GOODS AND WORKS FOR 2010 CAPITAL PROJECTS.

The National Orientation Agency is mandated to enlighten, orientate and mobilize Nigerians on their Civic responsibilities and rights; accepting and exhibiting socially accepted values and norms which would project both the individual's national pride and Nigerians Corporate image in general. The Agency also has the responsibility of explaining in simple language, government policies to the citizenry at the grass root thereby providing a feedback mechanism by which people's feelings and reactions to such policies are relayed back to the government. To facilitate the achievement of this mandate, it is necessary to provide the requisite working tools and conducive environment for its personnel. In compliance with the Due Process Guidelines, the Agency hereby invites experienced, reputable and registered contractors/suppliers to bid for the following:-

A. PROCUREMENT OF GOODS

- Lot 1 -Supply of office furniture
- Lot 2 -Supply of Computers
- Lot 3 -Supply of Electricity/Generating sets.
- Lot 4 -Supply of Public Address Systems (PAS)

B. PROCUREMENT OF WORKS

- Lot 5 - Renovation of National Orientation Agency office, Kebbi State.
- Lot 6 - Renovation of National Orientation Agency office, Abia State.

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT:

- i). Evidence of Registration with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC).
- ii). Evidence of Tax Clearance Certificate for the last three (3) years. iii). Photocopy of VAT Certificate and evidence of past VAT remittance. v). Company profile with names and qualification(s) of key personnel. vi). Evidence of experience in similar jobs within the last three (3) years with detailed description of the jobs, and certificate or evidence of completion.
- vii). Letter of attestation (original copy) of good financial standing of the company from a reputable Bank.
- viii). Evidence of payment of N10, 000.00 (Ten thousand naira) only Tenders fee.

Tender Documents

Tender documents containing detailed description of each project can be obtained from Room 332, Procurement Unit, NOA Headquarters, Abuja.

Submission:

All documents should be addressed to **The Director-General, National Orientation Agency, Headquarters.**

Attention: **Deputy Director (Procurement),**

All documents should be dropped by hand into the Tender Box located in room 332, Procurement office.

Pre-qualification and Financial Tender documents should be submitted in duplicate in separate envelopes, sealed and clearly marked with the project and lot title boldly marked at the right corner of the envelope (e.g. LOT 1. 'Supply of office furniture')

Closing

Submission and Collection of Tenders document shall close at 12:00 noon, Monday, July 12th, 2010. Late bids shall not be accepted please.

Please Note:

- * The Agency is not obliged to award any contract to any contractor/supplier
- * All documents (from relevant Agencies like CAC, FIRS, Financial institutions etc) shall be subjected to verification by the committee
- * Only companies that have been successfully screened and found competent to provide the service(s) will have their financial tenders considered.

Opening of Tenders: Bids will be opened on

- * Date: Monday, July 12th, 2010
- * Venue: Conference Room, NOA Hqtrs, Old Fed. Secretariat, Abuja
- * Time: 1:00pm

Signed

**ALH. IDIM. FARUK, MFR
Director General**

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KATSINA STATE

EDUCATION TRUST FUND 2009 INTERVENTION PROJECTS

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S/No. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECTS

- I Procurement of 77nos. Tables and Chairs COE/DUTSINMA/ETF/09/01.
- II Procurement of 50nos. Magnetic Board COE/DUTSINMA/ETF/09/02
- III Procurement of 2nos. Riso Machines COE/DUTSINMA/ETF/09/03.
- IV Procurement of 300no. of 5 Seater Student Desks and Chairs (Combined) COE/DUTSINMA/ETF/09/04.
- V Procurement of Language Laboratory Equipment COE/DUTSINMA/ETF/09/05.
- VI Procurement of 240 Students Double Decker Beds COE/DUTSINMA/ETF/09/06.
- VII Procurement of 480 Students Mattresses COE/DUTSINMA/ETF/09/07.
- VIII Procurement of 3nos. Photocopiers (Sharp 5520) model) COE/DUTSINMA/ETF/09/08.
- IX Procurement of 3nos. Photocopiers (Sharp 5516 model) COE/DUTSINMA/ETF/09/09.
- X Procurement of 10nos. Laminating Machines COE/DUTSINMA/ETF/09/10.
- XI Procurement of 4nos. Scanning Machines COE/DUTSINMA/ETF/09/11.
- XII Procurement of 4nos. Electronic Typewriters COE/DUTSINMA/ETF/09/12.
- XIII Procurement of 20nos. Standing Fans (OX) COE/DUTSINMA/ETF/09/13.
- XIV Procurement of 2nos. A2 size Printers COE/DUTSINMA/ETF/09/14.
- XV Procurement of 1no. Inverter (3.5KVA) COE/DUTSINMA/ETF/09/15.
- XVI Procurement of 100nos. UPSs Corner Stone 650KVA COE/DUTSINMA/ETF/09/16.
- XVII Procurement of 1no. 1500 APC COE/DUTSINMA/ETF/09/17

- XVIII Procurement of 35nos. Foreign Steel Cabinet Drawers COE/DUTSINMA/ETF/09/18.
- XIX Procurement of 40nos. Local Steel Cabinet Drawers COE/DUTSINMA/ETF/09/19.

PREQUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- i. Evidence of registration of company with Corporate Affairs Commission.
- ii. Tax Clearance Certificate for the last three years.
- iii. Evidence of VAT Registration Certificate
- iv. Payment of non-refundable processing fee of N10,000.00 per lot.
- v. Tender documents can be obtained from the Office of the Registrar between the hours of 10:00am to 2:30pm on Mondays to Thursday and from 10:00am to 12:30pm on Fridays.

SUBMISSION OF PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENT

- i. The pre-qualification document must be sealed and returned to the office of the Registrar not later than two weeks from the date of this publication.
- ii. Pre-qualification is not a commitment by the College nor shall it entitle tenders to any claims whatsoever. It is not an invitation to bid.

TENDER DOCUMENTS

Only contractors who have pre-qualified and are capable of executing the contract may be allowed to tender.

**Signed:
Registrar.**

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Minister warns developers as collapsed building claim one

By Nasir Imam

MINISTER of Federal Capital Territory, Senator Bala Mohammedon Saturday warned property developers and owners in the FCT to always comply fully with laid down rules and regulations in order to prevent incidents of collapsed buildings, waste of resources and other ugly developments. He pledged to ensure that all those who flout the rules and regulations guiding struc-

tural development in the federal capital are brought to book.

According to a statement issued Saturday by the Special Assistant to the Minister on Media, Nosike Ogbuenyi, Senator Bala Mohammed was speaking during an inspection of a three-storey building, under construction, located along Nkwerre Street, Garki 2 in Abuja metropolis, which collapsed in the early hours of yesterday. One out of five occupants of the uncompleted structure died while three others sustained

injuries. The fifth occupant was rescued unhurt.

The Minister who cut short other engagements to visit the scene, described the incident as a sad fallout of non-compliance with building rules and regulations. He stated that the FCTA has always insisted on full compliance with civil and technical specifications. He warned that the administration will not condone unwholesome practices by property owners and developers.

'Awareness critical to Nigeria's construction, real estate growth'

From Chris Agabi, Lagos

AWARENESS creation about Nigeria's built industry is key to its growth and development. Dr. Meckson Innocent Okoro, Principal Partner, M.I Okoro and Associates has said.

Okoro who was speaking in Lagos at the launch of a new TV programme dedicated to real estate and construction issues in Nigeria, 'real estate today with M.I. Okoro & associates' said the build industry need more awareness if it must grow.

He also noted that the government and the private sector must be ready to invest heavily in Nigeria's built sector to grow.

"The programme will be a vent point where the activities of each state and the federal government and their agencies on housing, real estate and environment will be professionally analysed and rated without mixed feelings by celebrated Nigerians and foreign professionals in the built environment" he said.

The programme which is screened every Mondays on TV Continental (TVC) by 10am (starting from May 24th) Okoro said is to "generally sensitise the public on the need to invest in real estate in Nigeria thereby increasing the nation's housing supply, job creation and environmental enhancement.

"It is pertinent to highlight that construction/building industry is the highest employer of labour in any nation thereby assisting with socio-economic development leading to crime reduction" he noted.

Going forward he said, the programme will be syndicated to other local TV stations, DSTV and Ben TV in the United Kingdom.

In the first quarter he said, the following issues will be addressed. "Causes of building collapse, legal issues on property matter, the role of town planning in national economic development in Nigeria, the role and contribution of Nigerians Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers to Nation Building.

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Lafia gets monument depicting lifestyle in Nasarawa

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

A monument depicting the lifestyle of the people of Nasarawa State is in the making at the Doma Road Junction Roundabout which construction is still ongoing.

Project Director and Consultant to the state government on the ongoing Urban Renewal Programme, Engr. Ali Rabi'u told Daily Trust, yesterday that the design is part of the administration's effort to bring beauty and aesthetics to the state capital. "The monument is being built to depict the many aspects of the life of the people of Nasarawa State. It will incorporate a water fountain with a concrete source

where water will be served. It is going to give Lafia a new and beautiful look," Engr. Rabi'u said.

He said the contract was not initially part of the roundabout project which the Chinese construction firm, CCECC handled. "CCECC has done their work and left. This one is an additional project which is the work of a sculptor. CCECC provided a roundabout and that was the specification given to them", he said.

The roundabout project suffered serious setback resulting from nonpayment of contract sum, according to representatives of CCECC who had told newsmen during the inspection by the former Works Commissioner, Ofoku

Giza that payment was not steady.

The Federal Ministry of Works, Housing and Urban Development permitted the construction of the roundabout along a federal road - Lafia-Jos Road, giving the state government a specification which entails that the job be completed within weeks, and that road at the roundabout must conform to the standard of road provided by the federal government.

However, the project dragged for over a year, just as the quality of road provided at the roundabout falls far short of the standard on the federal road. But the state government has continued to dodge questions about the project.

NSCDC wants land to build Plateau HQ

From Mahmud Lalo, Jos

THE Nigeria Civil Defence Corps NSCDC has appealed to the government of Plateau state to provide them with a plot of land to build its state headquarters.

Plateau state commandant Mr. Desmond C. Agu made the appeal at the passing out parade of 445 out of the 16,850 recruits who applied through the state command at the weekend.

He also called on the state government to help renovate the defunct NRC local government headquarters as well

as help provide vehicles and motorcycles for security patrol stressing that provision of such needs would go a long way in allowing them to effectively execute their duties with fewer difficulties.

While addressing the young recruits, the Plateau NSCDC commandant urged the young recruits to be dedicated to "the God given job" saying that they "should maintain a high sense of discipline, loyalty and commitment to their duty where ever they are posted to".

Agu who commended the state Governor for the provision of logistics and feeding during the training also called

on them to do their work with diligence in order to deliver the constitutional responsibilities of the Corps".

The Commandant also expressed gratitude to the state Commissioner of police for his cordial working relationship with the Corps.

In his remarks, the Governor of Plateau state, Jonah Jang expressed his appreciation to the commandant General and the state Commandant of the NSCDC for their commitment, dedication and diligence in serving the nation.

Jang who was represented by the State Attorney General and Commis-

sioner for justice Edward G. Pwajok also commended the NSCDC for the provision of relief materials and assistance to victims of Jos crisis saying the state shall continue to collaborate with the command "by providing necessary logistics assistance within the state's capacity."

He added "I therefore, specially congratulates the new recruits and wish you a rewarding career in the Nigerian Civil Defence Corps and urge you to display the highest sense of patriotism in the discharge of your duty."

CONGRATULATIONS TO AN ACHIEVER

As I join numerous well wishers in congratulating His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Sokoto State, Alhaji Aliyu Magatakarda Wammako, let me say that your vision as a democrat has manifest with the unprecedented democratic dividends our people are enjoying in the areas of security, employment, health, agriculture, general infrastructure, education and above all good governance.



Alhaji Aliyu Magatakarda Wammako



M. D. ABUBAKAR

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CONGRATULATIONS ONCE AGAIN

Signed
M. D. ABUBAKAR
IYAN BODINGA



**FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
P.M.B. 2041, KATSINA**

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS

A. INTRODUCTION

The Federal College of Education, Katsina intends to execute the under listed projects in the College year 2010 Capital Appropriation.

- i. Construction of school of Science Complex
- ii. Purchase of Science Laboratories Equipment
- iii. Classroom Furniture of SASS and Languages
- iv. Generating Set for Library

B. PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS FOR CONTRACTORS

All interested, experience and reputable contractors are hereby invited to submit the following documents for the above jobs in order to qualify for pre-qualification;

- a). Certificate of incorporation or business registration Certificate
- b). Company Audited Account for the three (3) years.
- c). Three (3) years Tax Clearance Certificate (2007-2009)
- d). Evidence of pensions and social securities contributions
- e). Evidence of financial capacity and Bank Support
- f). Company profile including Technical Qualification and experience of key personnel.
- g). History of similar projects successfully executed and evidence of knowledge of the industry (please attach copies of award letters for on-going projects and practical completion for completed project)

C. SUBMISSION OF PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS

Each submission to be made in sealed envelop marked "Pre-qualification of Contractors indicating the projects that pre-qualification is sought and addressed to:

**The Head Procurement Department
Federal College of Education
P.M.B 2041, Katsina**

To reach him on or before 12:00noon, of 12th July, 2010

All submissions are to include the current contact address and GSM number(s) for ease of communication.

D. OPENING OF SUBMISSIONS

All submissions received shall be publicly opened by 12:01pm on the day of closing of submissions (i.e. 12th July, 2010) in the College Board Room.

All contractors that make submissions or their representatives are advised to attend the opening exercise.

Only successful contractors in the Pre-qualifications exercise shall be communicated.

Signed
Ah. Abdullahi Abubakar
Registrar



**FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
P.M.B. 2041, KATSINA**

INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the following posts in the Federal College of Education, Katsina:

ACADEMIC STAFF

VACANCIES

The following vacancies exist in the following Academic Departments:

- i. Principal Lecturer: Department of Mathematics
- ii. Senior Lecturer: Dept of Islamic Studies, Arabic (Literature & Methodology), English (Language Literature & Theatre Arts), Biology (Biochemistry, Botany, Micro-Biology), Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics and Physics.
- iii. Lecturer I: Dept of Integrated Science
- iv. Lecturer II: Depts. of Curriculum and Instructional Technology (Educational Technology), Hausa (Language & Literature), Computer Science and Physics.
- v. Lecturer III: Depts. of Chemistry, Computer Science and Integrated Science
- vi. Assist. Lecturer: Depts. of Social Studies, Islamic Studies, Christian Religious Knowledge, Educ. Foundation, French, Computer Science, Physics, Agric Education (Farm Management, Agric Econs & Animal Science) and Bus Education (Economics).
- vii. Computer Technologist: Dept of Bus Education
- viii. Senior Arabic Typist: Dept of Arabic

1. PRINCIPAL LECTURER (CONPCASS 09)

Qualification

1. A holder of a Doctorate degree with at least 9 years experience or Master's degree with at least 11 year experience.
2. 3 additional papers accepted for publication in reputable journal or 3 meaningful contributions in standard textbooks or one standard textbook. Any of above plus 3 Conference/Seminar papers.

2. SENIOR LECTURER (CONPCASS 07)

Qualification

1. A holder of Ph.D with at least 6 years teaching experience or Masters degree with at least 9 years experience.
2. In addition to the above, candidate should have 2 additional papers accepted for publication in reputable Journal plus 2 Conference/Seminar papers.

3. LECTURER I (CONPCASS 05)

Qualification

1. A holder of Ph.D with at least 3 years experience or Masters degree with at least 5 years experience or good honour degree with 7 years experience plus at least 2 Conference/Seminar papers and one Journal article accepted for publication.

4. LECTURER II (CONPCASS 03)

Qualification

1. A holder of a good honour degree plus a minimum of 5 years teaching experience or Master's degree with plus 3 years experience or Ph.D in the relevant field. In addition, the candidate should have 2 seminar papers and one Journal article accepted for publication.

5. LECTURER III (CONPCASS 02)

Qualification

1. A holder of Master's degree in the relevant field or a good honour degree with at least 3 years experience.

6. ASSISTANT LECTURER (CONPCASS 01)

Qualification

1. A holder of good honour degree or equivalent recognized qualification with NYSC Certificate plus evidence of post Secondary Teaching Qualification.

NOTE (DOWN 1-01)

The possession of professional teaching qualification at least (a minimum NCE or PGDE) is mandatory, for all the above mentioned posts.

BUSINESS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

1. COMPUTER TECHNOLOGIST (CONTEDESS 07)

Qualification

1. A holder of a good HND in Computer Science or related subject plus at least two years cognate experience.

ARABIC DEPARTMENT

1. SENIOR ARABIC TYPIST (CONTEDESS 06)

Qualification

1. The applicants should possess a 50 W.P.M. Certificate in Arabic Typewriting; plus SSCE/HIS or and ND in Arabic Language with proficiency in Arabic Typewriting. In addition, an applicant with at least 2 years experience in Arabic typing is an added advantage.

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

The Conditions of Service is the same as obtained in the other Federal College of Education in Nigeria.

SALARY SCALE

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7. CONTEDESS 6	-	N698251	-	N1062683
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METHOD OF APPLICATION

Application should be submitted in ten (10) copies with up-to-date Curriculum Vitae which should include names and address of three referees one of whom must be the present employer, photocopies of credentials must be attached.

Application should be addressed to:

The Registrar
Federal College of Education,
P.M.B. 2041,
Katsina,
Katsina State.

Candidates are required to ask their referees to send Confidential Report on them to the same address above before the closing date.

Closing date: Six (6) weeks from date of this publication (i.e. 12th July, 2010).

Signed
Ah. Abdullahi Abubakar
Registrar

IT WORLD

Hotline:08056159961

'600,000 jobs to be provided through biotech'

By Zakariyya Adaramola & Sunday Williams

BETWEEN 369,000 and 596,000 jobs will be provided in the country through biotechnology before the year 2020, the National Biotechnology Development Agency (NABDA) has said.

Speaking in Abuja last week at the open forum on Agricultural Biotechnology in Africa,

the Director General of NABDA, Prof. Bamidele Solomon, said the adoption of biotech by Nigeria would make more than half a million jobs available in all sectors of the economy.

He said the new technology will contribute positively to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country.

He said countries like Germany and Brazil are reaping big

from the adoption of biotech, adding that Nigeria would soon enjoy the enormous benefits inherent in the technology.

He said: "It may interest us to know that German Association of Biotechnologies Industries and the Foundation Hans Bockler Stiftung reported that by the year 2020 biotechnology would alone secure and create between 369,000 and 596,000 jobs in Ger-

many. An adoption of this technology by Nigeria will have similar consequences on our nation."

Speaking, the Minister of Agriculture, Prof. Shelkh Abdullah said the present administration is working hard to ensure food security in the country.

He said if the government is able to solve the problem of food security, a lot of things will fall back in places.

SIM registration: Etisalat boss asks for more time

From Yunus Abdulhamid, Lagos

DESPITE repeated postponement by the National Communications Commission (NCC) on the dead line for the registration of SIM cards by telecoms operators in Nigeria, the Chief Executive Officer of Etisalat Nigeria, Mr Steven Evans is asking for sufficient time to register existing customers.

He however assured that his company would beat the dead line of August this year which the NCC has directed to be the final date for the cessation of sale of unregistered SIM cards to subscribers.

Mr Steven was speaking in Lagos over the weekend at the Etisalat's Adopt-A-School Career Counselling Programme at the Akande Dahunsi Memorial High School, Ikoyi Lagos. The programme was organized in partnership with the Lagos Empowerment and Resource Network (LEARN) an NGO run by wife of the state Governor, Mrs Abimbola Fashola.

He said "considering that Nigeria has over 60 million existing mobile subscribers, it could take about six to 12 months to have them registered effectively."

He also called on the NCC to embark on massive campaign and public enlightenment that will make the exercise easy as it could be challenging convincing a customer to have his finger prints and other details recorded before he gets a SIM card.

The Etisalat boss said the company takes education as a priority in Nigeria, saying, "Those who get the best education get the best jobs in today's competitive world. This scheme which is a volunteering one by our employees therefore seeks to give back to the society through imparting of the knowledge and skills."



EKITI State Governor Segun Oni welcoming Globacom Media and Public Relations Officer (West), Mrs. Modupe Olubanjo, while Business Director (West), Mr. Adeniyi Olukoya, watches when he led some top functionaries of the company on a visit to the governor recently.

Jonathan directs MDAs to implement ICT4D Plan

By Zakariyya Adaramola

PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan has directed all Ministries, Government Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to begin the implementation of Information and Communication Technology for Development Plan (ICT4DPlan), as part of Federal Government's vision 20:2020.

Speaking while unveiling the ICT4D Plan at the e-Nigeria summit in Abuja, President Jonathan said the implementation of ICT4D would help in the actualization of 20:2020 vision.

Represented by the Minister of Science and Technology, Prof. Muhammed Abubakar, President Jonathan said the 36 states should also study the document carefully and design mechanisms for its implementation in their ministries and local councils.

The President also directed the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) to monitor the implementation of the Plan to ensure its success.

He assured that appropriate budgetary provision will be made for various projects and programmes in the implementation of the Plan. He said though the 20:2020 vision may appear ambitious, the Federal Government is determined to make it realizable.

He said: "On the part of government, I direct that all Ministries, Departments and Agencies should commence immediate implementation of areas of the Nigerian ICT4D Plan that are relevant to their respective mandates."

Oni tasks Glo on rural telephony

By Zakariyya Adaramola

GOVERNOR Segun Oni of Ekiti State has tasked the management of Globacom Telecommunication to ensure the network coverage of all the towns and villages in the state in order to boost communication among the rural and urban dwellers.

Chief Press Secretary to the governor, Mr. Wale Ojo-Lanre said in a statement made available to *Daily Trust* last week that the Governor, while playing host to some top functionaries of the telecommunication company led by its Director for Western Region, Mr. Adeniyi Olukoya in his office at Ado Ekiti applauded the company for its contributions to the Nigeria economy.

He said that there is the need for the company to expand its network base in the state to ensure that more residents enjoy its packages. He explained that the state government has a dream of making telephony accessible to everyone through partnership with the existing telecommunication industries, adding that the company should take hold of its advantage as an indigenous firm by aggressively pursuing the dominance of the existing markets in the state.

MTN refurbishes hospital, donates equipment

From Yunus Abdulhamid, Lagos

MTN Nigeria has commissioned a wing of the Military Hospital in Ikoyi Lagos at a ceremony marking the end of the company's '21 days of Y'ello care 2010.'

The company also donated hospital equipment worth millions including walking sticks for convalescing patients, wheel chairs, mosquito nets etc.

Speaking at the event, MTN General Manager Corporate Communications, Funmi Omogbenigun said the 21 days Y'ello Care was used by MTN group of volunteers across the country to impact on the health of their communities. They embarked on cleaning the surroundings of their environments "with a view to eradicating malaria in our communities."

She said: "The MTN is the sponsor of the FIFA 2010 world cup in June. This event presents a unique opportunity to rally against this mass killer of our people as it is estimated that one million people (90% of whom are children) are killed by malaria every year." In his remarks, the Commanding Officer of the Ikoyi Military Hospital, Brig-General Clement Idehen, said the hospital facility whose clientele is 30% for the military and 70% for civilian had not gotten a facelift for many years.

He thanked the MTN for the initiative and called on other corporate organizations to follow the same line as it would help in the collective effort of having healthy citizenry.

IT World

Top five selling phones: Mixed reactions trail IDC rating

By Zakariyya Adaramola

MIXED reactions have continued to trail the rating of mobile phone brands- in terms of market share- by the International Data Corporation (IDC) as phone sellers reacted differently to the failure of Motorola to make the top five.

IDC, a market research organisation, in information technology and worldwide phone tracking last week announced the top five selling mobile phones in the first quarter of year.

The phones are, Nokia, Samsung, LG, occupying the top three positions, while RIM (Research in Motion) makers of Blackberry replaced Motorola to tie with Sony Ericsson in the fourth position. Motorola and the Apple iPhone did not make the list.

But speaking with *Daily Trust*, Ike Ezechukwu, a mobile seller at Wuse Market, Abuja, said he was surprised that Motorola did not make the list because many Nigerians use the brand.

He said after Nokia and Samsung, Motorola is next brand Nigerians buy in the market.

Ezechukwu, who agreed that the phone may not be doing well in other markets, said even at that he does not believe it should not make the top five.

Another phone seller, Adeola Subair said he is not surprised that Motorola did not make the list.

He said the rating, gave a proper reflection of the performances of the various brands in the global market not only Nigerian market.

Motorola formerly held the number two spot and finished fifth last year, but is now out of the list.

The surprise breakthrough by RIM was considered as a result of growing demand for Smartphone's in the global market.

The Blackberry features as a high-end Smartphone device and RIM shipped 10.6 million units of mobile phones in the first quarter of the year.

"The entrance of RIM into the top five underscores the sustained Smartphone growth trend that is driving the global mobile phone market recovery.

This is also the first time a vendor has dropped out of the top 5 since the second quarter of 2005, when Sony Ericsson grabbed the number 5 spot from BenQ Siemens," said Kevin Restivo, a senior research analyst with IDC's Worldwide Mobile Phone Tracker.

According to IDC the overall global phone market grew 21.7 per cent in first quarter of 2010, thus showing positive signs in phone market for the rest of the year in contrast to the market reduction in first quarter of 2009.

Demand for Smartphone's served as catalyst to the market growth.

Their reports said a total of 294.9 million units of mobile phones were shipped in first quarter of 2010 compared to 242.4 million units in first quarter of 2009.

Google, MTN, others build Africa's largest network at UNN

From Yunus Abdulhamid, Lagos

GOOGLE Inc is a lead sponsor of the University Nigeria Nsukka (UNN) Wireless Network Infrastructure project and has committed to provide a minimum of 25 megabytes per second (mbps) of international Internet bandwidth to the University over an initial three-year period.

Google will also contribute \$40,000 for the last mile/local loop costs, another \$15,000 for consultancy and training to ensure optimal utilization of the IT services as well as email and collaboration tools and guidance. The project would be ready for use by August 2010. Mr. Nyimbi Odero, Office Lead, English Speaking West Africa, Google Inc, said at a ceremony for the project that Google's UNN project is the first in the Google University Access programme for Africa. He said: "We are happy at Google to be part of this epoch-making and standard setting activity. At the end of this project, the University of Nigeria would have the largest wireless network in Africa. This is important because for too long Africa has lagged behind in the new global system unleashed by Information and Communication Technology."

MTN Nigeria Communications would lay the fibre optic cables to connect the three campuses of the University at Nsukka, Enugu and Ituku Ozalla, as well as provide microwave uplink to the Aba campus as a strategic social responsibility project.

Governor Sullivan Chime of Enugu State has already granted Right of Way to MTN for the laying of the cables. Other contributors to the UNN Wireless Infrastructure Network project are Hewlett Packard and Cisco Systems. Project contractors are Business Connexion of South Africa, while network infrastructure would be provided by Xirrus Inc of USA and Wavion Technologies of Israel. UNN Vice Chancellor Prof Bartho Okolo has called for further support from companies, governments and individuals to realize the N3 billion massive infrastructure project. Okolo said the project "is one of the major milestones in the quest to make the University of Nigeria Nsukka a global centre of learning."



Nigerian Content Workshop on Brass LNG Project

Theme: HARNESSING CONTENT CAPABILITIES IN BRASS LNG PROJECT



We are in the process of designing, building and operating a liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant and associated facilities on Brass Island, Bayelsa State, Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Brass LNG stakeholders consider Nigerian content as an important element of their overall project development and management philosophy for project execution.

Consequently the management of Brass LNG will be conducting a two-day workshop to facilitate indigenous participation in the project. At the workshop, we will provide necessary information to the goods and service providers in Nigeria who wish to participate in the project.

The areas of opportunity include engineering, equipment and various commodity suppliers, fabrication, specialty services for plant design, construction and commissioning as well as shipment of LNG from the plant.

The proposed workshop will provide Brass LNG, potential shipyards, and potential owner-operators a better understanding of the availability, capability and capacity of Nigerian engineering, shipping and maritime contractor companies.

Interested companies should send an email latest by 7th June, 2010 to stakeholder.workshop@brasslng.com

Indicating:-

- Company profile, showing In-Country investment, product and/Services
- Company certifications and names of nominees to attend.
- Three years audited statement.
- Summary of Financial capacity and Investment in Nigeria

Note: Attendance is by invitation only. No charge is made for attendance but participants are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation cost. Participation will be limited to a maximum of two nominees per organization.

Companies invited to participate will be notified by email.

VENUE AND DATES: Port-Harcourt: 9.00am - 4.00pm 29th -30th June, 2010

Closing date for this application is the 7th of June, 2010. The specific venue will be indicated in an email to invitees. For further information and clarification, contact Suleiman or Tony on 06039786821, 06039786852



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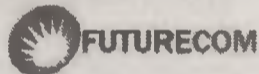
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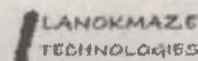
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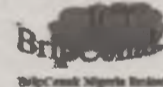
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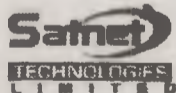
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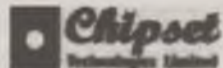
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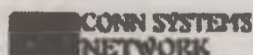
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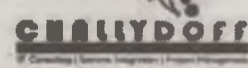
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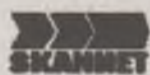
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INVITATION TO SUBMIT TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL PROPOSALS FOR PROJECTS IN THE 2010 APPROPRIATION

INTRODUCTION

The Sokoto Rima River Basin Development Authority wishes to invite qualified and competent companies/firms to submit their technical and financial proposals for the execution of various projects with provisions in the 2010 Appropriation.

SCOPE OF WORKS

A. Rehabilitation of Small Earth Dams at

- Lot 1 Dankajiba Village-Kafur LGA, Katsina State
- Lot 2 Dayi town, Malumfashi LGA, Katsina State
- Lot 3 Gora, Yammama ward, Malumfashi LGA Katsina state
- Lot 4 Nasarawa Mailayi Dam Rehabilitation – Birnin Magaji LGA, Zamfara State

B. Expansion of Kwajali Dam and Construction of Irrigation Scheme in Zango LGA Katsina State.

C. Construction of Earth Dams at:

- Lot 1 Birnin Yawuri – Ngaski LGA, Kebbi State
- Lot 2 Anka Town, Zamfara State
- Lot 3 Kamba, Dandi LGA Kebbi State

D. Ecological Project

- Drainage and culverts at Sabuwar Unguwa, Musawa LGA, Katsina State

E. Land and Survey Operations and Services in 4 State (Katsina, Zamfara, Sokoto and Kebbi)

F. Compulsory Land Acquisition in 4 States (Katsina, Zamfara, Sokoto and Kebbi)

G. Rehabilitation of Kaura Namoda Water Project, Zamfara State

H. Water Supply Projects

- Lot 1 Dongon Daji Water Project
- Lot 2 2nos motorised boreholes with overhead tank and generator at tungar noma, tungar alfarma bani zumbu
- Lot 3 Motorised - Boreholes With Overhead Tank And Generator At Sauwa Argungu, Bubu Augie
- Lot 4 2nos Motorised Boreholes At Kalaluwa, Gidan Dafaji (Wamako LGA) Sokoto State
- Lot 5 Motorised Boreholes In Funtua/Zango And Baure LGAs
- Lot 6 2 Nos Motorised Boreholes In Tsiga Bakori LGA And Community Gilrs Secondary School, Danja
- Lot 7 Motorised Borehole In Charanchi LGA
- Lot 8 Motorised Borehole At Tabhani & Matseri - Gwadabawa LGA
- Lot 9 Motorised Borehole At Gatawa & U/Lalle - S/Birni LGA

- Lot 10 Motorised Borehole At Tungar Noma Kamba L/G
- Lot 11 Motorised Borehole At Kare Arewa L/G- Kebbi State
- Lot 12 Motorised Borehole In The Following Locations: Zuru (Zuru LGA), Tumburku (Danko-Wasagu LGA), Maga (Danko-Wasagu LGA), Makuku (Sakaba LGA)
- Lot 13 Two Hand Pumps - Sabon Garin Safana, Dutsin-Ma LGA
- Lot 14 One Hand Pump At Bajinawa, Dutsin-Ma LGA
- Lot 15 Boreholes Hand Pump At Barkiya, Kurfi Market, Tashar Bara'u Kurfi, Unguwar Baure Wurma, Yarranda Kurfi.
- Lot 16 Handpump Borehole At Jan-Gauta Karofi, Dutsin-Ma LGA, Katsina State.
- Lot 17 Construction Of Boreholes In Birnin-Kebbi LGA
- Lot 18 Construction Of Boreholes In Koko-Besse LGA
- Lot 19 Construction Of Boreholes In Maiyama LGA
- Lot 20 Construction Of Boreholes In Bunza LGA
- Lot 21 Construction Of Boreholes In Jega LGA
- Lot 22 Construction Of Boreholes In Aliero LGA
- Lot 23 Construction Of Boreholes In Gwandu LGA
- Lot 24 Construction Of Boreholes In Kalgo LGA
- Lot 25 Boreholes At Dirin-Daji Sakaba LGA
- Lot 26 Boreholes At Mahuta Fakai LGA
- Lot 27 Motorized Borehole With Overhead Tank At Yakurutu Augie LGA
- Lot 28 Motorized Borehole With Overhead Tank At Filin Idi Argungu LGA
- Lot 29 **Motorized Boreholes At (i) Wakilin Kudu Iii, (ii) Wakilin Arewa, (iii) Wakilin Gabas I**
- Lot 30 Motorized Borehole Tudun Iya Town, Funtua LGA, Katsina State
- Lot 31 Motorized Borehole Magaji Wando Town, Dandume LGA, Katsina State.
- Lot 32 21 Nos Hand Pump Boreholes In (i) **Kankia LGA**: Tafashiya Ward At Butta, Kafinsoli Ward, Ghachi Ward At Doroyal, Magam Ward At Tashar Gamji, Kunduru Ward At Bajawa, Kafindangi Ward At Manshagala, Fakuwa Ward; (ii) **Kusada LGA**: Bauranya Ward A, Bauranya Ward B, Yashe Ward A At Kauwaran Yashe, Yashe Ward B At Maijigira, Kaikai Ward, Mawashi Ward, Yashe Ward A; (iii) **Ingawa LGA**: Yandoma Ward B, Bareruwa Ruruma Ward, Daunaka Ward, Dukuma Ward, Yaya Ladan Ward, Ganjuwa Ward, Amalaya Kurteji Ward.
- Lot 33 Boreholes In Kurfi, Yalliyau, Yarranda, Kauyen Sonu, Birchi, Wurma, Rawayau - Kurfi LGA
- Lot 34 Motorized Borehole At Dankama Town, Kaita LGA.
- Lot 35 Motorized Borehole Daddara Town, Jibia LGA
- Lot 36 Motorized Borehole At Kasanski Town, Mashi LGA
- Lot 37 Motorized Borehole At Doguru Town, Mashi LGA
- Lot 38 Motorized Borehole At Kayawa Town, Dutsi LGA

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- Lot 39 Motorized Borehole At Danaunaj, Dutsi LGA
- Lot 40 Motorized Borehole At Marabar Musawa, Musawa LGA
- Lot 41 Motorized Borehole At Tsohuwar Kasuwa Matazu, Matazu LGA

I Small Irrigation Schemes in four (4) States

Drilling of tube wells and supply of irrigation(hand) pumps at

- Lot 1 Indiyah – Argungu, Kebbi State
- Lot 2 Sokoto East Zone, Sokoto State
- Lot 3 Katsina State
- Lot 4 Kebbi North, Kebbi State

J Rehabilitation of Bakolori Irrigation Project, Talata Mafara, Zamfara State.

K Consultancy Services on:

1. Supervision

- Lot 1 Compulsory Land Acquisition in four (4) states
- Lot 2 Land and Survey Operation and Services in four (4) States
- Lot 3 Earth Dam at Anka Town, Zamfara State
- Lot 4 Rehabilitation of Kaura Namoda Water Project, Zamfara State
- Lot 5 Sokoto Rima Dongon Daji Water Project, Sokoto State
- Lot 6 Small Irrigation Scheme in Sokoto East Zone, Sokoto State
- Lot 7 Small Irrigation Scheme in Katsina State
- Lot 8 Small Irrigation Scheme in Kebbi North, Kebbi State
- Lot 9 Nasarawa Mailayi Dam Rehabilitation – Birnin Magaji LGA, Zamfara State
- Lot 10 Motorised Boreholes In Funtua/Zango And Baure LGAs
- Lot 11 Rehabilitation of Bakolori Irrigation Project, Talata Mafara, Zamfara State.

2. Study and Design

- Lot 1 Dam Rehabilitation and Construction of Irrigation Scheme in Bilbis, Zamfara State.
- Lot 2 Construction of Small Irrigation Project at Damarke, Kankara LGA, Katsina State.
- Lot 3 Rehabilitation of Water Treatment Plant and distribution at Mashi, Mashi LGA Katsina State
- Lot 4 Faskari Earth Dam, Faskari LGA, Katsina State
- Lot 5 Water Treatment Plant at Shagari Town, Sokoto state

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

FOR CONSTRUCTION

- Evidence of construction of equipment capability and their status where applicable
- List of personnel: their qualifications (CV) and experience in similar works.
- Financial status of the company, which should include financial annual reports and tax clearance certificates for the last three (3) years.
- VAT Certificate and FIRS PIN number
- Bank reference letter
- Full Accounts details including SORT code
- Evidence of Pension and Social Security Contribution

FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES

- Evidence of experience in at least (5) jobs of similar

nature and complexity executed within the last five years with verifiable letters of contract award and certificates of job completion

- Company profile with copy of Article of Association, memoranda of understanding and company's registration with professional bodies particularly COREN
- Evidence of personnel capability including list of key professionals, curriculum vitea of each professionals, registration with professional bodies such as COREN etc.
- Submission of three (3) years Audited Accounts with annual Turn over of N5Million in any of the last three (3) years.

COLLECTION OF FINANCIAL DOCUMENT

Interested companies can, on presentation of written application and evidence of payment of tender fee, collect tender documents(s) from 12 noon Wednesday 2nd June 2010 from the office of

The Managing Director
Sokoto Rima River Basin development Authority,
Damale Kaita House, P.M,B 2223,
KM 10, Gusau Road, Sokoto

SUBMISSION/OPENING OF DOCUMENTS

Completed Technical and Financial proposals for the project of interest should be submitted in two (2) hard copies and one (1) electronic copy in Microsoft Office and enclosed in separate sealed envelopes marked 'Technical' and 'Financial' and both in a third envelope with the project name marked clearly on top right hand corner, and addressed to:

The Managing Director,
Sokoto Rima River Basin Development Authority,
Damale Kaita House, PMB 2223,
KM 10, Gusau Road, Sokoto

To reach him on or before Wednesday June 30th, 2010

Only the Financial bids for pre-qualified Contractors and Consultants shall be opened.

Bid Opening exercise shall be conducted publically in the Board Room of the Sokoto Rima River Basin Development Authority on the closing date of submission.

All Bidders are expected to bring along the ORIGINAL COPIES of their Certificates of Incorporation and Tax Clearance, for sighting, if required.

All Non Governmental Organization (NGOs) are invited to witness the Bids Opening.

DISCLAIMER

This invitation is published for information purposes and does not constitute an offer by this Authority with any party for the projects, nor does it constitute a commitment or obligation on the part of this Authority to procure concession services.

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**Signed
Management**

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Bizmen seek police help over threats

By Romoke W. Ahmad

THREE Abuja based businessmen have petitioned the inspector-general of police over threats to their lives by political thugs.

Abubakar Mohammed Kent, Abdulmumuni Bello and Suleiman Abdullahi in a petition dated May 24 and titled 'Criminal Complaint: Intimidation and threat to life', alleged that one Samari unleashed political thugs on them over their decisions to withdraw support for a former House of Representatives aspirant, who declared interest to run for the same office in 2011, because of dif-

ferences in political ideology and integrity.

They stated in the letter that their decision to withdraw support was over the source of the aspirant's wealth, adding that after several overtures for reconciliation failed, their lives were threatened through phone calls, adding that three different callers threatened to kill them and their families, even as they informed them that they already knew their residences addresses in Abuja and Okene.

A police officer at the inspector-general of police registry confirmed receipt of the petition and said the matter will be investigated.

Two die in Abaji auto crash

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

TWO persons lost their lives while one other sustained serious injuries last Wednesday night in a ghastly motor accident that occurred at Manderegi village, near Abaji, along the Abuja-Lokoja highway.

An eyewitness said the accident happened when a BMW car without plate number lost control and crashed into a truck, killing two occupants of the vehicle instantly.

Our reporter learnt that the car was driven from Cotonou to Abuja, when the incident happened.

Rescue officials of the Federal

Road Safety Commission (FRSC) at Abaji Unit command evacuated the corpses to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital's Morgue.

Abaji FRSC unit Commander, Mr. Joseph Ojerinde, attributed the accident cause to dangerous driving, adding that the injured person was taken to Abaji General Hospital.

He further disclosed that one person also died in another accident that occurred last Thursday afternoon at Chikara village, along the same road.

According to him, the accident occurred when a Daf truck with registration number XJ 299 EPE lost control while overtaking and

rammed into a tree, killing one person instantly.

In another development, 11 passengers in a commercial bus sustained various degrees of injuries last Thursday evening in a motor accident that occurred at Dangara junction, along the Abuja-Lokoja highway.

An eyewitness said the 18-seats bus lost control and crashed into the ditch, leaving 11 passengers seriously wounded.

Yangoji FRSC unit Commander, Abdullai Umar, blamed the accident on dangerous driving, saying the victims were taken to Kwali General Hospital for treatment.



ABAJI council officials during the Children's Day Celebration at Abaji on Thursday.

Abaji council boss wins Senate award

By Hussein Yahaya

THE Senate Committee on Labour and Productivity over the weekend honoured the Chairman of Abaji Area Council, Alhaji Yahaya Musa Mohammed, as the most outstanding labour friendly area

council chairman in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

The award was presented to the recipient by the chairman Senate Committee on Labour and Productivity, Senator Wilson Ake, who represented the Minister of Labour and Productivity Chief Emeka Wogu.

Senator Saminu Turaki, who represented the senate-president, urged labour unions to use peaceful means in resolving issues with government. He called for meaningful dialogues in resolving such differences.

Receiving the award, Mohammad thanked the

organisers and commended the role played by the committee members in resolving labour crisis.

The award ceremony, which was organised in conjunction with Segnip Promotion Nigeria Limited, attracted a lot of dignitaries.

...As DRTS warns against over speeding

By Ogechi Ohalee

THE Directorate of Road Traffic Services (DRTS) Friday warned cab drivers and other road users in the FCT that they will be prosecuted for over speeding as well as driving against traffic.

The motorists were also informed that they will also be prosecuted for blowing their horns loud.

Director of the directorate, Retired Major Adamu S. Argungu, enlightened commercial taxi operators on the menace of illegal parking and the need to obey all traffic rules/ regulations in FCT.

He said any vehicle parked on the run way will be termed as abandoned; while sleeping inside cars will no longer be tolerated any more.

'Drivers should establish motor parks instead of opening illegal motor parks that may constitute nuisance as Abuja has a master plan where things should be done in an orderly form,' the director stated.

He told the drivers that the offense of operating an illegal motor parks is N20,000, which is not negotiable, adding that strict sanitation be observed in legal parks.

Argungu called on cab drivers to fix roof light and place dustbins inside their vehicles in order to move freely round the territory.

He warned that unpainted cabs will be impounded and a fine of N11,000 imposed on such operators.

The director also reminded motorists of the August 2 deadline for vehicles plying FCT roads to be encoded.

Reacting, Chairman FCT Taxi Driver's Association, Mr. Fadipe Lawrence, requested that the FCT Administration construct motor parks for them.

'Taxi drivers do not have a place to rest, that is why they sleep in their cars on run ways,' he revealed.

The Director assured the cab drivers that he would present their demands to the minister.

Commenting further, Yusuf Jack, deputy director operations of DRTS, told the drivers that the road traffic regulation laws stipulates that the directorate monitors spare parts sold in Abuja to curtail the sale of fake parts.

He said unclean vehicles will be impounded and advised them to avoid fake driver's license.

NYSC warns employers of fake corps members

By Mustapha Suleiman & Gladys Ogechi Nworogu

THE FCT National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Friday alerted employers of labour to be wary of fake corps members, who submit forged posting letters to undergo the compulsory one year service in their organisations.

FCT NYSC Coordinator, Mrs. Linda Amugo, advised

employers to verify the corps members serving in their establishments through the following website: www.nyscfct.com.

She cited the case of two suspected fake female corps members traced to a microfinance bank and said the NYSC management has swung into action to ensure that the corps members face the music for impersonation.

According to her, the NYSC

management was touched about the story of a duped corps member and decided to investigate and discovered she had a forged NYSC registration number as well as posting letter, which was submitted to the bank. "There were three corps members posted to that bank and only one submitted a genuine posting letter while the other two, including the dupe person are fake corps

members as far as the NYSC is concerned," she added.

The coordinator disclosed that the NYSC is looking for the fake corps members, adding that as soon as she is available, she will be prosecuted.

"We will not fold our arms and watch unqualified people impersonate and tarnish the good image that the NYSC Scheme is meant to serve," she vowed.

Abaji polls: Tribunal to hear AC petition tomorrow

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

THE election petition tribunal sitting at Jabi and headed by Justice Ramatu Gulma will tomorrow hear a petition filed by the Action Congress (AC) aspirant in the last Abaji polls, Alhaji Abdulrahman Ajiya, against the Independent National Election Commission (INEC).

The AC aspirant is challenging INEC for declaring Alhaji Musa Yahaya Mohammed of the PDP as the winner of the polls. Our reporter learnt

that the five-member tribunal after receiving the petition, sent a court summons to the incumbent council Chairman, Alhaji Mohammad for his response and a hearing date has fixed for Monday (today) was shifted due to the public holiday declared by the federal government.

It would be recalled that the AC aspirant, Abdulrahman Ajiya, had on May 7 petitioned the election petition tribunal over alleged irregularities in the April, 10 polls, citing cases in some wards.

Poly students issue 14-day ultimatum to govt

By John Chuks Azu

HUNDREDS of polytechnic students on Thursday marched to the National Assembly Complex, Abuja to protest the continued discrimination of Higher National Diploma (HND) certificate holders in favour of their Bachelor's degree counterparts.

The students who came under the umbrella of National Association of Polytechnic Students (NAPS) bearing placards, threatened to seek alternative means of redress if nothing is done in 14 days

to remedy the HND/BSC dichotomy in Nigeria.

Some of the placards read: "Nigeria support HND/BSC Equality for economic Development", and "we stand against the discrimination of HND Graduates in Nigeria." There were also fliers issued by the Amalgamated Union of Public Corporations, Civil Service Technical and Recreational Services Employees (AUPCTRE) apparently in solidarity with the students.

The students were, however, prevented from entering the National Assem-

bly Complex by a large number of police personnel who barricaded the two entrance gates. Their efforts to get the audience of the National Assembly authorities also met a brick wall as the parliamentarians were said to be involved in serious deliberations on the children rights in Nigeria.

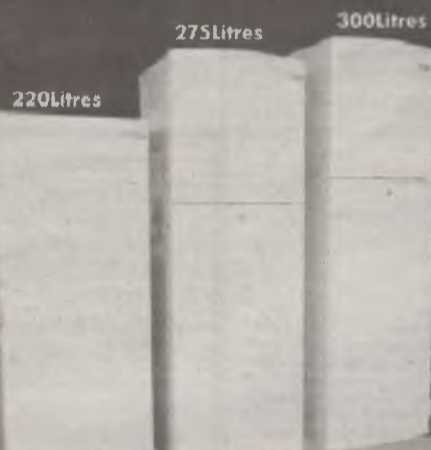
NAPS is an amalgam of all technical certificate-awarding institutions in Nigeria which also includes polytechnics, monotechnics and colleges.

President of NAPS, Comrade Mustapha Tijani decried the non imple-

mentation of government 'White Paper' on abolishing the dichotomy between HND and BSC certificates, explaining that technology is the bedrock of any economy.

The Police Area Commander in charge of FCT Municipal, Mr Sunday Odukoya, assistant commissioner, appealed to the students to remain calm, adding that he will ensure that the contents of their letter of protest will be passed to the appropriate quarters through the offices of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the National Assembly.

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CHAIRMAN of Kwali Area Council, Mr. Joseph Shazin (centre), during the Children's Day celebration at Kwali last Thursday.

Kwali chairman calls for investment on children's education

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah & Hussein Yahaya

THE Kwali Area Council Chairman, Joseph Shazin, Thursday urged parents as well as stakeholders in the council to invest morally or financially in their children's education.

Shazin, who spoke during the children's day celebration at Kwali, assured that his administration will not waste time in providing all the necessary educational facilities, scholarships as well as payment of school fees to pupils and students, adding that the council is already liaising with relevant departments on education matters.

The chairman warned

that his administration would not tolerate child abused by parents and explained that hawking of sachet water, bananas, oranges on the streets by children are negative tendency in a society.

During the march past, Government Secondary School, Kwali, emerged first in the senior category, while Government Day Secondary School (GDSS) came second.

In the other category, Junior Secondary School, Yangoji came first, while Kwali Central School, Kwali, came second with Ambassador Global Academy coming third.

At Abaji, over 30 schools participated during the

Children's Day celebration that was made colourful by drama displays presents by students.

Council Chairman, Alhaji Yahaya Musa Mohammad, who was represented by his vice, expressed satisfaction at the level of preparation for the event and called on the students to face their books in order to be great leaders of the country.

At the end of the march past, Government Girls Secondary School Abaji took first in the senior category, while Junior Secondary School, Yaba and LEA Primary School, Nuku came first in the junior as well as primary schools categories respectively.

Man jailed for breach of trust

By Bunmi Omolehin

A 22-year-old man, Ezekiel Bulus, was on Thursday sentenced to three months imprisonment by an Abuja Upper Area Court for joint act, criminal breach of trust and theft.

Prosecutor Ambi Ayuba had earlier told the court that on March 15, one Donatus E. Ani of Kabusa village, Abuja, reported to the police that he gave some items valued at N155,300 to the accused person and also the sum of N38,000 for a job but he stole all the items and disappeared until he was arrested on May 4.

When the charges were read to the accused person, he pleaded guilty and begged the court for leniency. Judge Umar Yusuf Kagarko, sentenced him to three months imprisonment or to pay N1,500 for each offence committed as fines.

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THE FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC, NASARAWA
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**INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS
FOR THE YEAR 2010 CAPITAL PROJECTS**

A. INTRODUCTION

The Federal Polytechnic, Nasarawa is desirous of undertaking a Pre-qualification exercise for its 2010 capital projects.

B. INVITATION

Application is hereby invited from interested and reputable Investors/Contractors with relevant experience, good track record and financial capability for pre-qualification to tender for the following projects:

- Lot A: Rehabilitation of Road Network.
Lot B: Construction of Administrative Block Phase III
Lot C: Fencing of the Polytechnic Boundary.
Lot D: Computerization/Upgrading and Networking of Bursary Department.
Lot E: Construction of School of Applied Science Phase I.
Lot F: Rehabilitation of School of Engineering.
Lot G: Construction of classroom block for Catering and Hotel Management - Phase I.
Lot H: Construction of classroom block for Fine Art and Industrial Design Department - Phase I.

C. PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

- (i) Only contractors that have proven capability, relevant experience and good track record will be considered for pre-qualification to tender.
(ii) Evidence of Incorporation with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC).
(iii) Company Tax Clearance Certificate for the past three (3) years.
(iv) Audited Annual Financial Report of the company for the last three (3) years.
(v) VAT Registration and evidence of past VAT remittances.
(vi) Evidence of financial strength, (Bank statement for the last 6 months), credit worthiness and readiness to instruct bankers to supply financial information on the company as may be required.
(vii) List of key Technical Personnel including photocopies of their qualifications.
(viii) List of plants and equipment owned or to be hired with proof of ownership if owned.
(ix) Verifiable list of previous works successfully completed with names of clients, evidence of award and Completion Certificate attached for the past three (3) years.
(x) Evidence of compliance with the Pension Reform Act of 2004.
(xi) A Sworn Affidavit certifying that all documents for the pre-qualification are genuine and current.
(xii) A Sworn Affidavit indicating whether any officer of the Federal Polytechnic Nasarawa is a former or present Director, Shareholder or has any pecuniary interest in the company.

D. SUBMISSION OF PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS

Bound pre-qualification documents in wax - sealed envelope appropriately marked at the left hand corner stating the job the company is applying for e.g.

Lot A, and addressed to:

The Registrar,
The Federal Polytechnic,
P. M. B. 001 Nasarawa,
Nasarawa State.

The sealed envelope is to be dropped into the LOCKED STEEL Tender Box in front of the Registrar's Office after signing a register in the same office on or before 12.00 noon of 15th June, 2010. Any submission after 12.00 noon will be rejected.

Firms interested in more than one (1) Lot must submit separate documents for each.

The opening of the documents shall commence by 2.00p.m on the same day at the ETF Auditorium of the institution. Contractors or their representatives, NGOs and general public are encouraged to attend.

Please note:

- (i) That only short listed firm shall be contacted to submit Tender Documents for the project of choice.
(ii) That due diligence would be followed as all documents submitted would be verified and the past executed works and contractor's offices shall be visited. Any discrepancies found would disqualify the contractor.

SIGNED:
F. J. SABO (MRS.)
Registrar

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HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORING INITIATIVES

This is to inform the general public that the above named Initiative has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part c of the companies and allied matters act No. 1 of 1990.

The trustees are:

1. Olufemi Samson Akinbule Aduwo
2. Akinbule Lekan Salami
3. Lawal Hussain
4. Saidu Mohammad

Aims and objectives:

1. To protect the fundamental objectives and directive principles of state policy as stated in the Nigerian constitution. Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight (28) days from the date of this publication.

Signed:

Gloria I. Baiye (Miss)
Ap Plaza Wuse II, Abuja

CHANGE OF NAME

I, formerly known as **MISS UGONMA PEARL OKENWA**, now **PEARL JONAH**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly known as **MISS IKERIONWU CONFIDENCE CHIZOBA**, now **MRS MALACHY CONFIDENCE CHIZOBA**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly known as **MISS BLESSING NWANKO**, now wish to be called **MRS BLESSING STEPHEN NNADI**. All former documents remain valid. Rockview Hotel and general public to note.

GROWN-KOP CAPACITY BUILDING FOUNDATION

This is to inform the general public that the above named Foundation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part 'C' of the companies and allied matters act no. 1 of 1990.

THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. Mezue Chinwe
2. Anyaonwu Nwakaego Lizzy
3. Arinze Uche
4. Orwuachu Uche
5. Eddy Okolo
6. Enemuo Joseph

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To create avenues for effective implementation of skill acquisitions, programs which enhance human capacity building, talent discovery and development. Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight (28) days from the date of this publication.

SIGNED:

Secretary

UNVEILERS GOOD LEADERS FOUNDATION

This is to inform the general public that the above named Foundation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part c of the companies and allied matters act No. 1 of 1990.

The trustees are:

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2. Andrew Bediako- sec
3. Justina Oghenekohwoor- treasurer
4. Chief Rasheed Okajuwale- member
5. Jacob Oshokun- member
6. Samuel Enim- member
7. Ikhiha Blessing- member
8. Alawode Folashe- member
9. Belawa Oha- member
10. Ighere Eunice- member

Aims and objectives:

1. To promote and propegate good governance
2. To collaborate with government in effective policy making
3. To bridge the communication gap between the government and the people
4. To enthroned discipline, peace, security and mutual understanding in the society
5. To aid leadership victory and success

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight (28) days from the date of this publication.

Signed:

F.C Thomas
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LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public that the Original Award Offer of Statutory right of occupancy letter from Abuja Geographic Information System (AGIS) in respect of Plot No. 528 located at Cadastral Zone. COO of Institution and research measuring about 8628.80m² with new file no. MISC 106342. Bearing MUHAZAR GLOBAL RESOURCES LTD. Dated 01/3/2010 belonging to A/h. Abubakar Sufyanu Ibrahim is hereby declared missing.

All efforts made to trace the said missing documents proved abortive. Please if found return it to the nearest Police Station.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, formerly known and addressed as **MR. PHILIP UDO UDOFIA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MR. ABUBAKAR SADIQ UDOFIA**. All former documents bearing former names remain valid. Office of the Head of Service of the Federation, Public Service Institute of Nigeria and general public take note.

I, formerly **EGUNJIMI SAMUEL OLALEKAN** now wish to be known as **OLUJIMI SAMUEL OLALEKAN**. All former documents remain valid. Federal Poly Offa, Arab Contractor (Nig.) Ltd and general public take note.

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE WATER RESOURCES

INVITATION TO SUBMIT TECHNICAL/FINANCIAL PROPOSALS FOR PROJECTS UNDER 2010 FINANCIAL YEAR APPROPRIATION ACT

INTRODUCTION

The Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency (NIHSA) of the Federal Ministry of Water Resources, in carrying out its statutory responsibilities and functions, is desirous of implementing its Capital projects/programmes slated for execution under the 2010 Budget Appropriation Act.

2. In compliance with the provisions of the Public Procurement Act 2007 for the award of Government Contracts, the Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency (NIHSA) hereby invites highly competent and qualified companies to submit Technical and Financial Proposals for the execution of the under-listed Projects:

- A. Production of Hydrogeological maps of Hydrological Area 1 (HA- 1) covering Kebbi, Sokoto, Zamfara, and Katsina States (LotA).
- b. Hydrogeological Mapping of Nigeria Project: "Procurement and Demonstration of Modeling Software".
- c. Groundwater Monitoring Network Project: "Construction of 350m Depth Monitoring Borehole in Maiduguri, Borno State."
- d. National Hydrometric Network Programme: "Nationwide Hydrological Data Retrieval & Compilation Project" in HA VII (Eastern Littoral).
- e. National Hydrometric Network Programme: "National Primary Hydrological Network Assessment Project" in HA III (Upper Benue).
- f. Saline Water Intrusion Studies Project: "Delineation of Salt water prone areas in Bayelsa (Bayelsa State) (LotA)."

3. SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work for each project shall be found in the bid documents to be collected upon presentation of evidence of payment of tender sum of N50,000.00 for Projects nos. a-e and N20,000.00 for project no. f only.

4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- (i) Details of Company profile which should include; Name, Address, GSM phone numbers, e-mails, etc.
- (ii) Certificate of Company Registration with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC).
- (iii) Staff disposition including foreign Partner(s), (if any), their qualification and experience in similar/related jobs/works.
- (iv) Evidence of construction equipment capability and their status where applicable.
- (v) Evidence of experience of the Company and its local and/or foreign partner(s) on jobs of similar/related nature.
- (vi) Financial status of the Company, which should include audited financial (annual) report, tax clearance Certificate for the last 3 years and evidence of VAT registration and TIN number.
- (vii) Evidence of registration with COREN/ COMEG (required for a, b, c & f only).
- (viii) Evidence of joint venture arrangement/Memorandum of Understanding with local/foreign Partner(s).
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- (x) Accompany every bid with affidavit of disclosure, disclosing whether any officer of MDA or BPP is a former or present director of your Company.

- (xi) Evidence of not having any Director who has been convicted in ANY country for any criminal offence relating to fraud or financial impropriety.
- (xii) Any other information that will further enhance the Pre-qualification of the Company.
- (xiii) Evidence of full compliance with the Provisions of the Contributory Pension Act of 2004.
- (xiv) Authorization to the Agency for an independent verification/authentication of information submitted.

5. COLLECTION OF BID DOCUMENTS.

Bid documents are available for collection at the Procurement Office of Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency (NIHSA) from the date of this publication upon presentation of evidence of payment of a non-refundable fee for contract of choice via e-payment only at the designated bank below:

Account Name: Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency (NIHSA)
Account Number: 1100012398
Bank: Bank PHB, Utako branch, Abuja.

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The Technical and financial Bids should be enclosed in two separate sealed envelopes and clearly marked at the back "Technical" and "Financial" bids and both enclosed in a third sealed cover envelop with a signed forwarding letter.

The name and address of the firm/company should be clearly indicated at the back of the cover envelop.

7.0 SUBMISSION OF BID DOCUMENTS (TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL).

All bid documents must be submitted within 4 (four) weeks from the date of this advertisement, i.e. on or before 12:00 Noon on 30TH June 2010, in three (3) hard and one (1) soft copies. The original should be clearly marked "Original". All parts endorsed by the authorized signatory and addressed to:

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- (i) Submission of Bids closes at 12.00 noon on 30TH June 2010 and the tenders received shall be publicly opened at 2.00 pm on the same day in the Conference Room of the Agency.
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Signed:
Amb. Dr. Godknows Boladei Igali (OON)
Permanent Secretary,
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Aims and objectives:

1. To protect the fundamental objectives and directive principles of state policy as stated in the Nigerian constitution. Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight (28) days from the date of this publication.

Signed:

Gloria I. Baiye (Miss)
Ap Plaza Wuse II, Abuja

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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To create avenues for effective implementation of skill acquisitions, programs which enhance human capacity building, talent discovery and development.

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SIGNED:

Secretary

IGALA ELITE FORUM--KANO

This is to inform the general public that the above named Forum has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990.

TRUSTEES ARE:

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| 8. Mr. David Usman | - Member |
| 9. Mr. Henry Ukolon | - Member |
| 10. Alhaji Aminu Abubakar | - Member |

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To foster unity, peace progress and socio-economic development.
2. To provide the platform for capacity building, motivation, empowerment and self actualization.
3. To champion value re-orientation among members.
4. To formulate and respond to issues, debates or discourse concerning the Igala people.

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Signed: M.O. Usman Esq.

ESAN PROGRESS UNION, KANO BRANCH

This is to inform the general public that the above named Union has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990.

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6. Engineer Sylvester Osimen
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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Union is a body set up for the enhancement/advancement of the welfare, economic, social and cultural development of the Esan people.

Anybody who has any objection to the registration of the union should forward same to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

Signed: C.A. Adolor Esq.
Solicitor

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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To build a strong body that will serve as a voice to all artists against unethical practice.
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Signed

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The trustees are:

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2. NDUKWE CYRIL - Secretary General
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4. WILLIAMS OKPA

AIMS AND OBJECTIVE ARE:

1. To champion value re-orientation among members
2. To formulate and respond to issues, debate or discourse concerning the Ozu - Abam Youths
3. To promote peace & unity amongst its members.

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Signed:

JULIET EKENE OKOYE
Lecturer Associate

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3. Mrs. Pingsha Lassa Hamman - Legal Adviser/Secretary
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AIMS & OBJECTIVES:

(1) To assist students acquire the desired mathematical education to make them better prepared to face future challenges.
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SIGNED:

Mrs. S. L. Jim-Suleman

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AIMS & OBJECTIVES

(1) To establish a trust fund towards providing scholarship to students of Iyede community education who are in tertiary academic institutions.
(2) To hold conferences, seminars, symposia, workshops and dissemination of information on Iyede Educational Trust foundation.

(3) To publish journals, newsletters and other periodicals and also develop audio-visual materials and distribute the same to increase and improve awareness of Iyede Educational Trust Foundation

(4) To offer consultation, counseling, advice and other expert services for elimination of illiteracy from Iyede community and the world.
(5) To raise, coordinate, organize, network and develop linkages and other suitable mechanisms for the sustenance of the trust fund.

(6) To initiate suitable and appropriate measures to identify intelligent qualifying students.

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Signed

Secretary

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EMMANUEL Agyemang-Badu of Ghana, Obafemi Martins of Nigeria and Samuel Inkoom of Ghana fight for the ball during the 2010 Africa Cup of Nations in Angola

Eagles hold Colombia to 1-1 draw

By Orkula Shaagee

AN improved Super Eagles side yesterday forced Colombia to a 1-1 draw in a pre-World Cup tune-up match played in London.

It was Lars Lagerback's second game in charge as Nigeria's coach and made ten changes from the side that drew 0-0 with Saudi Arabia last Tuesday in Wattens, Austria.

Yesterday's team appeared

to be a stronger team than the one that played the Asians, with Israel-based Vincent Enyeama starring for the Eagles, alongside Chidi Odiah, Taye Taiwo, Yusuf Ayila, Dele Adeleye, Afolabi, Sani Kaita, Osaze Odemwingie, Yakubu Aiyegbeni, Obinna Nsofor and Dickson Etuhu.

Right after kick off, Aiyegbeni missed a good opportunity to put Nigeria ahead, and 13 minutes later, Colombia got onto

the scores sheet, making maximum use of poor defending by Nigeria to register the first goal of the match.

Colombia's Valdez took advantage of Etuhu's poor clearance after Enyeama made a good save to slam home the lone goal for his side. Nigeria's decent chance in the first stanza came in the 31 minute when Nsofor went up for a header, won it, but clobbered for a free kick. Another

good cross by Odiah was headed wide. With only two minutes to the close of the first stanza, Ayila played a delicious through ball for Nsofor, but his first touch is not what he wants it to be and the ball slipped away from him.

Nsofor also has a chance to play Yakubu in, but again there was no danger for Colombia.

The second half of the game was better for the Eagles.

Haruna Lukman who came

in for Yusuf Ayila provided the equalizing goal for his fatherland when he thundered home from 35 metres to bring scores at 1-1 apiece.

Both sides made frantic efforts to get the decider but there was no goal until the referee blew the final whistle to bring proceedings to a close.

Nigeria's last warm-up game will come up on June 6 against North Korea in South Africa.

Tension grips Eagles over cut

NIGERIA international goalkeeper Austin Ejide has admitted that everyone is nervous at the team's World Cup training camp in Essex, England, as the announcement of a final 23-man squad for South Africa 2010 approaches.

Nigeria coach, Lars Lagerback, will name his final squad today hours before the team depart to South Africa.

"There is tension in the team," said Ejide at the team's Five Lakes Hotel in Essex.

"No one is sure of his place in the final squad because the com-

petition for places has been very stiff."

The players have been subdued; shun phone calls and media interviews as Judgement Day draws near.

The president of the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF), Sani Lulu, is expected to join the team on Sunday.

Lagerback has shown he is not scared to take decisions after he dropped experienced midfielder Seyi Olofinjana from a 30-man provisional squad he announced earlier in May.

Contrary to official declaration, Nice defender Onyekachi Apam has yet to begin training with the rest of the squad as he battles to be fit after a knee problem.

Sochaux striker Brown Ideye has also not had enough time to train with the squad after he was delayed in Nigeria for about a week over an entry visa to the United Kingdom.

Lagerback has kept his choices "close to his chest," revealed a source who has been close to the team since they arrived England. It is, however, expected that that

there will be a shock or two in the Swede's final selection.

"Everything is left to the coach. It's his responsibility and his decision is final and we will respect it," declared chairman of the NFF technical committee, Taiwo Ogunjobi.

MTNFootball.com forecast:

In:

Goalkeepers: Vincent Enyeama, Dele Aiyenugba, Austin Ejide.

Defenders: Rabiun Afolabi, Onyekachi Apam, Joseph Yobo, Chidi Odiah, Taye Taiwo, Elder-son Echiejile, Dele Adeleye.

Midfielders: Mikel, Dickson Etuhu, Yusuf Ayila, Kalu Uche

Strikers: Osaze Odemwingie, Yakubu Aiyegbeni, John Utaka, Victor Anichebe, Obinna Nsofor, Nwankwo Kanu, Chinedu Obasi, Ikechukwu Uche, Obafemi Martins

Out:

Goalkeeper: Bassey Akpan
Defenders: Terna Suswan, Danny Shittu

Midfielders: Sani Kaita, Lukman Haruna

Strikers: Brown Ideye, Peter Utaka



Jonathan's Big Challenge

- Beyond the pledge by President Goodluck Jonathan to combat corruption are the landmines, human and materials. TELL, this week, has the details of the challenges before the President.
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SUPER Eagles players celebrate one of their South Africa 2010 World Cup qualifying victories.

'Expect Nigeria squad surprises'

THERE will be a couple of surprises in Nigeria's final 23-man squad for the World Cup, a top team official has disclosed.

"There will be some surprises in the final squad,"

said Eagles spokesman Idah Peterside, who admitted that tension is running high among the players as regards the final selection.

On Monday, Coach Lars Lagerback will drop seven

players from his 30-man provisional squad.

According to Peterside, selection will be fair because a video analyst has been recording the team's training which will show the

players who have been pulling their weight and those who have not.

Peterside said the players' attitude has been very different than when they played under local coach

Shuaibu Amodu because "probably they are now playing under a foreign coach".

The team spokesman also disclosed that while Chelsea midfielder Mikel John Obi and OGC Nice

defender Onyekachi Apam both trained fully with the rest of the squad Saturday afternoon, Everton striker Victor Anichebe was asked to rest after he took a knock in yesterday's training.

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Reading the news

Members of the National Assembly are reportedly corrupt according to Senator Smart Adeyemi, Chairman, Senate Committee on Federal Character and Inter Governmental Affairs. Sorry, No please! That was not what he said. That was the report according to the media misinformation. The distinguished Senator said he did not say National Assembly members are corrupt. He has since described the banal headline as untrue. His words, "There was no time I said that the National Assembly is corrupt. In fact, to say that will amount to indicting my very good self. I did say that there was a wrong impression that politicians at all levels are corrupt and I said it is not true because there are quite a lot of people that are in politics for the wellbeing of their people. I said that if there are any other means of cross checking, the EFCC should go ahead to close up corrupt politicians. I never said the National Assembly is corrupt. I have no reason to say that." Is my friend, the embattled Senator Smart Adeyemi familiar with the legendary Nupe folktale about the *talking skull*? Here is the tale: Once upon a time, a hunter stumbled on a skull while in pursuit of games. In wonderment he reportedly exclaimed at the skull "What is this? Who brought you here?" "Talking brought me here!" The *talking skull* replied enigmatically. The hunter's discovery amazed him such that he alerted the whole community about the misery of the talking skull, which elicited the unusual attention of the King. The King fascinated by this singular wonder insisted to see the talking skull. They then returned to the bush. The King urged the hunter to repeat his question to the sitting skull; "How did you get here?" But this time around the enigmatic skull was mute, said nothing to the disgust of the King who promptly accused the hunter of deception and hysteria and accordingly asked the head of the hunter be cut off on the spot. Immediately the royal court departed, the intriguing skull spoke out and asked the hunter: "What is this? How did you get here?" The hunter's head replied; "Talking brought me here!" Among the great Nupe people, *Talking skull* is an euphemism for uncontrolled tongue. The age-long covert is that a worthy hunter hardly discloses all he sees daily in the bush. Talking has brought Senator Smart Adeyemi here: from being on the offensive to the defensive. Am not sure what readers make out of the statement credited to my friend, the distinguished Senator as well as his subsequent denial in the wake of the Inquisition by the whole senate Chamber. But one recurring theme in the statement credited to him and his subsequent denial is corruption or something filthy. Paradoxically Part 11, Section 4 of the 1999 constitution of the federal Republic which spells out the legislative powers of the national assembly does not including wealth generation not to talk of money sharing, money looting or something related to this currently being attributed to the national assembly. The national assembly shall have the powers to make laws for the peace, order and good government of the Federation. That is what the 1999 constitution says. However for whatever reasons, this national assembly has been more notorious for reported outrageous self-awarded allowances, budget inflation, constituency projects (as if they are project mangers!), smear money laundering, institutional blackmail for pecuniary interests and patronage rather than star-legislations needed for good governance. Two senate Presidents, namely Chuka Okadigbo Adolphus Wabara, were removed on account of issues related to money peddling while former

Speaker Ete was forced to leave on similar allegations of corrupt practices not legislative activism of legislative passivism. What should worry the Senate President David Mark is the perception that this National Assembly is corrupt, the perception that this assembly is not making laws for good governance of the country. The Senate feverishly rose from an hour closed session and set up a six-man ad hoc committee to investigate statements credited to Smart Adeyemi. The Senate leadership's approach of chasing the messenger rather than the refuting the message has further increased the noise level of the crisis of confidence in the Senate. Couldn't the Senate dare Senator Smart Adeyemi to cast the first biblical stone by personal example and account for all his sundry wealth? Or better still couldn't the Senate pass an urgent resolution of national importance and convince the public that the Chamber is not corrupt rather than opt for closing of the debate? The Medieval King in our folklore was even more democratic; he

verified the claims of enigmatic Talking skull before he crucified the hunter with loose tongue. President Goodluck Jonathan has just rekindled the much needed hope about the need to deepen democracy in his Democracy Day speech to the nation. According to him "The supremacy of the constitution should always be defended by all regardless of divergence of interests. Opposing views should always be tolerated and the culture of unfettered national debates should be reinvigorated as we collectively seek solutions to our problems. It is when we do all the foregoing and much more that we can truly say that the nation is consolidating the gains of

democracy and that our democratic enterprise is yielding acceptable dividends". The Senate should not close the necessary democratic debate on corruption and good governance.

Talking about debate, it is refreshing that President Jonathan evaded the silly and unhelpful "debate" about whether he should contest for 2011 elections or not. Both the arguments for and against Jonathan's candidacy indicate that common sense is not so common in politics. Why for God's sake will anybody beg the issue of contest for Jonathan who is already a President and Commander in Chief. The current debate only diminishes a serving President to the level of a candidate. The point cannot be overstated: President Jonathan Goodluck is already a President. For now if he has any contest, it must be contest with power failure, contest with electoral reform (which he commendably talked so much in his weekend speech), contest with insecurity of lives and property, contest with factory closures and contest with mass unemployment and attendant mass poverty. Any other contest is an abuse of the current mandate and an unhelpful political diversion.

Have you heard the news that Shell BP has given up on the so called effort to stop the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico which has led to the unprecedented environmental disaster Louisiana? No corporate executives of the BP have been arrested and accused of unprecedented environmental terrorism and murders of humans and countless species. On the contrary we have read about attempt to politically vilify President Barack Obama for his reaction to the current corporate terrorism, ala BP. So much for America democracy! It proves so helpless in the face of recklessness and meanness (sorry "accidents") of multinationals and global capital but hard on the failings of some miserable unconnected citizens, even including its President?

“What should worry the Senate President David Mark is the perception that this National Assembly is corrupt, the perception that this assembly is not making laws for good governance of the country.”

SPORTS REPORT



CESARE Prandelli

Italy name new coach

Italy have announced that former Fiorentina boss, Cesare Prandelli, will take over after the 2010 World Cup from Coach Marcello Lippi. The 52-year-old has signed a four-year deal.

"Cesare Prandelli will inherit the bench from Coach Marcello Lippi after the World Cup in South Africa," confirmed a statement on the Italian FA (FIGC)

official website.

"For Cesare Prandelli the FIGC has guaranteed a contract of four years. The details of the operation will be defined in the coming days. The official presentation of the new coach will be after the world championship."

The current national team boss is in support of the decision to appoint Prandelli as his successor.



VENUS Williams

Williams loses to Petrova at French Open

Venus Williams lost in the fourth round to Nadia Petrova, 6-4, 6-3. Williams came into the tournament seeded No. 2 behind her sister Serena, but Petrova spoiled the possibility of a sibling showdown in the final.

"I'm obviously disappointed," Williams said. "I feel like I had a day where I wanted to hit the ball cross-court and it went down the line. It just wasn't a good day."

Petrova has been a nemesis for the Williams family late-she beat Serena in the third round at Madrid less than three weeks ago.

Justine Henin rallied in a winner-take-all set that seemed like a final, outslugging Maria Sharapova 6-2, 3-6, 6-3. The two former No. 1s returned to center court following an overnight suspension of the third-round showdown after two sets.

