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● As S/Court clears Ikpeazu, Okowa, Ishaku, Bello

By John Chuks Azu

The Supreme Court has upheld the elections of governors of Abia, Delta, Niger and Taraba states in the March 9, 2019 governorship polls while

seven other governors await the determination of appeals challenging their elections. The states whose governorship elections are yet to be decided are: Adamawa, Bauchi, Benue, Imo, Kano, Plateau and Sokoto.

A five-member panel of justices presided by Justice Bode Rhodes-Vivour, yesterday dismissed the appeals before the Supreme Court and affirmed the elections of governors Okezie Ikpeazu (Abia, PDP);

Ifeanyi Okowa (Delta, PDP); Abubakar Sani Bello (Niger, APC); and Darius Ishaku (Taraba, PDP). In the first judgement on Abia delivered by Justice Adamu Galinje, the apex court held that the candidate

of the All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA), Alex Otti, failed to prove the allegation of over-voting against Ikpeazu and the PDP by relying solely on the card reader. He ruled that the position of the apex court has been



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To stay a long time in the water does not make you clean.

(Tanzania)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

FOOD FOR THOUGHT >>

In today's modern world, people are either asleep or connected.

- Janice H. Reinold



PHOTO OF THE DAY >>



■ Dancers from the city's Chinese education centre in Edinburgh, Scotland, perform a dragon dance yesterday to launch the 2020 Chinese New Year celebrations on Calton Hill

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OPEN	0.58	4.05	0.35	1.00	0.90
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IGP okays S/west security outfit, Amotekun

By Ronald Mutum

The Inspector-General of Police, Mohammed Adamu, has given the southwest governors the nod to the launch the region's security outfit, Operation Amotekun, sources told Daily Trust yesterday.

The security network is billed to be launched today at the Oyo State Government House in Ibadan.

The sources hinted that the IGP gave the nod at the Force Headquarters

in Abuja yesterday when he met with Ekiti State Governor Kayode Fayemi.

The IGP had earlier summoned all the six governors of the zone to an emergency meeting for clarifications on grey areas of the operations of the security network.

One of the sources said the IGP granted that *Amotekun* be launched as it was a fallout of the southwest security summit organised by the police last year.

Asked to confirm whether the IGP

approved that Operation *Amotekun* be launched, the spokesman of the Nigeria Police Force, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Frank Mba, told our reporter that the police boss was not opposed to the its creation.

Mba said the IGP, however, insisted that the operations of *Amotekun* must be in line with the national security policy.

He stated: "The Nigeria Police Force, under the leadership of the IGP Mohammed Adamu, is not opposed to any legitimate

and community-based efforts aimed at tackling crime and criminality in any part of Nigeria.

"The IGP would insist that those efforts must be legitimate and be in line with our national security policy and compatible to the national security architecture."

Mba said the IGP was working with the southwest governors to streamline the operations of *Amotekun* in line with the community policing programme endorsed by President Mohammedu Buhari.



■ Flag Officer Commanding Central Naval Command, Rear Admiral Saidu Garba (right) presents three rescued crewmen of the vessel MV AMBIKA who were abducted by sea robbers on January 2, at the Nigerian Navy Base in Warri, Delta State yesterday

Photo: DINFO

IG warns police commanders against rights violation, illegal roadblocks

By Ronald Mutum

The Inspector-General of Police, Mohammed Adamu, yesterday warned Police Special Unit Commanders against incivility to citizens, misuse of firearms, deployment of personnel on unauthorized duties and mounting of illegal road blocks.

He said of late, there had been reports of such incidents by personnel under the commanders' watch all against extant directives of the leadership of the Nigeria Police Force.

The IG, at a meeting with Commanders of the Police Mobile Force, Counterterrorism Units and the Special Protection Units of the Nigeria

Police at the Force Headquarters in Abuja yesterday, said those unprofessional and illegal conducts "are most intolerable."

"Your primary duty is the protection of the lives and property of citizens and strict adherence to Force orders and directives in so doing. Indeed, the need to perform your duties within the dictates of rule of law and best internal standards is sacrosanct and should never be compromised under any circumstances or guise," he told the commanders.

He warned that they would be held liable for the misconduct of men under their command.

Adamu noted that the meeting was aimed at re-evaluating strategies

and immersing the commanders in relation to their duties, operations, and challenges as they were deployed to strengthen current internal security operations.

He said: "As we strive to enhance your orientation and strengthen your professional capacity in dealing with current and emerging crimes, let me remind you that as commanders, you shall be held accountable either directly or vicariously, not only for your actions or inactions, but for the professional infractions of all the personnel under your command."

The IGP also decorated 40 Deputy Commissioners of Police promoted to Commissioners of Police by the Police Service Commission.

EFCC searches Shehu Sani's Abuja houses

By Ronald Mutum

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission yesterday searched two houses belonging to Senator Shehu Sani in Abuja.

It was learnt that the operatives obtained a search warrant from a Magistrate Court in Abuja as part of its ongoing investigation over allegation of extortion levelled against Sani.

The EFCC had detained Sani for allegedly extorting \$24,000 from the chairman/CEO of ASD Motors, Sani Dauda.

It was gathered that the operatives conducted the searches in Sani's presence.

Efforts to talk to the spokesman of the EFCC, Wilson Uwujaren, were unsuccessful.

'\$364m health grant affirms Islamic Bank, AfDB's confidence in Nigeria'

By Idowu Isamotu

The Buhari Media Organisation says the \$364 million grant given to Nigeria by the World Bank, Islamic the Development Bank and the African Development Bank to support local production of malaria drugs shows that they still have confidence in the country.

In a statement signed yesterday by its chairman, Niyi Akinsiju and Secretary, Cassidy Madueke, the BMO noted that there were varying degrees of health challenges facing the country and its populace.

"There is no doubt that this gesture will expand local production capacity as well as engender a sense of national pride in Nigeria-made goods, which is in line with the Nigeria-centric disposition of the Buhari administration," the statement read in parts.

Ogun gov swears in Customary Court of Appeal president

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

Ogun State Governor Dapo Abiodun yesterday in Abeokuta swore in Justice Mobolaji Ayodele Ojo as the first president of the newly established State Customary Court of Appeal.

Abiodun said the establishment of the court since 1976 when the state was created showed his government's commitment to bringing administration of justice closer to the people.

The governor, who also swore in five other judges of the court, said the court would adjudicate on appeals arising from the Customary Court as "the court deals with issues bordering on values, customs, beliefs and traditions."

He expressed hope that the background and knowledge of the judicial officers would further enrich the judicial arm of government, urging them to be faithful to the oaths of office and dispense justice without fear or favour.

The governor promised to always respect court decisions, noting that mutual respect would guarantee harmonious relationship among the three arms of government in the state.

"This special court is a practical representation of our administration's deliberate plan and part of our commitment to bring the system and the administration of justice closer to our people, especially, at the grassroots. The Court will adjudicate on appeals arising from the customary court," the governor said.

In his remarks, Ojo promised to always dispense justice without fear or favour.

Imo panel indicts Okorochoa over N6bn oil community fund

From Jude Aguguo Owuamanam, Owerri

The committee set up by Governor Emeka Ihedioha to investigate the activities of the Imo State Oil Producing Area Development Commission (ISOPADEC) from May 2011 to May, 2019 has indicted the immediate past governor of the state, Rochas Okorochoa, over alleged misappropriation of N6,

044, 774, 341. 37 allocated to the commission.

Presenting the report to the governor in Owerri yesterday, the committee's chairman, Romanus Ezeogu, said: "The administration of Rochas Okorochoa handled the funds of ISOPADEC within his eight years tenure from the pit of wickedness. The short-fall in revenue accrual from the Federation Account; uncounted for stood at

N6, 044, 774, 341. 37."

The committee also accused Okorochoa of arbitrarily releasing part of the fund for purchase of vehicles and transformers for political campaigns as well as diverting over N311 billion accrual to the commission from bailout fund, Paris Club refund, the local government joint labour salary/pension, the Secondary Education Management Board account, among others.

It also accused Chike Okafor and Paschal Obi, members representing Okigwe South and Ideato South at the House of Representatives of alleged involvement in the misappropriation of the ISOPADEC funds.

In his response, Ihedioha reiterated the commitment of his administration towards due process, accountability and transparency.

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2 people killed, customs officers abducted in Katsina

From Habibu Umar Aminu, Katsina

A twin attack in Jibia LGA of Katsina State has reportedly left two civilians dead with two custom officers abducted and one other shot, *Daily Trust* reports.

The gunmen were said to have attacked Magama area of Jibia Tuesday evening and reportedly went to the residence of one Abu Kasim where they took his wife and a set of twin, Hassan and Hussaina.

The locals and army personnel, who later arrived the scene, were able to rescue the mother and Hassan, it was gathered.

Kasim told our reporter that his "three-year-old Hussaina is still with the kidnappers and her mother presently at Jibia General hospital on admission."

Our reporter gathered that as the gunmen were retreating they shot sporadically and in the process one Suleiman Hamisu, 27, and another yet to be identified person got killed.

"I buried my son this morning (Wednesday) following the attack by the gunmen in our area last night," the deceased's father, Hamisu Abubakar popularly called Hamisu Mai Baro, said.

Also yesterday morning, some gunmen reportedly attacked the ever busy Jibia-

Batsari road where they kidnapped two customs officers and shot one on his legs.

Narrating how the incident happened, one of the victims that escaped, Abubakar Halliru from Kebbi State said, "I came to Dan Bedi to meet one of my friends, a customs officer, with whom we planned to travelled to Kebbi.

"On getting there, after packing our luggage into a waiting vehicle, the gunmen suddenly appeared from behind the buildings and asked for petrol for their bikes. "They collected all our phones and two customs officers went to get the fuel as requested, it was at that point that one of the customs officers tried to run

and they shot his legs. "They took two customs officers on motorcycles and the rest of us civilians were made to run on foot as they followed us from behind into the bush. As we were running, a military plane hovered above us and they left us to hide under trees. It was at that point that we all ran in different ways." Sources gave the names of two other civilians that escaped as one Alhaji Gatawa and his son, Samaila.

Both the spokesman of the customs in the state, Duniya Peters and his police counterpart, Gambo Isah, were yet to respond to enquiries made on the incident as at press time.

Mob hijacks suspect from police, set him ablaze

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

A mob in Korinya town of Konshisha Local Government Area of Benue State has lynched a suspected thief.

Witnesses said the suspected thief, who had for a very long time terrorised his rural town, was killed on Monday after he allegedly snatched money from a popular businessman in the community.

Our correspondent gathered that the deceased and his gang also forcefully made away with valuables belonging to the businessman and that it was about the fourth time the alleged thieves dispossessed the same victim of valuables.

It was further learnt that when the people of the area heard about the incident, they were displeased and decided to mount road blocks on two exit points of the community in order to apprehend the alleged culprits.

However, the police, according to witnesses, swiftly swooped on the notorious suspect, arrested him and took him into custody.

But, the mob was said to have mobilised to the police outpost in the area and forcefully retrieved the suspected thief who they thereafter set ablaze.

The PPRO of the Benue command, Catherine Anene, confirmed the incident, stressing that the mob took away the suspect, who was earlier apprehended by the police and was being conveyed to the outpost station.



■ Lagos State Police boss, Hakeem Odumosu displaying one of the pistols allegedly recovered from the illegal gunrunner, who was arrested in Lagos

...arrest kidnap, robbery suspect in Aba

From Linus Effiong, Aba

Men of the Abia State Police Command have arrested a suspected member of a kidnapping/armed robbery gang said to be responsible for many kidnapping/robbery incidents in Aba, the commercial nerve centre of the state.

The suspect, identified as Darlington Olewumbu, an indigene of Obazu Mbieri in Mbaitoli LGA of Imo State and resident of No: 20 Christ Street off Ibere road, was said to be a member of a three-man kidnapping/robbery

gang on the wanted list of the Intelligence Response Team (IRT).

Olewumbu was reportedly arrested by a team of crack detectives led by SP Alphonsus Ayang, the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Ndiegoro Police Division at Agu Street off Evina Road, Ndiegoro Aba.

Items reportedly recovered from Olewumbu included, a locally made revolver pistol with one live ammunition, a locally made double barrel shot gun and six rounds of live cartridges.

Police sources told our correspondent that the items

were recovered inside a bag the suspect was moving with before the police, through a tip off, arrested him.

The sources hinted that upon interrogation, the police discovered that the suspect and his gang were about executing another kidnapping before he was nabbed.

They said the police have intensified search for the other two members of the gang.

When contacted, Abia State Commissioner of Police, Ene Okon, confirmed the arrest of the suspect.

Unknown assailants hack man to death in Nasarawa

From Ibraheem H. Muhammad, Lafia

A young man, Yahaya Oyoga, has been killed by unknown assailants in Nasarawa State.

The deceased was found by the roadside at the weekend in Amaku village of Doma Local Government Area of the state. His corpse was reportedly found with deep

cuts on the head and other parts of the body suspected to have been inflicted on it with cutlass.

Residents of the area, who preferred anonymity said, the deceased was alleged to have been ambushed and killed in the night on his way to Amaku village.

They said the deceased

has been buried according to Islamic rites in his hometown of Amaku.

When contacted, the police spokesman in the state, ASP Ramhan Nansel, said, "I am not aware of this story, but I will find out."

He however had not gotten back to our correspondent as at time of filing this report.

Police arrest Lagos 'most wanted gunrunner'

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

Detectives attached to the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS), Lagos State Police Command, yesterday stormed Mafolukun area of Oshodi and arrested a 32-year-old suspected gunrunner, identified as Samuel Uche. The suspect was reportedly arrested while on his way to sell two automatic revolver pistols to a notorious armed robbery/kidnapping gang in the area.

It was learnt that the suspected gunrunner had been on the police wanted list for allegedly supplying various armed robbery gangs with arms with which they carried out attacks on innocent members of the public.

The Commissioner of Police, Hakeem Odumosu, who confirmed the arrest during a press conference yesterday, said the "most wanted gunrunner was tracked and arrested based on credible information."

Odumosu said on January 3, at about 9am, information was received from a credible source that some group of people, who dealt on assorted arms and ammunition, were coming to Ajibulu Mafoluku canal area of Oshodi-Lagos to sell arms to a syndicate of armed robbers/kidnappers. He said on receipt of the information, SARS operatives were drafted to the area for close monitoring.

According to him, the exercise paid off, as at about 10.30pm, when an average aged man alighted from a motorcycle, close to Oshodi canal. "He was seen with a black nylon bag, suggesting that he could be the suspect. They trailed him and he was eventually arrested. When searched, two English made revolver pistols were recovered from him. "During interrogation, he gave his name as Samuel Uche 'm' 32 years old. He confirmed that he brought the pistols to be sold to a gang of armed robbers/kidnappers at the rate of N250,000," he added.



■ Prospective UTME candidates through the National Identity Number (NIN) registration centre in Suleja, Niger State yesterday to obtain their NIN, which is now a prerequisite for UTME registration

Photo: NAN

Fate of 7 govs uncertain

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that where documents are dumped on the court, it would not attach any probative value to it.

He added that the makers of Forms EC8As, which statements of results contained names of accredited voters and number of voters, should have been called to demonstrate them.

Ruling on the appeal filed by the All Progressives Congress (APC) challenging the election of Governor

Darius Ishaku of Taraba State, Justice Ejembi Eko held that a Federal High Court having disqualified its original candidate, the party had no flag bearer in the March 9 governorship election and ought not to have challenged the election.

Citing the provisions of sections 141 and 285 of the Electoral Act, Justice Eko said Professor Muhammad Sani Yahaya, who was presented by the party in Taraba, did not participate in all the processes of the election and

is prohibited by law to be a successor to a candidate who was disqualified by a Federal High Court.

He explained that since the party proceeded to participate in the election despite the subsisting court order disqualifying its candidate, Abubakar Danladi, the votes cast for it are not valid but “wasted votes.”

“The appeal is mere academic exercise and will serve no useful purpose,” he said.

On the Niger appeal

brought by PDP’s Umar Mohammed Nasko, Justice Uwani Abba-Aji dismissed the appeal on the grounds that the issue of non-qualification and false information against Governor Bello had become statute barred having been brought outside the 180 days allowed by law.

She said the apex court cannot interfere with the decision made by the Court of Appeal on the judgement of the Niger State Election Petitions Tribunal, adding that the Supreme Court has

no jurisdiction on the matter.

In the appeal by Great Ogboru of APC against Governor Okowa of Delta, Justice Cletus Nweze ruled that the appellant dumped documents on the tribunal without demonstrating their relevance to his case.

He held that Ogboru relied too much on hearsay evidence in his allegations of over-voting and other electoral malpractices in the March 9, 2019 governorship election.

S/Court to decide petitions against 7 state govs

The Supreme Court is expected to decide within this month, the remaining seven cases including the appeal by former governor of Adamawa State, Jibrilla Bindow (APC) against Governor Ahmadu Fintiri (PDP);

Bauchi appeal between former governor Mohammed Abubakar (APC) against Governor Bala Mohammed (PDP);

and Benue appeal brought by Emmanuel Jime (APC) against Governor Samuel Ortom (PDP).

Other cases are those against Imo Governor Emeka Ihedioha (PDP) by the APC candidate, Hope Uzodimma. There are other appeals by Action Alliance (AA) candidate, Uche Nwosu and the candidate of APGA Ifeanyi Ararume, all of them

challenging the validity of the election of Ihedioha.

In Kano, there is the appeal by Abba Kabiru Yusuf (PDP) against Governor Umar Ganduje of Kano; the appeal by Jeremiah Useni (PDP) against Simon Lalong of Plateau State; and in Sokoto, the appeal was brought by APC’s Ahmed Aliyu challenging the election of Governor Aminu Tambuwal.

Court in Abuja on March 19, 2019 after the former governor and the APC brought an ex parte motion before it. The court, however, lifted the ban on March 25 to allow the conclusion of the collation which returned the opposition Mohammed as winner.

Kano

The appeal by Yusuf against Governor Ganduje at the Supreme Court will be dealing with the controversial issue of inconclusive and supplementary elections in Nigeria. Yusuf polled 1,014,353 votes against 987,829 votes by Ganduje before the election was declared inconclusive.

During the rerun, Ganduje won and was declared winner

but Yusuf approached the election petition tribunal insisting that he won at first ballot. The verdict of the tribunal did not favour him but the PDP candidate decided to approach the apex court.

Sokoto

The appeal by APC’s Aliyu against Governor Tambuwal is another matter that will be of interest to Nigerians. Aliyu lost by the narrowest of margins of 512,002 votes to 511,661 votes he polled. This was after the collation was declared inconclusive on March 9, 2019, forcing a re-run on March 23, 2019 during which Tambuwal was returned as winner.

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Other cases dispensed by the Supreme Court

The Supreme Court had earlier ruled on the appeals involving Akwa Ibom, Ebonyi, Kaduna, Katsina, Lagos, Nasarawa, Ogun, Oyo and Rivers affirming the election

of the governors.

But the petitions filed against governors of Cross River, Enugu, Gombe, Kebbi and Kwara did not make it to the Supreme Court. The

governorship elections in Yobe and Jigawa did not attract any petition, while Kogi election, which held on November 16, 2019, is still at the tribunal.

Controversial appeals still at the S/Court

Adamawa

Governor Umar Fintiri will know his fate when the appeal by Bindow is heard at the Supreme Court. At the tribunal, Bindow alleged over-voting and non-compliance with the Electoral Act as well as irregularities during the March 2019 re-run governorship election.

Fintiri polled 376,552 votes to defeat the incumbent Bindow

who got 336,386 votes. Fintiri won by 40,166 votes.

Bauchi

The appeal filed by Abubakar who sought for a second term in Bauchi but was defeated by Mohammed is expected to deepen legal understanding on election litigation in Nigeria. The ex-governor filed his petition after conceding defeat to his would-be successor.

INEC initially declared the election of March 9 inconclusive as Mohammed polled 469,512 votes while Abubakar, who was rounding up his first term scored, 465,453 votes.

The re-run election held on March 23, 2019 in 36 polling units across 15 local government areas, including results of Tafawa Balewa Local Government Area, were stalled by a Federal High

PDP hails S/Court rulings

By Saawua Terzungwe

The PDP has hailed the ruling of the Supreme Court upholding the elections of governors Okezie Ikpeazu of Abia, Ifeanyi Okowa of Delta and Darius Ishaku of Taraba.

The party in a statement yesterday by its National Publicity Secretary, Kola Ologbondiyan said the rulings were a validation of the wishes and aspirations of the people as expressed in the March

2019 governorship elections in the respective states.

The party observed that the ruling of the apex court was a victory for democracy and the triumph of the people over forces that allegedly sought to forcefully take over control of their states.

“The party therefore urges the governors to continue in their qualitative governance for which the people overwhelmingly re-elected them,” the PDP said.

3 kids, 9 others killed in Kano auto crash

From Yusha'u A. Ibrahim, Kano

At least 12 persons including three kids and a woman were confirmed dead and 26 others injured in Kano State yesterday in an auto crash, *Daily Trust* can report.

The accident, which occurred at Tsaida Mahaka Yankifi village in Gaya Local Government Area, involved two commercial vehicles; an 18-seater Toyota bus popularly known as Hummer and a Volkswagen Golf-3 car with registration numbers BBR 690 AA and KTG 467 YG respectively.

The two vehicles had a head-on collision, resulting to the death of 11 persons; three kids, a woman and seven male adults, on the spot, while the 12th casualty (a male) died at the Gaya General Hospital while receiving treatment.

When this reporter visited

Gaya General Hospital where the corpses were deposited, he observed that the woman victim was crushed beyond recognition.

It was further observed that some of the survivors were groaning on the floor of the Accident and Emergency unit of the hospital though they had been given first aid treatment by the doctors.

Malam Mustapha Adamu, the driver of one of the vehicles involved in the crash, told *Daily Trust* that the driver of one of the vehicles crashed after an incoming car tried to overtake some vehicles ahead of him.

"We were coming from Azare heading to Kano, while the other driver was coming from Kano heading towards Shuwarin. He attempted to overtake the vehicles he was following, thinking that he could make it before he reaches our bus that was

coming from the other lane. Though, I was able to drive onto the shoulder of the road to avoid the accident, but in the end, we collided.

"I cannot say how many people died in my bus because all I know is that we had an accident. I cannot remember what happened after that. I only found myself in the hospital.

"As you can see also, many others have sustained various degrees of injuries. Although, I sustain minor bruises in my legs and shoulder, but you can see many passengers are in critical condition as they are severely injured," he said as tears flowed down his checks.

The driver of the other vehicle involved in the mishap, even though alive, was found groaning in pain on the floor of the hospital.

The man, who could not utter a word to the health workers around, was only

pointing to his chest, an indication that he might have sustained internal injury.

Another survivor, Muhammad Musa, who sustained fracture on his hand, told *Daily Trust* that the collision was like a dream saying, "I only heard a loud sound after the two vehicles collided and after that, I was not conscious of happenings, until when we were brought to the hospital.

"I had a fracture in my hand and injuries all over my face and legs. Honestly, I am feeling serious pains all over my body, it is not clear whether I have internal injury or not. Until after the doctors conduct their examinations."

Alhaji Aliyu Adamu Fan-Idau, the district head of the area, told our reporter that "I was standing few kilometres away from the scene of the accident when it happened. I was called on phone while

I was driving, so, I parked my vehicle in order to answer the call.

"It was while I was answering the call that I heard a loud sound followed by a thick smock. To be candid with you, I thought my people who were also waiting for me close to the scene of the accident have fallen victims.

"When I arrived the scene of the accident, I found corpses scattered everywhere, I could not hold back my tears. I summoned courage and helped the police to evacuate the corpses and survivors from the scene."

Malam Abdullahi Muhammad who lost two children in the accident told *Daily Trust*, "I have left everything to God the Almighty. To God we come and to Him we shall all return. Wherever my children are, they must die and God had made it that they must die today, so there is nothing anyone can do to stop them from returning to their creator.

"Somebody called me on phone and informed me about the accident. I was not told that I have lost my children until after I came to the hospital and saw their corpses."

When contacted, the Corps Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) Kano Sector Command, Zubairu Mato, said the accidents involved 38 persons comprising 19 male adults, five female adults, nine boys and five girls.

He said, "12 out of the figures comprising eight male adults, one female adult and three boys died, while 26 others including 11 male adults, six female adults, six boys and three girls sustained various degrees of injuries."



Survivors of an accident yesterday involving two commercial vehicles that left 12 persons dead at Tsaida Mahaka Yankifi village in Gaya Local Government Area of Kano State, wait to be attended to at Gaya General Hospital in the state

Yobe: Buni-Yadi, Kuka-Reta markets re-opened

From Ibrahim Baba Saleh

The markets in Buni-Yadi and Kuka-Reta towns in Gujba and Damaturu Local Government Areas respectively earlier shut by the military over security concerns were reopened yesterday.

According to a statement by the Commissioner for Information, Culture and Home Affairs, Abdullahi Bego, market days in both towns will therefore be observed immediately from this week.

He said the markets were reopened following the meeting Governor Mai Buni had with the Chief of Army Staff, Lt General Tukur Buratai in Abuja.

Buni thanked the army

and other security forces for their efforts towards combating the Boko Haram insurgency and other criminal activities in Yobe State.

He urged the citizens of the state to continue to cooperate with the security agencies to ensure full return of peace to the state.

He asked people in Kuka-Reta and Buni-Yadi and other towns to remain vigilant in their markets and neighbourhoods and to report any suspicious activity or persons to the security agencies.

Buni expressed confidence that with the support and cooperation of the people, Yobe would emerge stronger and more resilient from its security challenges.

18 professors vie for ABU vice-chancellorship

From Isa Sa'idu, Zaria

The Governing Council of Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria yesterday considered names of 18 professors who either applied or were shortlisted by a search team for subsequent selection for the university's vice-chancellorship that would become vacant in April this year.

An impeccable source confided in *Daily Trust* that the opening of receipt of applications and consideration of submission of the search team kick-started the official selection process for the new vice-chancellor.

Our correspondent

gathered that the governing council has set up a search team to scout for competent professors that have the capacity to run the university, but have still not indicated interest in the position.

The source said "It is a tradition in ABU to consider those that applied and those that were searched. The goal is to get the right person for the position. As you know ABU requires lot of experience, competence and other virtues for successful management."

Daily Trust correspondent gathered that out of the 18 professors considered yesterday by the council, eight applied, while ten were searched.

Kano VVF centre repairs over 3000 patients

From Ibrahim Musa Giginyu, Kano

Kano Vesico Virginal Fistula (VVF) Centre in Kwalli Kano Municipal Local Government Area has revealed that over 3000 patients have been repaired and rehabilitated.

This was disclosed by the state coordinator, Fistula Foundation, Dr Musa Kalla, while receiving relief materials donated to the centre by Kwandala Foundation, a non-governmental organisation (NGO).

Dr Kalla revealed that a graduation ceremony for 100 repaired patients is being organised.

Speaking earlier, the president and founder of Kwandala Foundation, Architect Tijjani Muhammed Musa, stated that the distribution of materials has been an annual tradition initiated by the foundation as a form of year end wrap-up activity aimed at assisting the less privileged and vulnerable members of the society.



■ Governor Mai Mala Buni of Yobe State (left) with the Chief of Army Staff, Lt.-Gen. Tukur Y. Buratai, during the governor's visit to the army chief's Flag House official residence at Niger Barracks in Abuja yesterday to discuss security matters affecting Yobe State

Imo targets N3bn IGR from tourism

From Jude Aguguo Owuamanam, Owerri

Imo State Governor Emeka Ihedioha says the state can make a fortune from the tourism sector and rake in N3 billion monthly Internal Generated Revenue (IGR) from it.

Ihedioha said this yesterday when he inaugurated the Imo State Tourism Board at the Sam Mbakwe Expanded Executive Council Chambers, Government House, Owerri.

"Our vision is to boost tourism in the state, develop an entertainment city and turn Imo State into a tourism destination. We have the potentials, therefore we can achieve it."

He called on the members of the board to explore the sector and give considerable attention to the abundant human resources and tourism potentials in the state.

He reiterated his administration's commitment to supporting willing investors, particularly those intending to invest in the tourism sector, by providing land and the enabling environment.

"We are ready to work and support those who have ideas to develop our State. We will continue to utilize our potentials to ensure we make appreciable impact in developing our dear state in the next two years," he said. The governor charged members of the board to strive to make the state number one tourist destination in the country.

Abiodun regularises appointments of 18 perm secs, 1,000 workers

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

Ogun State Governor Dapo Abiodun yesterday regularised the appointments of 18 permanent secretaries made at the twilight of the immediate past government.

The governor also extended the gesture to 1,000 workers recruited by the past administration led by Ibikunle Amosun.

Speaking at the swearing-in of eight newly appointed permanent secretaries in Abeokuta, Abiodun directed the mainstreaming and 'regularisation' of appointments of the 1,000 graduates into the State Civil Service.

Abiodun said despite some flaws noted in the appointments and recruitments, his government decided to be magnanimous as a people-centred administration not to be vindictive.

"Let me state that we very much appreciate the recommendations of the review committee, comprising of eminent retired public servants, that the appointments and recruitments were fraught with non-adherence to the principles and laid-down traditions of the public service.

"But in line with our administration's commitment to equity, fairness, justice and inclusiveness, we will not engage in any action or policy that may be viewed as vendetta, rather, we will call on all to continue to put in their best for the service delivery to the people of Ogun State," he said.

Mother, 3 daughters killed in Yobe fire

The Yobe State Fire Service has confirmed that a mother and her three daughters were killed in a fire incident on Tuesday night at Red Bricks Quarters, on Maiduguri Road, Damaturu.

Damaturu Fire Station Officer, Mr Usman Habu, who confirmed the incident to the News Agency of Nigeria yesterday, said the incident occurred at about 11.00 p.m.

"We were informed about

the fire incident at Red Brick's quarters, Maiduguri Road, Damaturu around 11.00 p.m.

"When we arrived at the scene, we learnt that the victims' father, Malam Adamu Aliyu, had made efforts to rescue his family, but was only able to save his five-year-old son, Faruq Aliyu.

"The fire became too fierce and he could not save the rest of his family members, but he managed to jump out to safety.

"We forced open the door and recovered the woman's corpse, as well as her three daughters.

Habu blamed the deaths to lack of a back door to serve as an emergency exit.

He advised prospective tenants and homeowners to always ensure that the property they intended to rent or build had a minimum of two entrances.

"If there was an 'escape door', the man could have saved his family," Habu said.

The fire station officer also appealed to residents in the state to avoid keeping inflammable items in the home and switch off all electric appliances after the power outage and when not at home.

Madam Binta Mohammed, one of the neighbours and a friend to the family, told NAN that the three girls, Aisha Aliyu, Saadatu Aliyu, and Safiya Aliyu, were aged 10, eight and two years respectively. (NAN)

...Gov Buni, Senate president express sympathies

From Ibrahim Baba Saleh (Damaturu) & Hamisu Kabir Matazu (Abuja)

Yobe State Governor Mai Mala Buni yesterday expressed his condolences and sympathies to the family of Arc. Adamu Ali, over the Tuesday night fire incident that his pregnant wife, Halima Umar and three of their children.

Buni was represented by the Secretary to the State Government Baba Mallam Wali and other senior government officials, including

Information Commissioner Abdullahi Bego and the Commissioner for Environment Sidi Karasuwa, at the funeral prayers for the fire victims which took place at the Jumuat Mosque of the Three-Bedroom Estate Gujba Road Damaturu.

The governor prayed Almighty Allah to admit the deceased to al-Jannatul firdausi and give their entire family the fortitude to bear the loss.

Buni also prayed for speedy recovery for Arc. Adamu Ali and his son from

the injuries they sustained from the fire outbreak.

Similarly, Senate President Ahmad Lawan yesterday commiserated with the family of the victims.

Lawan, in a statement by his spokesman, Ola Awoniyi, Lawan, commended the head of the family who rescued his five-year-old son before escaping from the inferno.

He also condoled with the government and people of Yobe State over the tragic incident.

Zamfara repentant bandits vow to deal with deviants

From Shehu Umar, Gusau

Top commanders of Zamfara State's repentant bandits have met in Zamfara forest and reviewed the peace deal initiated by incumbent Governor Bello Muhammad Matawalle in June last year, the state commissioner of police, Mr Usman Nagogo, has said.

Nagogo who was speaking on the achievements recorded after the peace pact initiated seven months ago, said some of the top leaders of the repentant bandits identified as Muhammadu Bello and Halilu, and others had met in the forest and vowed to decisively deal with recalcitrant armed men in their midst.

The meeting had in

attendance heads of security agencies, leaders of repentant bandits, state commissioner of Security and Home Affairs, Alhaji Abubakar Dauran, and many other stakeholders.

"The repentant bandits had earlier informed the security operatives about their meeting in the forest and told us that people should not panic if they notice movements along the line."

"Let me give you an example, a repentant bandit, on January 1, killed a suspected kidnapper in Munhaye community in Tsafe local government. The repentant bandit recovered a rifle from the slain suspected kidnapper and submitted it to the Divisional Police officer in Tsafe Local Government Area.

Human rights writers fault new appointments in REA

By Maureen Onochie

The Human Rights Writers Association (HURIWA) yesterday alleged lopsidedness in the appointments announced in the Rural Electrification Agency by the Minister of Power, Sale Mamman.

HURIWA, in a statement by its national coordinator, Emmanuel Onwubiko, urged the minister to reverse the appointments.

The association said it had written the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission to clarify the status of one of the new appointees in the procurement unit of the agency, Bulus Maiyaki, whom it alleged had been under investigation over his roles

in a similar capacity in the National Health Insurance Scheme.

The statement said, "We are basically writing to protest the lopsidedness observable in this action and the breach of the ethical codes as clearly stated out by the appointing authority through the office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation as emphasized by a memorandum of modus operandi authored by the Secretary to the Government of the Federation."

"There are little doubts from our findings that the staff are alleging that the postings were lopsided with the Minister of Power allegedly redeploying four favourites (three from the northeast and one from the northwest) to the Procurement Unit."

4 killed as bandits kidnap Chief Imam, 20 others in Niger

From Romoke W. Ahmad, Minna

Few days after armed bandits attacked some communities, killing four soldiers, they are said to have again abducted the Chief Imam of Beni central mosque, Mallam Umar Mohammed in Munya Local Government Area of Niger State.

This is as 20 other members of the community were also said to have been kidnapped in the process.

According to sources, the bandits numbering over 50 have been moving from one community to another

dispossessing people of properties including cattle. They invaded Beni in Munya local government and Kudami in Paikoro local government in the early hours of Wednesday causing mayhem.

It was gathered that the bandits met stiff resistance from people of Kudami, while they operated freely in Beni where they looted shops and houses and kidnapped the Chief Imam on his way to a naming ceremony.

It was also reported that four people have so far been killed in Beni while several others are in critical condition from

gunshot injuries.

The victims are said to be receiving treatment at the Kafin Koro general hospital.

The District Head of Beni, Alhaji Jafaru Umar Sarki who confirmed the attacks to our correspondent in a telephone interview in Minna said the invasion of the community by the bandits was the second in three days.

"They came three days ago and stole over 200 cows from Fulani men, and this morning they came again in their numbers. As I speak to you now they are busy looting shops and moving from

house to house and collecting people's property.

"So far four people have been killed, they shot another boy in the head and we don't know if he will survive. They are so many in numbers, I can't count them and they are all with guns.

"The unfortunate thing is that we informed the security agents about it after the first attack but up till now nobody came to our rescue.

"The District Head disclosed that in July last year, two of his daughters were kidnapped on the eve of their marriage but only

regained their freedom after the payment of ransom.

Reacting to the attack, the Niger State government described the recent attack on some communities in Munya Local Government area of the state that left four soldiers dead, as sad and unfortunate.

The governor called for a fresh, holistic approach by the security agencies in tackling the banditry attack that has resurfaced in the state.

This was contained in a press statement issued by the Chief Press Secretary (CPS) to Governor Abubakar Sani Bello, Mrs. Mary Noel Berje.

Akesan Market fire: Makinde vows to rebuild market

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

Oyo State Governor Seyi Makinde on Wednesday promised to support victims of Akesan Market in Oyo, where fire razed over 1,000 shops.

The governor who made the promise when he paid a visit to the palace of Alaafin of Oyo, Oba Lamidi Adeyemi, said he received the news of the market with shock.

He asked Oba Adeyemi to set up a committee that would work with the government to rebuild the market.

Makinde also noted that he was aware that many politicians had visited the Alaafin with promises that they would assist the victims, described such move as a good gesture that would complement efforts of his administration for victims of the market inferno.

He however cautioned that the disaster should not be politicised, assuring that the caretaker chairman of Oyo East Local Government has been directed to get statistics of all the traders that had allocations in the market before the inferno.

He promised that the market would be redesigned and that all the traders that had allocation would be accommodated in the new market set up.

He assured that "Already, we have started the bidding process for 10 new fire trucks. I have also called for investigations into the immediate and remote causes of these fires. We are also rebuilding the market and we will begin a process of providing support to the market people that lost their wares.

Alaafin of Oyo, Oba Adeyemi, in his response, thanked Makinde for the visit, saying the palace was ready to cooperate with the government to rebuild and modernise the Akesan Market, which he said was founded by the founder of Oyo, Alaafin Atiba about 400 years ago.



■ Suspects arrested at various black spots in Lagos, during their parade at the Lagos State Police Command in Ikeja, Lagos yesterday

Photo: Benedict Uwalaka

Kano anti-corruption agency recovers N256m

From Yusha'u A. Ibrahim, Kano

The Kano State Complaints and Anti-corruption Commission has recovered the sum of N256,140,100 from individuals and government agencies, Chairman of the Commission, Muhuyi Magaji Rimingado, has said.

Addressing a press

conference yesterday, the Chairman also said the commission had recovered landed properties including 156 plots, 14 houses and 25 farmlands.

Rimingado added that the commissioned had received a total of 3,192 complaints in 2019, out of which 1,858 cases were resolved while

others were either pending or declined.

However, he said the commission's major challenge with regards to discharging its duty was interference by influential people.

"I have a single case that led us to two different courts; federal and state high courts, all in an effort to stop us

from continuing with our investigation.

"Although we have judgment by the appeal court that prevent such actions, however, whenever we are investigating cases that involves influential people, they often approach state and federal high court to halt our investigation," he lamented.

B/Haram: Borno gov meets military, others

From Ibrahim Sawab, Maiduguri

Borno State Governor Babagana Zulum yesterday hosted heads of the military, paramilitary and other security agencies to assess and review the security situation in the state.

Our correspondent learnt that Governor Zulum had earlier held a meeting with the Theatre Commander of Operation Lafiya Dole, Maj.-Gen. Olusegun Adeniyi.

The Security Council meeting was held behind closed doors at the council chambers of the Government House Maiduguri.

"All the heads of the forces involved in the ongoing fight against Boko Haram. They

include the heads of the military, the police, DSS and paramilitary establishments.

"The meeting, which was chaired by the governor and has the Secretary to the State Government, Usman Jidda Shuwa as secretary was convened to brainstorm on strategies to tackle the growing security concerns in the state," said an official.

According to the official, senior commanders of the Nigerian Army, Air Force, the Navy, police and other security establishments were in attendance.

Measures adopted by the council after an extensive review, were not made public in line with security tradition.

Bandits killed as army attacks hideouts in Jibia

From Habibu Umar Aminu, Katsina

Many bandits have been killed as the Nigerian Army attacked their hideout and camps around Jibia forests in Katsina State, *Daily Trust* reports.

Sources said heavy gun shots were heard and army vehicles and planes were seen moving into the forests.

Residents said casualties on the part of the army were seen being moved out of the forest in army vehicles as the fight continued.

When contacted spokesman of the 17th Army Brigade based in Katsina, Capt Kayode Owolabi, who

confirmed the gun duel said many bandits were being neutralised and that two soldiers got wounded in action.

"For now we cannot confirm the number of bandits killed but we are getting hard on them. It is no longer business as usual. Two of our men got wounded in action, we neutralised so many of them and our men are still after them", he said.

He denied the death of any officer as being speculated by the local community insisting that only two men were injured and were taken to Katsina for medical attention.

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Governor Abdullahi Sule vows to move Nasarawa State from the status of a vulnerable poor state to an economically buoyant and self sufficient state

Governor Abdullahi Sule of Nasarawa State on Tuesday 7th January 2020 inaugurated the New Minimum Wage Consequential Adjustment Committee for the state with a directive on the committee to submit its report within three weeks of inauguration.

The state's New Minimum Wage Consequential Adjustment Committee, which has 23 members is being chaired by the Deputy Governor, Emmanuel Akabe was inaugurated along with a second committee on Internally Generated Revenue (IGR).

Speaking at the event, Governor Sule pointed out that: "the state government is not unaware of the outstanding promotions, arrears and proper placements of the civil servants in Nasarawa state!" In this regard, the Governor revealed that he has constituted third committee to advise Government on how best to implement the promotions."

Engineer Abdullahi A. Sule directed the committee on implementation of the New Minimum Wage to develop a template that will ensure fair and equitable e New National Minimum Wage Salary Structure in Nasarawa



Governor Abdullahi A. Sule

State, just as he charged the committee on IGR to improve the revenue profile of the state in tandem with NEDS: Nasarawa Economic Development Strategy.

This according to Engineer Sule will provide Nasarawa State with alternative sources of revenue generation and move the state from the status of a Vulnerable

Poor State to an Economically Buoyant and Self Sufficient State.

Sule, therefore, charged the committee on IGR to identify all sources of IGR in Nasarawa State and in his words: "To device and monitor the collection of the IGR from all sources and ensure their remittance to the Treasury Single Account (TSA)."

Nasarawa Eggon will get a befitting modern market

His Excellency, Engineer Abdullahi A. Sule yesterday 8th January 2020 hosted stall owners and representatives of traders from the burnt Nasarawa Eggon Market at government House Lafia to reassure them that he remains steadfast and committed to building a befitting modern market in Nasarawa Eggon.

It will be recalled that on 16th November 2019, Nasarawa Eggon market was razed down by fire. Engineer Sule had earlier paid a personal visit to the market on 17th November 2019 where, he sympathized with the traders and reiterated that Nasarawa Eggon

given its rapid growing cosmopolitan status, deserves a befitting modern market reminiscent of the types which government has built in Lafia, Karu, Akwanga and currently about to complete in his home town of Gudi.

Engineer Abdullahi A. Sule then assured the stall owners and traders whose shops were burnt that he is willing, ready and poised to commence the construction of a new modern market in Nasarawa Eggon at the very beginning of the New Year 2020, if ONLY the citizens themselves will not hamper government's kind intervention

with unreasonable demand for compensation.

The meeting of 8th January 2020 was therefore in fulfilment to his promise and a reflection of his administration's unwavering focus to begin the construction in earnest and complete the new Modern Market on time. Meanwhile Engineer Abdullahi A. Sule has instructed that a temporary site should be provided for the petty traders and stall owners to move their wares and continue their trade, until such a time when the new modern market in Nasarawa Eggon is completed.

Unfolding events to usher 2020 in Nasarawa State:

On the 1st day of the new year 2020, His Excellency, Engineer Abdullahi Sule appeared as guest on POLITICS TODAY, a LIVE political discussion programme on CHANNELS TELEVISION, where he reaffirmed his conviction that President Muhammadu Buhari is somebody who is incorruptible and that even the enemies of Mr. President may point at his weaknesses as a person, but both friends and foe concur that "the man Muhammadu Buhari is incorruptible" So according to Governor Abdullahi: "the debate

about the indebtedness of Nigeria is inconsequential because "It is not about how much debt you take, but about what did you do with that debt!" Engineer Sule concluded that in the case of President Muhammadu Buhari, "He is the kind of leader who will not allow any government official to steal, siphon or keep 10 percent, 20 percent, and 40 percent of the debt collected to develop Nigeria!"

On 3rd of January 2020 and to make a resounding political statement, GWADECA: Gwandara Development Association paid a Special Courtesy

call on His Excellency, Engineer Abdullahi to reaffirm their complete, unalloyed and total support to his administration. It will be recalled that immediate past Governor of Nasarawa State, Senator Umaru Tanko Al-makura who was out of the country, is of the Gwandara ethnic extraction. Engineer Sule paid glowing tribute to Senator Al-makura and the Gwandara nation, whilst assuring them that he is poised not only to consolidate on the achievements of Al-makura but to exceed the expectations of all people of Nasarawa State.



Governor Abdullahi A. Sule

Governor Sule approves special plaques for outstanding media organizations and statewide media tour

As a follow up to the first ever ANNUAL MEDIA DINNER initiated by His Excellency, Governor Abdullahi A. Sule which held on 23rd December 2019 to recognize and applaud professional excellence among media practitioners in Nasarawa State, the government has received delivery of SPECIAL PLAQUES which will be hand delivered to broadcast organizations and newspapers operating in Nasarawa State as a token of encouragement to sustain the campaign on Balanced Reportage and Adherence to Journalistic Ethics.

Spokesperson to Governor Sule and Director General, Strategic Communication & Press Affairs, Malam Yakubu Lamai confirmed that he will embark on a Media Tour to meet with prominent news delivery organizations like News Agency of Nigeria, Federal Radio Corporation, Breeze FM, Options FM, Eye Witness, Nasarawa Eyes and Eggon News to find better ways for the media to contribute effectively to the stability and growth of democracy through journalism anchored on professional integrity.

“On the 29th May, 2019, I made a solemn commitment to revitalize the socio-economic fortunes of Nasarawa State and improve the living conditions of our people of which the welfare of public servants is paramount. This is in line with our determination to improve the welfare of public servants as they are the cornerstone for the implementation of government policies and programmes.

QUOTABLE EXCERPT OF SPEECH BY HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR ABDULLAHI A. SULE, AT THE INAUGURATION OF COMMITTEES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE AND INTERNALLY GENERATED REVENUE ON TUESDAY, 7TH JANUARY, 2020

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On the independence/ interdependence of the Three Arms

By Nur Al-Zubair Yusuf

For a country to be qualified as a democratic nation, it must have a system that operates on a tripod: the Legislature, the Executive and the Judiciary.

Interestingly, what makes a democratic system tick and confirms its legitimacy is the existence of the Legislature, otherwise known as the National Assembly, comprising the Senate and the House of Representatives, in the case of Nigeria. These two chambers, made up of 109 senators and 360 representatives, serve as the melting pot of Nigeria's democracy.

While the three arms have their functions cut out for them by the constitution, they are not expected to operate as standalone bodies as they exist to complement one another. Nobody expects them to operate as foes.

In the US, a democracy we often like to copy from, the three arms of government exist for the same reasons as Nigeria, but do they all operate in isolation? No.

The issue of independence of the Legislature has occupied the public space in this part of the world lately. Having a country that works for all requires synergy and collaboration between, especially, the Legislature and the Executive, which will ultimately bring about good governance for the country.

This, so far, is what Nigerians have manifestly witnessed in the about seven months of the 9th Assembly where a good working relationship between the two arms is yielding good results for the country, much to the chagrin of some.

Perhaps, what some people expected from the onset was the cat and dog relationship that existed between the 8th Assembly and the Executive, where there were clear cases of sabotage on the part of some arrowheads in the Legislature, who were supposed to be part of the same government.

When Sen David Mark served as Senate President, while current Sokoto State governor, Aminu Waziri Tambuwal, was Speaker in the 7th Assembly, the then Senate was hailed for working in tandem with the Executive headed by former president Goodluck Jonathan. But Tambuwal's House was pilloried for being 'anti-Jonathan.'

This happened when PDP controlled both chambers with clear majority. What judgment did Nigerians pass on the 7th National Assembly? Were people not in love with David Mark's Senate, and detested Tambuwal's House for working against the same government it belonged to? In the end, whom did the sour relationship help?

If not for the love of country and the collaboration between the two arms, who would have thought that the 9th National Assembly would pass the 2020 Budget in record time to bring the budget cycle to January to December as envisaged by the constitution?

Are we not happy that 2020 is already positioned to deliver more roads projects, school rehabilitation, equipping of hospitals and social safety net against the old tradition of late budget passage?

Was it not for the same good working relationship that the Executive arm brought the popular Finance Bill, which the National Assembly worked on without compromising legislative scrutiny and passed? With that in place, the country stands to now generate more funds to finance her annual budget. Are we all not happy about this?

What about the Deep Offshore Agreement Bill? Was its passage by the National Assembly done for personal gains? Who stands to benefit from it? Is it not to boost the country's revenue generation? Is that not enough for us all to applaud the 9th Assembly? Did that affect the independence of the Legislature?

Before now, when it was time for review, oil companies would buy their way to stagnate returns

and royalties due to Nigeria, whilst their profits were on the increase. This is a clear case of economic sabotage that the 9th Assembly truncated despite heavy lobbying by the cabals in the petroleum sector.

Within six months, these critical bills were not only considered and passed by the National Assembly, but they were also assented to by the President. This is unlike what was the case in the past. Should they have been delayed just to suit the mindset of some people? Did all of that suggest that the Legislature is obsequious to the Executive?

The home truth is that the National Assembly can have a good understanding with the Executive and do its job without compromise.

Only recently, the Senate rejected a nominee for the board of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) sent by President Muhammadu Buhari. Was that in tandem with what the Executive had wanted?

Again, the same Senate rejected the nomination of a nominee for the position of Resident Electoral Commissioner (REC) of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC). What was the reason? It was discovered that the nominee is a member of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC), against the provision of the constitution, which stipulates that occupants of such office must be apolitical. This was done despite the APC having a clear majority in the senate. If not for the independence of the Legislature, couldn't they have confirmed him?

Lest we forget, Speaker Femi Gbajabiamila on Friday, September 20, berated the country's service chiefs for sending representatives to attend a security meeting with the leadership of the House. There and then, the Speaker declared that all the service chiefs must appear in person for the meeting the following Monday, and they all did.

If the two chambers did not wish to assert their independence, would they have done all of that?

For us here, it is when we see a clash between the two arms that will ultimately bring the government to a standstill that we begin to clap and say "Oh, this National Assembly is independent!" But in truth, that is not what independence of the Legislature entails.

What the independence of the Legislature entails is for the lawmakers to perform their functions without interference or direction by any other arm. It doesn't mean that when the Executive brings a proposal that requires the approval of the Legislature, it should be rejected because the Legislature wants to be seen to be independent.

Before Nigerians pass any judgment on the 9th Assembly, I think we should give the lawmakers some time. They have only spent a little over six months, and even within that time, they have already made their mark.

Certainly, if there is a reason for the Legislature to disagree with the Executive, it will do that without fear or favour. But the lawmakers will not deliberately make a mountain out of a molehill or cry wolf where there is none all in the name of independence.

When the two arms work harmoniously, that would have a positive effect on the workings of the Judiciary. In the wake of the recent court invasion allegedly by some security agents to arrest Omoyele Sowore, it was the House under the leadership of Speaker Femi Gbajabiamila that immediately condemned the act and passed a resolution to investigate the matter.

Thus, the House, and by extension, the National Assembly, has always risen in defence of the Judiciary.

Expectedly, in this year 2020, we hope to see more collaboration and understanding between the Legislature and the Executive, which will bring good governance to Nigerians. Let it be known that it doesn't mean the Legislature will pander to the whims and caprices of the Executive.

Nur Al-Zubair Yusuf wrote this piece from Abuja.

Celebrating Tambuwal at 54

By Muhammed Bello

Today, Rt.Hon. Aminu Waziri Tambuwal, Governor of Sokoto State, clocks 54. Like previous years the day will be marked low-key. Not that there are no reasons to roll out the drums and call a feast to celebrate his birthday but he would rather quietly give thanks to his creator for His mercies over the years and the privilege to serve the people in various capacities.

Born on January 10, 1966 in Tambuwal Village of Sokoto to Mallam Waziri Tambuwal, he began his education at the Tambuwal Primary School, graduating in 1979 with his First School Leaving Certificate. He proceeded to Government Teachers' College, Dogon-Daji, where he obtained the Teachers Grade 11 Certificate in 1984. He later secured admission to Usman Dan Fodio University, Sokoto to study Law. He graduated in 1991 with an LLB degree and was called to the Nigerian Bar the following year. With his call to the bar, Tambuwal became a legal practitioner.

As a man whose steps are ordered by God, Tambuwal found his way into the National Assembly in 1999, not as a lawmaker but a legislative aide to the then Senate Leader, Senator Abdullahi Wali. That was the training ground for his legislative career which began few years later.

In 2003, Tambuwal took up the cudgels and plunged into the murky waters of Nigerian politics. He sought the votes of his people in Tambuwal/Kebbe federal constituency to represent them at the National Assembly. His people saw in him a man who could provide quality representation and overwhelmingly, they gave him the mandate to represent them in Abuja.

In Abuja, he quickly gained the trust and confidence of his colleagues in the House of Representatives. First, he emerged as the Minority Leader of the House and later became the Deputy Chief Whip. He also served in various committees of the House including Rules & Business, Communications, Power, Judiciary, Inter-Parliamentary and Water Resources, and House Ad hoc Committee on Constitution Review.

While making impact in Abuja, he also touched the lives of his constituents and attracted federal projects to his area. No wonder the mandate he was given in 2003 was renewed in 2007 by his constituents.

The confidence and trust he enjoyed among his colleagues was further confirmed upon his return to the House in 2007 with his emergence as

the Speaker of the House of Representatives. And for four years, he presided over the Green Chamber during which several laws and resolutions were passed for the good governance of the country.

Just as John Quincy Adams, the sixth President of the United States, noted, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader," Governor Tambuwal has demonstrated again and again that he is a leader by the inspiration he brought to his previous leadership positions and continues to bring to his current office as governor of Sokoto State.

It was Alan Mullaly, the former CEO of the Ford Motor Company, that rightly noted that, "Leadership is having a compelling vision, a comprehensive plan, relentless implementation, and talented people working together." That again Governor Tambuwal has demonstrated over the years as representative of the people of Tambuwal/Kebbe Federal Constituency of Sokoto State, speaker of the House of Representatives and governor of Sokoto State.

Since he assumed office as governor of Sokoto, Tambuwal has made his compelling vision for the state clear to the people, his comprehensive plan for the realization of the vision is even clearer and the talented people he put together for the realization of this vision have been implementing his plan relentlessly. Across Sokoto, the positive impacts of his administration are felt by the people. From initiating people-oriented policies to executing enduring infrastructure projects and ensuring accountability and transparency, Governor Tambuwal administration is bringing development to all sectors in Sokoto.

In appreciation of his performance as governor, the good people of Sokoto in 2019 renewed his mandate for another term of four years. Since his inauguration for second term on May 29, 2019, Governor Tambuwal has been leading a quality team of dedicated cabinet members to provide good governance in Sokoto.

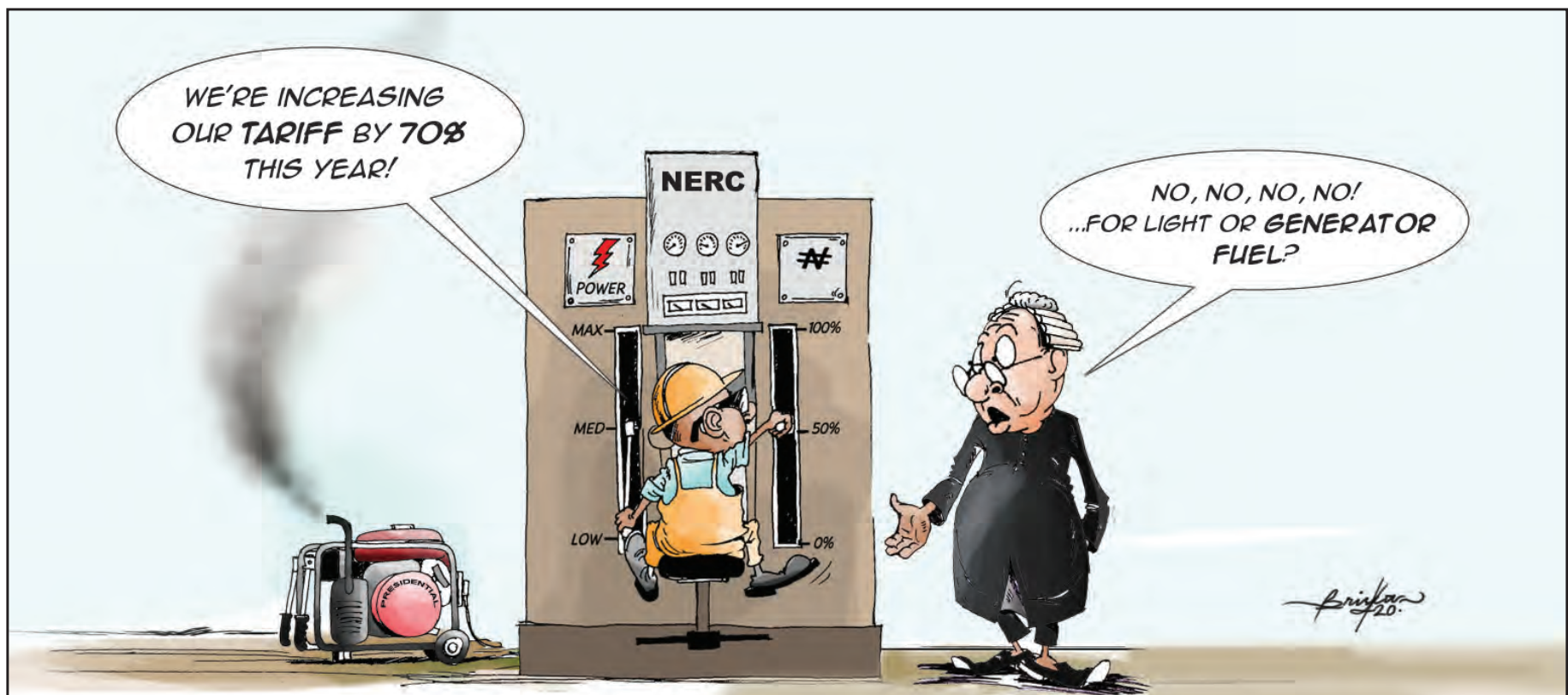
A distinguished former lawmaker, legal practitioner, successful politician and eminent statesman, Governor Tambuwal has made great impacts both in his chosen career and in the lives of the people whom God has given him the privilege to serve. I wish him many more years of service to the people.

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Ahmad Salihijo Ahmad: Not too young to lead

The appointment of Engr. Ahmad Salihijo Ahmad as Managing Director of the Rural Electrification Agency (REA) brought out the knives from those who never, ever see good in any appointment made by President Muhammadu Buhari into any public office. To this group of people, anyone appointed into any office by the president got appointed because of nepotism and not because he has the requisite qualification to be so appointed.

The plethora of commentaries and news items in the media on this particular appointment dwelt more on the relationship between President Buhari and the late Salihijo Ahmad, the father of the new MD of the REA. This line of reasoning only goes to strengthening the nepotistic angle instead of highlighting the pedigree of the appointee. *Daily Trust* and *Premium Times* took this line while most other media houses opted for outright denigration.

Premium Times' story on the appointment was skewed in such a way that one may think Engr. Ahmad is a Level 12 officer who was plucked from the civil service pool and made a head of an agency of the government. The ESPR Act of 2004 empowers the president to appoint the MD of the REA. It specifies no qualification relative to grade level in the public service. The president as such acted within his powers to appoint anyone he deems qualified to execute his vision and executive mandate won at the polls in the agency.

To further buttress the nepotism angle, *Premium Times* also alleged that Ahmad is a relation of Mansur Ahmad, a former D-G of Infrastructure Concession and Regulatory Council (ICRC), where Ahmad Salihijo Ahmad worked before. For a medium that prides itself for fact-checking, this is a big blunder, deliberate or otherwise. While Engr. Mansur Ahmad is from Kano State, Engr. Ahmad Salihijo is from Adamawa State. Engr. Salihijo has been both a public

servant and a private practitioner, rising to mid-level managerial position within ICRC before leading his own consultancy.

In spite of his youth, which should be applauded in an industry that needs innovators in the age of renewable energy, he is an achiever that has helped others build a portfolio of projects exceeding well over 1000MW in the renewable power sector. During his stint in the public sector, Engr. Salihijo was adviser to the former Minister of Environment and now Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations. If he is suitable to give advice why is he not suitable to lead?

He coordinated the Green Bond Programme which led to the launch of several reputable projects, including many now being executed by the REA. He wasn't then deemed unqualified to lead negotiations with international organizations including Moody on behalf of Nigeria, why should he now be deemed unqualified to lead the execution of these projects?

Premium Times callously brought up his late father in connection to this appointment which is a disservice to the hard work of Ahmad Salihijo, a distinguished engineer and project developer in his own right. He is a COREN registered engineer of over 14 years post-graduate experience with solid background in project development and financing. Why is this not laudable? Why wasn't this highlighted instead of bringing up his father's relationship with the president? Where is our humanity? Must we wake up the dead just to get to Buhari?

The media have celebrated the likes of "Invictus", who is now cooling his heels in an American jail, as a goal getter in his late twenties and one who has made it in "agriculture, oil & gas and finance". It is alright to do so. But it is wrong for Buhari to appoint an Electrical & Electronics engineer with 14 years post qualification experience. Are we truly serious about moving this country forward?

The "Pull Him Down" syndrome on exhibition by the mainstream media is blurring the difference between the mainstream and social media. It is becoming more difficult to distinguish between the two genres of media. It may appear that nothing can be done to placate the opposition in its fixation against the Buhari government and its efforts in trying to turn around the ship of state. If the president had appointed an aged professional with 50 years' experience, they would have complained that they're too old to act for an agency designed for agility. What exactly do we want?

We applauded the passage of the "Not Too Young to Run" Act but we are unwittingly discouraging not too young to lead. A professional in his mid-30s can lead an agency in Nigeria since he is already qualified to run for president. What example are we setting for the electorate that a retired Level 12 officer cannot lead a federal agency? So what if he is the equivalent of a Lt-colonel in the military, didn't one Lt.-Col Jack Gowon lead this country?

REA is fundamental to Nigeria's industrialisation and the job creation agenda of the Buhari administration, especially due to its ability to support agriculture and agro-processing jobs in rural areas where more than 50 percent of Nigerians live, often in darkness. If the president has appointed someone he trusts, knows and is qualified, regardless of civil service years which is not required, then that can only be a plus not a minus.

We call on *Premium Times* and other media organisations to stick to their job of shining light on corruption and misadventure in public service, not trying to do the work of Mr. President to select whomever he deems fit in accordance with the law. If everyone does their work, Nigeria will get better. Pursuing narratives of divisiveness to suit a purpose or agenda also does no one any good in our current political climate.

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Re-Bello presents 25 Hilux vans

Governor Bello knowing fully well that all the roads in Niger State are in a terrible state of disrepair has decided to give his newly elected local government chairmen Hilux vehicles not minding what majority of Nigerlites go through travelling on these roads. The governor should best concentrate on fixing our roads than purchasing Hilux vehicles at exorbitant and outrageous prices for council chairmen.

Farouk 08035871114.

Searching for my teachers, classmates of Ansarudeen School Gusau

I will like to use this medium to track the whereabouts of my teachers and

classmates while I was in primary 5 at Ansarudeen School Gusau in 1982; my teachers like Mal. Garba Mohammed, Coca Cola, Asst. HM, Mal. Hassan, and mates like Nura Ahmed, Mikhail Lasasi, Taofeeq Taju, etc.

Aliyu Muhammad 08035878182.

Re: 596 dead workers on Bauchi govt payroll

The story was indeed a reflection of the extent of impunity exhibited by some unpatriotic and corrupt govt officials. Certainly, the dead workers could not have come out from their graves and paid themselves salaries. The officials responsible should be fished out and dealt with. They should be publicised as well as the punishment meted out to them. This would serve as a corrective measure and deterrent to others who may consider doing similar acts.

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Amotekun as South-West 'Police'

The decision of governors of the South-West geopolitical zone to establish regional 'police', *Amotekun*, as from today Thursday, January 9, 2020, may not have come as a surprise for two reasons. First, is the serial agitation by South-West political leaders for state police system for close to a decade now. The second is the intractable security problem in Nigeria today. Apart from the South-West leaders, even Vice-President Yemi Osinbajo's committee on how to deal with incessant violent crimes in the country proposed, in principle, the establishment of state police system, though this has not been ratified by the Buhari administration.

While announcing the plan by South-West governors, Ekiti State Governor Kayode Fayemi explained that the South-West must work hand-in-hand with other security apparatuses in neighbouring states if the establishment of *Amotekun* was to achieve the desired results.

He said, "... Criminality cannot be totally eradicated even as we are working meticulously at reducing it to the barest minimum in Ekiti State... Since we are not an Island, we are working with neighbouring states to strengthen our security architecture... We are leaving no stone unturned to ensure safety of lives and property in our dear state. Henceforth, I urge our community leaders or groups not to allow themselves to be used to spread fake or unsubstantiated news with a view to setting the residents against themselves or destabilising the peace of the state. We must encourage our people to report any strange signal or incident, but we must resist the temptation to resort to self-help at any time."

The case for state police has been made convincingly with low hanging reference to the insecurity in the rural areas where bandits waste the lives of peasants who have no weapons to defend themselves. This is because operatives of the Nigeria Police are too few for the population and size of Nigeria. The ratio of policemen to the population is put at about 1 policeman to 400 Nigerians, if the 370,000-total number of policemen in Nigeria is true. With their few numbers and without weapons, the police have failed to counter ubiquitous criminal elements that have held Nigerians in rural communities and some urban centres to ransom. This situation has given the agitation for state police enough sound bite.

However, history in Nigeria is replete with instances in which multiple police forces led to untold abuses, a situation that gave cause for the centralisation of the Nigeria Police Force. Under the 1954 Constitution and Section 105(7) of the 1963 Constitution, which made provision for regional governments, local police system was in force, but the security agencies became instruments of repression and abuse of opposition elements by regional governments. In order to escape that brutality, the current centralised police system was introduced in 1979. It was reinvigorated in Section 215 of the 1999 Constitution. The past ugly experience, and reckoning with experiences of other societies, the centralised policing system could be less expensive, more unifying, more effective, result-oriented and very useful for crime prevention and detection.

It is good that *Amotekun* has not been designated as a police force. We call on the South-West governors to drum it into the ears of the leadership of the outfit that it is not a rival to the Nigeria Police Force; rather their role should be complementary to that of the police. Because the security outfit would be closer to the South-West communities, *Amotekun* should be involved in intelligence gathering and providing support in criminal investigation to feed the Nigeria Police with evidence, instead of taking the law into their hands.

The answer to insecurity may not necessarily be in state or regional police. Government must recruit more policemen, fund, equip and motivate them to perform their duties effectively. On the other hand, unemployment, ethnic and religious extremism, and poverty that lured Nigerians into criminal acts should be tackled headlong. As long as there is a fertile environment for crime to be planted and thrive, even those who are not criminally-minded could be recruited into crimes.



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By Livingstone Wechie

There comes a time in the life of a nation when the citizens are left to ponder over the role of leaders and those close to the corridors of power. From time immemorial, the scrutiny of leaders gives the citizens the time to gauge the direction of the nation according to the role of those wielding influential positions around the seat of power.

Mamman Daura, President Muhammadu Buhari's older nephew, an innovative figure and one acclaimed to be the power behind the throne in the Presidential Villa, has come under the spotlight in recent times. However, when one observes the sentiments shared by many about the personality of Mamman Daura and his alleged influence over President Muhammadu Buhari, one would conclude that Nigerians need a much deeper inquiry about the man Daura.

Much of what we have read about the man in recent times have been unempirical records and misconceptions fed by base sentiments. It is therefore this rampant falsehood about the astute industrialist that necessitates this response.

For those who are familiar with Daura, he is a man of few words but abundant in his charming conducts that endear him a private entrance into the hearts of many. His ability to mobilise men for effective action and smooth operation in the Villa, has largely been misconstrued as building a cabal around the President. Yet he has maintained his unassuming stance and hardly ever responds to the unbridled criticisms coming from misguided opposition.

His warmth, peace-loving and pragmatic propositions in his politics brings a new dimension that has altogether stabilized the situation in Aso Villa where he commands immense respect. He is also very meticulous and methodical in his administrative abilities, qualities which have compelled even the most ardent critics to concede to him.

President Muhammadu Buhari and Mamman Daura are related by blood. Daura is said to be two and half years older than the president. The history of the close relationship of both men dates back to childhood years and they have maintained an unbroken bond rarely seen in recent times.

This type of relationship, which has lasted for over seventy years, is anchored on mutual trust, confidence and a profound sense of duty. It is reported that the making of the future President Buhari was built from his years of travails after he was overthrown in a military coup on August 25, 1985. It was Daura in his characteristic undaunted spirit that rebuilt the structures, molded and shaped the personality of President Buhari, which eventually assumed

Mamman Daura: Debunking the misconceptions

the cult-like followership the President enjoys across the country.

The significant role Daura has played through all the life of President Buhari according to Buhari's biographer, Paden, has been inspirational. In life it is difficult to depart from those who have played profound roles in the lives of leaders, especially if those individuals are gifted with vision. With the ceaseless motivational impact Daura has made on Buhari all through the years, it is not out of place that he is having a resourcefully dominant role in the life of the President and to a greater extent the country.

Most people who do not know Daura and how he emerged on the national scene should pay attention to the following. When Buhari first came to power on December 31st 1983, Mamman Daura was among the main people selected to give principal advisory role in the then short-lived military regime of Buhari. However, by late 1980s he took over from Ibrahim Dasuki as the head of the African International Bank. That was where he acquired the technical competence in the financial sector as he had regular engagements with major International financial institutions around the globe and helped to formulate some enduring banking policies. His legacies in this sector are available for those who care to find out.

Daura was to become the chairman of the board of the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA), where he again distinguished himself after which he became Editor and Managing Director of New Nigeria Newspapers, one of the most important publications in Nigeria at a point in the history of Nigeria.

Today, Daura is privileged once again to help President Muhammadu Buhari make important decisions to take Nigeria to the "Next Level" in the efforts to revamp and reorder the Nigerian economy to meet the basic needs of the people. He assisted the President and stood by him all through the turbulent times of the last four years. He is again prepared to invest his energy to ensure that Nigeria is taken out of the woods. He is indeed an unshakable ally, patriot, nationalist, a brother by all positive measures and an anchor that gives enormous confidence. Therefore he is no less in this sense a strange example that should not only inspire the emerging generation of Nigerians and indeed Africans at large, but should serve as an awakener

to supposed patriots, cutting across his generation to commit themselves to Pan Nigeria and Pan African actualization. This turf and track which arguably measures this African leader along the likes of other celebrated African patriots both living and dead, triggers the need for leadership to retrace missed steps towards making needed contributions for growth, unity and development without necessarily waiting for public office before such impact is made.

To wit, Mamman Daura definitely may not even and have never been President and this should be the ward for everyone who believes that until you hold public office you cannot help to make Nigeria attain her potentials. Hence Mamman, as the strange example, is ostensibly in the unique class of the few Nigerians and indeed Africans who leverage on their little space to push for the overall development and good governance. This can be attested to by key opposition and anti-Buhari figures including a leading critic Femi Fani-Kayode who in his various works has often defended and celebrated the glowing virtues of Baba Mamman Daura as well as priced him as most cerebral and the spirit behind the success stories of the Buhari administration.

Contrary to the views canvassed by a section of the media, just as very dependable patriot and friend Muhammad Auwal Musa (Waban Dansadau) aptly put it, "Of the countless successful policies of President Buhari, Mamman Daura is undeniably credited to have made immense contributions thereto, thus helping to bring about stability and healthy governance to the polity in a way that imprints his signature on national growth, unity and economic transformation". That is the mutual bond between them. What legacy! What a man! What nationalist! What a Pan Africanist! What a Patriot!

For those with scant knowledge about Mamman Daura, especially those complaining that his influence in the Villa is questionable, it is important to note that through his cognate experience, he has been described as 'intensely engaging, extremely intelligent and brilliant' by many who have come in contact with him and have been able to do any form of business with him.

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BUSINESS

CBN EXCHANGE RATES

	US DOLLAR	POUND STERLING	EURO	YUAN/RENMINBI	RIVAL	CFA
Buying	306	376.1	334.4	42.9	81.5	0.48
Central NGN	306.5	376.8	335.0	43	81.7	0.49
Selling NGN	306.7	376.3	335.5	43.1	81.8	0.50

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COMMODITIES PRICE	
CRUDE OIL BRENT	\$70.74/b
GOLD	\$1,485
GAS	\$2.296

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	Dollar	Euro	Pound S.
BUYING			
	N357	N400	N468
SELLING			
	N360	N404	N471

FLIGHT SCHEDULE

AZMAN AIR
MONDAY- FRIDAY:
 Kano-Lagos, 7:30 a.m., 3:45pm Abuja-Lagos 1:20 a.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:00pm Lagos-Abuja 9:45 a.m., 3:30 p.m. Abuja-Kano 2:30 p.m.
 Kano-Abuja-Maiduguri 8:15 a.m. Abuja-Maiduguri 9:30 a.m. Maiduguri-Abuja-Lagos 11:20 a.m. Abuja-Yola 11:30 a.m. Yola-Abuja-Kano 1 p.m.
SATURDAY: Kano-Abuja 8.00am Abuja-Lagos 9:30 a.m.; Lagos-Kano 6 p.m.

DANA AIR
MONDAY- FRIDAY: Lagos-Abuja Departure: 7.02am, 11.07am, 3.30pm, and 5.10pm, Abuja-Lagos 9 a.m., 1.05pm, 5.28pm, 7.08pm
SATURDAY: Lagos-Abuja 7.02, 11.07am, 15.30pm, 5.10pm Lagos-Uyo: 9.17am Daily; Uyo-Abuja 11.07am daily Abuja — Uyo 1.05pm; Uyo-Lagos 3.03pm
 Lagos- PHC Mon-Friday: 7.20am; PHC-Abuja 9.18am Abuja-PHC 3.30pm
 Daily & Sun, PHC-Lagos 5.28pm

FG, aviation unions may clash over FAAN amendment Bill

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The controversy over the planned concession of some airports by the federal government has further escalated with the planned amendment of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) Bill 2019, Daily Trust can report.

The issue in contention is the unilateral power of the minister to concession any airport so decided.

According to the proposal before the National Assembly, the Minister of Aviation would have the statutory power to concession any of the airports.

Part V of the bill which deals with general powers of the FAAN said: "The authority shall, with the consent of the minister, discontinue the use of any airport maintained by it pursuant to this act."

The bill added: "Where the use of an airport is discontinued pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the authority shall submit a valuation of the airport to the federal government who shall cause compensation to be made to the authority as appropriate."

Findings by our correspondent indicate that, that provision in the bill is causing disquiet among stakeholders especially those opposed to airport concession.

Daily Trust reports that the federal government is on the verge of concessioning four major airports in the country - Murtala Muhammed International Airport (MMIA), Lagos; Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport (NAIA), Abuja; Port Harcourt International Airport,



■ Murtala Muhammed International, Lagos.

Omagwa Rivers and Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport (MAKIA), Kano.

It was learnt that the amendment bill before the National Assembly was to pave way for concession as the extant FAAN Act did not recognise concession.

Apart from the four airports slated for concession, FAAN also manages 18 other airports which are largely considered as unviable.

The major opponents of the concession are the workers represented by the unions which have been very vocal in their opposition to the proposal.

But as the government remains adamant, the unions are spoiling for war over the amendment bill which they say gives the minister "enormous power."

The aspect of the bill relating to concession is not in the national interest, according to a union leader. He said the union would protest it.

According to the union, the

provision is at variance with the power given to the board of directors in the same bill.

The board, according to the amendment shall have the power to, among others "formulate and provide the general policies and guidelines relating to the authority; monitor the implementation of the policies and programmes of the authority.

General Secretary of Nigeria Aviation Professionals Association (NAPA) Comrade Abdulrazak Saidu said the unions would kick against the bill.

According to Saidu, the unions would protest to the presidency and the National Assembly any portion of the bill that was skewed against the interest of workers in particular and the nation as a whole.

He said: "We are going to oppose the bill sent to the National Assembly because an aspect of it talked about concession of airports. We are going to protest and we are

sending it to the president and the Senate president."

Also, General Secretary of the National Union of Air Transport Employees (NUATE), Comrade Abba Ocheme, told Daily Trust that the union was studying the bill and would soon come up with opinions on various aspects of the bill that are not in the interest of workers.

The National Assembly is expected to conduct public hearing on the four aviation bills recently submitted to it by President Muhammadu Buhari.

The bills include Civil Aviation Bill 2019, Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria Bill 2019 and Nigerian College of Air Space Management Agency Establishment Bill 2019.

Others are Nigerian College of Aviation Technology Establishment Bill 2019, Nigerian Meteorological Agency Establishment Bill 2019 and Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau Establishment Bill 2019.

NNPC imported 18bn litres of PMS in 2019 - PPPRA

By Daniel Adugbo

Latest report by the Petroleum Products Pricing Regulatory Agency (PPPRA) shows that over 18 billion litres of Premium Motor Spirit (PMS), also called petrol, were supplied in Nigeria in 2019.

According to the Executive Secretary of the agency, Abdulkadir Saidu, in a report yesterday, the total quantity of PMS supplied across the nation as at November 2019 was 18,623,992,092 litres.

Saidu, in the report said 1,612 vessels laden with different petroleum products docked in Nigerian waters in 2019.

A breakdown of the import figures shows that the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) was responsible for 99.61 per cent of the total 19,175,737,226 litres of petrol that was imported while Major Oil Marketers of Nigeria (MOMAN) imported 0.39 per cent in 2019.

On the other hand, only 166,332,185 litres of PMS was produced locally in the same year.

The report indicated that other petroleum products imported into the country are: AGO (diesel) 4,586,878,439 litres, HHK (kerosene) 128,110,313 litres; and ATK (aviation fuel) 951,769 084 litres.

The PPPRA helmsman commended the dogged efforts of some marketers at sustaining the continuous development of the sector despite the inherent global economic challenges. This is evident in the number of new facilities that emerged in the downstream subsector of the petroleum industry in 2019.

Saidu reiterated that the agency will continue to ensure transparency in the oil and gas value chain by making available reliable data to strategic government agencies such as NEITI, CBN and NBS for adequate planning and decision making in the country.

The agency, he said, will also continue to collaborate with the NNPC and other oil marketing companies towards improving the regulatory environment as well as ensuring uninterrupted products availability.

NIGERIAN RAILWAY CORPORATION ABUJA – KADUNA TRAIN SERVICE (AKTS) TIME TABLE

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NEWS

CBN retains banks' deposits ratio at 65%, gives incentive lending on SMEs

By Chris Agabi

The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has retained banks' deposit ratio at 65 percent citing rising real sector loans by banks as the reason.

CBN announced this in a circular signed by Ahmad Abdullahi, the Director of Banking Supervision, to all banks dated 7th January 2020 titled: "Re: Regulator Measures to Improve Lending to the

Real Sector of the Nigerian economy."

The CBN in October 2019 had raised the Loan to Deposit Ratio (LDR) of banks from 60 to 65 percent to raise real sector lending.

The CBN, in the directive, gave December 31, 2019 deadline for compliance.

However, at the expiration of that deadline, the CBN held the rates constant and promised further reward banks who improved lending to MSMEs.

The circular read: "The Central Bank of Nigeria's (CBN) regulator directives contained in its circulars dated July 3, 2019, ref. BSD/DIR/GEN/MDD/O1/45 and September 30, 2019 ref. BSD/DIR/GEN/LAB/12/049 refers.

"The CBN has noticed remarkable increase in the size of gross credit by the deposit money banks (DMB) to customers. Accordingly, the CBN has decided to retain the minimum 65 percent loan

deposit ratio (LDR) in the interim. All DMBs are required to maintain this level and are further advised that average daily figures shall be applied to assess compliance going forward.

"The incentives which assign a weight of 150 percent in respect of lending to SMEs, retail, mortgage and consumer lending shall continue to apply while failure to achieve the target shall continue to attract a levy of additional

cash reserve requirement of 50 percent of the lending shortfall of the target LDR on or before March 31, 2020.

"DMBs are further encouraged to maintain strong risk management practices regarding their lending operations.

"The CBN shall continue to monitor compliance, review market developments and make further alterations in the LDR as it deems appropriate" the circular concluded."



■ CBN Headquarters, Abuja.

Buhari congratulates First Bank MD on international award

By Muideen Olaniyi

President Muhammadu Buhari has congratulated the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, First Bank, Dr Adesola Adeduntan, on his award of Distinguished Alumnus of the Year by Cranfield School of Management, United Kingdom.

President Buhari, in a statement yesterday by his spokesman, Femi Adesina, said the award is a vote of confidence on Nigerian professionals, many of who rank among the very best in the world.

The president said the fact that Cranfield School of Management is giving Adeduntan the award because he "exemplifies the values of the school" and serves as "role model to students and potential students" is an endorsement that should make every Nigerian proud.

Adeduntan attended Cranfield School of Management in 2004 as British Chevening Scholar.

He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Banking of Nigeria (CIBN) and Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN).

Fresh port charges on imported goods coming soon

From Eugene Agha Lagos

The Council for the Regulation of Freight Forwarding in Nigeria (CRFFN) is set to introduce fresh port charges on imported goods.

The council on Monday announced the commencement of the payment of N1000 on 20 feet container, N2000 on 40 feet container, 350 kobo per ton on general cargo while it will cost N1 per ton on bulk cargo to be paid it.

The council, at a meeting held in Lagos to sensitize freight forwarders, said it has got approval from the Ministry of Finance to collect Practitioners Operating Fee (POF) from freight forwarders and customs brokers operating in the country.

Speaking at the

conference, the registrar of the council, Barrister Samuel Nwakohu said the stage is set for the commencement of the fresh charges which would be communicated to practitioners in no distant time.

He maintained that collection of POF will not increase the cost of doing business in the ports.

But the freight forwarders vowed to resist the move, saying that the fresh charges would bring about inflation.

They said rather than introduce fresh port charges, government should reduce the amount paid for registration for both company and individual.

According to Mr. Yomi Adebola: "Other

professional bodies like ICAN pay professional dues annually; why not limit our own too to annual payment instead of asking us to pay per shipment.

"We pay customs duty and other charges; this one you want us to pay, who do we refer it to?"

"This system will lead to more demurrage in the port before they say we must pay before our cargo can exit the port.

"We pay importation duty to customs, that is the VAT, 7 percent, 1 percent CIS, shipping company charges and rent on the container, you will pay all these charges with VAT.

"You will pay terminal charges with VAT, if you import goods relating to NAFDAC, you will pay them with VAT,

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NEWS



■ Barrels of crude oil

Iraqi oil facilities secure, production continuing - OPEC

By Daniel Adugbo with agency reports

Iraqi oil facilities are secured and the country's production is continuing, Secretary General of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) Mohammed Barkindo said on

Wednesday.

"It's a big relief that the facilities continue to be secured in Iraq, the production is continuing and effective," Barkindo said on the sidelines of a conference in Abu Dhabi.

He said he was optimistic Iraq would reach 100 percent compliance with OPEC cuts

in time, despite current tensions.

In a message to U.S. President Donald Trump, Barkindo said OPEC alone could not shoulder the responsibility of maintaining a stable oil market.

Meanwhile, oil prices retreated Wednesday, a

dramatic reversal from the initial spike caused by Iran's missile strike on bases in Iraq that house US troops.

The pullback from the initial rally reflects easing fears about the risk of a spiraling conflict between the United States and Iran.

Brent oil, the global

benchmark, dipped 0.8% to \$67.70 a barrel. Brent had traded as high as \$71.75 a barrel earlier on Monday.

Investors are breathing a sigh of relief that Iran's attack did not do more damage and has so far not drawn a response from President Donald Trump.

African carriers see 19.8% increase in freight demands

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for global air freight markets showing that demand, measured in freight tonne kilometers (FTKs), and decreased by 1.1% in November 2019, compared to the same period in 2018.

This marks the 13th consecutive month of year-on-year declines in freight volumes, the data revealed.

Despite the decline in demand, November's performance was the best in eight months, with the slowest year-on-year rate of contraction recorded since March 2019.

But IATA representing over 290 airlines said African carriers posted the fastest growth of any region in November 2019, with an increase in demand of 19.8% compared to the same period a year earlier.

Strong trade and investment links with Asia contributed to the positive performance, according to the report. Also, capacity grew 13.7% year-on-year.

Our correspondent reports that Nigeria for instance has seen a boom in air freights following the sustained border drills by the Federal Government. This has blocked avenues for smuggling of goods and cargoes through the land borders. According to IATA, in part, November's outcome reflects the growing importance of large e-commerce events such as Singles Day in Asia and Black Friday.

"While international e-commerce continues to grow, overall air cargo demand continues to face headwinds from the effects of the trade war between the US and China, the deterioration in world trade, and a broad-based slowing in global economic growth", the report said.

IATA's Director General and CEO, Alexandre de Juniac said, "Demand for air cargo in November was down 1.1% compared to the previous year. That's better than the 3.5% decline posted in October. But it is a big disappointment considering that the fourth quarter is usually air cargo's peak season. Looking forward, signs of a thawing in US-China trade tensions are good news. But trading conditions at present remain very challenging."

Freight capacity, measured in available freight tonne kilometers (AFTKs), rose by 2.9% year-on-year in November 2019. Capacity growth has now outstripped demand growth for 19 consecutive months.

Regional performance indicates that airlines in Asia-Pacific, Latin America and the Middle East suffered sharp declines in year-on-year growth in total air freight volumes in November 2019, while North American carriers experienced a more moderate decline. Europe and Africa were the only regions to record growth in air freight demand compared to November 2018.

Oil prices fall as alarm over Iran rocket strike fades

Oil futures fell on Wednesday from peaks hit in frenzied early trading after a rocket attack by Iran on American forces in Iraq raised the spectre of a spiralling Middle East conflict and disruption to crude flows.

Prices gave up most of their early gains as oil production facilities remain unaffected by attacks.

Tweets by U.S. President Donald Trump and Iran's foreign minister also appeared to signal a period of calm - for now.

Brent crude futures were down 49 cents, or 0.72 per cent, at 67.78 dollars by around 1254 GMT, after earlier rising to their highest since mid-September at 71.75 dollars.

West Texas Intermediate crude futures were down 76 cents, or 1.21 per cent, at 61.94 dollars a barrel. WTI has seesawed through the day.

The futures earlier hit 65.85 dollars, the highest since late April last year, before briefly being down by over 1 dollar from the previous close.

Iran's missile attack on U.S.-led forces in Iraq came early on Wednesday, hours after the funeral of Qassem Soleimani, the commander of the country's elite Quds Force killed in a U.S. drone strike on Jan. 3.

Tehran fired more than a dozen ballistic missiles from Iranian territory against at least two Iraqi military bases

hosting U.S.-led coalition personnel, the U.S. military said on Tuesday.

Stock, currency and gold markets were also roiled by the attacks.

Trump said in a tweet that an assessment of casualties and damage from the strikes was underway and that he would make a statement on Wednesday morning U.S. time. "All is well!" Trump said in the Twitter post.

Early indications suggested no U.S. casualties, one source told Reuters, although other officials declined to comment. Iranian state television said 80 "American terrorists" had been killed and U.S. helicopters and military equipment damaged.

Iraq, Germany, Denmark and Norway said none of their troops were killed or injured.

Executives and analysts said oil markets remained focused for now on the targets in the Wednesday attack being military, rather than oil industry facilities.

"Now the price move will depend on what the red line will be for Trump. After the initial reaction, gains have been taken back," Olivier Jakob of consultancy Petromatrix said.

"Headlines about Saudi's Bahri shipping, likely a temporary suspension, show that what is happening in the region is going to have some impact on oil flows. We're

seeing this on freight rates now, so the risk on supply cannot be fully discounted."

Saudi Arabia's state tanker operator Bahri temporarily suspended transits through the Strait of Hormuz, the Wall Street Journal reported.

In a research note, Goldman Sachs maintained its three-month view for U.S. oil at 63 dollars a barrel.

"The recent rally in oil prices is unsustainable without actual supply disruption," the bank said.

The Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) will respond to any possible oil shortages if necessary but it also has "limitations", the United Arab Emirates energy minister said on Wednesday.

Suhail al-Mazrouei said he sees no immediate risk of supplies through the Strait of Hormuz being blocked.

In Wednesday's attack, Iranian news agency Mehr said Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps had targeted the bases in Iraq that hosted U.S. forces.

Tehran had vowed retaliation for the killing of military commander Soleimani.

"Iran took and concluded proportionate measures in self-defence," Iranian Foreign Minister Jawad Zarif said on Twitter.

"We do not seek escalation or war, but will defend ourselves against any aggression." (Reuters/NAN)

ANALYSIS

GMOs: Stakeholders call for dialogue, labelling to create awareness

By Bukola Adewumi

The need to boost food production for Nigeria to be self-sufficient and improve its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) cannot be over emphasised.

The country has been facing some form of food insecurity due to the effects of insurgency in the Northeast and some natural disasters such as flooding and drought as a result of climate change.

Recently, the story is however changing because of the border closure that has boosted production of rice and some agriculture commodities.

This challenge has brought to the fore the need for farmers to explore modern farming methods to boost food production.

Therefore, the need to explore Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) as a viable option had been in the public space.

Some stakeholders in the agricultural sector recently called on the National Biosafety Management Agency (NBMA), the agency that manages GMO products, to continue to create awareness on their benefits to food production.

The stakeholders, who spoke at a dialogue on GMO foods recently in Abuja, called for labeling of foods that contain GMOs to ensure that people make informed choices.

Mr Babatunde Irukera, the Director General, Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (FCCPC), said there was need to deepen dialogue on the GMO controversy to get a clearer picture of its benefits or otherwise.

According to Irukera, consumers should have absolute information about the choices they make while purchasing either genetically modified or organic foods.

"Our position is pretty simple; that we are looking for the safest possible products for consumers.

"I think there is a disputed science with respect to Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs), and so we think this is an opportunity to deepen the dialogue and X-ray the controversy so that we can get clearer sense of it.

"At the minimum, we take the position that there should be disclosure, and consumers should have absolute information about the choices they are making."

Ms Faith Chenemi, the Head, Barns Connect and Co-convenor of the dialogue said her organisation had been monitoring the debate around GMO technology and was making efforts to collect



evidences and perceptions of the technology.

"Over the years, Barns Connect has followed research, news and debates around Genetically Modified Organisms at both international and local levels. We are aware and are making efforts to collect evidences and perceptions on it.

"As an organisation, we know the controversy on GMO in Nigeria.

"We should consider the realities of our country; from our porous borders to dwindling revenues, inadequate and poor human and social infrastructure to drive high-level research and training on these issues and the pressure from rising poverty and corruption.

"Our thinking, action and recommendation must take cognisance of these realities, else it becomes impossible to make headway with good legitimate support," Chenemi said.

The Executive Director, Institute for Agricultural Research (IAR), Prof. Mohammed Ishiyaku, said Nigeria stood to gain N48 billion annually if one million hectares of the newly released Pod Borer Resistant (PBR) cowpea was grown.

It would be recalled that the National Committee on Naming, Registration and Release of Crop Varieties in the country recently met in Ibadan and approved the PBR Cowpea for release to farmers after naming it SAMPEA 20-T.

Ishiyaku said that the newly released variety do not differ in any way from already

existing cowpeas (beans) other than the improvements made.

He said both the on-station and on-farm trials demonstrated the superiority of SAMPEA 20-T relative to local recently released cowpea varieties and improved breeding lines tested.

The Acting Director General, National Biotechnology Development Agency (NABDA), Prof. Alex Akpa, said the PBR cowpea would address the demand deficit of about 500,000 tonnes and also improve the national productivity average of 350kg/hectare.

Akpa said that Nigeria was the first country in Sub-Saharan Africa apart from South Africa to develop and release a GM food crop.

"The newly registered SAMPEA 20-T is highly resistant to Maruca vitrata, an insect pest that causes up to 90 per cent yield loss in severe infestation cases.

"The decision to release the variety means that farmers will have access to the seed that will help them significantly reduce the number of chemical spray they currently apply to their crop from six to seven times to only two per cropping season.

"Globally, science and technology are what countries have used to leapfrog poverty, malnutrition, hunger and diseases, Nigeria is not different.

"The Federal Government recognises this hence the establishment of necessary research institutions and regulatory agencies to

ensure that the country take maximum advantages of the tools of science and technology for national development," Akpa said.

Also speaking, PBR Cowpea Manager, African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF), Dr Issoufou Abdourhamane, urged farmers to embrace the new cowpea variety, adding that it had no negative impact on health.

"Cowpea farming will now become attractive even to the younger generation as it has become less cumbersome with the effective management of Maruca," he said.

Corroborating this fact, the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) said about 4.02 million people in Nigeria are currently faced with acute food insecurity, calling for immediate response for Nigeria to attain food sufficiency.

The FAO Country Director, Suffyan Koroma, during the presentation of October 2019 CH Analysis' outcome for 16 states and the FCT, said the food security situation report released by the World Food Programme and FAO noted that there had been significant improvement in the food security situation in the country.

"The cadre harmonised analysis of acute food insecurity situations carried out in 17 northern states, indicated that over four million Nigerians would be in the food crisis phase or worse off between October and December," he said.

The FAO country director listed the 17 states to include Jigawa, Kano, Kastina, Kaduna, Bauchi, Benue, Borno, Gombe, Niger, Kebbi, Taraba, Yobe, Zamfara, Adamawa, Plateau and Sokoto as well as the FCT.

The Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Dr Mohammed Umar, said that attaining food and nutrition security remained the cardinal objective of the present administration.

According to him, his ministry remains resolute in supporting initiatives geared towards attaining the mandate.

"The ministry is hopeful that the information articulated from this cycle will remain relevant in forming government and stakeholders' decisions, particularly on the factors driving acute food and nutrition insecurity during the projected period."

Dr Rose Gidado, the National Coordinator, Open Forum on Agricultural Biotechnology (OFAB) in Nigeria said agriculture had to be taken as a serious business.

She said that technology was the key to improved seeds and farmers stood to benefit.

She said that agriculture was all about having good harvest and increased yield in order to get profit that would empower farmers.

Gidado also a board member of the NASC said that they came to support the march as they always did in the past to enable farmers have access to improved seeds. (NAN Features)



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Muktar Aliyu, MBBS, MPH, DrPH, has been appointed a full Professor of Health Policy and Medicine by the Vanderbilt University Medical Center in the United States. Prior to this appointment, he was an Associate Professor of Health Policy and Medicine at Vanderbilt University and an Associate Professor of Family and Community Medicine at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, USA. A fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine, Dr. Aliyu joined the Vanderbilt faculty in 2009.



Professor Muktar Aliyu

A medical graduate of Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, Dr. Aliyu obtained his Masters in Public Health from George Washington University, Washington D.C. He also earned a doctorate in Public Health from the University of Alabama. He completed his professional (residency) training at the Mayo Clinic, which is ranked among the best medical centers in the world. He served as a visiting Professor of Community Medicine at Bayero University, Kano from 2012 to 2015.

Dr. Aliyu has mentored, supervised and supported many Nigerians and people of other nationalities in developing their careers. He has secured several research grants for Nigerian institutions, especially his training alma mater, Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, Kano, where he currently oversees several ongoing research studies and programs funded by the U.S. National Institutes of Health.

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Dr. Aliyu has published over 180 research articles in highly reputable journals, including the *Lancet* and the *British Medical Journal*, among others. He is a chartered member and reviewer for the U.S. National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He is also an Editorial Board Member and reviewer for several highly reputable journals. He is a recipient of many prizes, awards and honors, such as: Ransome Kuti Prize for Best Graduating Student in Community Medicine, Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria; the William Kane 'Rising Star' Award, American College of Preventive Medicine; the UAB Alumni Award for Scientific Excellence, University of Alabama at Birmingham; the William H.J. Summerskill Award for Outstanding Achievement in Research, Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research; Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching, Meharry Medical College and the Academic Faculty Leadership Awards from Meharry Medical College, among others. Dr. Aliyu was recently conferred with the 2019 Merit Award by the Kano Science Schools Old Students Association (KASSOSA) in recognition of his contributions to building clinical research capacity at Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital.

Dr. Aliyu currently serves on the Board of Directors of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Chicago, USA, and the African Health Innovation Center, Accra, Ghana. He has been described as one of the finest physicians and an outstanding scholar of African extraction who has made Nigeria proud on the international stage.

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NEWS

Telecom sector plagued by inconsistent power supply, theft of equipment

By Funmilola Gboteku, (NAN)

Inconsistent power supply and theft of telecommunications equipment are some of the numerous problems making the telecommunications business less profitable.

As a result of the unstable power supply in the country, telecommunications operators spend a lot of money buying fuel.

According to operators, the average network cost in Nigeria is twice or thrice higher than the cost in some African markets.

The implications of such an absence of reliable power infrastructure are far-reaching.

There have been serious concerns over the state of electricity in the country.

Operators say that 60 per cent of their operating cost goes into generating electricity to power base stations which has made the telecommunications business unprofitable.

They explain that access to electricity is vital for economic development, noting that developing countries around the world are making various efforts to improve access to electricity.

The operators express concern that aside from the issue of inconsistent power supply, regular theft of batteries and other telecommunication equipment at base stations are also discouraging investments in the industry.

Dr Adedoyin Adeola, the Vice President, Network Operations, Airtel Nigeria, notes that power supply is being sabotaged by different people who are benefiting from alternative forms of energy.

According to him, network operators in Nigeria and few other African countries are the only ones that introduce two power generating sets into their business.

Adeola says in other



■ Telecom mast

countries, operators rely solely on electricity from the national grid.

"In Nigerian telecoms industry, we consume almost 40 million litres of fuel per month to power telecoms towers.

"It is only in Nigeria and a few other countries that we factor having two power generators in our business case," Adeola notes.

The Chairman, Association of Licensed Telecommunications Operators of Nigeria (ALTON), Gbenga Adebayo, says though operators have introduced different kinds of innovation to solve the problem of power supply, theft of batteries and solar panels still remains a

challenge.

"We have considered other sources of energy. We installed solar power panels in some locations.

"Those sites have been vandalised and the cells are taken to the local community and used to play table tennis.

"The local government and state authorities are asking us to pay for generator emission test. So, we ask them if the ones we use on our sites are not also used in homes and offices," Adebayo argues.

He observes that poor power supply has made the telecommunications business less profitable.

The ALTON boss says money spent in fuelling power generating sets could

have been used to provide more quality services for consumers.

Adebayo, therefore, urges the Federal Government to provide stable power supply to reduce expenses on fuelling generators at base stations.

He recalls that in the past 20 years, the sector has contributed immensely in terms of job creation directly and indirectly.

He says the sector contributes over N200 billion to the Federal Government through taxes.

"The telecommunications industry has been an enabler of social inclusion, bridging the digital divide in the country.

"Our banks today cannot

function without the telecommunication sector. Imagine a situation where all base stations are shut down; ATMs will not work.

"The sector plays a vital role in the economic growth of the country.

"It is, therefore, essential for the government to treat the telecommunications equipment as national critical infrastructure, by giving the sector maximum protection in order to keep their equipment safe," he suggests.

Adebayo also suggests that the government needs to look for a lasting solution to solve the issue of inconsistent power supply in the country.

Mr Wole Abu, the Chief Executive Officer, Pan African Towers, says power supply contributed 50 per cent of capital expenditure and 60 per cent of the operating costs of infrastructure companies.

Abu explains that the cost of fuelling generators is driving up the cost of doing business and making the business less profitable.

"We are not going to wait for the grid. We are rolling out designs that are completely off-grid.

"Power from the grid is erratic and it burns our equipment," he notes.

He, however, points out that operators have started investing in energy-efficient equipment to reduce fuel.

There is need to improve power supply in the country so that manufacturers, telecommunication companies and other small scale businesses can spend less money fuelling generators.

The government also needs to identify the obstacles slowing down the process of having constant power supply in the country.

The government should also treat telecommunications equipment as national critical infrastructure by providing maximum protection to keep them safe. (NAN Features)

DISCO spreads instalment payment for pre-paid meters in S/East

The Enugu Electricity Distribution Company (EEDC), says it has spread instalment payment for smart pre-paid meters for 24 months for its standalone pre-paid meter customers in the South-East.

The Head, EEDC Communication, Mr Emeka Ezech, said this in a statement on Wednesday titled: "Facts Behind the Discontinuation of Standalone (Unistar) Meters in our Network".

Ezech noted that the customers affected also do

not need to make any initial payment for the migration to the smart pre-paid meter.

"To address the immediate financial burden on the affected customers, EEDC has undertaken to install new meters under the Meter Asset Provider (MAP) scheme without the requirement for upfront full payment, while the instalment repayment will be spread over up to 24 months".

MAP is the metering program designed and approved by the Federal

Government and Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC).

Ezech noted that to further address the issues arising from this migration exercise, EEDC had taken the following steps in implementing this decision.

Such steps include: "Creation of a dedicated helpline (0815 082 5367) to handle all concerns and enquiries associated with this exercise for efficient operations.

"Constituting several teams

for each Service Center to ensure timely migration of affected customers to the new smart pre-paid meters.

"Only the customers on the obsolete standalone meters are affected by this exercise, and they are less than 40,000 in number.

"For customers that still have unused credit in their meter accounts, these credits will be transferred to their new meter accounts once our team of installers arrive their locations for this exercise.

"For those who have

run out of credit, they are encouraged to call the helpline immediately and new meters will be promptly installed for them," he said.

He explained further that the company could no longer provide technological support for the standalone pre-paid meters however advised customers on it to migrate to MAP Smart pre-paid meters.

The EEDC spokesman assured its customers of continued commitment towards delivering improved services. (NAN)



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Job Summary/Responsibilities:

Primary Function:
The Senior program manager will be responsible for the management and coordination of the ICHSSA project sub-grants with CSOs in Adamawa States (S)he will work closely with the System strengthening and sustainability Advisors (SSSA) Monitoring/Evaluation Advisors (MEAs) and other key ICHSSA program staff to ensure project targets are met and documented appropriately. (S)he will liaise closely with Finance and Compliance Specialist (FCs) to ensure proper accountability for project funds. She/he will also provide technical assistance and training as appropriate to partners to ensure that high standards of program implementation are provided

Job Responsibility:

- Works closely with SMWASD and System strengthening and sustainability advisors to conduct the sub grant process in assigned states each of the first three years.
- Conducts assessments of CSO sub grantees provides mentorship in proposal design and implementation of service delivery.
- Identify potential business development plans and sustainability.
- With TO and TAs, organizes and supports technical trainings and community of practice meetings.
- Monitors progress on various capacity building related indicators CSOs with MEAs.
- Ensures CSO participation in coordination meetings.
- Serves as the focal ICHSSA 4 project contact for CSO sub grants.
- Ensures on-going support and monitoring to CSOs after their grant closure to track sustainability outcomes
- Needs to have technical OVC skills/knowledge and strong program management skills.
- The SPM will manage a large team comprising program unit and provide support in office administration.
- Minimum of 6 years' experience in developmental field with MSc/ MPH or related field

Qualifications and Skills

- A Bachelor degree in Social sciences or health related field is required
- A masters in social sciences or MPH will be an added advantage.
- Minimum of 5 to 7years of work experience on an OVC program in Nigeria is required
- Ability to use all micro soft packages including excel and PowerPoint
- Candidate must have up to five years PEPFAR program implementation; experience in supervising and providing MEAL technical assistance for PEPFAR HIV, OVC and Adolescent programs
- Candidate should have strong interpersonal skill
- Fluency in written and spoken English.
- Ability to work in a culturally sensitive environment
- Demonstrated willingness to work in a team.
- Demonstrated initiative and problem-solving skills.

Job Title/Position: State Program Officer (Adamawa and Bauchi)

Job Summary/Responsibilities:

The State Program officer primary responsibility is to support the co-ordination of the project activities, support granting to CSOs, provide mentorship and support to the CSOs within the LGAs of coverage. The role will entail capacity to organize and manage volunteers, High level of advocacy, participatory leadership, engagement and documenting reports consistent with ICHSSA 4 project standards.

Job Responsibilities:

- The incumbent will supervise the activities of sub grant recipients and ensure compliance with PHI financial standards and policy
- Performs programmatic and financial monitoring and reviews of program
- Provides assistance to sub-grant partners on a range of program management issues including work plan and budget development;
- Provide guidance and training to grantees on compliance with US-AID poli-cies and regulations, financial management, audit and closeout;
- Ensure that activities listed in grant recipients' sub-award are implemented
- Support in preparation of reports includ-ing, monthly, quarterly and annual reports;
- Perform administrative functions (maintain filing system, scheduling of meetings/ venues) as needed.
- Provides support in the implementation of parenting, adolescent girls and HIV related programming in the state
- Manage a sub-grants and subcontractors; functions include review and overseeing program implementation and budgets, financial and programmatic reports, program deliverables, through regular contact by phone, email, and site visits;
- Record, produce and circulate minutes of proceedings at workshops, meetings

Qualifications and Skills

- A Bachelor degree in Social sciences or health related field is required
- A masters in social sciences or MPH will be an added advantage.
- Minimum of four (4) years of work experience on an OVC program in Nigeria is required
- Ability to use all micro soft packages including excel and PowerPoint
- Strong technical knowledge and skills in OVC programming is required
- Candidate should have strong interpersonal skill
- Fluency in written and spoken English.
- Ability to work in a culturally sensitive environment
- Demonstrated willingness to work in a team.
- Demonstrated initiative and problem-solving skills.

Job Title/Position: Program Assistant (Bauchi and Adamawa)

Job Summary/Responsibilities

The Program Assistant (OVC) will provide support to the state SPM/SPO in the management and coordination of the ICHSSA project sub-grants with CSOs in Adamawa and Bauchi States (S)he will work closely with the System strengthening and sustainability Advisors (SSSA), Monitoring/Evaluation Officers (MEOs) and other key ICHSSA program staff to ensure project targets are met and documented appropriately. (S)he will liaise closely with Finance and Compliance Officers (FCOs) to ensure proper accountability for project funds. She/he will also provide technical assistance and training as appropriate to partners to ensure that high standards of program implementation are provided.

Qualifications and Skills

- A Bachelor degree in Social sciences or health related field is required
- Minimum of two (2) years of work experience on an OVC program in Nigeria is required
- Ability to use all micro soft packages including excel and PowerPoint
- Strong technical knowledge and skills in OVC programming is required
- Candidate should have strong interpersonal skill
- Fluency in written and spoken English.
- Ability to work in a culturally sensitive environment
- Demonstrated willingness to work in a team.
- Demonstrated initiative and problem-solving skills.

Job Title/Position: HIV Integrated Care and Support Advisor (Bauchi)

Job Summary/Responsibilities:

- S/he coordinate the development and implementation of technical program activities for community-based HIV Prevention, Care and Support through the provision of technical guidance to ICHSSA 4 technical teams, partner CSOs, case managers and community volunteers.
- s/he will collaborate closely with the ICHSSA 4 team to roll out and implement an integrated and holistic community-based response to HIV/AIDS and TB towards scaling up access to HIV prevention, care and treatment support.
- The HIV Care and Support Advisor will be responsible for working closely with the ICHSSA 4 technical team to achieve the strategic objectives of the program - focusing primarily on HIV Prevention, Care and Support, but also supporting cross-cutting themes and integration efforts across the project with other areas of OVC programming including Household Economic Strengthening and Nutrition.
- S/he will lead the planning and capacity strengthening efforts while putting in place operational strategies for achieving project aims, results and performance expectations through adherence to high standards of programmatic and management quality.
- S/he will provide technical and programmatic leadership primarily in the areas of HIV prevention, care and support for project community members including ICHSSA 4 beneficiaries.
- S/he will be responsible for implementing strategies designed to strengthen the linkages between the community-based activities and health facilities providing HIV diagnosis, care and treatment towards ensuring a continuum of care.
- S/he will also support the strengthening of the capacity of implementing CSOs, CTBC case managers and community volunteers in the area of community HIV prevention awareness creation; community mobilization for HIV counseling and testing, PMTCT, Early Infant Diagnosis (EID) and improving referral and counter-referral systems between communities and facilities.

Qualifications and Skills

- MSc or MPH with a minimum of 6 years relevant experience in implementing community HIV Prevention, Care and Support programs
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with government and civil society partners and communities as well as transfer knowledge to diverse audiences through workshops, training and meetings using participatory methods and adult learning principles.
- Experience in supporting community HIV Prevention, Care and Support prevention, case detection and treatment support programs in health facilities and community outreaches
- Experience in contributing to project design and proposal development in the HIV/TB/Health sector for USAID/PEPFAR programs.
- Experience with monitoring and evaluation and reporting HIV Prevention, Care and Support activities
- Good knowledge of Government of Nigeria HIV Prevention, Care and Support guidelines and experience working with the National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA)
- Familiarity with OVC and community HIV Prevention, Care and Support programming and principles.
- Excellent English oral and written communication skills required.
- Excellent analytical, organizational and computer skills; skilled in MS Office including Word, Excel, Outlook, and PowerPoint.

Job Title/Position: HIV Integrated Care and Support Specialist (Adamawa)

Job Summary/Responsibilities:

- S/he is to provide technical guidance to PHI/ICHSSA 4 partner CSOs in the implementation of technical program activities for community-based HIV Care and Support in the ICHSSA 4 Program.
- Under the direction of the Technical Advisor, s/he will collaborate closely with the ICHSSA team to roll out and implement an integrated and holistic community-based response to HIV/AIDS towards scaling up access to HIV prevention and care services for vulnerable children and their caregivers
- Provide technical input for the development of strategies, design and implementation of HIV Prevention/ Care & Support activities by ICHSSA 4 project; ensure activities improve access to HIV prevention and care services amongst project beneficiaries and their caregivers.
- Direct CSOs towards overall technical quality -- including adherence to technical standards, best practices and donor guidelines for all HIV Prevention Care & Support activities of the project.
- Support strategies towards ensuring that project activities are built on strong behavior change principles, and build the capacity of CSOs and relevant GON staff in effective implementation and monitoring.
- Work closely with the SMOH, SMWASD, SACA and HIV TWGs in Bauchi state in identifying and capitalizing on leverage points for improved linkages and referral coordination at the community level and for integration of HIV Prevention Care & Support elements into other OVC areas project activities and vice versa

Qualifications and Skills:

- Master's of Science and/or MPH with a minimum of 4 years relevant experience in implementing HIV Prevention, Care and Support programs or BS/MA in a relevant health degree or social sciences plus a minimum of 4 years technical experience with community-level HIV prevention, Care & Support programs
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with government and civil society partners and communities as well as transfer knowledge to diverse audiences through workshops, training and meetings using participatory methods and adult learning principles.
- Experience in supporting HIV Testing and Counselling programs in health facilities, mobile units and community outreaches
- Good knowledge of Government of Nigeria HIV Care and Treatment guidelines (Paediatric & Adult) and experience working with Ministry of Health and other relevant entities
- Familiarity with PEPFAR-OVC programming and principles
- Excellent English oral and written communication skills required.
- Excellent analytic, organizational and computer skills; skilled in MS Office including Word, Excel, Outlook, and PowerPoint.

Job Title/Position: Nutrition Advisor (Bauchi)

Job Summary/Responsibilities:

- Focus on strengthening existing case management system of the project to ensure quality services its conformity with GON and PEPFAR guidelines for nutrition services with focus on Children living with HIV (CLHIV) and their households.
- Linkage to treatment facilities and effective bi-directional referral systems including coordination of escort services and follow up at facility and community levels with focus on management of malnutrition.
- Provision of technical guidance on IYCF and Food demonstration to CSO partners, OVCs/Community primary referral facility providers and care givers, particularly of reactive OVC on treatment.
- Work closely with the Household Economic Strengthening (HES) Advisor to implement program strategies to improve household food security
- Co-ordinates the documentation and reporting to DME of results and lessons learned in the subject areas, particularly the bi-directional referral system for Nutrition services using the principles of data driven programming
- Coordinate and document community to facility and facility to community nutrition and related activities
- Coordinate related quality improvement efforts at State, LGA, CSO and community levels
- Provide hands on and institutional level capacity building to CSOs, Case managers, Community volunteers and CIT members on nutrition services and referral linkages

Minimum Qualification /Skills:

- Advanced degree in Health Sciences.
- Minimum of 5 years' experience working with reputable organizations on Infant and child nutrition and referral services
- Advanced knowledge of current Nigeria's HIV Response, HIV prevention and treatment adherence principles, particularly for children
- Knowledge of GON and PEPFAR current OVC guidelines and ability to address the guidelines using the project's strategy.
- Must understand the principles of 90-90-90 towards zero HIV transmission and contribution of Community OVC programs to

- this goal.
- Experience working closely with other IPs and government personnel at several levels.
- Practical experience in IYCF and Food Demonstration.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Strong interpersonal skills.
- Willingness to travel to rural communities in difficult terrains with challenging roads

Job Title/Position: Database Officer (Adamawa)

Job Summary/Responsibilities:

- The Database manager will be responsible for the setup, organization, maintenance and updating of databases and management information systems (MIS) at National, PEPFAR and CSO levels; such as the National OVC Management Information System (NOMIS), PEPFAR's Data for Accountability, Transparency & Impact (DATIM),
- she/he will develop computer programs and troubleshoot databases to generate data, data tables and reports in order to respond to program and donor reporting requirements, on schedule and as the need arises.
- Serve as a liaison between the Project and USAID or her agent(s) on MIS related activities and in turn provide overall technical support on database organization, maintenance, development and update, to the SMILE project M&E and CSOs teams in the delivery of project mandates in line with all USG accepted policies and procedures
- Support the planning and delivery of trainings, workshops and other capacity development interventions for CSOs and M&E team. Support the DSI to ensure CSOs understand the information needs of project stakeholders and donors and adhere to system requirements
- Provided oversight support for the implementation and updates of the existing MIS systems used by PHI and CSOs comprising National OVC management information system (NOMIS), Program management information system (PMIS) and DATIM and this will include but not limited to onsite installation, setup, data entry procedures, and data transmission.

Minimum Qualification /Skills

- Bachelor's degree in computer science and/or information communication technology (ICT) with emphasis in biostatistics, systems analysis and software development using a variety of software applications.
- At least 3 years of professional experience in the field of ICT and database management in an international non-governmental organization.
- Demonstrable skill in configuring and troubleshooting a wide range of databases, management information systems (MIS) and Windows servers.
- Programming in Java, SQL Server 2005 and MySQL, and Php will be an added advantage.
- Ability to carry data management activities of quantitative and qualitative nature using any of the software applications: CSPro, SPSS, Iform Builder, or STATA will be an added advantage.
- Ability to work effectively with government and civil society partners and communities as well as transfer knowledge to diverse audiences through workshops, training and meetings using participatory methods and adult learning principles.
- Ability to support partners working at a distance to achieve results against program objectives/targets.

Job Title/Position: M&E Officer (Adamawa and Bauchi)

Job Summary/Responsibilities:

- The M&E officer is responsible for providing support to the M&E team in the delivery of its mandates for the project in line with all USG accepted policies and procedures.
 - She/he will also support in providing technical assistance and training as appropriate to partners to ensure that high standards of program implementation are provided as guided by each of the technical persons.
 - S/he will assist providing technical M&E support to SMWASD, LGAs and Civil Society Organizations (CSO) implementing the program Performance Monitoring Plan and documentation of such activities.
- #### Minimum Qualification
- Bachelor's degree in social science with emphasis in rural development, public health, statistics or a development related field.
 - Demonstrated skills in M&E, data management and quantitative and qualitative research methodologies.
 - At least one year of professional experience in implementing M&E for programs related to Health, HIV and OVC, agriculture or food and nutrition security programming, of which at least one year with a NGOs.
 - Experience in managing M&E databases including DHIS and NOMIS
 - Demonstrable computer literacy in MS Office - Excel, Power Point and Word.
 - Experience in data analysis in Access and at least one of the following: CSPro, SPSS, EpiInfo or STATA is an added advantage.
 - Ability to work effectively with government and civil society partners and communities as well as transfer knowledge to diverse audiences through workshops, training and meetings using participatory methods and adult learning principles.

Job Title/Position: Senior Finance Specialist (Adamawa)

Job Summary/Responsibilities:

- The Finance Specialist will work closely with the finance team lead-DFO to improve and maintain financial and grants management policies, systems, structures and procedures.
- Will plan and supervise work of the Finance staff including tracking and monitoring of expenditures and procurement.
- The FS will also review program/project proposals to ensure technical compliance and consistency with organizational program principles and donor funding criteria.

Minimum Qualification /Skills

- Degree in accounting, finance or other related courses.
- Any of the following professional qualifications or progress in ACA or ACCA or CPA will be an advantage.
- 5 years NGO work experience with clear demonstration of ability to manage CBOs.
- Knowledge of USAID grants management, excellent accounting and budgetary skills.
- Good computer skills in Microsoft Office and competence in the use of the Tally accounting package.

Job Title/Position: Finance Officer

Location: Adamawa and Bauchi States

Job Summary/Responsibilities:

- The Finance Officer will be responsible for supervising bank transactions, preparation of payment Vouchers and writing of cheques, posting of payment Vouchers and preparation of financial reports.
- Will be responsible for budget tracking, reviewing posted transactions in the Tally, bank reconciliation and ensuring timely remittances of statutory deductions.
- The Finance Officer will also be in charge of making requisition for funds, reimbursements and involvement in the capacity building of community-based organizations and hands-supports in financial management.
- Will keep proper financial records for donor and external audits view.
- Will be responsible for coordination of administrative activities at the state office.

Minimum Qualifications/Skills:

- Applicants must have first degree/HND in accounting or other related social sciences.
- Also required is minimum of 3 years working experience strong skills in Microsoft Word Excel and Tally, sound analytical, interpersonal and communication skills. Experience in managing USAID grants, rules and regulations.
- familiarity with Nigeria NGOs contractual procedures and a relevant higher degree will an added advantage.

Job Title/Position: Security Manager (Adamawa)

Job Summary/Responsibilities:

- Develop and implement security policies, protocols and procedures

- Control budgets for security operations and monitor expenses
- Recruit, train and supervise security officers and guards
- Attend meetings with other managers to determine operational needs
- Plan and coordinate security operations for specific events
- Coordinate staff when responding to emergencies and alarms
- Review reports on incidents and breaches
- Investigate and resolve issues
- Create reports for management on security status
- Analyze data to form proposals for improvements (e.g. implementation of new technology)
- The Security Officer is responsible for supporting the Northeast Nigeria Security director of programs, and Bauchi State program officer to ensure that safety and security is mainstreamed into all field operations across Northeast Nigeria and that the high-quality information is available for decision making.
- In collaboration with the Travel Team, monitor movement and provide security guidance to national staff on the current situation in operational areas.

Minimum Qualifications/Skills:

- Minimum of 6 years' experience in the field of community engagement, risk management, safety and security management or other related fields
- Degree in Criminal Justice, Peace and Security Studies, Political Science or a related-field
- Minimum of two years working in a security-sensitive environment BSC or HND, Further education in security administration or similar field will be an asset
- Proven experience as security manager or similar position
- Experience using relevant technology and equipment (e.g. CCTV)
- Experience in reporting and emergency response planning
- Excellent knowledge of security protocols and procedures
- Solid understanding of budgeting and statistical data analysis
- Working knowledge of MS Office
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Outstanding organizational and leadership skills
- Committed and reliable

Job Title/Position: Security Officer (Bauchi)

Job Summary/Responsibilities:

- Secures premises and personnel; monitoring surveillance equipment; inspecting buildings, equipment, and access points.
- Obtains help by sounding alarms.
- Prevents losses and damage by reporting irregularities; informing violators of policy and procedures; restraining trespassers.
- Completes reports by recording observations, information, occurrences, and surveillance activities; interviewing witnesses; obtaining signatures.
- Maintains environment by monitoring and setting building and equipment controls.
- Maintains organization's stability and reputation by complying with legal requirements.
- Ensures operation of equipment by completing preventive maintenance requirements; following manufacturer's instructions; troubleshooting malfunctions; calling for repairs; evaluating new equipment and techniques.
- Contributes to team effort by accomplishing related results as needed.
- Assists the Security Manager in implementing security policies and procedures

Minimum Qualifications/Skills:

- HND, Security related courses are an added advantage
- Surveillance Skills,
- Must have good Judgment and Objectivity.
- Must be dependable and have emotional control and Integrity,
- Must Understand Safety Management
- Exhibit Professionalism,
- Good Reporting Skills

Job Title/Position: Procurement Officer

Location: Abuja, FCT.

Job Summary/Responsibilities

- The Procurement Officer will carry out effective, honest management of procurement functions
- acquiring goods and services of quality standards at competitive and best possible cost.
- Adhere to organization and donor Procurement Policies and Procedures.
- Will invite, access and/award recommend supplier tenders, bids, quotations and proposals.
- Coordinate the receipt of and documentation of delivery of goods ordered
- Maintain approved vendor lists, monitor and maintain contracts with vendors for purchases

Minimum Qualifications/Skills:

- A bachelor's degree in a business-related field
- Minimum of 3years work experience with a USG funded project with a good grasp of USG procurement guidelines
- Knowledge of Microsoft word and excel
- Excellent organizational skills and demonstrated ability to manage details
- Demonstrated ability to multi-task and prioritize to meet deliverables
- strong organizational and written communication skills
- Strong interpersonal skills with the ability to work effectively with a wide range of personalities
- Excellent negotiation skills
- Must be able to work under extreme pressure and still be efficient and detailed

Job Title/Position: Admin Assistant (Bauchi and Adamawa, Abuja) (3 Positions)

Job Summary/Responsibilities

- The Administrative Assistant will support the program in the provision of administrative and logistical services to the ICHSSA 4 SURE IMPACT PROJECT.
- Serve as point of contact for logistical and administrative needs of the location
- Coordinate all administrative and secretarial support services
- Will be responsible for day to day running of the office.

Qualifications/skills:

- University degree or recognized equivalent
- Minimum of 2 years relevant experience
- Familiarity with administrative and secretarial skills is an advantage
- Familiarity with international NGOs is an advantage
- Good Communication skills.

Job Title/Position: Project Drivers (Bauchi and Adamawa and Abuja) (7 Positions)

Job Summary/Responsibilities:

- The driver will be responsible for ensuring minimum maintenance standard of the PHI fleet is up to the manufacturer's standard.
- Will ensure routine maintenance of PHI vehicle and ensure reliable and safe transportation of Staff, assets and other goods.

Minimum Qualification /Skills

- Senior Secondary School Certificate.
- Must have a minimum class B license
- Knowledge of the terrain and familiarity with the language is an added advantage
- Have at least 5 years driving experience

Interested applicants who meet the above requirements should send a cover letter along with their resume/CVs to: prohealthcareers1@gmail.com

Application Deadline: 21st January, 2020

Disclaimer Clause: This job description is not an exhaustive list, rather it is intended to be indicative of the skills, efforts, duties and responsibilities associated with the position.

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PRO-HEALTH INTERNATIONAL

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR NIGERIAN CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

Pro-Health International is a faith-based, non-profit organization registered in Nigeria.

Pro-Health International and State Ministries of Women Affairs and Social Development (MWASD) in Adamawa and Bauchi state OVC Agency (BASOVCA) in Bauchi state are pleased to announce the release of its call for Expression of Interest for Nigerian Civil Society Organizations working in the field of supporting and improving lives of Vulnerable Children (OVC).

PHI is leading the USAID-supported Integrated Child Health and Social Services (ICHSSA) to be implemented in Adamawa and Bauchi state, Nigeria. The ICHSSA 4 project is designed to scale-up care and support services for vulnerable children in the 2 states. ICHSSA 4 project, working with and through local CSOs, is targeting to improve the lives of 269,952 children and 67,488 caregivers in project communities over the 5 years implementation period. Successful organizations will be contributing to the overall project goal of improving the quality of life of vulnerable children and their caregivers. One of overarching and expected result of the ICHSSA 4 project is to catalyse changes and ultimately link these changes in behaviour for improved organizational, technical or resource capacity support thus increasing caregiver's ability to care for their children through access to comprehensive HIV services for the households.

The ICHSSA 4 project is requesting this Call for Expression of Interest from Nigerian

CSOs experienced in working with vulnerable children and their households in the states mentioned above. Following a review of the EOIs, a detailed Request for Application (RFA) will be issued requesting organizations to submit proposals that will be considered for funding.

Interested CSOs already working in the targeted states are requested to submit their responses by 5 PM Friday, January 17th, 2020.

Soft copies of documentation should be sent to grantsinfo@phint.org

Eligibility criteria

Interested CSOs must meet the following criteria:

1. Applicants must have been legally registered in Nigeria before January 1st, 2017
2. Applicants must be working in one of the targeted states where they propose to work and or have experience working in similar environment
3. All applicants must have at least three years of experience in OVC service delivery
4. All applicants must be able to provide their recent external audit report or certified annual financial statement
5. Submitted EOI must not exceed 3 pages, with 12 font size Times New Roman

Please, note that submission of an Expression of interest and response to the RFI does not constitute formal request for funding.

VACANCY

Our client is a holding company with vast business interests in Agro-processing, Oil & Gas, Transportation and Hospitality. The organization is head quartered in Kaduna and maintains several corporate offices within the State.

The organization is currently recruiting for the role of Human Resources Manager.

JOB SUMMARY

The Human Resources Manager will provide leadership and direction to the HR department by providing advice and counsel to managers, supervisors and employees as to human resources policies and procedures and employee benefits. Manage the recruitment program from strategic planning to implementation. Oversee workers compensation, pension administration and benefits program.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develop and administer appropriate HR policies, procedures and software
- Report to the Group Managing Director on issues relating to employment, personnel policies & procedures, employee records, medicals, training & development, salary administration, employee benefits, disciplinary matters etc.
- Work with all levels of management to provide human resources expertise in all aspects of the human resources functions.
- Any other HR related function as may arise from time to time or that may be assigned by the Group Managing Director.

QUALIFICATIONS, KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & EXPERIENCE

The candidate must have a minimum BSc. or it's equivalent in a related field of study with a minimum of 10 years working experience with several of those years being in a leadership capacity in a human resources management role.

In addition, the ideal candidate should have demonstrable experience in managing and administering a workable human resource system of a multi diverse workforce in accordance with local human resource regulations. Also required is a demonstrable working knowledge of pension and employee benefits administration including the liaison with relevant third parties and regulators.

Terms and Conditions of Employment

This position is based in Kaduna and the client offers very competitive salary and benefits package.

METHOD FOR APPLICATION

Interested qualified candidates should apply by sending a signed application letter accompanied by a recent curriculum vitae to romulusconsulting@yahoo.com not later than **31st January 2020**.

INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MDCAN NATIONAL SECRETARIAT BUILDING AT LUGBE 1 EXTENSION, ABUJA

A. INTRODUCTION:

The Incorporated Trustees of Medical and Dental Consultants' Association of Nigeria (MDCAN) hereby invites competent and reputable companies to submit Technical and Financial Bids for the above project.

B. SCOPE OF WORKS:

The scope of works shall comprise the following:

- i. Construction of a Secretariat Block
- ii. Provision of a Borehole with Storage Facility and accompanying Reticulation
- iii. External Works

C. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Interested companies should submit Bound Bid Documents duly signed and arranged in the order outlined hereunder:

TENDER REQUIREMENTS

- i. Evidence of Certificate of Incorporation with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) including Forms CAC2 and CAC7.
- ii. Verifiable Proof of company's ability to undertake the works. Records of similar projects successfully executed would be an advantage
- iii. Company profile to include names, qualification (copies of relevant academic and professional qualifications of such personnel must be attached) and experience of key personnel in Civil Engineering projects
- iv. Evidence of financial capability to execute the project by submission of Reference Letter from a reputable Commercial Bank indicating willingness to provide credit facility for the execution of the project when needed
- v. Audited account of company for two (2) years.
- vi. Evidence of payment of a Non-refundable Tender Fee of N100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Naira only) made in Certified Bank Draft in favour of
"Medical and Dental Consultants' Association of Nigeria"
 Or Bank transfer to:
**MDCAN Special Project Account,
 Zenith Bank,
 Account number: 1014197221**
- vii. All documents for submission must be transmitted with a Covering Letter under the Company's Letter Head.

D. COLLECTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS: Interested companies are to collect the Bidding Document from the MDCAN Secretariat, Behind Consultants' Car Park, National Hospital, Abuja on presentation of evidence of payment of the non-refundable Tender Fee of N100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Naira) only.

E. SUBMISSION OF TENDERS:

Prospective bidders are to submit two (2) hard copies each of TECHNICAL and FINANCIAL BIDS packaged SEPARATELY in SEALED ENVELOPES and clearly marked as "Technical Bid" or "Financial Bid" and thereafter put the two sealed envelopes together in a bigger envelope addressed to "SECRETARY, MDCAN NATIONAL SECRETARIAT BUILDING COMMITTEE" and clearly marked "INVITATION TO TENDER" FOR "CONSTRUCTION OF MDCAN NATIONAL SECRETARIAT". Furthermore, the reverse side of each sealed envelope should have the name and address of the bidder and dropped in the designated Tender Box located at the MDCAN Secretariat, Behind Consultants' Car Park, National Hospital, Abuja, not later than 12.00 noon on Thursday 6th February, 2020 (i.e. four (4) weeks from the date of this publication). Representatives of the Bidding Companies are invited to witness the opening of the Tenders on the same day by 2.00pm at MDCAN Secretariat, Behind Consultants' Car Park, National Hospital, Abuja.

F. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- i. Bids must be signed by an official authorized by the bidder.
- ii. Late submission will not be entertained.
- iii. Only short-listed companies will be contacted after analysis.
- iv. MDCAN is not bound to pre-qualify any bidder.
- v. Bidders are advised to visit the site.
- vi. This advertisement should not be considered as a commitment on the part of MDCAN nor shall it entitle companies to make any claims whatsoever.

Prof. Ngim Ngim
Chairman

Dr. Kamaldeen Jimoh
Secretary

NATIONAL SECRETARIAT BUILDING COMMITTEE



Determination makes business thrive - 69-yr-old shop owner

From Fatima Bintu Idris, Kaduna

What informed your decision to start a provision shop business especially considering your age?

I was a banker. I worked with the defunct Societe Generale Bank of Nigeria for 19 years after I finished my high school at Ijebu Ode while I was also pursuing a higher degree. From there, I moved to First Bank of Nigeria. Because I had a very active life, I was not comfortable just staying at home doing nothing after my retirement so I decided to use the experience I gathered from the bank to open a provision shop.

By the Grace of God, when I left the bank, I was thinking of what to do. I stayed at home for a few months, I went into buying and selling of gold and it did not work out because people will buy and they will not pay. I then went into selling and buying cloths, with still the same result. So I decided to sell and be paid directly, not on credit.

One day, I saw one of my girls, she is a teacher and she told me she also has a provision shop which is doing well. I then decided to start mine, and it has been a rewarding journey. It was not easy at the beginning, I had little cash which I used for the construction of the shop after which I started with about two crates of soft drinks and I must say, to God be the glory, it has been successful.

What motivated you to keep the shop running especially in the face of slow business?

What motivated me to open the shop is the opportunity to interact with different people and to tend to the needs of the different people that come to my shop on a daily basis. Also, the fact that I do not like sitting ideal is enough motivation. At least when I come to the shop, I will do a little cleaning, clear some things and in the process, exercise my body rather than sitting down all day long doing nothing.

There is this thing in this

Mrs. Abosedo Adesheto Aduniayinde is a 69-year-old provision shop owner. In this interview with Women in Business, she shares her challenges and experiences in the business environment and why start-ups need determination to thrive.



■ Mrs. Abosedo Adesheto Aduniayinde

generation that once you are old, you cannot do anything again; you have to be inside, I don't agree. My Bible tells me to till and toil until the end that Jesus will come, and if we don't till and toil how will we eat? I know I have children that are there for me and are helping me, but at the same time I don't need to depend on the children forever. I have to do something with my time. It is using the time

that motivates me rather than sitting and doing nothing. At this point if you do not work, your muscles will go to sleep and that is the end of it.

I just don't want to stay at home doing nothing because it does not bless anybody. Now I am outside selling things even the little that I have sold, it is giving me peace. My motivation is I am doing what I desire. I wake up at the time I want and I sleep at the

time I want. When we were in the banking world you were working for someone but now I am working for myself.

How much did you start the business with?

I started the business with about N200,000 for both the construction of the shop and the little provision that I put in the shop at the beginning. By the time I went to the market to buy goods for the

shop, I had about N30, 000 with me and that money has multiplied many times.

What challenges have you faced thus far?

When I opened newly, people stole from me because I used to sit inside the shop and leave some goods outside and as soon as they noticed that nobody was outside, they stole.

Also, at one point, I had a woman who used to help me in the shop, I was away from the shop when my son died and when I came back, I realized N50,000 was missing from the shop; the goods were not there and the money was nowhere to be found. Since then, I decided to do it on my own. Many businesses face such challenges and that's why many provision shops are manned by their owners.

What advice do you have for people that want to venture into your type of business?

They should be determined and have a positive mind. There is a place you will get to where it is not really about the shop giving you money but you want to do what pleases you. Instead of waiting for my children, I have something to sustain myself. When they finally bring in something, I put it back and reinvest it. The shop is not about just starting but you have to reinvest. What I have put into it, I am happy and that is my gain.

What is your educational background?

I attended Saint Saviour's Primary School, Ijebu Ode and Muslim Girls Secondary School, and then I went to Adeola Oduntola for my Higher National Diploma (HND). When we were young, we were told to speak good English because we were taught by English people.

Centre empowers women to boost agriculture

From Eyo Charles, Calabar

The National Centre for Women Development has stressed the need for more women to be involved in agriculture in an aggressive manner, assuring that large-scale supports are available for them.

The director general,

Mrs Mary Ekpere-Eta, gave the assurance in Ikom, central Cross River State, when the centre gave out empowerment items to over 600 women beneficiaries in different trades and vocations.

Ekpere-Eta reassured that the federal government has resolved to enhance

increased productivity in the agriculture value chain.

She said being involved in agriculture aggressively will boost personal finances as production will increase.

She further disclosed that the centre would train more women and youth who would make agriculture a priority, stating that there's need to

be involved in the various aspects of the agriculture value chain.

"Some of you can go into snail-farming, mushrooms production, piggery, fisheries, and so on in an aggressive manner. We are ready to throw our weight behind any such venture. We will undertake to train and

provide access to finance for farmers of that nature," she maintained.

Items distributed by the DG included sewing machines and weaving machines, hair dressing equipment, vulcanizing equipment among others.



Specific Procurement Notice

Request for Bid Information Systems

(Design, Development/Customization, Supply, Installation and Maintenance of an Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) System

(Without Prequalification)

Purchaser: Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP), Nigeria
Project: Nigeria: Fiscal Governance and Institutions Project (FGIP)
Contract title: Design, Development/Customization, Supply, Installation and Maintenance of an Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) System
Country: Nigeria
Credit No.: IDA 6288
RFB No.: BPP/FGIP/2018/IS/01
Issued on: January 9, 2020

1. The Federal Republic of Nigeria has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of Fiscal Governance and Institutions Project (FGIP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the Design, Development/Customization, Supply, Installation and Maintenance of an Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) System.

2. The Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the design, development/customization, supply, installation and maintenance associated with the introduction of an e-Government Procurement System to support the procurement activities of the Government of Nigeria. The resulting system and e-GP service operation will be owned by the Government of Nigeria. The successful Firm will be responsible for the operations and support of the system including provision of resources to support quarterly releases of the system application to address any new requirements and fix any outstanding or new issues arising from user complaints or issues raised.

3. Bidding will be conducted through international competitive procurement using Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" dated July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018 ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations. Interested bidders must meet the following minimum criteria, amongst others:

- (a) Experience in Information System contracts in the role of prime supplier, management contractor, JV member, or subcontractor for at least the last seven (7) years prior to the applications submission deadline;
- (b) Participation as a prime supplier, management contractor, in at least two (2) projects within the last five (5) years, similar nature, scope and complexity of public sector e-procurement system delivery, that have been successfully and substantially completed and that are

similar to the proposed Information System described in this solicitation. The system must have been delivered to a National or Regional Government client;

- (c) Minimum average annual turnover of N1,100,000,000.00 (or its equivalent of US\$3.5) million, calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed, within the last three (3) years (2016, 2017 & 2018);
- (d) The Bidder must demonstrate access to, or availability of, financial resources such as liquid assets, unencumbered real assets, lines of credit, and other financial means, other than any contractual advance payments to meet the following cash-flow requirement: N146,000,000.00 (or its equivalent of US\$475,000).

4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP), FGIP Procurement Officer with E-mail address: nigeriaegp@bpp.gov.ng and inspect the bidding document during office hours 0900 to 1700 hours at the address given below.

5. The bidding document in English language may be downloaded from the BPP's website (www.bpp.gov.ng) or using this link:

<https://forms.gle/VYXLPPWyqHhgJPps7>

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 2pm Nigeria Local Time on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 with the outermost envelope labelled "Bid for Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) System" at the top right-hand side corner. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 2pm Nigeria Local Time.

7. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of N23,000,000.00 (Twenty-three million Nara only) or equivalent in freely convertible currency.

8. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.

9. The address referred to above is:

Attention: Mr. Aliyu E. Aliyu (FGIP Project Officer)
 Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP)
 11, Suleiman Barau Crescent, Aso-Villa, Asokoro, Abuja-FCT, Nigeria



STAR FEATURE

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In the first of a two part report, our correspondent travels across Nigeria to find out how Nigeria's drying up rivers have caused fish species to disappear, while fishermen and their families suffer

By Terkula Igidi

Seventy-two year-old Salihu Abdullahi paddles his canoe to the bank of the River Niger, shivering from cold, having stayed on the water for over four hours, fishing. Before he moored the canoe to the sandy bank, he calls out his elderly wife, who stoops and scoops the few fish that splashed the dirty water in the dugout.

"I didn't make a big catch today," he said in Hausa. "It is the will of God."

Salihu may be too old and uneducated to understand the impact of climate change on his lifelong occupation but some of his colleagues do. They have lived on the banks of the river long enough to notice that it is shrinking thus making fish scarce.

Nigeria has failed to meet its fish demand due largely to the environmental changes in the two main rivers which have been exacerbated by factors ranging from climate change to anthropogenic activities and corruption by the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA), the government agency saddled with the responsibility of managing the rivers.

The country has a fish supply gap of 2.197 million metric tonnes given that the total fish demand for Nigeria based on the 2014 population estimate of 180m is 3.32m metric tonnes annually, according to the UN Food and Agricultural Organisation, but its domestic fish production from aquaculture, artisanal and industrial fisheries for 2014 is 1.123m metric tonnes. Also, Nigeria's per capita fish consumption is 11kg, which is remarkably lower than the global average of 21kg. And it is reported that Nigeria spends about N288 billion annually on the importation of fish to bridge the deficit.

This, no doubt, has negative impact on food and nutrition as well as the economy generally, as fish provides nutrition for 3 billion people and at least 50% of animal protein and minerals to 400 million people from the poorest countries.

According to World Fish Centre (2008), over 500 million people in developing countries depend, directly or indirectly, on fisheries for their livelihoods.

Climate change impacts negatively on Niger, Benue rivers

For 67-year-old Jihad Idris Ahmed, who lives by the riverbank at Adankolo, Lokoja in Kogi State, water levels have receded significantly over the years and that has affected the drainage system of the River Niger, hence the fish population has

declined over the last 20 years.

He said he started noticing rising temperatures and shorter rainfalls about 15 years ago and since then, progressively, the Niger has dried up quicker.

He said before climate change impacted negatively on the ecology of the river, fishing was lucrative and many a fisherman rejected white collar jobs with ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs) but now many are leaving the profession and wishing they had accepted the government jobs.

Also, Sarkin Ruwa, the lord of the River Niger in Lokoja, Alhaji Abubakar Tukura, said because of the declining fish population in the river, he has gone into fish farming, saying he hardly goes to the river to fish these days.

He recalled his fishing days as lucrative in the '80s and '90s, up till the early 2000s. But this has changed since ecological and climate changes have silted the Niger.

"The river dries up quicker now and all the ponds in the river where we used to make big catches have all become dry land," he said.

Now it is even difficult to pay his children's school fees.

"If you have two children in the university or polytechnic and you want to depend on this water, your children will drop out of school. That is why we have been encouraging fishermen to go into crop farming or animal husbandry because it is no longer profitable to fish in the Niger," he said.

Abama Joshua Abegye sits under a neem tree and stares at the surging waves, which ebb at the chasm by the Kwatan Boron Numan bank as the Gongola River flows into the Benue at the old town of Numan, Adamawa State. He is a former secretary of fishermen at the confluence town but the association no longer exists.

He said sedimentation and siltation in the river have shrunken the fishing community of about 120 households to just about 40 in six years, most of them now living in poverty.

Investigations have revealed that due to the alluvial nature of the two rivers, the frequent flash floods occurring along their plains means that mud, silt and sand are washed to the beds of the rivers, accelerating the shrinking process.

Agasa Ibrahim, a 66 year-old fisherman in Imburu village in Numan, Adamawa State, lost his house to flooding some years back. He said erosion has washed half of the fishing community into the river Benue.

"When the river was deep, I used to catch big fish but now fish is scarce and the situation has affected every fisherman in the village, not just me. I built a house which rainstorm destroyed and the river washed away; I also bought a motorcycle and was paying my children's school fees without hassle but now I have nothing to show for the stress I go through," he said.

"There are no much rains now and the small rivers and streams that are tributaries of the river do not supply it with adequate water. Besides, the embankment of the Lagdo Dam at the headwaters of the Benue River makes it difficult for some fish to swim downstream. On the Gongola tributary too, the Kiri Dam retains certain amount of water and fish, making it scarce down here," Geoffrey Binauto, Chairman of Nigerian Union of Fishermen and Seafood Dealers in Numan, said.

Professor Nasiru Idris, the Dean, Faculty of Environmental Sciences, Nasarawa State University, Keffi, confirmed that

Shrinking rivers, wilting lives

How climate change, drying rivers are making Nigeria's fishermen extinct



■ Danjuma Audu, a school drop out, comes back from a fishing expedition at Angbaaye, Benue State

anthropogenic interferences along the Niger and Benue and the impact of climate change have resulted in siltation, thereby making it difficult for fishermen to carry out their business profitably.

"As a result of climate change and human activities, several changes have occurred in these two principals rivers in Nigeria. For instance, changes due to the atmospheric process have significantly contributed to flash floods and river flooding," he said.

Fishing for sand

In Makurdi, Benue State, at a village of



■ At the peak of rainy season, River Niger is still shallow

Iniongun, on the south bank of the Benue, Boniface John Imanche, an Agatu fisherman, is scooping sand with a shovel into a tipper.

The 43-year-old has been fishing for the past 25 years but has abandoned the occupation for something else. Now when he, and his former fishermen colleagues get into the river, he does so to excavate the sand that has silted the river bed.

"We excavate the sand, put it in canoes or boats and ferry to the shore to sell to builders. This appears to be more profitable now than fishing," he said.

He recalls with nostalgia that he built a house and paid his school fees and those of his children from fishing. That is no longer possible. He has also abandoned his fishing boat. It would cost money to fix and the business was no longer paying.

Bestridding the Makurdi-Gboko road at Kilometre 18 is the village of Angbaaye, once a buoyant fishing hub in the 80s and 90s. The village, which is in Guma Local Government of Benue State, has lost its allure, according to Jukun fishermen, who spoke with our reporter.

One of them is Daniel Audu, 37, a fisherman for at least 21 years. "Those days, we used to catch plenty fish but these days it is sometimes difficult to get what you will eat with your family, talk more of what you will sell and make gain," he said.

“ Sometimes my father pays my school fees but other times he has to beg the headmaster to allow me stay in school pending when he will get money. Sometimes I even leave school for fishing with him in order to get money and pay my fees

According to him, some fishermen have abandoned fishing for farming because it cannot be done all year round like it used to be.

"We are hoping that if the river is dredged, the depth will return and fishes will reproduce and the profession will be gainful once more. Since some of us did not go to school, this is the only profession we have and since we do not have land, we cannot go into crop farming," he said.

Also, Abegye, the Jukun fisherman in Numan, said that farming activities by the river banks have contributed to the siltation



■ Abama Joshua Abegye has left fishing because of the declining fortunes

as shrubs and grasses are cleared leaving the banks denuded and vulnerable to erosion and subsequent sedimentation on the river bed. He has converted his fishing boat into a ferry, transporting passengers across the river.

In Lapai Local Government of Niger State where Mohammed Mahmud, a native of Muye, a fishing community, lives the story is not different. Now he has gone into rice farming at subsistence level. It is nothing compared to the boon he enjoyed as a fisherman 20 years ago.

Species of fish are disappearing

Another fisherman in Iniongun, Makurdi, Akuma Benjamin has gone into burnt bricks making to augment his earnings.

"There are a lot of fish species that you cannot see around here anymore, but were available in abundance in the 1990s and the early 2000s. It is a big concern for those of us that are fishermen."

In Lokoja, Ahmed has noticed the same thing. "We have noticed over the years that some species of fish have gone extinct. While some have migrated to deeper waters downstream, some were destroyed during the dredging of the river that was done haphazardly. The dredging distorted, and in some cases, destroyed the habitats of certain species of fishes.

"The big fishes used to hibernate in the deep waters but the dredging rather filled the depths with sand and there is no hiding place for them anymore," he said.

Before the dredging, fishermen used to catch crayfish between August and September but it is now difficult to get the fish in the river.

A fish seller at Girinya market, a riverine community on the border with Kogi and Niger states, Salamatu Ndako, complains about patronage.

"Some years back, I used to sell three to four baskets of fish when I come to the market. There were enough fish varieties customers could choose from and buy but



■ Sarkin Ruwa, Alhaji Abubakar Tukur no longer fishes in the River Niger, he breeds fish at home

most of the delectable species have gone extinct or they have migrated," she said.

Now she hardly gets good supplies from the fishermen who mostly turn up with only catfish.

"But what will one do? We are helpless but we just manage the little we get because I cannot remain idle at home," she said.

Changing limnology of rivers increase vulnerability of communities

Biological, chemical and physical changes occurring in the two flood plains have significantly made livelihoods in fishing communities much more vulnerable. This investigation has discovered that due to poor management of the inland water resources by the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA), which constitutionally has the mandate to, among other responsibilities, maintain a balanced ecosystem for the well-being of aquatic life, more fishing communities are sliding down the poverty cesspit.

Use of chemicals to fish results in killing of fingerlings and even the eggs of fish, which means there would be less fish in the waters, leaving artisanal fishers jobless.

The indiscriminate use of chemicals to fish, dumping of waste in the river and the clearing of vegetation for crop farming on the banks have impacted negatively on the availability of fish in the rivers, thus throwing some vulnerable groups into hunger and deprivation.

Binauto, the Chairman of Nigerian Union of Fishermen and Seafood Dealers, Numan, agrees that using crude fishing methods like clearing the aquatic flora to cast nets and hook and line as well as using chemicals to catch fish end up killing fingerlings and even the eggs.

Danjuma Audu, an 11 year-old son of a fisherman has dropped out of school in primary three and there is no hope of him ever going back to school again as his father makes less money from fishing now.

The boy, who spoke with our reporter in Angbaaye, Benue State, said, "I have seven siblings and it was only two of us that were staying with our parents and were in school here but now even just the two of us can no longer go to school because our father no longer catches much fish."

No longer in school, Danjuma helps his father to fish but often the catch is only enough for their meals.

He, however, said life was a little bit better now, adding that he dreaded life between February and July when the river dries up and fish is very scarce.

"I still feel happy when it is fishing season like the one we have had from late August to December, because I eat enough fish even if food is not much," he said.

He said most times he feels like going to meet his other siblings who are with his aunts and uncles in Taraba State but his father would always tell him that one day he and his younger brother would go back to school.

Daya Danladi, another child who has felt the full brunt of lack and want, the declining fishing occupation is unleashing on families, said he detests the months his father goes to fish in the Lake Chad, saying they usually go to bed with empty stomachs most nights.

"Sometimes my father pays my school fees but other times he has to beg the headmaster to allow me stay in school pending when he will get money. Sometimes I even leave school for fishing with him in order to get money and pay my fees," he said.

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EASY CROSSWORD >>



ACROSS

- 1. Cozy
- 5. Colors
- 9. Against
- 13. Walking stick
- 14. Heart artery
- 16. Weight to be borne
- 17. So be it
- 18. Type of wheat
- 19. Gangster's gal
- 20. Moisten
- 22. Fixable
- 24. Murres
- 26. Twelve
- 27. Being unoccupied
- 30. Overhaul
- 33. Earaches
- 35. Top of the head
- 37. A parcel of land
- 38. Twosomes
- 41. Needlefish
- 42. Contemptuous look
- 45. Reduce
- 48. Trim
- 51. Dispute
- 52. Codeine source
- 54. Annoying insect
- 55. Pretexts
- 59. Everglades bird
- 62. Hubs
- 63. Toss

DOWN

- 1. Anagram of "Cabs"
- 2. What a person is called
- 3. Illiterate
- 4. High ranking officer
- 5. Pops
- 6. Not mine
- 7. Made a mistake
- 8. Daze
- 9. Yearbook
- 10. Backwards "Boon"
- 11. Gangly
- 12. Doing nothing
- 15. Stun
- 21. Annex
- 23. Guns an engine
- 25. Corrosive
- 27. Volumes (abbrev.)
- 28. Redress
- 29. Cheer
- 31. Judge
- 32. Town square
- 34. Unhappy
- 36. Quarry
- 39. Man's best friend
- 40. Booty
- 43. Self-importance

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD (18)



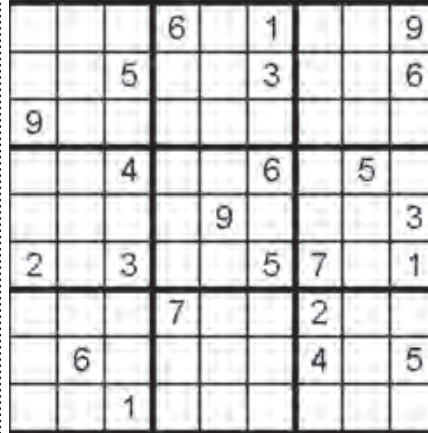
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- 46. 3 times 3
- 47. Caught
- 49. One after eighth
- 50. Type of oil well
- 53. European blackbird
- 55. Implored
- 56. Lion sound
- 57. Beige
- 58. Auctioned
- 60. Distinctive flair
- 61. Makes lace
- 64. Court

SUDOKU >>

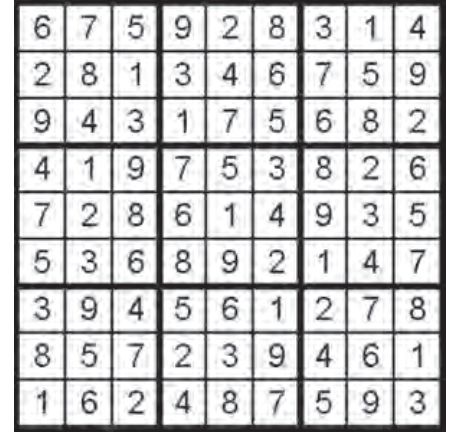
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Good luck!

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Solution to Sudoku 18



SNAPSHOT >>

Education In Compassion: Prof. backs a student's baby in class



An Ivory Coast professor, who was photographed backing a student's baby in class in a widely shared image, has said being a mother should not stop women getting an education. Honore Kahi offered to take the baby as it was crying and preventing the mother from sitting in class. He said his students were surprised, began to laugh and then took pictures. He told the *BBC* that they then realised that "this is a good father, this is a real man... [and] a role model". Some of those sharing the photograph on social media praised him as a hero. Mr Kahi, who teaches communications at Ivory Coast's Bouake University, said women should not be discouraged by people's perceptions of what they should be able to do.

Photo: bbc.co.uk

SIGN LANGUAGE >>



■ 'SHCOOL'? Don't scratch your head ,this is not how to spell 'SCHOOL'
Photo Location: North Carolina. Spotted by: Not Stated

— Source: telegraph.co.uk



YOUR GUIDE TO SUCCESSFUL FARMING

GOLDEN HARVEST

DAILY TRUST
COMMODITY INDEX

Comdty	Sokoto (Achida mkt)	Kano (Dawanau mkt)	Katsina (Bakori mkt)	Benue (Wadata mkt)
Maize (100kg)	N9,000	N9,000	N8,200	N13,000
Beans (100kg)	N12,000	N13,000	N11,500	N23,000
Sorghum (100kg)	N8,000	N8,000	N7,500	N17,000
Millet (100kg)	N9,000	N8,500	N9,500	N15,000
Rice (100kg)	N27,000	N37,500	N32,000	N26,000
Wheat (100kg)	N19,000	N21,000	-----	-----
Tomatoes (B/basket)	N4,000	N4,500	N1,700	N6,500

Quote

“Value addition is extremely important in farming. [It] gives you an opportunity to dictate the price of your produce by avoiding market going prices set by cartel.”

- Ezra Muinde, farmer Nairobi, Kenya

How onion farmers lost millions to disease

From Rakiya A. Muhammad, Sokoto

Onion farmers have recounted how Purple Blotch, a fungal infection, attacked their crops resulting into significant loss.

The farmers lamented that Purple Blotch, known as Dan Zazzalau in Hausa, mostly affected the rainy season onion-producing areas in 2019.

“It caused stunted growth in the onion plants, making them unable to yield fruitful results,” one of the affected farmers, 60-year-old Alhaji Aliyu Nuhu stated.

The large-scale farmer with over four decades’ experience in onion production lamented: “I suffered a huge loss of about N7million from the Dan Zazzalau scourge of 2019. It crippled our income and rendered the rainy season a calamity to onion farmers.”

Similarly, Mustapha Shehu, 46, disclosed that, “In 2019, I realised just N1million instead of about N8.5m from the rainy season onion farming. We incurred billions of naira loss, but I pray for divine intervention to make up for the loss.”

Nasiru Aliyu and Kabiya Maianguwa said they lost over N3 million each.

Maianguwa, who reluctantly commented on the issue, said “I don’t know what to say on the huge amount of money I lost to the onion scourge. I am still counting my losses which runs to about N3million. I am among thousands of farmers who suffered this fate.”

Also, Alhaji Muazu Auwa, 50, with 30 years’ experience in onion farming, stated that he invested N650,000 in the rainy season farming but lost about N300,000 due to the Zazzalau attack.

The farmers said they had never experienced such adversity as in the 2019 rainy season attacks where all onion farmers were subjected to heavy losses which resulted in a shortage of the commodity across the onion producing areas.

“This was quite challenging as we are used to smiling to our respective banks after harvest,” Shehu said.



■ After purple blotch destruction, farmers in Wuruno have cleared the land to start onion production afresh

Meanwhile, following the fungal infection attack suffered by the farmers, the CBN/Anchor Borrowers Onion seedling production was last week launched in Wuruno Local Government Area of Sokoto State.

Auwa also expressed optimism saying, “We are putting our hopes on the seedling production programme. We will raise them to make up for the heavy loss we encountered. We are going to nurture the seedlings for 30-40 days after which they would be ready for planting, and after 3-4 months we harvest it.”

“With luck on our side, we are going to flood the market with enough onions when the dry season harvest commences,” Maianguwa also said: “We would brace up to the challenge and use this Anchor Borrower to launch ourselves back to fortune.”

Secretary-General of the Onion Producers and Marketers Association of Nigeria (OPMAN) Aliyu Isah Samama disclosed that the seedling production programme targeted 10,000 farmers from eight states in Northern Nigeria—Sokoto, Kebbi, Zamfara, Katsina, Kaduna, Kano, Jigawa and Bauchi.

He said they have distributed 100,000 varieties of 2.5kg seeds with longer shelf life, adding that the programme was carried out to counter the effect of a fungi disease called Purple Blotch caused by *Alternaria Porri* and Downy Mildew, resulting in 50 per cent drop in the rainy season onion production across the country.

“The Anchor-Borrower Programme, which is part of the federal government’s effort to promote farming, is not giving cash to farmers but seedlings through the cluster system. Farmers form a group called

cluster to benefit from the gesture,” Samama explained.

The OPMAN scribe added: “Instead of cash which some farmers tend to divert to other uses, they get seeds, raise them under the supervision of experts and make use of them in their farms for mass production.”

He said fertilisers, chemicals, pesticides, water pumping machines and sprayers were also provided.

He noted that millions of onion farmers across Nigeria suffered the attack on their crops which led to the present scarcity of onion in all onion producing states.

“As it is now, there is scarcity of onion at major depots such as Sokoto, and Aliero in Kebbi State, making the price to shoot up. A sack of onion which sold at N15,000-N16,000 has climbed to N22,000-N27,000 in Kebbi.

“So we are now banking on the dry season production

through the Anchor Borrowers Programme to ensure bumper harvest for onion consumers to get it at low-cost as they used to,” he noted.

When *Daily Trust* visited the Kara onion depot in Sokoto, the hustle and bustle typical of the market was absent. The depot which used to have thousands of sacks of onions had less than a dozen.

The usual presence of onion merchants, especially from the southern part of the country such as Lagos and Ibadan was also not there.

The onion market, which was hitherto full of activities, was virtually empty with few people around lying about or just whiling away time.

The Sarkin Albasa in Sokoto State, Alhaji Maidabo said: “I just got a phone call from Port Harcourt that there was no onion in the market there.

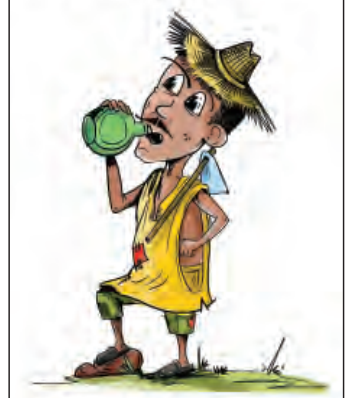
“This is the first time we are experiencing this kind of situation in the onion business. We are apprehensive over the outcome of this shortage.

“Around the same time every year, the price of onion tends to be low, after Christmas, but this time, the story is quite different as you can see,” he said.

Both the OPMAN secretary and the Sarkin Albasa called on the government of all onion-producing states to do something on the infestation and current scarcity to cushion the effect on consumers by assisting onion farmers boost production in the dry season.

MAN MUST CHOP

54BN TEXTILES SMUGGLED YEARLY
- NTMA



JUST SHUTDOWN THE BLACK MARKETS

Key agric projects FG wants to spend N30bn on

By Vincent A. Yusuf

For many years now, fiscal spending on agriculture has remained in the lowest position among the key sectors of the nation's economy.

Despite the July 2003 Maputo commitment that require 10% of the national budget, which Nigeria is a signatory to, spending has never gotten to even 5% about 17 years since that declaration.

This neglect has affected the sector grossly and left the country, which has 84 million hectares of arable land and potentials for three million hectares for irrigation, trailing behind Kenya, South Africa, Zambia, Ethiopia and more recently Rwanda.

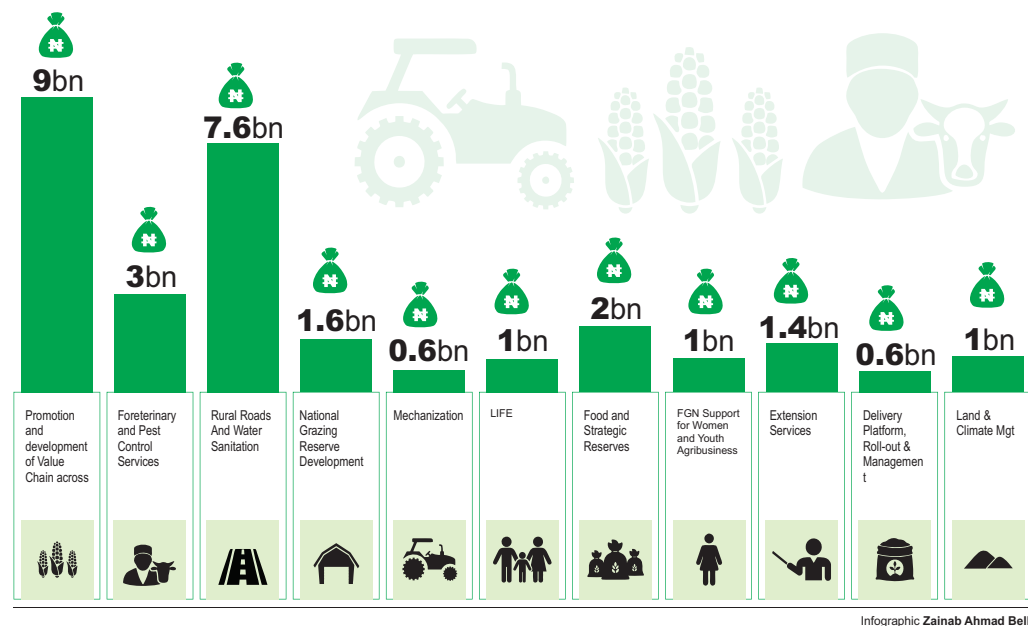
For the livestock sector, the disproportionate neglect led to the bloodbaths, killings, unreasonable hatred between livestock and sedentary farmers across the country.

Where billions will go into in 2020

The Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development seeks to spend over N9 billion in the promotion and development of value chain activities across more than 30 different commodities.

The challenge for many observers is that despite such budgetary allocation in the previous budget, value chain development is still in the lowest ebb in the country. Those recording success are funded by international bodies and donor agencies.

On rural roads and water sanitation, the ministry will spend N7.64 billion. However,



Infographic Zainab Ahmad Bello

it is observed that most of the rural roads are said to be paddled constituency projects, including even streetlights in areas - senatorial districts or constituencies - of key officials at the National Assembly and other politicians.

With regard to the Food and Strategic Reserve, for which many have criticised government of not having functional reserve system that will cushion the effect of glut, the sum of N2.01 billion will go for stocking silos, although many of those silos have been concessioned under a PPP arrangement.

In the livestock sector government will spend N1.6 billion for national grazing reserves development. For a sector that has seen the worst crises in the last 10 years, many expected government to

spend more on this.

Already threatened by anthrax outbreak in neighbouring Niger Republic, the Federal Government will spend N3 billion for veterinary and pest control services to keep the country safe from disease incursion.

One of the programmes Chief Audu Ogbeh has introduced is the Livelihood Improvement Family Enterprise (LIFE). This year, the sum of N1.01 billion will be spent on it. An additional N1.02 billion will also be spent as federal government support for women and youth in agribusiness.

Although during Ogbeh's tenure, he announced the death of the Growth Enhancement Scheme (GES)- an e-wallet system introduced by former minister

of agriculture under Goodluck Jonathan, Dr Akinwumi Adesina, it appears again in the 2020 budget with N655 million for GES delivery platform, roll-out and management.

In his New Year message to Nigerians, President Buhari announced that government will train 50,000 extension workers to support the existing 7,000. In this regard, the ministry will spend N1.49 billion for extension services. But on mechanization, it plans to spend only N683 million in a country still using traditional implements like hoe and cutlass.

Climate change is real. Decortication is eating deeper into the north, faster than what was previously thought. The sum of N1.08 billion will go for "land and climate management."

Centre empowers more women to boost agriculture

From Eyo Charles, Calabar

The National Centre for Women Development has stressed the need for more women to be involved in agriculture in an aggressive manner, assuring that large-scale supports are available for them.

The director general, Mrs Mary Ekpere-Eta, gave the assurance in Ikom, central Cross River State, when the centre gave out empowerment items to over 600 women beneficiaries in different trades and vocations.

Ekpere-Eta reassured that the federal government has resolved to enhance increased productivity in the agriculture value chain.

She said being involved in agriculture aggressively will boost personal finances for the women as production will increase.

She further disclosed that the centre would train more women and youth who would make agriculture a priority, stating that there's need to be involved in the various aspects of the agric value chain.

"Some of you can go into snail-farming, mushrooms production, piggery, fisheries, and so on in an aggressive manner. We are ready to throw our weight behind any such venture. We will undertake to train and provide access to finance for farmers of that nature," she maintained.

Items distributed by the DG included sewing and weaving machines, hair dressing equipment, vulcanizing and other tools.

Extreme weather affects irrigation in Katsina

From Idris Mahmud, Katsina

Extreme cold as experienced last week across some northern states has altered the schedules of most irrigation farmers in Katsina State.

Normally, the farmers water their tomato at an interval of every three days and five to seven days for Irish potato.

Some of the farmers interviewed at Funtua said they could not risk their health for irrigation farming in that extreme weather.

"Imagine a temperature of 9 to 13 degrees Celsius in an area that is normally 30 degrees Celsius. Despite the fact that our farms are our investments that we so cherish, we cannot afford to risk our health by working in the farms in that extreme condition," Jafaru Musa, one of the farmers, said.

He added that irrigation activities require the farmers to be frequent in their farms and that most of the water supply activities are conducted in the night particularly at the river side.

He further explained how tomato and Irish potato farmers were forced

to abandon water supply in their farms last week because of extreme weather condition.

"All through the week we abandoned our farms; we cannot go there in the night and engage in watering for fear of pneumonia and other cold attacks, but when the weather normalizes, we will go and attend to the farms," Musasaid.

Another farmer at Danja LGA, Mu'azu Sule, who managed to attend to his farm despite the inclement weather, said it was a horrible experience to spend the night an irrigation site.

"It was not easy; we really suffered because all our schedules were for night time when the cold was unfortunately at its peak. This is because it is only in the night that pressure is less on the rivers and tube wells we are using for irrigation; and many farmers cannot withstand the inconvenience of night work," Sule said.

He added that only the old-timers who were well groomed in irrigation activities and are used to extreme weather changes manage to attend to their farms both day and night times.

Another challenge faced by tomato



■ A dry season Irish potato farm in Katsina

farmers is that the extreme cold weather quickly ripened the fruits thereby forcing them to engage in early harvest.

Isah Abdullahi, who worked along Jare River of Bakori LGA, said a tomato farmer preferred his crop to ripen in piecemeal so that he takes some time harvesting it and benefits from the fluctuating market price of the produce.

"When there is excess cold

temperature and hazy weather, there is massive and rapid ripening of tomato. In that situation we have no choice than to pack everything to the market otherwise it gets rotten in the farm; if that happens it will occasion a market glut of the produce."

Abdullahi added that because of the glut, people have started sun-drying at Kokami tomato market.

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The project activities consist construction of road networks and river crossings (culverts & bridges), storm water drainage system, sewage networks (installation of sewage lines), water supply, distribution networks & reticulations and electricity distribution networks (power supply). The proposed project covers an area of about 384.5Ha in Karsana District within Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC), FCT, Abuja.

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EDUCATION



■ Vice Chancellor Skyline University Of Nigeria, Kano, Prof. Sudhakar Kota (right) visits the Vice Chancellor Kano University of Science and Technology, Wudil, Prof. Shehu Alhaji Musa (left) on Tuesday

Photo via facebook: Prof. Shehu Alhaji Musa

67 Oyo schools to benefit from improvement programme

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

Oyo State government, in collaboration with the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC), has selected 67 public primary schools to benefit from the School Based Management Committee - School Improvement Programme (SBMC-SIP).

This, the government revealed was part of UBEC's new strategy to involve communities in the management of schools.

The Executive Chairman, Oyo State Universal Basic

Education Board, Dr. Nureni Adeniran, stated this while speaking with members of the various school-based management committees across the state in his office.

Adeniran enjoined them to adhere strictly to the action plans approved by the commission and see the opportunity as a mandate to serve their communities selflessly.

The chairman urged management of the benefiting schools to ensure judicious use of the funds disbursed to them to improve the standard of education in the state.

I received N54 monthly salary as teacher - Sen. Wamakko

By Hamisu Kabir Matazu

Senator, Aliyu Magatakarda Wamakko, said he was excited to have received a salary of N54 per month as a teacher before he rose to become the governor of Sokoto State.

Senator Wamakko, who spoke to journalists, said he rose through

the ranks to become a permanent secretary, deputy governor and governor but still has the passion in contributing to education.

"By background I am a teacher and still proud to be a teacher. I started my life career as scale-three teacher receiving N54 per month and I rose to become a headmaster, school supervisor,

permanent secretary and so on. I became a deputy governor, governor and now senator.

"As a teacher, or I can say a principal, I believed that education is the best legacy that anybody can leave behind, for people now and years to come to benefit from.

"I do not only put model primary schools, I put in model

secondary schools and five tertiary institutions in my eight years as governor and set up state university for the first time in Sokoto," he said.

The senator revealed that, for his passion in education, he had sponsored over 200 students on scholarship to study various courses abroad.



■ Senator, Aliyu Wamakko

'Tech-U graduates will fill industry skill gaps'

By Misbahu Bashir

First Technical University (Tech-U), Ibadan graduates will fill skill gaps in a number of industries, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ayobami Salami, has said.

He asked students to develop positive attitude and perception in every learning task with a view to transforming into innovators and entrepreneurs.

Prof Salami made the statement while addressing newly admitted students during an orientation programme.

While noting that a formidable obstacle to Nigeria's development was the presence of large number of graduates who have certificates

without skills, Professor Salami disclosed that Tech-U would produce graduates who would fill the skills gaps in the industry.

"Over the last two sessions, the university has carved a niche for itself by training students to combine intellectual advancement with the development of innate and acquired technical and vocational competencies in diverse work areas," he stated

He also pointed out that some students in the university already have their own startups and were on their way to becoming full-fledged entrepreneurs.

"This is a university with a potential. We have about 18 different vocations that you

can choose from," he told the students, adding that the courses included 60% theory and 40% practical and hands-on training during their stay in the university.

The Director of General Administration, Mr. Murtala Agbaje, who led students through the institution's administrative processes, urged them to work towards making themselves outstanding. "Each and every one has a talent and a mission. Your goal can be achieved through the university, you are not in the wrong place," he said.

urged students to be ready to take responsibilities, embrace continuous learning, manage their time skillfully and take calculated risks.

200 Plateau orphans to study abroad

From Dickson S. Adama, Jos

A charitable organisation, Zazzaga Foundation, has offered scholarships to 200 orphans and vulnerable children in Plateau State to pursue undergraduate degrees at Ecole Superieure Sainte Felicite University, Cotonou Republic of Benin.

A statement signed by the founder, Dr. Saleh Abdullahi, said 10 orphans were chosen from each of the 17 local government areas in the state, while the remaining 30 vulnerable children were randomly selected across the state, bringing the total number of beneficiaries to 200.

The statement said the scholarship would provide funding for courses in sciences, arts, social sciences, medicine and other specialised science programmes.

The move was meant to give orphans and vulnerable children in the society hope and a brighter future

by creating opportunities for them to acquire higher education in various disciplines of their choice.

"The foundation has already paid the tuition fees for prospective students and arrangements have been concluded to present admission letters to the beneficiaries in first week of January, 2020.

One of the beneficiaries, Umar Abdulbasid Maikano, 21, from Bassa Local Government Area said he applied for computer science and that the scholarship would cover tuition accommodation and transportation.

On her part, 25-year-old Deborah Dalyop Jacob said she was offered admission to study international relations.

Meanwhile, this reporter has obtained the complete list of the successful candidates for the scholarship and receipts of payment of school fees for the 200 students to the tune of N160 million.



■ Vice-Chancellor, First Technical University, Ibadan, Professor Ayobami Salami, speaking at the University's orientation programme for new students

Photo: Tech-U

QUOTE OF THE DAY

When people help one another in sin and transgression, they finish by hating each other- Ibn Taymiyyah

Some top academic programmes will soon be irrelevant - VC

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

Many applicants into higher institutions are said to be going through difficulties while seeking admission. Why?

Space is a major constraint. If we are to go by statistics, we have less number of universities than we are supposed to have in Nigeria today. People say we have many universities but that is not correct. We need more philanthropists to invest in university education to create more space than we currently have, so that our children can be catered for. If not, the capital flight to our neighbouring countries with poorer standard of education will only continue.

But what is the significance of the new universities being established almost day in, day out by government and individuals?

There are many reasons why many of the universities being established cannot significantly help in reducing the number of applicants roaming the streets. Funding is a basic challenge, even for public institutions. The funding challenge has led to poor facilities and human resources. Many institutions cannot engage quality hands because they are not attractive in terms of facilities.

There is something referred to as the 'carrying capacity' of every institution. If your facilities can only cater for 40 students in a particular programme, you cannot admit 80. So if we have about 200 people qualified, scoring above the minimum, it means about 160 would be denied admission due to space. And the major reason for this is because we politicise everything in this country.

Rather than expanding existing facilities across major higher institutions, we would always want to allocate universities to every community as if they are drainage construction projects that must reach every village. There is a state in Nigeria that has about

V-C of Fountain University, Osun State, Prof Amidu Sanni, who is also board member of Times Higher Education, a publication of university rankings, says capital flight from Nigeria to other countries with poorer standard of education will continue unless more university education spaces are created to cater 'for our children.'



■ Prof Amidu Sanni,

four universities but cannot effectively run a single one. But by the time a new government wanted to harmonise the universities, it became a serious political issue.

What is the way out?

Government must liberalise investment in education, they must assist the universities to run properly, including privately-owned ones. Lecturers must be assisted academically through research grants, endowment funds and different packages of interest on loans. The truth is that if a lecturer at a private university wins a Nobel Prize, he or she would first be addressed as a Nigerian lecturer and not a private university don.

We must realise that it is the inability of the public institutions to accommodate all the applicants that led to the establishment of private ones. So they must be accorded the respect of providing complementary roles, and should be supported except

it is discovered they are only profit-driven.

Is that part of the reasons our universities are not rated well on the global scale?

Yes, we cannot dissociate all these issues of dearth of facilities, poor infrastructure, terrible learning environment, lack of adequate human resources and poor visibility on the global scene from the poor ranking records our universities keep at both the continental and global levels. The most disastrous of them all is the industrial disharmony on our various campuses.

Each time our university workers go on strike; we have demarketed the institutions. We can neither attract foreign students nor foreign lecturers. We have restricted ourselves to local champions. So we need to demilitarise the workers' unions on our university campuses. Too much unionisation leads to arrangement of power, and as we have seen in our own cases across public institutions in

Nigeria, the issues leading to industrial actions are usually selfish and not about what will lift the institutions.

So what is your take on this controversial issue of Integrated Payroll and Personnel Information System (IPPIS) introduced by the federal government but rejected by the Academic Staff Union of Universities?

The simple truth is that employee cannot dictate how he or she would be paid by the employer. What is sacrosanct is that your labour must be adequately remunerated and you receive it as and when due. But for university lecturers to dictate how they will be paid by the government is something unheard of. In a sane clime, if you are not satisfied with my own accountable means of ensuring your payment, then you leave my system.

Having identified all these issues, what are the things Fountain University is attempting to do differently?

By March this year, I would be two years in office as the vice-chancellor of this faith-inspired university. Many people call us faith-based but we are not. Instead, we are simply faith-inspired and when we get to the areas of partnerships we have created, you would realise that Fountain University is like any other university globally.

As an individual, I had my first degree from the University of Ibadan in 1979 and my PhD in Comparative Literature at the University of London. I have served as visiting professor at Oxford University, New York University, and as a scholar in Cambridge, and across other universities in Israel, Netherlands, Middle East, UK and America. But primarily, I had been with the Lagos State University (LASU) from inception in 1984 until my appointment here. I have

given this background to let you know how much of the experiences I have garnered over the years are currently being put into use at this institution. Within the last two years, we have redrafted a new master plan for the university, which has just been submitted to the NUC.

Currently, we have a land space of 258.53 hectares and we are determined to maximise this. The truth is that modern universities are not built on massive landmass but technology. Our investment is in the area of technology. The new master plan is projecting nine colleges within the next 10 years with an enrolment population of 10,000 students and 714 academic and non-academic staff.

How are you working towards achieving this?

The first thing is that we are reviewing our curricula because the truth is that the reigning academic programmes of today will be largely irrelevant in the next 10 years. So, our focus is on rebuilding our programmes and making them more practical-oriented. Even our students in Political Science classes must experience internship before graduation. Let them be posted to institutions like electoral commissions, houses of assembly, political institutions but not political parties. Currently, we have two colleges of Management Sciences, and Natural and Applied Sciences.

We started with 11 programmes but about five others were added a few years later. I can tell you that recently, the university senate has approved 38 new programmes, cutting across Law, Education, Basic Medical and Health Sciences, Arts and, of course, Engineering. We're going to do this in phases because we need to put the materials, equipment and structures in place first. Before the end of 2020, we would have the College of Basic Medical and Health Sciences in place for our nursing programme and other paramedical courses.

Researchers tasked on genetics

From Hassan Ibrahim, Bauchi

Scientists across the country have been urged to focus their research on genetics.

Professor Omotayo Olorode of University of Ago Iwoye, Ogun State, who made the call at a seminar in the Faculty of Science, Abubakar Tafawa Balewa

University (ATBU), Bauchi, said there was need for scientists to uncover a number of genetic mysteries.

Olorode explained that "all knowledge is based on prior knowledge and making prior knowledge less available, innovation is impeded."

Olorode, from the Department Plant

Science and Applied Zoology, emphasised the need for young scientists to think globally, act nationally and locally on genetics research, adding that there were things whose knowledge will contribute immensely to the global and national intellectual heritage in biology and genetics.

Nigerian students to get Kola Daisi scholarship

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

Kola Daisi Foundation has offered scholarships to 250 students to study at Kola Daisi University, Ibadan.

The beneficiaries would receive N50,000 each during their stay at the university in the

2019/2020 academic session.

A statement signed by the public relations officer of the university, Abimbola Adebayo, said prospective students must score a minimum of 140 marks in the 2019 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME)

According to the statement, candidates with at least 4 points in the Joint Universities Preliminary Examinations Board (JUPEB) or A Level can apply for admission into the university before January 17, 2020 for them to get the scholarship offer.



CITY NEWS

1 killed, 15 passengers injured in crashes on Abuja-Lokoja road

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

At least one person has been killed and fifteen other injured in separate crashes which occurred on the busy Abuja-Lokoja road.

City News learnt that one person died while six others sustained injuries in one of

the crashes which occurred on Tuesday at about 5:07 pm near Army checkpoint in Abaji.

The Abaji unit commander of the FRSC, ACC Olasupo Esuruoso, who confirmed the crash, said a Toyota commuter bus with registration number WRN 135 XA, while on top speed, lost control and

crashed into a ditch.

He said the corpse of the crash victim has been deposited at Abaji general hospital morgue, while the six injured victims were receiving treatment at the same hospital.

Also, nine passengers were fatally wounded when a bus rammed into a truck at Gada-

Biyu village, along Abuja-Lokoja road.

A witness said the crash happened around 7:45 pm on Tuesday, when a commuter bus with registration number ENU 583 XA, lost control and crashed into a truck that was parked by the road side.

He said the nine injured passengers were taken to

the hospital by men of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) who arrived the scene.

Esuruoso attributed the two crashes to speed limit violation and loss of control, adding that the nine injured passengers were taken to Abaji general hospital for treatment.

AMAC boss urges traders to relocate to new Kurudu market

Mr Abdullahi Candido, Chairman, Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC), has urged traders to relocate to the new Kurudu market to boost socio-economic development in the area.

Candido gave the advice in an interview with News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Wednesday in Abuja.

He said that relocating to the new market would not only improve people's standard of living, but would also boost commercial activities along the axis.

The chairman added that unnecessary and avoidable accidents, pick pocketing as well as complaints of theft of traders' goods would be reduced.

"Traders along Kurudu, Orozo, Karshi, Nyanya axis can relocate to the new Kurudu modern market as we have made necessary security arrangements for their goods.

"For the stress they will encounter while relocating, we are also assuring them of our commitment not to collect any money in terms of revenue or taxes from now to May 20.

"I am urging them to relocate as soon as possible to reduce unnecessary accidents and to boost socioeconomic development of Kurudu community," he said.

NAN reports that the 2,650 shops in Kurudu modern market along the Kurudu/Orozo axis of the FCT was inaugurated on Dec. 20, 2019. (NAN)



■ Public Motivational Speaker, Mute Olori addresses parents on the need to be more caring to their children in Abuja recently

Photo: Abubakar Yakubu

Federal Commissioner celebrates new decade with Abuja IDPs

By Umar Shehu Usman

The Federal High Commissioner, National Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons, Basheer G. Muhammad, has joined displaced persons in Abuja to celebrate the New Year and the beginning of a new decade.

Basheer, who was represented by Fatima Mamman Daura, Deputy Director of the IDPs Department of the the National Commission for

Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons said, "our commission is saddled with the principal responsibility of providing humanitarian assistance, providing care and maintenance, protection and durable solutions to refugees, IDPs, returnees, migrants and stateless persons in Nigeria."

He said the aim of the celebration was to improve the emotional wellbeing as well as the physical and mental development of the IDPs.

"We are all gathered here to participate in this children celebration to mark the beginning of a new year and a new decade," he said.

Speaking further, the commissioner noted that a lot of activities such as "physical activities, games, play, drama, art, and crafts competition have been infused into the programme to make it relaxing and memorable for the children drawn from IDPs camps within the FCT."

Meanwhile, the Chairman

of the Malaysian Garden IDPs, Takulle Lawal, thanked the commissioner for showing his sympathy to the IDPs.

He called on the government to look into the problems the IDPs are facing particularly in Abuja/Nasarawa which has about 33 camps, to support them with food items, health, and education.

He most of the IDPs camp don't have school, thus, parents find it difficult to send their children to schools.

Coalition calls for establishment of ministry for elderly

Coalition of Societies for the Rights of Older People in Nigeria (COSROPIN) has called for the establishment of a special ministry to take care of the needs of the elderly in the country.

The Secretary General of the coalition, Ms May Ikokwu, made the call in an interview with News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Abuja on Wednesday. She said that the creation

of the ministry had become imperative for the country to directly take care of the senior citizens.

Ikokwu added that President Muhammadu Buhari had in 2018 created old peoples' homes, which was domiciled in the Ministry of Women Affairs.

She explained that "I am in support of the call for the establishment of Ministry

of Older Persons. President Muhammadu Buhari created Older Persons' (OP) Centre in 2018 in Lagos, domiciled in Ministry of Women Affairs and it seems to have been moved to Humanitarian Affairs.

"I don't know whether there's budget provision for it to take off now," she said.

Ikokwu said that issues affecting older persons could only be addressed if a ministry

was specifically created for them "so that senior citizens would know where to lay their complaints when they have.

"Older people required one ministry dedicated to practically take care of their needs."

According to her, it is time to design for the elderly a specific ministry with a minister that will be seeing to their affairs. (NAN)



CITY NEWS

Police nab 700 criminal suspects in two months in Lagos

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

The Lagos State police command has disclosed it arrested over 700 criminal suspects in the last two months.

The command said it rounded up about 300 suspects, including 100 members of the notorious One Million Boys cult group, yesterday alone in the Ajeromi-Ifelodun local government area of the state.

The Lagos State Commissioner of Police, Hakeem Odumosu, at his maiden press briefing held yesterday at the Command Headquarters, Ikeja, said the

police arrested 114 armed robbery suspects and foiled 72 armed robbery attacks within the two months.

Odumosu added that seven armed robbery suspects died during exchanges of fire with the police.

Forty-six suspects, the police boss said, were also arrested for cultism, three suspects for kidnapping and 82 suspects for murder.

He said the state recorded nine cases of suicide and recovered 25 assorted firearms, with lots of ammunition of different calibres.

"The Command also recovered 11 stolen vehicles. A total of 2,300 motorcycles were

impounded from recalcitrant commercial motorcyclists across the state between November 18 and December 31, 2019. All the motorcycles impounded were handed over to the Taskforce in Oshodi, for further action. Meanwhile, the exercise is being intensified.

"A total of 447 suspects were arrested over the last one month and taken to the Taskforce, Oshodi, for further action. Out of this number, 53 were warned and released, while 394 were charged to court.

Out of those charged to court, 296 were convicted, while 98 are still awaiting trial. "Three hundred and eighty-

three suspects were arrested in a clampdown on social miscreants.

The Special Strike Force on Social Miscreants, which I established, took the battle to the doorsteps of social miscreants at Ikorodu, Agege, Itire, Isheri-Oshun and Oshodi. Out of this number, 38 were warned and released, while 87 were charged to court. Sixty-seven are currently being profiled.

"Two locally made pistols with 30 unexpended cartridges were recovered. Bags of weeds suspected to be Indian hemp and some cutlasses/axes were also recovered from the hoodlums," he added.

Lagos govt inaugurates c'ttee on police right to prosecute in magistrate courts

From Adelanwa Bamgboye, Lagos

The Lagos State government yesterday inaugurated an advisory committee to review laws enabling police prosecutorial power.

The committee's inauguration was in response to the clamour by non-governmental organizations and stakeholders to bar police prosecution of criminal matters at the state magistrate courts, in accordance with the provisions of the Administration of Criminal Justice Acts (ACJA).

While inaugurating the seven-member advisory committee, the Lagos State Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice, Moyosore Onigbanjo, said the government would announce its position on the matter after the recommendations of the committee, which would be made known to the general public.

The committee's terms of reference include tracking the number of criminal cases filed at the magistrate courts in Lagos State within a given period, determining how many cases were successfully prosecuted and determining whether the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution can take over prosecution in the more than 150 magistrate courts in Lagos.

Onigbanjo added that the committee's members were carefully selected based on their wealth of experience in state criminal justice practice.

He assured non-governmental organisations and residents in the state that government's final decisions would be based on fairness, and would be devoid of sentiments and bias.

The Attorney-General urged the advisory committee to look beyond Lagos State in their deliberations, and likewise consider the laws in Nigeria in order to give a balanced advice.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee, Fola Arthur-Worrey, commended Onigbanjo for the choice of the selected committee members.

Arthur-Worrey promised that the committee members would do their best to ensure they present to the state government rational recommendations within a month.

The state Solicitor-General, Titilayo Shitta-Bey, noted in her address that the recommendations of the Advisory committee would enhance the effective administration of justice in the state.

Driver docked for allegedly killing 45-year-old woman

From Idayat Oyedele, Lagos

The police in Lagos yesterday arraigned a 39-year-old man, Abel Onovo, who allegedly killed a 45-year-old woman in a car accident.

Onovo was charged before an Ikeja magistrate court, Lagos, with driving in a reckless manner and causing the death of the woman, Onyekachi Ihekwoaba.

Onovo allegedly committed the offence on December 13, 2019 at about 9.30am along the Ago Palace Way, Okota, by driving his Toyota Hiace bus registration number AKU 926 XA recklessly, contrary to Section 20 of the Road Traffic Law of Lagos State of Nigeria, 2012.

The police prosecutor, Assistant Superintendent of Police N. Peter, told the court that the defendant fled after knocking Ihekwoaba down with the bus, abandoning her at the scene of the accident.

Onovo pleaded not guilty to the three-count criminal charge levelled against him.

Chief Magistrate Y. O. Aje-Afunwa admitted him to bail of N500,000, with a surety, and adjourned the case till February 2, 2020 for further hearing.



■ Some members of the National Road Transport Workers Union being paraded at the Lagos State Police Command for various alleged crimes in Lagos yesterday

Photo: Benedict Uwalaka

Court remands man, 29, in prison for alleged rape of teenager

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

An Ado Ekiti chief magistrate court has remanded a 29-year-old man, Ayokunle Henry, in prison for alleged rape.

The police prosecutor, Inspector Caleb Leranmo, told the court yesterday that Henry committed the offence on December 28, 2019 in Ilawe-Ekiti, Ekiti Southwest local

government.

Leranmo said the offence contravened Section 2(2) of the Ekiti State Gender Based Violence (Prohibition) Amended Law 2019.

He alleged that the accused person took the victim, a 17-year-old girl, into a bush and raped her.

The prosecutor urged the court to remand Henry in

prison pending legal advice from the office of the Director of Public Prosecution. The court did not take the plea of the accused person.

The chief magistrate, Mr Abdulhamid Lawal, ordered that Henry should be remanded in prison pending the issuance of legal advice and adjourned the case till February 3, 2020 for mention.

Police arrest 20 NURTW members over mayhem on expressway

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

Twenty suspected members of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) have been arrested for allegedly causing mayhem on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway.

The suspects were alleged

to have set fire on used tyres in the middle of the road on Monday January 6, 2020 and causing motorists to panic.

The activities of the union members were also said to have caused heavy vehicular hold-up on the expressway.

The Lagos State Commissioner of Police,

Hakeem Odumosu, told journalists at a press conference held yesterday at the Command Headquarters, Ikeja, that policemen recovered weapons that included axes, daggers, broken bottles and cutlasses from the suspects.

Odumosu warned the

leadership of the various transport unions in the state to restrict their activities to their Secretariats as anyone arrested would be made to face the wrath of the law.

He also advised the leaders of the various factions to find a peaceful way of resolving their differences.

We will always remember you



Oyekemi Roseline Amao

Sept 7, 1980 - Dec 28, 2019

We regret to announce the passing away of our dear colleague, Mrs. Oyekemi Rosaline Amao a Service Officer of Nasarawa Nyanya Branch.

Roseline died on Saturday, December 28, 2019. She is survived by her husband, Mr George Amao and three children.

May she rest in the bosom of the Lord

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STRANGE STORIES

My identical twin has dwarfism so you'd better not mess with her



■ The sisters (picture left) Sienna Bernal (left), who was born with primordial dwarfism and Dandy-Walker syndrome, stands alongside twin sister Sierra Bernal in their back garden.

These twins are identical — but one is half the size of the other. Sienna Bernal and Sierra Bernal are 20-year-olds from Tomball, Texas, who share one major difference: Sienna was born with primordial dwarfism. She stands more than a foot

shorter than Sierra, and she weighs only 50 pounds, in comparison to her sister's 98 pounds. "Whenever people find out we're twins, they'll ask, 'How old is she?'" Sierra, an aspiring singer-songwriter, tells Barcroft Studios. "So a lot of times, even after you've

established that we're twins, they'll ask Sienna if she's younger. I'm like, 'That's how twins work — we're the exact same age.'" The Bernal sisters are the only known instance of female identical twins with a primordial dwarf in the pair, ABC News reports. Dwarfism

is generally defined as an adult height of 4 feet 10 inches or less, according to the Mayo Clinic. Sienna was also born with Dandy-Walker syndrome, which causes abnormal brain growth. She weighed just 1 pound 7 ounces at birth and was nearly six weeks behind

her sister in development. Today, the unabashed "mermaid fan" is an avid swimmer who is writing a book about her life. She admits it irks her when clueless strangers treat her like a child — but she knows how to handle them. "Sometimes they think Sierra is my older sister and they treat me differently," Sienna says with a wide, knowing smile. "I'm not a child. Let's clarify that, people. When they talk to me like a kid, they'll be like, 'How are you?' "I'm like, 'I am fine — I am 20 years old.' " Their mom, Chrissy Bernal, says doctors told the family Sienna had a 10 percent chance of surviving past 24 hours, and "if she did make it out of the hospital, they said she would most likely be a vegetable." Two decades later, and despite major physical differences, the sisters say they are just as close as any other identical twins, supporting each other through everything. "They have the sibling bond, like normal siblings do — but being twins, they're definitely closer," says Chrissy, 41. "You can see it if they've been separated during the day. They will immediately come together, and you can tell they really did not like not being together." Sierra admits to being "extremely protective" of Sienna, which she thinks has "made her a little sassier because she knows Sierra is going to take care of it if there's a problem." — Culled from [nypost.com](https://www.nytimes.com)

Man allegedly stole from store, applied for job there hours later

A prospective employee might typically find out a little bit about the company they want to join by doing some research and finding out what makes it tick. However, one man in Wyoming did little for his prospects for a post at a sporting goods store when he stole sunglasses and bullets—before returning to fill out a job application. Last Friday, Gillette police say the local Sportsman's Warehouse reported missing a pair of sunglasses worth about \$90 (about N28,000) as well as .30-30 caliber bullets valued at \$49.98 (about N16,000).

Police then identified a 36-year-old man as a suspect after he used a rewards card to buy other items. In-store video also captured him taking tags off the sunglasses and bullets, the *Gillette News Record* reported. Officers then issued the man, who has not been named, a citation for the alleged thefts and recovered the items. While he may have good knowledge of what sort of stock the store carries, there was no word on whether he got the interview. — Culled from [newsweek.com](https://www.newsweek.com)



■ A Sportsman's Warehouse is pictured in Tucson, Arizona in this illustrative image.

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ALIMAT: I, formerly known as **ABOGUNRIN ALIMAT ABIODUN** now wish to be known and addressed as **FAGBEMI ABIODUN ALIMAT**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

DOGO: I, formerly known as **SHEKWODUZA DAUDA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **DOGO SIMON DUTSE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

I, FORMALLY KNOWN AS ABAH OJOCHOGWU JOSEPH, NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS ZEKERI OJOCHOGWU JOSEPH. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GTBANK, FIRST BANK AND GENERAL PUBLIC TAKE NOTE

I formerly known as **ASHIMOLOLO BASHIRAT ADESHOLA** now wish to be known and addressed as **AKINYOSOVE BASHIRAT ADESHOLA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

I formerly known as **ALIYU LAWAL NASARU**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

I Formerly known as **BELLO ADAMU GUSAU** now Wish to be known And address as **BELLO ADAMU**. All Former documents remain valid general public should take note

SALIHU: I, formerly known as **SALIHU AWWAL** now wish to be known and addressed as **SALIHU AWWAL MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AUGUSTA: I, formerly known as **AUGUSTA CHIDALU ANYANWU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AUGUSTA CHIDALU ORISADIPE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

ADDITION OF NAME: AHMODU: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AS AHMODU REUBEN NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS AHMODU REUBEN OBIA. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAINED VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

I formerly known as **BELLO DEBORAH KUDIRAT**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. AJETUNMOBI OMOLOLA DEBORAH**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

I formerly known as **KHADIJAT MUKHTAR RASHEED** now wish to be known and addressed as **KHADIJAT MOHAMMED KORAU**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

I Formerly known as **ZAINAB GUMMI** now wish to be known And address as **ZAINAB UMAR GUMMI** all former documents remain valid general public should take note

CHRIS: I, formerly known as **CHRIS JOSEPH** now wish to be known and addressed as **CHRIS GUWAM**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

UGWA: I, formerly known as **UGWA EKEOMA ELIZABETH**, now wish to be known and addressed as **UGWA CHINYERE ELIZABETH**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **ADELAIYE OMOWUMI KEZIAH (MISS)** now wish to be known and addressed as **OJEBODE OMOWUMI KEZIAH (MRS)**. All former documents remain valid. Banks and general public take note.

I formerly known as **SARAH WANDO MAGAJI** now wish to be known and addressed as **SARAH WANDO MUDWA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

I formerly known as **AKINRINADE REGINAL AND AKINRINADE JOLADE REGINAL** now wish to be known and addressed as **AKINRINADE JOLAADURA REGINAL**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

I Formerly known as **LATIFAT A.SANI** now wish to be known And address as **LATIFAT ABDULWAHAB SANI** all former documents remain valid general public should take

MARYAM: I, formerly known as **MARYAM WILLIAM** now wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM WILLIAM WANA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SAMAILA: I am formally known and address as **SAMAILA ADAMU** and now wish to be call and address as **SAMAILA AMADU** date of birth **19-02-1983** all former documents remain valid authorities concern and general public should take note

ALI: I formerly known as **MUSA ALI SHAFFA**, but now wishes to be known and addressed as **MUSA ALI**. All formal documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **ADAM MUHAMMED** wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD ADDO**. All former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known as **SAFIYA SALAHU** now wish to be known and addressed **SAFIYA SALAHU ALKASIM**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

I Formerly known as **SADISU LAWALI** now wish to be known And address as **SADISU LAWALI GUSAU** all former documents remain valid date of birth **328/12/1985** and general public should take note

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I Formerly known as LAWALI AHMED now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULRASHID SHUAIBU All former documents remain valid general public should take note

I formerly known and called JOYCE KANGE now wish to be known and addressed as AGATHA AGENA. All former documents still remain valid. The authorities concerned and the general public to take note.

MANASSEH: I formerly known as MANASSEH KURUTSI now wish to be known as MANASSEH KURUTSI JOHN. All former documents remain valid, the general public should take note

MUHAMMAD, I formerly known as MUHAMMAD MAHMUDA MALLAM now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD MUHAMMAD. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

MUAZZAM, I formerly known as IBRAHIM MAIZARE now wish to be known and addressed as MUAZZAM AD MAIZARE. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

REMOVAL OF NAME: HAFSATU ABDULLAHI GARBBA NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN & CALLED AS HAFSATU ABDULLAHI, PREMIUM PENSION & General Public please take note.

I Formerly Known As YUSUF ATTOM KANOMA Now Wish To Be Known And Addressed As YUSUF ABDULLAHI All Former Documents Remain Valid General Public Should Take Note.

I, ABUBAKAR HASSAN do solemnly and sincerely declare and state as follows: that the name ABUBAKAR HASSAN and ABUBAKAR HASSAN HUSSAINI. Are referred to me, as I used to answer either of the names. Now I wish to be known and called, ABUBAKAR HASSAN All former documents remain valid, all Banks, all authority concerned and General public to Note.

IJEOMA: I formerly known as OKEN IJEOMA NWUZOR now wish to be known as LEMCHI IJEOMA HARRISON. All former documents remain valid, the general public should take note

KABIRU, I formerly known as KABIRU ABDULLAHI now wish to be known and addressed as KABIRU ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

SURAJU, I formerly known as KABIRU MADI now wish to be known and addressed as SURAJU MAHADI. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

HAMZA : I formerly known as HAMZA ABDULLWAHEED now wish to be called as HAMZA ABDULLWAHEED OLAWALE all former document remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

I Formerly known as NAZIRU LAWALI MAYANA now wish to be known And address as NAZIRU LAWALI All former documents remain valid date of birth 15/07/1990 and general public should take note

SEMIYU: I formerly known and addressed as. INU FAHIZAT CONSCIENCE. Now wish to be known and addressed as. INU FAHIZAT SEMIYU. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

LAWAN, I formerly known as LAWAN INUSA KARKARKU now wish to be known and addressed as LAWAN INUSA. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

MUTTAKA, I formerly known as MUTTAKA ABDULLAHI now wish to be known and addressed as MUTTAKA ABDU KACISHIRWA. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

KABIRU, I formerly known as KABIRU MUHAMMAD KHALIL now wish to be known and addressed as KABIRU MUHAMMAD HALILU. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

FRIDAY: I , formerly known as MISS UFUOMAKPO PRINCESS OGHENESUA.E, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS FRIDAY PRINCESS OGHENESUA.E.All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

I Formerly known as ABUBAKAR AHMED RABBAH now wish to be known And address as ABUBAKAR AHMED All former documents remain valid date of birth 12/05/1965 And general public should take note

DAVID: I formerly known and addressed as. AKOOLISA NNAEMEKA PRINCE. Now wish to be known and addressed as. AKOOLISA NNAEMEKA DAVID. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I formerly known as BALA MOHAMMED ALIYU now wish to be called and addressed as BALA MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

MUHAMMAD, I formerly known as HARUNA ALI MUSA now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD SALEH. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ISAH, I formerly known as ISAH MUSA USMAN now wish to be known and addressed as ISAH MUSA. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ABDULSALAM: I formerly known as ABDULSALAM ABDU now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULSALAM IBRAHIM all former documents remain valid. Keystone Bank and general public should please take note.

I Formerly known as JANGE KOFAR now wish to be known And address as RAMATU SHEHU all Former documents remain valid general public should take note

BLESSING: I formerly known and addressed as. MISS. MOMOH BLESSING. Now wish to be known and addressed as. MRS BLESSING SAMUEL. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

ESTHER, I formerly known as GINIKI JULIET EZE now wish to be known and addressed as ESTHER GINIKI CHIMARA. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

BILYAMINU, I formerly known as BILYAMINU SULEIMAN TELA now wish to be known and addressed as BILYAMINU SULEIMAN. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS YUSUF AHMED AHMED NOW WISH TO BE CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS YUSUF AHMED ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID AUTHORITY CONCERNED AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

JACQUILINE: I formerly known as JACQUILINE PAM now wish to be called and addressed as JACQUILINE BAITA all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

AHMED: I Formerly known and address as NASIRU ABDULLAHI AHMED. Now Wish to be known and address as NASIRU AHMED, with new date of birth 10/10/1982. All former documents remain valid, Union Bank, and general public should take note

CHRISTIANA: I formerly known and addressed as. MISS UADEMEVBO CHRISTIANA. Now wish to be known and addressed as. MRS ABDULL-MALIK UADEMEVBO CHRISTIANA. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note

AMINU, I formerly known as AMINU ALBADA now wish to be known and addressed as AMINU UMAR. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ZAKARI, I formerly known as IBRAHIM ZAKARI now wish to be known and addressed as ZAKARI IBRAHIM YAKUBU. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

BAKUR, I formerly known as SADIK ZAKARI MUSA now wish to be known and addressed as BAKUR YAU MUSA SULAIMAN. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

STEPHEN: I,formerly known as ISTIFANUS AJAH AVONG,now wish to be known and called STEPHEN AJAH AVONG. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

I formerly known as SALAHADDINI MUSA D.O.B, 1/5/1997 now wish to be known and addressed as MUSA SALAHADDINI HASSAN D.O.B, 1/1/1995. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

DORIS: I formerly known and addressed as. MISS OIKEH DORIS. Now wish to be known and addressed as. MRS IMUMORIN DORIS. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned general public to take note.

I formerly known as Tudun murtala mubarak inuwa now wish to be called and addressed as Mubarak Ayuba. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

BELLO, I formerly known as BELLO MUHAMMAD SAGIR now wish to be known and addressed as BELLO SAGIR. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ISMAILA, I formerly known as ISMAILA MOMOHJIMOH .O. now wish to be known and addressed as ISMAILA MOMOHJIMOH ONIMISI. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

JOSIAH: I, formerly known as JOSIAH ISHAYA P. now wish to be known and addressed as JOSIAH ISHAYA MAFWAL.All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

QUDUS: I Formerly known and address as JAMU KUDUSI OMOWUMI. Now Wish to be known and address as IBRAHEEM QUDUS OLAWUMI. All former documents remain valid general public should take note.

IYAMU: I formerly known and addressed as. MISS IKPONMWIN ADESUWA UYI. Now wish to be known and addressed as. MRS ADESUWA OSAGIE IYAMU. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I formerly known as musbahu isiyaku now wish to be called and addressed as muhammad fahad is'hak. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

NAZIR BASHIR SULAMAN ALI now wish to be known and addressed as NAZIR BASHIR SULAMAN ALI MOHMMED. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

AMINA: I,formerly known as AMINA SULEIMAN,now wish to be known and addressed as AMINA SULEIMAN.All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

My full names are SHAIUBU SULEIMAN ADABENEGE. During my BVN exercise, (ADABENEGE) was abbreviated as Letter " A " . Now wish to be known and called as SHAIUBU SULEIMAN ADABENEGE. Former documents remain valid. First / Access bank PLC and general public to take note.

CHUKWUEBUKA: I formerly known and address as EKWUNIFE ANTHONY. Now wish to known and address as EKWUNIFE ANTHONY CHUKWUEBUKA. All former document remain valid general public should please take note

OLPHA : I formerly known as EPHARIAM ULPHA now wish to be called and addressed as IFREMU OLPHA. and my correct date of birth 02-05-1980 not 02-02-1963 All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned general public to take note.

I formerly known as ZAYYAN KABIRU LAWAN now wish to be called and addressed as ZAYYAN KABIRU LAWAN . DOB 20_SEPT 1996 . All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

MOHAMMED, I formerly known as YAMAN MOHAMMED now wish to be known and addressed as MOHAMMED YAHAYA YAMAN . All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as ADELEKE ABDUL AZEEZ,now wish to be known and called ABDUL FATAI ABDUL AZEEZ.All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

YAHAYA: I, formerly known as MUSTAPHA NABABA,now wish to be known and called YAHAYA NABABA TAHIR.All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

AISHA: I, formerly known as MISS AISHA HAMZAT ISA now wish to be known and addressed as MRS AISHA HAMZAT ISA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SILAS: I, formerly known as SILAS UTEN now wish to be called and addressed as URIAH UTEN SILAS All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known as YAHAYA YAU ALIYU now wish to be called and addressed as YAHAYA ALIYU. DOB 12/6/1979. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

NURADEEN, I formerly known as NURADEEN SHUAIBU now wish to be known and addressed as NURADEEN ANAS SHUAIBU. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

OGWULUMBA: I, formerly known as OKAFORKEANYIMUO CHINYERE FRANCISCA, now wish to be known and addressed as OGWULUMBA CHINYERE FRANCISCA.All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

LADI: I formerly known as LADI BANI ALMAJIA, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS LADI GABRIEL DAMS. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

UBADASKA: I, formerly known as UBADASKA YUSUF now wish to be known and addressed as UBADASKA EZEKIEL YUSUF with D.O.B 25/04/2001. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

DAVID: I formerly known as PUNA DAVID now wish to be called and addressed as RUTH DAVID All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known as Suleiman Abdullahi now wish to be called and addressed as Sule Abdullahi. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note

YAHAYAI formerly known as SANUSI BASHAR now wish to be known and addressed as YAHAYA BASHAR. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

LOIS: I Formerly known as LOIS MIRAC IBRAHIM Now wish to be called and addressed as LOIS IBRAHIM All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the general public and any authority concerned to please take note

MERCY: I open bank account with names as MERCY OKENE. Now wish to be known and called as MERCY KAREEM. Former documents remain valid. Union bank PLC and general public to take note.

I formerly known as YUSUF MUSTAPHA now wish to be known and addressed as YUSUF UMARU. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

HELEN: I formerly known as HELEN GEOFFRY now wish to be known as HELEN LUKA. All former documents remain valid, the general public should take note

I formerly known as ILIYASU BATURE IBRAHIM now wish to be called and addressed as SANI LAWAN IBRAHIM . All former documents remain valid AUTHORITY CONCERN TO TAKE NOTE

KABIRU, I formerly known as KABIRU AHMAD now wish to be known and addressed as KABIRU SABO DAUDA. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

RABIA: I, formerly known as RABIA ABDULLAHI MAIKUDI, now wish to be known and addressed as RABIA SALIM DUNOMA. All former documents remained valid. Authority concerned and the General public should take note.

SHAMSU: I was Formerly known as SHAMSUDEEN SHEHU MOHAMMAD and 11/FEB/1991 now wish to be known and called as SHAMSU SHEHU and 3rd JULY, 1993. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

GARBA: I, formerly known as GARBA SULEIMAN now wish to be known and addressed as GARBA SULE. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

ISAAC: I formerly known as JOSEPH ISAAC KUDOR now wish to be known as VONGJEN JOSEPH ISAAC. All former documents remain valid, the general public should take note

MUSA, I formerly known as ABDULMUMIN UBALE now wish to be known and addressed as MUSA SALISU. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ZAHARADDEEN, I formerly known as DINI SHEHU now wish to be known and addressed as ZAHARADDEEN USMAN. All my former documents remain valid. WAEC, NECO and general public should please take note.

HASSANA: I, formerly known as HASSANA BUTAWA WUDA, now wish to be known and addressed as HASSANA YUSUFU WUDA.All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

IHMIRE : I Formerly MISS IHMIRE JOY Now Wish To Be Known, Called And Addressed As MRS OSAZE JOY. Former Documents Remain Valid. Public Note.

CHARLOTTE: I, formerly known as IBE AMAKA CHARLOTTE, and IBE CHARLOTTE NMA now wish to be known and addressed as IBE CHARLOTTE CHIAMAKA ADANMA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

YAFALMATA: I formerly known as YAFALMATA MODU now wish to be known and addressed as YAFALMATA AUDU. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

AISHA, I formerly known as AISHA ABUBAKAR AHMAD now wish to be known and addressed as AISHA MUSA. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

LAUWALI , I formerly known as LAUWALI ABUBAKAR now wish to be known and addressed as LAUWALI DODO K. DOSARA. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD: I, formerly known as MUHAMUD GARBA, now wish to be known and called MUHAMMAD ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid.The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

YAOBU : I, was formerly known and addressed as BABATUNDE ABIMBOLA USMAN. Now wish to be known and addressed as YAOBU ABIMBOLA LAMINA . All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

HABIBU: I, formerly known as ALIYU ABUBAKAR now wish to be known and addressed as HABIBU ALIYU. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

BUKAR: I formerly known as MOHAMMED BUKAR now wish to be known and addressed as MOHAMMED BUKAR ZARAMI. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

ABBAS, I formerly known as ABAS ISA now wish to be known and addressed as ABBAS ISAH SHEBA. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

NGOZI, I formerly known as NGOZI ONYEMALI now wish to be known and addressed as NGOZI JOICIA TORITSEJU. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM: I, formerly known as RAHAMAN IBRAHIM, now wish to be known and called IBRAHIM ABDULRAHAMAN.All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

CELESTINE : I, was formerly known and addressed as IGWE JOSEPH. Now wish to be known and addressed as CELESTINE IGWE . All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

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

BULAMA: I formerly known as MOHAMMED MUSTAPHA now wish to be known and addressed as BULAMA MODU NGOMARI. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

SALISU, I formerly known as SALISU LAWAN now wish to be known and addressed as SALISU LAWAN ISA. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

YUSUF, I formerly known as INUWA MUHAMMED TUKUR now wish to be known and addressed as YUSUF MUHAMMED. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

VICTORIA: I, formerly known as OMALE VICTORIA OJOCHEGBE, now wish to be known and addressed as VICTORIA OKPANACHI.All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

TIMI : I, was formerly known and addressed as TIMI GABRIEL JOSEPH. Now wish to be known and addressed as TIMI GABRIEL JOSIAH . All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

I, formerly known and called HAAGA INONGUN WILLIAM now wish to be known and addressed as TSAVGER INONGUN WILLIAM as evidenced on my National Identity Card. All other documents remain valid. The concerned authorities and the general public to take note.

ABANA: I formerly known as ABANA AJI now wish to be known and addressed as ABANA ALHAJI. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

KABIR, I formerly known as MOHAMMED IBRAHIM now wish to be known and addressed as KABIR IBRAHIM. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

NURA, I formerly known as MUSA SULAIMAN now wish to be known and addressed as NURA IBRAHIM. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

DICKSON: I,formerly known as DICKSON JOSEPH OJAXX now wish to be known, Called and addressed as DICKSON JOSEPH OJEAGA. Former documents remain valid. Public note

OKOLO : I, was formerly known and addressed as OKOLO GODDAY . Now wish to be known and addressed as OKOLO GODDAY FRANK. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

MARIAH: I formerly known and addressed as OLISEH MARIA KELECHI, now wish to be known and address as OLISEH MARIAH KELECHI. All former documents remain valid. Bank and general public should take note.

YAKAKA: I formerly known as YAKAKA UMARA now wish to be known and addressed as YAKAKA GONI. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note

JUMMAT, I formerly known as JUMMAT OAMZN SHUAIBU now wish to be known and addressed as JUMMAT OAMZN ZUMA. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM, I formerly known as IBRAHIM ABDULHADI now wish to be known and addressed as IBRAHIM ABDULHADI MUHAMMAD. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

SHAAWANATU: I formerly known as SHAAWANATU SALIHU now wish to be called as SHAAWANATU SALISU all former document remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note.

Mrs. OKON : I, was formerly known and addressed as Miss. EFFIONG MINIKA AJELE. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. OKON MINIKA AJELE (due to marriage) . All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME : I formerly known and addressed as SADU SHAMSUDEEN, now wish to be known and addressed as SAAD SHAMSUDEEN. All former documents remain valid. Bank and general public should take note.

PATIENCE: I formerly known as PATIENCE ONYINYECHI ANYAOHA now wish to be known as PATIENCE ONYINYECHI UWAEAE. All former documents remain valid, UAE immigration and the general public should take note

MUKTARI, I formerly known as USMAN A TIJJANI now wish to be known and addressed as MUKTARI ALI. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ADAMU, I formerly known as ADAMU IBRAHIM now wish to be known and addressed as ADAMU BAFARIYA. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

OPARA: I formerly known as OPARA HYACENITH now wish to be called as OPARA HYACENITH ONYEWUCHI all former document remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

KALU : I, was formerly known and addressed as ENUJAH JANET OGECHI. Now wish to be known and addressed as KALU JANET OGECHI . All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

SAMUEL: I FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS MISS EGBUNU MAMENE GLORIA, NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS MRS SAMUEL MAMENE GLORIA. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID, GENERAL PUBLIC AND BANK PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

OTUYA: I formerly known as OTUYA UGOCHUKWU CINDINO now wish to be known as OTUYA UGOCHUKWU EMMA, my correct date of birth is 08-01-1991 not 08-01-1989. All former documents remain valid, the general public should take note

FIDAUSI, I formerly known as FIRDAUSI JIBRIN SHUAIBU now wish to be known and addressed as FIDAUSI JIBRIN ALA. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ALMUBARAK, I formerly known as MUBARAK YUSHE'U now wish to be known and addressed as ALMUBARAK YUSHE'U SHEKHU . All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

EZRA: I formerly known as EZRA YOHANNA H now wish to be called as EZRA YOHANNA HARUNA all former document remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note.

GOSPEL : I, was formerly known and addressed as GOSPEL EBUKA CHINEDOZIE. Now wish to be known and addressed as GOSPEL EBUKA FOLORUNSHO. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

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BABALOLA : I, was formerly known and addressed as OLUWORE ABIODUN BABALOLA. Now wish to be known and addressed as BABALOLA ABIODUN BAMIDELE. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

TSALFA : I, was formerly known and addressed as SALAWAHA MUHAMMADU LAWAL. Now wish to be known and addressed as TSALFA LAWALI SABONGIDA. Date of birth 30/04/1981 NOT 10/11/1983. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

ODELEYE: I, formerly known and addressed as FADIPE AYUBA ISHOLA. Now wish to be known and addressed as ODELEYE AYUBA ISHOLA. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

FATIMA: I Formerly known as FATIMA ALHAJI KASIM, now wish to be known and addressed as FATIMA ALKASIM. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

YAHAYA: I formally known as RABIU ALHAJI YAYA now wish to be called and address as NASIRU YAHAYA. All former documents remain valid general public and authority concern should take note accordingly

BASHIR : I Formerly known as MAINA LAWAN BUKAR, now wish to be known and addressed as BASHIR FANTAMI. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

THOMAS : I, was formerly known and addressed as AJALA STELLA OLUWABUKOLA. Now wish to be known and addressed as THOMAS STELLA OLUWABUKOLA. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

SOKEKU : I, was formerly known and addressed as ABDUSALAM LATEEFAT. Now wish to be known and addressed as SOKEKU LATEEFAT AINA. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

AJAYI: I, formerly known and addressed as AJAYI MONTUNRAYO EKUNDAYO. Now wish to be known and addressed as AJAYI MOTUNRAYO TERRESA. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

KAKA: I formerly known as KAKA ZAINAMI AND ZAINAB RABIU, now wish to be known and addressed as KAKA ZAINAB LAMINU. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

BABA: I formally known as Abubakar Adamu Now wish to be called and address as Babangida Baba all former documents remain valid general public and authority concern should take note

MODU: I formerly known as BABA GANA KURA MODU, now wish to be known and addressed as BABA KURA MODU YATCHAMI. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

CONFIRMATION OF NAME NWOKORIE : That on some of my documents my name appears as NWOKORIE NNEKA LUCY AND NWOKORIE NNEKA P. are one and same person, that henceforth, I wish to maintain NWOKORIE NNEKA P. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

HALIMAH : I, was formerly known and addressed as HALIMAH ALI MUHAMMED. Now wish to be known and addressed as HALIMAH SALAWU SHAIBU-ARUDI. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

Formerly known as SANI JAMILA now wish to be known and addressed as SANI JAMILA MAIRIGA. All former documents remain valid, public to take note.

BUKAR: I formerly known as ABUWAR LAWAN, now wish to be known and addressed as BUKAR SADIQ. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

KALTUMA: I Formerly known as YAGUMSU ABBA KYARI, now wish to be known and addressed as KALTUMA GANA. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

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

SULAIMAN : I, was formerly known and addressed as SALIHU SAL SULAIMAN. Now wish to be known and addressed as SULAIMAN SALIU. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

OLORUNTOBA : I, was formerly known and addressed as OSISANYA NIHILOLA RACHEAL. Now wish to be known and addressed as OOLORUNTOBA NIHILOLA RACHEAL. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

Formerly known as JANA AUTA now wish to be known and addressed as JANA AKPOMOSHI MAGAJI. All former documents remain valid, general public to take note.

GABCHIYARAM: I Formerly known as GABCHIYARAM MALLAM, now wish to be known and addressed as GABCHIYARAM M. MAKINTA. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

ABUBAKAR: I formerly known and addressed as ABUBAKAR EZEKIEL SUNDAY now wish to be called and addressed as ABUBAKAR EBENEZER SUNDAY. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note please.

ABDULRAHMAN: I Formerly known as ABDULRAHMAN ADIMBO, now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULRAHMAN ADIMBO IDRIS. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note.

NWACHUKWU : I, was formerly known and addressed as NWACHUKWU OKECHUKWU SUNDAY. Now wish to be known and addressed as NWACHUKWU OKECHUKWU SUNDAY ANIH. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

OLORUNTOBA : I, was formerly known and addressed as OSISANYA OLUWATOSIN ABIODUN. Now wish to be known and addressed as OOLORUNTOBA OLUWATOSIN ABIODUN. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

Formerly known as EHOCH EYOI WODU ANN now wish to be known and addressed as ELEN DU OYOI WODU ANN. All former documents remain valid, general public to take note.

ZARA: I Formerly known as ZARA ALHAJI, now wish to be known and addressed as ZARA ALHAJI DAM. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

ISAH: I formerly known and addressed as JAMILU B-RUWA now wish to be called and addressed as JAMILU ISAH and that my correct DOB is 01/01/1981. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note please.

GREMA: I Formerly known as KORIMI GREMA, now wish to be known and addressed as KORIMI BA'ALE GREMA. All former documents remain valid. With DOB 31-12-1980, General public should please take note

NWOYE : I, was formerly known and addressed as NWOYE IKECHUKWU BENJAMIN. Now wish to be known and addressed as NWOYE BENJAMIN IKENNA. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

EGUN: I formerly known as Florence Akpagu. Now wish to be known and addressed as Egun Florence Onyema. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note.

OGBELE I, Formerly known as OGBELE ABDULLAHI AKASA now wish to be known and addressed as OGBELE ABDULLAHI AKOSHI. All former documents remain valid, general public to please take.

YAFUSAM: I Formerly known as YAFUSAM TIJJANI, now wish to be known and addressed as YAFUSAM BUKAR BOLORI. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

SALISU: I formerly known as LAUWALI M SALISU now wish to be known and addressed as LAUWALI SALISU. All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should take note.

ADAM: I formerly known as ADAM ALHAJI USMAN, now wish to be known and addressed as ADAM ALHAJI TANKO. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

ADDITIONAL NAME EMMANUEL: THAT I WAS FORMERLY KNOWN CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS EMMANUEL ABSOLA. THAT I HAVE DECIDED TO ADD FAUSAT TO MY NAMES, NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS EMMANUEL ABSOLA FAUSAT. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note.

ADEKUNLE: I, formerly known and addressed as ADEKUNLE MUHAMMED. Now wish to be known and addressed as ADEKUNLE TAJUDEEN ALABI. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

I formerly known as MISS EKONAH JAMES now wish to be addressed as MRS EKONAH OVEY OKARA. All former documents remain valid, general public to take note.

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

ISA: I formerly known as SULEIMAN ALI NUHU, now wish to be known and addressed as SULEIMAN ABUBAKAR ISA. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

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

MRS. MODINAT: FORMERLY KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS SALAU ANIKE MODINAT ADEBINPE. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS MRS. MODINAT ADEBINPE AJAO. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note.

KOLADE: I, formerly known and addressed as KOLADE ABDULMOJEEB OMOWUMI. Now wish to be known and addressed as KOLADE TEMIDAYO OMOWUMI. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

I formerly known as MERCY PETER now wish to be known and address as MERCY DAUDA DAKAT. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

YAGAJI: I Formerly known as GAJI BABAKURA, now wish to be known and addressed as YAGAJI BABAKURA ARFO. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

ABUBAKAR: I Formerly known as HASSAN HARUNA ADAM, now wish to be known and addressed as ABULLAHI ISA. ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

WANZAM: I formerly known as HASSAN JIBIR now wish to be known and addressed as ALI WANZAM. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

ALATUNSE: I formerly known as OLOWOYEY ADENIKE HELLEN. Now wish to be known and addressed as ALATUNSE ADENIKE HELLEN. By virtue of marriage status. All former document remain valid General public should please take note.

OGBONNA: I, formerly known and addressed as OGBONNA OKWUCHUKWU EZE. Now wish to be known and addressed as OGBONNA BRIGHT EZE. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

I formerly known as JACOB VERA PAUL now wish to be known and address as VERA EJELA JACOB. Date of birth 1ST MARCH 1997. All former documents remain valid, general public to take note.

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

YAKUBU: I FORMALLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS ANTO AMBI NOW WISH TO BE CALLED AND ADDRESS AS AMBI YAKUBU ANTO ALL FORMER DOCUMENT REMAIN VALID THAT AUTHORITY CONCERNE AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE

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

OLUWATOFUNMI: I FORMERLY KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS OLUWATOFUNMI ESTHER FALEYE. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS OLUWATOFUNMI ESTHER WILLIAMS. All former document remain valid General public should please take note.

I, AKINDELE FOLASADE IDIAT, while some of my documents bears DELE-AKINDELE FOLASADE IDIAT, that all documents bearing either DELE-AKINDELE or AKINDELE is the same and remain valid. IBTC PFA, PENCOM office and the general public to take note.

YUSUFU: I Formerly known as YUSUFU DAMBUMA, now wish to be known and addressed as YUSUFU DAMBOAMA. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

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

DAHIRU: ?I formerly known and addressed as ZAHARADDEEN DAHIRU now wish to be called and addressed as ZAHARADDEEN ALHAJI DAHIRU. All former documents remained valid, Authority concerned and general public should take Nate.

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

MATTI: I formerly known as ANIFOWOSHE MATTI AFOLABI MOJEEED. Now wish to be known and addressed as MATTI AFOLAB MOJEEED. All former document remain valid General public should please take note.

BLESSING: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss BLESSING OTAMENDAYE UGBOYOBI. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs BLESSING OTAMENDAYE ADEMOLA. All former documents remain valid. To whom it may concern and general public please take note.

AYUBA: I formerly known as AYUBA ALI UMAR, now wish to be known and addressed as AYUBA UMAR ZAZANA. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

ABBAS: I Formerly known as BUKAR A. DARMAN, now wish to be known and addressed as ABBAS ABDULRAHMAN. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

SARKIN: I formerly known and addressed as LAWAN S. PANDUM MOHAMMED, now wish to be known and addressed as PANDUM MUHAMMED SARKIN. All former Documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public should take note.

YAHAYA: I formally known as DANDARE YAHAYA HORE now wish to be known and addressed as DANDARE YAHAYA. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

ALADI : I, was formerly known and addressed as USMAN ALADI IBRAHIM. Now wish to be known and addressed as ALADI IBRAHIM USMAN AKANBI. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

KOLAWOLE : I formerly known and addressed as POPOOLA KEHINDE BABATUNDE. Now wish to be known and addressed as POPOOLA KEHINDE KOLAWOLE. All former documents remain valid, General public kindly take note.

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

AISHA: I formerly known as AISHATU MUHAMMED BUKAR, now wish to be known and addressed as AISHA BUKAR. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

ABUBAKAR: I formerly known and addressed as ABDULLAHI ABUBAKAR, now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULLAHI IBN ABUBAKAR. All former Documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public should take note.

EDNA: I formally known as IGHOGHOFOWFA EDNA now wish to be known and addressed as JOSEPH EDNA. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

Mrs. GODWIN : I, was formerly known and addressed as Miss AMANABO UNEKWU-OJO JOY. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. GODWIN UNEKWU-OJO JOY. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

ANUHU : I formerly known and addressed as Bright Nicholas Yumaba. Now wish to be known and addressed as Nicholas Bright Anuhu. All former documents remain valid, General public kindly take note.

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

BABAKURA : I Formerly known as BABAKURA MUHAMMED, now wish to be known and addressed as BABAKURA MODU. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

ABIGAIL: I, formerly known as ABIGAIL JOHN AFFON now wish to be known and addressed as ABIGAIL AFFON ADEBINPE. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

LAWALI: I formally known as LAWALI WAMALE now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMED BAWA. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

Mrs. MARIAM : I, was formerly known and addressed as Miss. MARIAM ADETUTU SANI. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. MARIAM ADETUTU SANI-IBRAHIM. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

BELLO: I, formerly known and addressed as ASHFA RASAK JOMOH on my Account, and BELLO RASAKI on my BVN, now wish to be known and addressed as RASAKI ASHFA BELLO. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public and Authorities Concerned should please take note.

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

HAMISU: I Formerly known as HAMISU SAMAILA, now wish to be known and addressed as HAMISU MUHAMMED. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

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

SHEHU: I formerly known as HASSAN ZAKARI SHEHU, now wish to be known and addressed as ZAKARI SHEHU. All former documents remain valid. JAIZ BANK PLC and general public should please take note

ADDITION OF NAME NWAGBOLU : I, was formerly known and addressed as NWAGBOLU UCHEENNA, now wish to add STEPHEN to my names. Now wish to be known and addressed as NWAGBOLU UCHEENNA STEPHEN. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

AKINOSO: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss. ADEBEMBO MOPELOLA ELIZABETH. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs AKINOSO MOPELOLA ELIZABETH. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

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

MOHAMMAD : I Formerly known as MUSA YA'U, now wish to be known and addressed as MOHAMMAD MAI KAJI. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

DAUDA: I, formerly known as DANIEL DAUDA now wish to be known and addressed as DAUDA DANIEL HAMZA. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

HAUWA : I formerly known as HAUWA SANI GADZAMA now wish to be known as HAUWA SANI. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

AJIBADE : I, was formerly known and addressed as AJIBADE OLASUNKANMI LATEEF. Now wish to be known and addressed as AJIBADE LATEEF AKANBI. That on my Sky Bank Account/BVN I bear AJIBADE OLASUNKANMI LATEEF. I wish to bear AJIBADE LATEEF AKANBI. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

TAYO: I, formerly known and addressed as LIADI KAFAYAT OLAWUNMI. Now wish to be known and addressed as TAYO KAFAYAT OLAWUNMI. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

KALLI: I Formerly known as KALLI M. TALBA, now wish to be known and addressed as KALLI MALLAM TALBA. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

MALUM: I formerly known as ALHAJI BUKAR KOMA now wish to be known and addressed as ALHAJI MALUM BUKAR with D.O.B 1/1/2002. All former documents remains valid. Authorities concerned and general public to take note.

YAKUBU: I, formerly known as DINATU BULUS DANLADI and DINATU YAKUBU BALERI as wrongly captured on my bank details and national ID card respectively now wish to be known and addressed as DINATU YAKUBU. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

ABBA: I Formerly known as LAMBA ABBA, now wish to be known and addressed as LAMBA ABBA KURAMA. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

NDUKA : I, was formerly known and addressed as NDUKA SUNDAY EMMA. Now wish to be known and addressed as NDUKA SUNDAY ANIE. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

AROWOREGE: I, formerly known and addressed as OLABANJI TEMITOPE KAFAYAT. Now wish to be known and addressed as AROWOREGE TEMITOPE KAFAYAT. All former documents remain valid. Federal Medical Center, Abeokuta (FMCA) and general public please take note.

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

I, NAANDOM VICTOR LONGKUM, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the names NAANDOM VICTOR, NAANDOM VICTOR LONGKUM and NAANDOM VICTOR LONGKUM are all referred to me and that I now wish to be known and addressed as NAANDOM VICTOR LONGKUM with D.O.B 19/4/1990. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public to take note.

UMAR: I, formerly known as UMAR ABUBAKAR now wish to be known and addressed as UMAR ABUBAKAR MINANGI. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

BABAGANA : I formerly known as ALI MALA now wish to be known as BABAGANA ALI MALA. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

Mrs. ALIYU : I, was formerly known and addressed as Miss. MUSA ENYIAMIRE MEDINAT. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. ALIYU ENYIAMIRE MEDINAT. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

ARAROMI: I, formerly known and addressed as USMAN NUHU. Now wish to be known and addressed as ARAROMI NURUDEEN DAMILOLA. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

ALI: I Formerly known as ALI USMAN ABBA, now wish to be known and addressed as ALI USMAN. All former documents remain valid. With D.O.B 5.8.1998 TO 20.8.1992, general public should please take note

MANU: I formerly known as MANU ADAMU now wish to be known and addressed as MANU TABAKO with D.O.B 29/8/1958. All former documents remains valid. Authorities concerned and general public to take note.

JIDDA: I formally known as MOHAMMED JIDDA now wish to be known and addressed as MOHAMMED JIDDA KHURSA. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

FATIMA : I formerly known as FATIMA HUSSAINI now wish to be known as FATIMA HUSSAINI ALI. All former document remain valid, general public should take note.

NKWOWCHA : I, was formerly known and addressed as ONYEMA BLESSING PERPETUAL. Now wish to be known and addressed as NKWOWCHA NGOZI PERPETUAL. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

BADMUS: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss OWOYEMI FATIMOH TEMITAYO. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs BADMUS FATIMOH TEMITAYO. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

BINTU: I Formerly known as HAJJA BINTU ALHAJI BASHIR, now wish to be known and addressed as BINTU BASHIR. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

AISHATU: I formerly known as AISHATU ABDULKARIM now wish to be known and addressed as AISHATU ABDULKARIM UMAR. All former documents remains valid. Authorities concerned and general public to take note.

MODU: I formally known as HARUNA BULAMA now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD BULAMA MODU. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

ALHAJI : I formerly known as ALHAJI ALI BAGAL now wish to be known as ALHAJI ALI BA'ALE. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

OSUJI : I, was formerly known and addressed as OSUJI ISAAC EBERECHUKWU. Now wish to be known and addressed as OSUJI ISAAC EBERECHUKWU EJOGU. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

OGUNSANYA: I, formerly known and addressed as KEHINDE FUNMILAYO TAWAKALITU. Now wish to be known and addressed as OGUNSANYA FUNMILAYO TAWAKALITU PELUMI. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

BINTU: I Formerly known as BINTA USMAN ILIYA AND BINTU ALI USMAN, now wish to be known and addressed as BINTU USMAN. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

AISA: I, formerly known and address as Aisha Bukar, Inna M Kurama and Aisha Kurama. now wish to be known and addressed as Aisa M Kurama. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

DIJE: I formally known as SURA DIJA MSHELIA now wish to be known and addressed as DIJE ISHAYA SURA. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

LAMI : I formerly known as BINTA ZAKARI now wish to be known as LAMI ALI MOHAMMAD. All former document remain valid. general public should take note

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UWANI : I formerly known as **UWANI MAI KUDI** now wish to be known as **UWANI NABAKO**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

CHARITY: I formerly known as **CHARITY ABDUL** now wish to be known and addressed as **CHARITY KANADI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

OSANEBI: I, formerly known as **WOGU CHIEMELA CHRISTIANA**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. OSANEBI CHIEMELA CHRISTIANA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

CONFIRMATION OF NAME: I, **MARCUS PRECIOUS YOHANNAH**, wish to confirm that **MARCUS PRECIOUS** and **MARCUS PRECIOUS YOHANNAH**. Belongs to one and the same person **MARCUS PRECIOUS YOHANNAH**. All documents bearing the above name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ONI: That I was formerly known called and addressed as **MISS. ADENIYI DEBORAH OMOLARA**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. ONI DEBORAH OMOLARA**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

BUNDESEN: I, formerly known as **DONDO DEHELA TESEMCHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **BUNDESEN FELIX TESEMCHI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ABDULLATEEF : I formerly known as **KALLI ALKALI** now wish to be known as **ABDULLATEEF KALLI GAZALI**. All former document remain valid. general public should take note.

AISHA: I, formerly known and address as **AISHA IBRAHIM**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ZAINAB MUSTAPHA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MAXWELL: I, formerly known as **MISS. JOSEPH VIVIAN QUEEN** and **MISS. JOSEPH VIVIAN CHEKWUBE**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. MAXWELL VIVIAN CHEKWUBE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

PETER: I, formerly known as **MISS. AKPAJU CHIDINMA PRECIOUS**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. PETER CHIDINMA PRECIOUS**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

UCHENNA: I, formerly known as **LINDA JULIA UCHE OKOLIE**. Now wish to be known as **UCHENNA OWUAMANAM**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

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

YUNUSA: That I am formally known and called **MAIDALA YUNUSA** and **YUNUSA ISA** now wish to be called and address as **YUNUSA AUDU MIDALA** general public to take note.

ABUBAKAR: I Formerly known as **HASSAN USMAN**, with **DOB 16/1/1992**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMED RIDWAN ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. With **DOB 14/2/1982** *General public should please take note.

LORETTA: I, formerly known as **MISS. LORETTA CHINWE OMADA**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. LORETTA CHINWE OZIOKO**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

FAVOUR: I, formerly known as **MISS. FAVOUR CHIAMA EGWUEKWE**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. FAVOUR CHIAMA AJEBON**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

AKPAN: I, formerly known as **AKPAN JOY ANIEKAN**. Now wish to be known as **AKPAN ANIEFIOK ANIEKAN**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

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

BULAMA: That I am formally known as **YAHAYA ALI** date of birth **03/07/1950** now wish to be called and address as **BULAMA YAYA** with date of birth **29/01/1959** general public to take note.

DAWI: I formerly known as **ALI DAWI**, now wish to be known and addressed **ALI ALHAJI DAWI**. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note.

OKOROIKE: I, formerly known as **OKOROIKE GRATEFUL IFUNANYACHUKWU**. Now wish to be known as **OKOROIKE RUTH CHINONSO**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

OBAGBAMIGBE: I, formerly known as **MISS. AJAYI TOSIN BLESSING**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. OBAGBAMIGBE TOSIN BLESSING**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ADEOLA: That I was formerly known as **ADEOLA MARY OPEYEMI**. That I now wish to be known called and addressed as **ADEOLA MARY TOLULOPE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MUSTAPHA: I, formerly known as **WALIYU JEMILA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUSTAPHA EYITAYO JELILAT**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I formerly known as **ABUBAKAR UMAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **UMAR ABUBAKAR MUHAMMAD**. All former document remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MEREM: I formerly known as **MAIRAM GUBORAM**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MEREM KELLUMI**. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note.

ONUOHA: I, formerly known as **ONUOHA LAWRENCE ENYINWA**. Now wish to be known as **ONUOHA LAWRENCE CHINEDUM**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

(Addition of name) That in my 2019 Joint and Matriculation Admission (Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination) Registration No:97328831JE, Exam No: C66713174, My name was wrongly written as **ADEWALE TUNDE** instead of **ADEWALE TUNDE MORUFF**. That this affidavit is made for record purpose and information of the jamb board, institution of Higher learning, and the general public.

ADDITION OF NAME: I, formerly known as **JOSEPHINE AMADI**. Now wish to add **NENE** to my name to be known as **JOSEPHINE NENE AMADI**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ABDULFATAH: I, formerly known as **ABDULFATAH MUHAMMAD HAFSAT** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULFATAH ATINE HAFSAT**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

AYODEJI: I formerly known as **MISS OGUDEJI AYODEJI SEUN**, now wish to be known and addressed **MRS AYODEJI JOHN CLETUS**. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note.

DAVIES: I, formerly known as **MISS. FINGESI SEPIRIBO IBIENBO**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. DAVIES SEPIRIBO**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

YELLOW: That I was formerly known called and addressed as **DUMO CLINTON IGOINIKON**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **YELLOW, TONY EMMANUEL**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

WOMENAZU: I, formerly known as **MISS. OJUGBELI JOY IFEYINWA**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. WOMENAZU JOY IFEYINWA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ABUBAKAR: I, formerly known as **ABUBAKAR UMAR BUNZA** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR DANMABUGA UMAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

UZOIJE: I Formerly known as **UZOIJE DANIEL HENRY**, now wish to be known and addressed as **UZOIJE HENRY CHIADIKAOBI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

RUTH: I, formerly known as **RUTH AHANI AGAZI**. Now wish to be known as **RUTH JOHN OBZOR**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

TIMILAEMI: That I was formerly known called and addressed as **ISAAC PHILOMINA**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **TIMILAEMI PHILOMINA**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

ESSIEN: I, formerly known as **MISS. SPIFF MONALISA TAMUNOSIKI**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. ESSIEN MONALISA TAMUNOSIKI**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

Requirement for Change of Name Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit; Men: Court Affidavit

GAYE: I formerly known as **GAYE JONATHAN ATIYAYE** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. GAYE HARRY HANSON**. All former document remain valid. The general public should please take note.

IJEOMA - I, **EMEKA DEBORAH IJEOMA** that in my WAEC 2016 that my name was captured as **EMEKA, DEBORAH** while in my JAMB / UTME 2019 my name was captured as **EMEKA, DEBORAH IJEOMA**. Now wish to be known as **EMEKA, DEBORAH IJEOMA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

UZOIGWE - I, formerly known as **NKECHI REJOICE FRANCIS**. Now wish to be known as **UZOIGWE NKECHI REJOICE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

JOHN: That I was formerly known as **MISS. DICK FINAH EBIRIEN**. That I now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. JOHN FINAH OHURUKORIM**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
The loss of original offer of term of Grant/Conveyance of Approval letter No.MFCT/LA/MISC. 21156 dated 16/04/03 in respect of plot No.125 of about 2.300m2 within SCA Phase II District Abuja. Bearing M/S HOPE CONTENTRIC VENTURES (HCV) being property of Bienvenue International Limited. Got missing among others documents on transit. All efforts made to trace it proved abortive. If found kindly contact the nearest police station.

MUSA: I formerly known as **ABDUL AZIZ MUSA** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABDUL AZIZ MUSA UMAR**. All former document remain valid. The general public should please take note.

SUNDAY: I, formerly known as **KENNEDY SUNDAY INAALO** and **KENNEDY SUNDAY**. Now wish to be known as **SUNDAY KENNEDY TONBARI**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

TIMI: I, formerly known as **TIMI VALARIE EBI**. Now wish to be known as **TIMI VALARIE MICHAEL**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, OKHAKUMEN JOY OSAHON, That in my (BVN) my name was wrongly written as **OKHAKUMEN JOY** instead of **OKHAKUMEN JOY OSAHON**. That my correct name is **OKHAKUMEN JOY OSAHON**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
This is to inform the general public of the loss of Original Allocation Paper / Certificate of Occupancy Plot No.1110 File No. RES/88/839. Situated at Medile Quarters in Kumbnotso Local Government Area, Kano. Belonging to **SADISU AHMAD ADAM**. All effort made to trace the said original Documents proved abortive. Members of the General Public to note. If found kindly return to the nearest police station.

YUSIF, I formerly known as **BASHIR AMINU** now wish to be known and addressed as **BASHIR AMINU YUSIF**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities and general public to take note.

WECHEM: I, formerly known as **MISS. OGOKO EMMANUELA KASARACHI**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. WECHEM EMMANUELA KASARACHI**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

WORDU: I, formerly known as **WORDU NELSON CHIBOY**. Now wish to be known as **WORDU NELSON**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

PLEASURE: That I was formerly known called and addressed as **DAVID CHINEMEREM IJEOMA**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **HARMONY CHINEMEREM PLEASURE**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

YAHAYA : I formerly known and addressed as **SA'ADATU ADAMU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SA'ADATU YAHAYA**. All former Documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public should take note.

AKACHI: I, formerly known as **MISS. CHINONYEREM RACHAEL CHIDINMA**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. AKACHI CHIDINMA DELIGHT OKPARA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ABDULLATEEF: I, formerly known as **ABDULLATEEF OLAREWAJU**. Now wish to be known as **ABDULLATEEF OLAREWAJU RILIWANU**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

DADA: That I was formerly known called and addressed as **MOHAMMED HUSSAINI MOHAMMED**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **HUSSAINI MUHAMMAD DADA**. All former documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

LUMAZIO GLOBAL AID MISSION INT'L
The general public is hereby notified that the above named organization has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under Part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990.
THE TRUSTEES ARE:
1. AZUBUIKE ADEYINKA OLAWUNMI
2. AZUBUIKE MAUREEN IFEOMA
AIMS AND OBJECTIVES
1. To provide humanitarian services and support for the less privileged and communities in distress.
2. To carry out skill acquisition training and youth empowerment programmes
3. To promote sustainable peace and community harmony across the world
Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama Abuja within 28 days of this publication.
Signed: Secretary

HUMAN CONCERN AND DEVELOPMENT
This is to inform the general public that the above named has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) registration under part C of the Companies and Allied Matter Act, 1990.
TRUSTEES:
1. BASHAR HARUNA GUSAU
2. NURA SHEHU IBRAHIM
3. ABDULLAHI YUSHAU ALKALI
4. BASHIR GARBA
5. HAMISU SHAFIU DAURAN
6. YUSUF LAWAL ANKA
7. SUFIYANU SANI
8. JIBRIL MAHMUD
9. SULAIMAN KABIR LIMAN
10. HAMZA GADO ZURMI
AIM AND OBJECTIVES:
1. To organized seminars and workshops on issues relating to agriculture.
2. To optimized the utilization of expert and resource persons for skills acquisition through training of youth and less privileged
3. To embarked on guidance and counselling, scholarship, free monitoring and Donation of relevant educational materials.
4. To collaborate with expert/professional in the area of health to provide free medical checkup and public health awareness campaign
5. To develop human capacity of our members and other similar institutions in Nigeria by offering other technical support and free mentorship trainings.
Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar -General, Corporate Affairs Commission, plot 420, Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama Abuja, within twenty eight (28) days of this publication.
SIGNED By: SECRETARY

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
This is to inform the general public of the loss of Original Title Document / Letter of Grant No.222 with Ref. No.LKN/CON/RES/91/323 on Plan No. 7P/UDB/32A, situated at Sallari Quarters in Tarauni Local Government Area, Kano. Belonging to **OLUSEGUN OWOLABI**, of No.2 Karkasara Quarters, Kano.
All effort made to trace the said original Documents proved abortive. Members of the General Public to note. If found kindly return to the nearest police station.

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE KATSINA STATE OF NIGERIA PROBATE DIVISION
WHEREAS AS the person whose name is set out in the first column here under in stated on the date and place stated in the said column
AND WHEREAS AS the person (s) whose address and claim relationship to the said deceased is/are set out in the second column hereunder has/have applied to the High Court of Justice Katsina for the grant of (LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION) of the personal properties of the said deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said (LETTER'S OF administration) will be granted to such person unless a notice to prohibit the grant thereof is filed in the probate Registry High Court of Justice Katsina Within (TWENTY ONE DAYS) from the date of publication of this notice.
DECEASED:
LATE YUNUSA SULEIMAN BAKIYAWA OF NIGERIA PRISON SERVICE, KATSINA
DIED ON 17TH NOVEMBER, 2019 AT BATAGARAWA
APPLICANT FOR GRANT:
WADA INUSA OF BAKIYAWA TOWN, BATAGARAWA L.G.A, KATSINA
THE SON OF THE SAID DECEASED
DATED THIS 7TH JANUARY, 2020
AT THE PROBATE REGISTRY, HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, KATSINA. (KABIR SHUAIBU) PROBATE REGISTRAR

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE ZAMFARA STATE OF NIGERIA PROBATE DIVISION ZAMFARA STATE
WHEREAS the person whose names and address are set out in the first column hereunder died intestate on the date and place in the said column.
AND whereas the person whose address(s) are set out in the second column hereunder claimed the relationship to the said deceased and has applied to the above court for a grant of "LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION" of personal property of the said deceased.
NOTICE is hereby given that the LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION will be granted to such person unless notice to PROHIBIT the grant thereof is file in the probate Registrar High Court of Justice Gusau, Zamfara State within TWENTY ONE DAYS (21 DAYS) from the date of publication this NOTICE.
SCHEDULE:-

NAME AND ADDRESS OF DECEASED	NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT
SNAF'ATU ABBAS OF FEDERAL HIGH COURT GUSAU WHO DIED ON 22 ND OCTOBER, 2018 AT F.M.C GUSAU, ZAMFARA STATE	ADAMA GARBA & MOHAMMED D. USMAN C/O. NASARAWA TUDUN WADA SISTER AND BROTHER OF THE SAID DECEASED

Dated thisTH day of JANUARY, 2020
PROBATE REGISTRY
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
GUSAU, ZAMFARA STATE.
BELLO MUHAMMAD KUCHERI
PROBATE REGISTRAR

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTERED AUCTIONEERS ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA
This is to inform the general public that the above-named organization has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under Part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.
THE OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANIZATION ARE:
1. To act as an advocacy group for Auctioneers and the auction business.
2. To promote the auction method of marketing and sales.
3. To set up educational, professional and ethical standards for Auctioneers and monitor compliance.
4. To raise preferred auction professionals in Nigeria.
5. To designate areas of specialization for Auctioneers and train Auctioneers in those areas.
THE TRUSTEES ARE:
1. Mr. Adebayo Olufemi Adedayo
2. Mr. Agbato Samson Efuwape
3. Mr. Aboderin Isiaka Olalekan
4. Mrs. Agoro Oluwatoyin Oyetoro
5. Mrs. Adebayo Olufunke Olabisi
Any objection to the registration of the organization should reach the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 40, Tigris Crescent, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.
Signed: Agoro Oluwatoyin Oyetoro
Secretary
Tel. 08033008417



AROUND THE WORLD

UNITED STATES/IRAN

Trump: US imposing new 'powerful' sanctions on Iran after strikes

US President Donald Trump said on Wednesday that Iranian missile strikes on bases in Iraq did not harm any US troops stationed there and damage was minimal, an outcome he said showed Tehran wanted to de-escalate a standoff.

Iran "appears to be standing down", Trump said at the White House.

He announced the US would immediately impose more "powerful" sanctions on Iran.

The comments were Trump's first televised remarks since Iran fired more than a dozen missiles at two Iraqi bases housing US troops. He also said there were no Iraqi casualties.

Tensions between the United States and Iran escalated dramatically last week after Trump ordered the killing of Iranian military commander Qassem Soleimani in Iraq.

Iran said Wednesday's attacks were in revenge for the killing of Soleimani. It warned the US against retaliating for the strikes.

Earlier on Wednesday, Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said Iran's attacks were a "slap on the face" of the US and said US troops should leave the region. Tehran's foreign minister said Iran took "proportionate measures" in self-defence and did not seek an escalation.

LEBANON

Carlos Ghosn rips Nissan and Japanese judicial system

Ousted former Nissan boss, turned international fugitive, Carlos Ghosn ripped Japan's judicial system and his former company of 17 years on Wednesday. The former corporate titan said he was subjected to inhumane prison conditions in Japan, which he accuses of fabricating charges against him to destroy his reputation.

"I can tell you, it's not very difficult to come to a conclusion you're going to die in Japan or you have to get out," Ghosn

told reporters during a press conference in Beirut - his first public appearance since he fled Japan last month where he faces trial for alleged financial misconduct.

"This was not justice; I felt I was [a] hostage of a country that I have served for 17 years," he said. Ghosn's shock escape reportedly involved former special forces operatives, a bullet train, and two private jets, one of which he was smuggled onto inside of a box designed for musical equipment.

DR CONGO

Measles: More than 6,000 dead in world's worst outbreak

The number of people killed by a measles epidemic in the Democratic Republic of Congo has passed 6,000, the World Health Organization (WHO) has said.

The WHO says the epidemic is the world's largest and fastest moving.

Around 310,000 suspected measles cases have been reported since the start of 2019, the WHO says.

The Congolese government and the WHO launched an emergency vaccination

programme last September.

More than 18 million children under five were vaccinated across the country in 2019, the WHO says.

But poor infrastructure, attacks on health centres and a lack of access to routine healthcare have all hindered efforts to stop the spread of the disease.

Every one of the country's 26 provinces has reported cases of measles since the outbreak was declared in June last year.

SOMALIA

Several killed in car bomb attack near Somali parliament

At least four people have been killed and 10 wounded when a car bomb exploded close to a checkpoint near Somalia's parliament in the capital Mogadishu, police said.

A plume of thick black smoke was seen over the city on Wednesday, and witnesses said a number of vehicles were on fire.

"Explosives were packed in a vehicle which the security

forces think was trying to pass through the checkpoint but because he could not do that, the suicide bomber detonated it," said police officer Adan Abdullahi. "Initial reports we have received indicate four people were killed and more than 10 others were wounded in the blast," Adan added.

Al-Qaeda-linked group, al-Shabab, claimed responsibility for the attack.

IRAN

Ukrainian plane crashes in Iran killing 176

A Ukrainian Boeing 737-800 with 176 people on board has crashed in Iran, and officials say there is no chance of finding survivors.

Ukraine International Airlines flight PS752 to Kyiv went down just minutes after taking off from Tehran's airport at 06:12 local time (02:42 GMT).

The majority of passengers

were from Iran and Canada.

Ukraine's Tehran embassy initially blamed engine failure but later removed the statement.

It said any comment regarding the cause of Wednesday's accident prior to a commission's inquiry was not official.

There was good visibility

when the plane went down near Iran's capital, according to the Flightradar24 aviation website. Officials from the airline said the crew were experienced.

Ukraine International Airlines (UIA) said the Boeing 737-800 was built in 2016 and had its last scheduled maintenance on Monday.



■ Red Crescent workers check the debris from the Ukraine International Airlines plane that crashed after takeoff from Imam Khomeini Airport in Tehran, Iran yesterday

Photo: Nazanin Tabatabaee/WANA/Reuters

LIBYA

Putin and Erdogan call for Libya ceasefire

The Turkish and Russian presidents, who back opposing sides in the Libyan conflict, have called for a ceasefire in the war-torn country to begin at midnight on Sunday, January 12.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan was joined by Vladimir Putin in Istanbul on Wednesday to inaugurate a new pipeline carrying gas to Europe, but the pair commented on the Libyan situation and rising

US-Iran tensions.

In a joint statement, Turkey and Russia called on all parties in Libya to "declare a sustainable ceasefire, supported by the necessary measures to be taken for stabilising the situation on the ground and normalising daily life in Tripoli and other cities".

They also said Washington and Tehran should prioritise diplomacy, warning that the recent exchange of attacks

could lead to a new cycle of instability in the region.

In Libya, Turkey backs Fayeze al-Sarraj's Tripoli-based Government of National Accord (GNA), which is recognised by the United Nations, while Russia has sent support to renegade military commander Khalifa Haftar's opposing forces to the east.

Ankara has said it will send troops to Libya upon the GNA's request.

FRANCE

'Child stowaway' found dead in plane's undercarriage

The body of a child aged about 10 has been found in the undercarriage of a plane that had arrived in Paris from Abidjan, sources close to the investigation have told French media.

Air France confirmed that "the lifeless body of a stowaway" was discovered at Charles de Gaulle Airport early in the morning.

The body was found in the well of the landing gear of the aircraft that flew in from Ivory Coast, it said.

An investigation is under way. "The airline expresses their condolences and deplors this human tragedy," Air France said in a tweet, without specifying the age of person found.

AUSTRALIA

Fires: Thousands of camels being slaughtered

Thousands of camels in South Australia will be shot dead from helicopters as a result of extreme heat and drought.

A five-day cull started on Wednesday, as Aboriginal communities in the region have reported large groups of camels damaging towns and buildings.

"They are roaming the streets looking for water. We are worried about the safety of the young children", says Marita Baker, who lives in the community of Kanyipi.

Some feral horses will also be killed.

The marksmen who will shoot the animals come from Australia's department for environment and water.

UGANDA

Officers intercept 'baby' full of contraband

Ugandan officers have detained a smuggler passing off a baby grow full of banned cosmetics as a child. The "baby" was intercepted aboard a bus at the border with the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda's customs commissioner tweeted.

"Some smugglers never cease to amuse!" Dicksons Kateshumbwa said in his post.

Tonnes of banned skin-lightening products get into Uganda every year, mostly through porous points along the border with DR Congo.

The cosmetics rarely come in bulk deliveries. Carriers, who earn about \$1 (£0.80) per trip, bring them across the border box-by-box or sack-by-sack.



PHOTO NEWS

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■ Newly appointed Vice Chancellor of the University of Benin, Prof. Lilian Salami (right) with the EFCC Zonal Head in Benin, Muhtar S. Bello, during her visit to the EFCC's Benin Zonal Office in Edo State

Photo: EFCC



■ Fruit hawkers in a canoe at sea in Tema Anchorage Area of Ghana

Photo: Marine Engineer Alhassan Ibrahim



■ An accident scene caused by tyre bust at Kwali, along the Abuja -Lokoja road yesterday

Photo: Abubakar Sadiq Isah



■ From left: Prof Umar Garba Danbatta, Executive Vice Chairman of Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC); Prof. Millionaire Freeborn Aboiwe, Board member NCC and Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Dr Isa Ali Ibrahim Pantami, during the wedding fatia of Danbatta's children in Kano recently

Photo: NCC



■ From right: New PAF Commander, Air Commodore A.Y. Abdullahi; National Security Adviser (NSA), retired Maj.- Gen. Babagana Monguno; and outgoing PAF's commander, Air Vice Marshal Hassan Abubakar, during the introduction of the new commander to the NSA in Abuja recently

Photo: NSA



■ From left: Newly sworn-in judges of Rivers High Court, Lemea Ngor-Abina, Mark Chuku and Florence Feberesima, being congratulated by Gov. Nyesom Wike, after their swearing-in ceremony in Port Harcourt on Tuesday

Photo: NAN



■ From left: Bola Adeeko, Head, Shared Services Division, The Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE); Merrica Heaton, Deputy Political & Economic Chief, U.S. Consulate; Oscar N. Onyema, CEO, The NSE; Claire Pierangelo, U.S. Consul General to Nigeria; Mayowa Obilade, Economic Specialist, U.S. Consulate; Olumide Bolumole, Head, Listings Business, The NSE at the closing gong ceremony to commemorate the U.S. Consulate's courtesy visit to The Exchange in Lagos yesterday

Photo: NSE



■ From right: Deputy Governor of Oyo State, Alh. Rauf Olaniyan; former Governor of Ogun State, Sen. Ibikunle Amosun; former Minister of Solid Minerals and groom's father, Alhaj Sharafa Ishola; groom's mother, Alhaja Ishola; the couple, Alhaj Kabir and Dr. (Mrs) Amira Ishola; the bride's mother, Alhaja Sanni, and bride's father, Alhaj Kunle Sanni; and the Aare Musulumi of Yorubaland, Alh Dauda Makanjuola, at the wedding reception in Ibadan recently

BUSINESS

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NIGERIA STOCK EXCHANGE MARKET CAP. ▶ **N13.787TR (3.54%)** ↑ ALL SHARE INDEX ▶ **28,562.48POINTS (3.54%)** ↑ MARKET TURNOVER ▶ **741.8MN SHARES**


Wednesday, January 8, 2020

 OIL AND GAS 247.19 0.17%	 BANKING 401.19 3.87%	 CONSUMER GOODS 592.67 0.36%	 INSURANCE 133.88 2.72%	 INDUSTRIAL 1,151.78 6.07%
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NSE GENERAL INDEX					
COMPANY NAME	MARKET(NM)	PRICE	CHANGE	TRADES	VOLUME
BANKING					
ACCESS BANK PLC	412,324.62	11.60	3.57	671	82,439,433
UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA PLC	302,664.88	8.85	4.73	830	156,011,667
ZENITH BANK PLC	684,443.56	21.80	3.81	889	86,064,543
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS					
FBN HOLDINGS PLC	276,393.75	7.70	10.00	597	69,397,755
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES					
MTN NIGERIA COMMUNICATIONS PLC	2,228,819.18	109.50	1.77	247	11,950,171
BUILDING MATERIALS					
DANGOTE CEMENT PLC	2,794,643.21	164.00	9.33	225	3,160,720
LAFARGE AFRICA PLC	239,200.76	14.85	5.69	279	18,598,201
OIL AND GAS					
SEPLAT PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	346,888.07	589.50	-	59	381,457
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS (REITS)					
SKYE SHELTER FUND PLC	1,710.00	85.50	-	0	0
UNION HOMES REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST (REIT)	10,175.81	40.70	-	0	0
UPDC REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	10,806.49	4.05	-8.99	28	2,271,863
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS					
NIGERIA ENERGY SECTOR FUND	411.91	552.20	-	0	0
VALLIANCE ALLIANCE VALUE FUND	3,312.39	103.20	-	0	0
CROP PRODUCTION					
FTN COCOA PROCESSORS PLC	440.00	0.20	-	8	206,100
OKOMU OIL PALM PLC	57,234.60	60.00	6.19	85	2,522,782
PRESCO PLC	52,000.00	52.00	8.00	34	986,942
AGRICULTURE					
ELLAH LAKES PLC	8,500.00	4.25	-	0	0
LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC	1,500.00	0.50	8.70	10	750,220
DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIES					
JOHN HOLT PLC	217.92	0.56	-	1	4,890
S C O A NIG. PLC	1,903.99	2.93	-	1	55,546
TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATION OF NIGERIA PLC	44,306.31	1.09	5.83	158	62,876,244
U A C N PLC	26,075.73	9.05	0.54	178	8,075,431
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION					
ARIBCO PLC	521.24	3.51	-	0	0
INFRASTRUCTURE/HEAVY CONSTRUCTION					
JULIUS BERGER NIG. PLC	28,842.00	21.85	9.80	42	1,814,129
ROADS NIG. PLC	165.00	6.60	-	0	0
REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT					
UACN PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	2,598.40	1.00	-7.41	18	2,099,300
AUTOMOBILES/AUTO PARTS					
DN TYRE & RUBBER PLC	954.53	0.20	-	0	0
BEVERAGES-BREWERS/DISTILLERS					
CHAMPION BREW. PLC	7,046.55	0.90	-5.26	20	685,477
GOLDEN GUINEA BREW. PLC	242.22	0.89	-	0	0
GUINNESS NIG. PLC	65,821.00	30.05	-	32	105,143
INTERNATIONAL BREWERIES PLC	79,081.93	9.20	-1.63	50	1,985,378
NIGERIAN BREW. PLC	448,226.36	56.05	-	107	1,536,643
DANGOTE SUGAR REFINERY PLC	180,000.00	15.00	-0.33	137	3,618,041
FLOUR MILLS NIG. PLC	95,948.88	23.40	8.84	76	4,477,100
HONEYWELL FLOUR MILL PLC	8,723.22	1.10	8.91	47	2,488,310
MULTI-TREX INTEGRATED FOODS PLC	1,340.10	0.36	-	0	0
N NIG. FLOUR MILLS PLC	766.26	4.30	-	2	2,500
NASCORN ALLIED INDUSTRIES PLC	39,874.05	15.05	3.79	30	340,041
UNION DICON SALT PLC	3,321.07	12.15	-	0	0
CADBURY NIGERIA PLC	19,815.03	10.55	-	32	476,073
NESTLE NIGERIA PLC	1,165,125.42	1,469.90	-	71	183,092
HOUSEHOLD DURABLES					
NIGERIAN ENAMELWARE PLC	1,680.31	22.10	-	0	0
VITAFAM NIG. PLC	6,004.05	4.80	2.35	53	1,306,423
P Z CUSONS NIGERIA PLC	23,227.29	5.85	4.46	72	1,867,776
UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC	112,602.11	19.60	-2.00	59	779,015
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
ECOBANK TRANSNATIONAL INCORPORATED	146,796.41	8.00	5.26	198	6,654,449
FIDELITY BANK PLC	68,670.27	2.37	8.22	265	39,382,365
GUARANTY TRUST BANK PLC	919,724.35	31.25	2.46	322	21,693,143
JAIZ BANK PLC	20,624.97	0.70	7.69	52	7,560,887
STERLING BANK PLC	57,580.84	2.00	-1.00	142	11,270,768
UNION BANK NIG. PLC	184,916.78	6.35	9.48	76	1,930,882
UNITY BANK PLC	9,351.47	0.80	-	14	152,739
WEMA BANK PLC	30,473.83	0.79	1.28	62	4,647,259
INSURANCE CARRIERS, BROKERS AND SERVICES					
AFRICAN ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	4,117.00	0.20	-	0	0
AICO INSURANCE PLC	5,405.56	0.78	4.00	47	9,677,546
AXAMANSARD INSURANCE PLC	21,525.00	2.05	2.50	9	138,189
CONSOLIDATED HALLMARK INSURANCE PLC	3,170.70	0.39	8.33	4	463,000
CONTINENTAL REINSURANCE PLC	22,820.04	2.20	-	0	0
CORNERSTONE INSURANCE PLC	10,163.36	0.69	9.52	28	1,055,309
GOLDLINK INSURANCE PLC	909.99	0.20	-	0	0
GUINEA INSURANCE PLC	1,228.00	0.20	-	0	0
INTERNATIONAL ENERGY INSURANCE PLC	487.95	0.38	-	0	0
LASACO ASSURANCE PLC	2,050.56	0.28	7.69	8	453,000
LAW UNION AND ROCK INS. PLC	2,191.13	0.51	-	1	1,154
LINKAGE ASSURANCE PLC	3,840.00	0.48	-	1	56,000
MUTUAL BENEFITS ASSURANCE PLC	2,234.55	0.20	-	13	5,416,293
NEM INSURANCE PLC	12,778.82	2.42	-	13	206,683
NIGER INSURANCE PLC	1,625.29	0.21	5.00	3	203,327
PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC	2,960.40	0.55	-	0	0
REGENCY ASSURANCE PLC	1,333.75	0.20	-	3	102,000
SOVEREIGN TRUST INSURANCE PLC	2,272.89	0.20	-	0	0
STACO ASSURANCE PLC	4,483.72	0.48	-	0	0
STANDARD ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	2,582.21	0.20	-	0	0
SUNLI ASSURANCES NIGERIA PLC	2,800.00	0.20	-	3	10,400
UNIC DIVERSIFIED HOLDINGS PLC	516.46	0.20	-	0	0
UNIVERSAL ASSURANCE PLC	3,200.00	0.20	-	1	5
VERITAS KAPITAL ASSURANCE PLC	2,773.33	0.20	-	0	0
WAPIC ASSURANCE PLC	4,683.96	0.35	-	16	53,229
MICRO-FINANCE BANKS					
NPF MICROFINANCE BANK PLC	2,629.63	1.15	-	11	95,207
ABBAY MORTGAGE BANK PLC	4,200.00	1.00	-	2	545
ASO SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	7,370.87	0.50	-	0	0
INFINITY TRUST MORTGAGE BANK PLC	5,796.93	1.39	-	0	0
RESORT SAVINGS & LOANS PLC	2,265.95	0.20	-	0	0
UNION HOMES SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	2,949.22	3.02	-	0	0
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS					
AFRICA PRUDENTIAL PLC	9,200.00	4.60	-	46	258,029
CUSTODIAN INVESTMENT PLC	34,997.09	5.95	-	14	148,803
DEAP CAPITAL MANAGEMENT & TRUST PLC	540.00	0.36	-	0	0
FCMB GROUP PLC	41,189.64	2.08	0.96	310	61,072,828
ROYAL EXCHANGE PLC	1,697.97	0.33	-	2	20,000
STANBIC IBTC HOLDINGS PLC	446,461.11	42.50	6.25	32	775,349
UNITED CAPITAL PLC	16,200.00	2.70	8.00	109	11,568,171
HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS					
EKOCORP PLC	2,243.70	4.50	5.88	2	300,000
UNION DIAGNOSTIC & CLINICAL SERVICES PLC	781.69	0.22	10.00	5	756,900
MEDICAL SUPPLIES					
MORISON INDUSTRIES PLC	494.58	0.50	-	2	3,727
PHARMACEUTICALS					
EVANS MEDICAL PLC	366.17	0.50	-	0	0
FIDSON HEALTHCARE PLC	5,841.81	2.80	-	18	159,106
GLAXO SMITHKLINE CONSUMER NIG. PLC	6,338.15	5.30	-	108	3,647,976
MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC	3,450.47	2.00	-	6	29,544
NEIMETH INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICALS PLC	1,063.53	0.56	-	5	89,868
NIGERIA-GERMAN CHEMICALS PLC	556.71	3.62	-	0	0
PHARMA-DEPO PLC	325.23	1.50	-	0	0
COMPUTER BASED SYSTEMS					
COURTVILLE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PLC	852.48	0.24	-	11	3,229,010
COMPUTERS AND PERIPHERALS					
OMATEK VENTURES PLC	1,323.81	0.45	-	0	0
CWG PLC	6,413.06	2.54	-	1	100

COMMODITIES PRICE

CRUDE OIL (BRENT)

\$71.76

NATURAL GAS

\$2.61

COPPER

\$2.81

GOLD

\$1,284.1

SILVER

\$14.650

SUGAR

\$12.21

COCOA

\$2,314

LIVE CATTLE

\$114,000

COTTON

\$75.46

NCR (NIGERIA) PLC	437.40	4.05	-	2	50,148
TRIPPLE GEE AND COMPANY PLC	287.07	0.58	-9.37	5	524,703
IT SERVICES					
CHAMS PLC	1,737.54	0.37	8.82	16	2,693,746
E-TRANZACT INTERNATIONAL PLC	10,962.00	2.61	-	0	0
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES					
AIRTEL AFRICA PLC	1,123,311.48	298.90	-	6	1,821
BUILDING MATERIALS					
BERGER PAINTS PLC	1,956.31	6.75	-	7	8,084
CAP PLC	16,765.00	23.95	-	40	66,115
CEMENT CO. OF NORTH NIG. PLC	237,897.37	18.10	-	0	0
MEYER PLC	286.87	0.54	-	0	0
PORTLAND PAINTS & PRODUCTS NIGERIA PLC	1,769.32	2.23	-	2	11,000
PREMIER PAINTS PLC	1,156.20	9.40	-	0	0
ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS					
AUSTIN LAZ & COMPANY PLC	2,256.91	2.09	-	0	0
CUTIX PLC	2,518.69	1.43	-	11	125,279
PACKAGING/CONTAINERS					
BETA GLASS PLC	26,898.49	53.80	-	5	35,704
GREIF NIGERIA PLC	388.02	9.10	-	0	0
AGRO-ALLIED & CHEMICALS					
NOTORE CHEMICAL IND. PLC	100,754.14	62.50	-	1	50
B.O.C. GASES PLC	2,289.35	5.50	-	5	33,589
NATURAL RESOURCES					
ALUMINIUM EXTRUSION IND. PLC	1,781.64	8.10	-	0	0
MULTIVERSE MINING AND EXPLORATION PLC	852.39	0.20	-	3	307,500
PAPER/FOREST PRODUCTS					
THOMAS WYATT NIG. PLC	77.00	0.35	-7.89	5	901,280
ENERGY EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES					
JAPPAUL OIL & MARITIME SERVICES PLC	1,252.54	0.20	-4.76	28	1,944,443
OIL AND GAS					
DANDO PLC	48,482.51	3.90	1.30	88	4,495,231
11 PLC	53,332.04	147.90	-	24	40,366
CONDIL PLC	14,468.90	20.85	9.74	46	515,496
ETERNA PLC	4,694.92	3.60	-	15	51,575
FORTE OIL PLC	22,011.93	16.90	-	68	1,075,077
MRS OIL NIGERIA PLC	4,663.23	15.30	-	2	7,936
TOTAL NIGERIA PLC	36,328.84	107.00	-3.52	25	214,058
ANNO INTERNATIONAL PLC	6.05	0.25	-	0	0
CAPITAL OIL PLC	1,171.51	0.20	-	0	0
RAK UNITY PET. COMP. PLC	16.99	0.30	-	0	0
ADVERTISING					
AFROMEDIA PLC	1,509.28	0.34	-	0	0
AIRLINES					
MEDVIEW AIRLINE PLC	15,796.05	1.62	-	0	0



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"We cannot use 365 days in a year and 360° to work on politics, it's not possible. Anybody talking about that now (2023 zoning in APC) is just completely restless and not focused on the agenda of nation building and development of our country" - **Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu**

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2023: Tinubu's camp jolted by Bode George's presidency bid

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

There is unease in the camp of the National Leader of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Asiwaju Bola Tinubu, over the presidential bid of the former Deputy National Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Chief Olabode George.

Tinubu is believed to be warming up to take a shot at the presidency amidst agitation for the zoning of the position to the South-West.

Already, many groups and supporters of Asiwaju in Lagos have started mobilizing and canvassing support for the presidential bid of their principal, a former governor of the state.

Though Tinubu has not formally declared intention to succeed President Muhammadu Buhari as he has repeatedly said the time for 2023 electioneering is not ripe, his supporters are going ahead with the Tinubu project.

But those advocating for Tinubu

presidency are jolted by the aspiration of George.

Indications emerged recently of George's aspiration following the floating of a political group which was ostensibly a platform to kick off the Bode George's project.

Findings by our correspondent indicated that the camp of Tinubu views Bode George's ambition with mixed feelings.

Though both are in different political parties, the reality that another candidate is emerging early from the South-West and Lagos in particular is being viewed seriously.

An APC source said, "We have no problem with Chief Bode George declaring for the presidency. But we expect him to rally round behind Tinubu who has done a lot for the South-West and remains a rallying force for the region in the present APC-led federal government."

But another source in the PDP hinted that the Bode George's presidency fireworks would take a

full swing by month end.

"We are going to come out with a bang and take on the issues with maturity and wisdom. This is a new order that we are convinced would take Nigeria to the desired level."

Speaking with Daily Trust yesterday, a former organising secretary of the PDP in Lagos, Chief Mutiu Okunola, who had since defected to the APC and a strong promoter of Tinubu 2023, however, saw the aspiration of Bode George as good for agitation for power rotation to the south-west.

According to him, he was convinced that Bode George would see the need to step down for Tinubu.

"Bode George is an asset and not a threat. Tinubu is younger than Bode George, he has won Lagos before and he is still winning Lagos. Therefore, he is the main person contesting for presidency in the south-west," said Okunola who is the coordinator and founder of Tinubu 2023 Not Negotiable (TNN).



Chief
Bode George

PDP official slumps, dies in Kogi

From Ahmed Tahir Ajobe, Lokoja

The PDP Vice Chairman in Kogi West, Chief Kola Ojo, is dead.

Chief Ojo, a legal practitioner, was said to have slumped while playing lawn tennis at his Lokoja residence on Tuesday evening.

He was said to have been immediately rushed to a nearby hospital where he was later confirmed dead.

The state Publicity Secretary of the party, Bode Ogunmola, confirmed the incident, describing the deceased as "one of the reliable pillars of the party who did all he could in the last governorship election."

He prayed to God to give the family and party members the

fortitude to bear the loss.

Chief Ojo was said to have retired few years ago from the legal department of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) before venturing into partisan politics.

He was later elected as the Zonal Chairman of the party overseeing the Kogi West senatorial district comprising of seven LGAs of the Okun-Yoruba speaking group, Lokoja and Koton Karfe axis.

He was re-elected in September last year during the state convention.

Chief Ojo, who was in his late 60s, hails from Okoro Gbede in Ijumu LGA of the state, was described as a highly intelligent, affable, humble and reliable personality.

Kano PDP LG chairmen sack state exco

From Tijjani Ibrahim, Kano

The 44 PDP local government chairmen in Kano State yesterday said that they had dissolved the 27-member state caretaker committee of the party led by Alhaji Suleiman Rabi'u Bichi.

The 44 chairmen disclosed this at a press briefing addressed by the interim chairman of the new caretaker committee, Mahammuna Bako Lamido, at the state headquarters of the party.

They said the dissolution became necessary because the legal mandate given to the committee had expired, stressing the mandate was not renewable by virtue of Section 31(2) (e) of the PDP constitution 2017 (as amended) which stated that the time shall not exceed 3 months.

"It is pertinent to state that the illegal and illegitimate caretaker committee which has overstayed its welcome has obnoxiously taken steps by issuing

It's an exercise in futility – State Chairman

letters of suspension and verbal warning to various members of the party on the allegation of anti-party activities as disciplinary measures without following due process as laid down by the constitution of the party," he said.

Alhaji Lamido said the 44 LGA party chairmen wrote to the national leadership of the party on June 21, 2019 and sent a reminder in August 21, 2019 notifying them of the expiration of the tenure of the caretaker committee.

He said the letters, which were 'appropriately' acknowledged, did not prompt any response or action from party leadership.

He said the 44 LG chairmen relied on Section 24(2)(3) of the party's constitution 2017 which mandated them to resolve political, social and economic issues of concern to the state.

In his reaction, the embattled state chairman, Alhaji Rabi'u Suleiman Bichi, described the action as a futile effort that could not stand the test of time.

Bichi said the same group had gone to court four times, challenging the caretaker committee which he was leading but failed to win any of their suits.

He said both the courts and the National Executive Committee (NEC) members of the PDP had given them full mandate to run the affairs of the party in the state till April 2020 when there would be a Congress of the party.

The Rabi'u Bichi-led caretaker committee was formed in August 2018 by the National Working Committee (NWC) of the party after dissolving the state exco, following the return of Senator Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso to the party.

APC governors' chair visits Bello

From Ahmed Tahir Ajobe, Lokoja

Chairman of the Progressives Governors' Forum (PGF) and Governor of Kebbi State, Senator

Atiku Abubakar Bagudu, yesterday paid a condolence visit to Governor Yahaya Bello of Kogi State over the death of his sister, Hajia Rabi'etu Bello.

Senator Bagudu, who was received in Government House, Lokoja by Governor Bello, his deputy, Edward Onoja and some top government

officials, said he was in the state on behalf of the Progressives Governors' Forum to sympathise with the governor over the recent loss of his sister.

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PDP: Buhari's demand for credible polls questionable

By Saawua Terzungwe

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) says President Muhammadu Buhari's recent comments on the nation's electoral process under the current Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) have raised fresh issues on the credibility of the February 2019 presidential election.

The party in a statement yesterday by its National Publicity Secretary, Kola Ologbondiyan, said in demanding that INEC and the police should ensure that the will of the people prevailed in free, fair and credible elections, President Buhari had purportedly admitted that preceding elections under the current dispensation had been less than credible.

This, the party argued, included the recent elections in Bayelsa and Kogi states where it alleged the APC turned the two states to theaters of war.

"This is a weighty verdict by Mr. President on the huge electoral fraud perpetrated in the 2019 elections by his party, APC. Though the verdict of the Supreme Court on the Presidential Election stands, in total obedience to our laws, the fact remains that the violent manipulations of the 2019 elections in favour of the APC and its candidates will continue to stare our nation in the face.

"Mr President's remark shows



■ President Muhammadu Buhari

that, in their innermost conscience, beneficiaries of manipulated polls are always confronted with the truth.

"Furthermore, the PDP tasks the management of INEC and the Police to come clean of the details of their recent meeting with President Buhari

which is coming ahead of about 28 impending runoffs and by-elections scheduled for this month.

"Our party holds that INEC is an independent electoral commission whose activities and processes are clearly governed by the law and extant rules and not by the dictates or prescriptions of the President.

"Mr President should therefore steer clear of INEC while the commission must assert its independence and desist from going to the Presidential Villa for instructions on elections. Nigerians have their doubts if the hugely compromised INEC under Professor Mahmood Yakubu can be anything independent.

"However, if, indeed, Mr President is committed to ensuring free, fair and credible electoral process, he should reintroduce the 8th Assembly's Electoral Act Amendment bill, which he refused to sign, and make a fresh commitment to sign it into law immediately as it is retooled to meet current exigencies and passed by the current National Assembly.

"He should order the prosecution of security agents involved in the invasion of polling centers and shooting at voters in recent elections. He should also reciprocate the benevolence of Nigerians by recreating an electoral atmosphere like the one that brought him into office in 2015," the PDP said.



■ Comrade Adams Oshiomhole

APC: We're behind suspended Imo LG chairmen

From Jude Aguguo Owuamanam, Owerri

The Imo State chapter of the APC says it is behind the suspended local government chairmen who, last Monday, invaded their former offices across the 27 local government areas (LGAs) to assume office.

The former chairmen said that they acted on the strength of Supreme Court ruling, in the case between their counterparts in Ekiti and the state government, which said that the state government had no powers to sack elected local government chairmen.

The APC, in a statement signed by the State Publicity Secretary, Jones Onwuasoanya, said that it was "saddened by recent developments in our dear State, where the present governor and his agents have shown a most disturbing and ridiculous disdain for the rule of law, democracy and decency, by among other things, resisting the long overdue resumption of duty by legitimately elected LGA officials across the 27 LGAs of the State and engaging the services of hooligans from outside the State to unleash mayhem on ordinary Imolites for insisting on respect for rule of law and democracy."

The party further accused the state government of "retaining illegally appointed usurpers across the 27 LGA headquarters and using State power to intimidate, harass and stampede law abiding Imolites, especially, members of the APC in the State.

"This action is responsible for the unfortunate and avoidable death of Hon. Ahamfe Mmaduabuchi, a supervisory councillor in Isu LGA of the State."

The party reiterated that the August 25, 2018 local government elections were conducted in line with extant provisions of the amended 1999 Constitution and the Imo State Amended Local Government Administration Law 15, 2000.

Jonathan denies bid for 2023 presidency

By Saawua Terzungwe

Former President Goodluck Jonathan has denied online reports that he said he was under intense pressure to contest the 2023 presidency.

Jonathan also denied saying that he was billed to be allotted the presidential ticket of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) ahead of the poll.

The former President's Special Adviser on Media, Mr. Ikechukwu Eze, told *Daily Trust* yesterday that the reports were incorrect and untrue.

He explained that some online platforms were bent on publishing malicious stories based on insinuations, adding that Jonathan did not make such comments about 2023.

"There was nothing like former President Jonathan saying he is under pressure to contest," he said.

Lagos APC elects scribe, spokesman

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The Lagos State chapter of the APC yesterday elected three members into vacant positions in the state working committee.

Those elected included ex-Commissioner for Special Duties, Oluseye Oladejo (Publicity Secretary), former member of Lagos House of Assembly from Ojo II Constituency, Lanre Ogunyemi (secretary) and a legal practitioner, Mrs Abimbola Ladigbolu, as assistant legal adviser.

The positions became vacant, following the appointments of former occupiers as commissioner and special advisers by Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu.

The new officers were elected during the Special Congress held at the party's secretariat along Acme road, Ogba.

Oladejo, a former chairman of Mushin Local Government Area and one-time Special Adviser to

ex-Governor Babatunde Fashola on Commerce and Industry replaced Joe Igbokwe, who is currently Special Adviser to Sanwo-Olu on Drainage and Water Resources.

Ogunyemi, who was a former Secretary of Alliance for Democracy (AD) in Lagos State, succeeded the immediate past APC Secretary, Dr Wale Ahmed, who is currently Commissioner for Special Duties and Intergovernmental Relations, while Ladigbolu replaced Mrs Toke Benson-Awoyinka, who is currently the Special Adviser on Housing to Governor Sanwo-Olu.

The state chairman, Tunde Balogun, said the newly elected members had served the parties in different capacities in the state, saying they were competent and capable of discharging the functions of their offices.

Balogun, who said Lagos APC adopted consensus in getting replacement for the vacant offices,

added that the congress was held to ratify the election of the new executives.

The new spokesman said he would project the party's image positively, saying his appointment was a call to duty.

"I appreciate the leadership of the party, starting from the APC National Leader, Asiwaju Bola Tinubu and all other leaders and members of our party for deeming it fit to make me the official spokesman of the APC in Lagos State.

"Personally, I see it as a call to service at another level. I have been around for quite some time within the party and within the government. My duty is to make sure that we disseminate information at the party level, we promote the party interest and communicate with members of the public in the best way possible that our party and our government can serve the interest of the general public," he said.

Ogun LGA chairman - nominee dies few hours to screening

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

A nominee for the Transition Committee Chairman in Ipokia LGA of Ogun State, Shuaibu Mulero, yesterday died few hours to his scheduled appearance for screening before the State House of Assembly.

Mulero was nominated by Governor Dapo Abiodun last Friday alongside others to fill vacant positions at the

20 LGs in the state following expiration of the former officials' tenure in October last year.

It was learnt the nominee, who was expected to appear before the state lawmakers yesterday, died Tuesday overnight.

A statement signed by the Chief Press Secretary (CPS) to Governor Dapo Abiodun, Kunle Somorin, described his death as a rude shock.

Abiodun described the

deceased as diligent and resourceful grassroots politician whose skills and astuteness would have helped the people of Ipokia moved to a higher level of development.

"He was such a diligent and resourceful grassroots politician whose skills and astuteness would have helped the people of Ipokia move to a higher level of development.

"He will surely be missed

by the party, APC, the good people of Ipokia LGA that he had plans to lead, and the Dapo Abiodun administration would miss his envisaged contributions to our model of inclusive and participatory governance, of which he was a disciple.

"He prayed that the good Lord will comfort the family of Hon. Mulero and grant his soul eternally rest in Aljanah Firdaus," the statement said.

14 year old follows abducted mother

From Andrew Agbese, Kaduna

A 14 year old boy and his mother have been abducted by gunmen at their residence in Juji area of Sabon Tasha, Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna state.

This is less than a week after a pregnant woman; a nine year old girl and a 12 year old boy who were abducted in December 2019 within the

same area were released.

The abduction of the 14 year old in the early hours of Tuesday followed the same pattern with the December abductions as the bandits invaded the community and started shooting sporadically and later broke into people's homes.

The 14 year old was said to have volunteered to follow his mother when the gun men forced her to go with them.

One of the residents of the area who spoke in a telephone interview under anonymity said the kidnappers scaled the fence into the residence of their victims and ordered the family to open the door, and went ahead and smashed a window using digger to break the anti-burglar rods.

He said, "The kidnappers stormed Juji after midnight and headed to the residence of their victims.

"As I am speaking with you now, the kidnappers have not said anything and we are very worried since the incident took place over 24 hours ago".

He said the incident has been reported at the Sabon Tasha Divisional Police Station on Tuesday morning.

Police Public Relations Office, DSP Yakubu Sabo, when contacted, promised to find out and get back to our reporter.



■ Recipients of the Abubakar Moyo- Dikko Memorial Scholarship awards who are Law graduates and undergraduates of the Usmanu Danfodiyo University Sokoto with the university's Vice Chancellor, Prof. Lawal Bilbis (7th right), shortly after they received their prizes for academic excellence in Sokoto

Kano shuts down 25-year-old illegal orphanage

From Ibrahim Musa Giginyu, Kano

An orphanage home located at Sabon Gari (No man's land area), Kano which has allegedly operated illegally for over 25 years has been closed down by the state government.

The closure of the home, identified as Du Merci Orphanage, was contained in a statement signed by the Special Adviser to the governor on Child Welfare and Women, Hon.

Fatima Abdullahi Dala.

The statement explained that the action followed the discovery that the orphanage, with a branch in Kaduna, had been operating for 25 years without being licensed by either the Kano State or Kaduna State government.

"From the reliable report I gathered in the letters I received from some relevant authorities, the orphanage was never registered and this constitutes the height of disregard by

the orphanage founders and operators of constituted authorities.

For such orphanage to remain unregistered for over 25 years has apparently constituted a suspicious element of dishonesty which could translate into an offence against the inviolability and safety of the innocent children in the state," she said.

She added that the operation of the orphanage in Kano must however not be given any

religious, regional or ethnic connotation, and should therefore not be interpreted as such.

"We are in shock over the kidnapping and recent rescue of some Kano children and therefore the Kano State Government would not condone any act or suspicious activity like that of Du Merci Orphanage, which has a tendency of putting the lives of our children in jeopardy or inflict harm on them," she added.

Fire killed 11 persons in Kebbi in 2019

From Aliyu M. Hamagam, Birnin Kebbi

Eleven people lost their lives in fire outbreaks last year in Kebbi State.

The State Deputy Director, Department of Fire Service, Bashir Bello made the disclosure on Wednesday

while speaking with newsmen, saying 153 fire incidences were recorded in the year.

Bello explained that death as a result of fire incidences occurred on February 5, April 2 and November 4, adding that property worth over N483 million were lost, while N428 million worth of property were

saved.

He enjoined cigarette smokers to always ensure that cigarette butts were properly disposed of especially in the harmattan season.

"The death of the 11 people occurred following the fire incidences of February 5, April 2 and November 4. We

must warn residents to be cautious in handling electrical appliances and inflammable substances.

"More than N483 million worth of properties were lost to fire incidents, and N428 million properties saved during the incidences," he said.

NSCDC impounds 20 trucks of coal in Kogi

From Ahmed Tahir Ajobe, Lokoja

The Kogi State Command of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), has impounded 20 trucks loaded with coal over non-payment of royalty to the federal government.

Speaking with newsmen on Wednesday in Lokoja, the state commandant, Mr. Peter Magairi said the operation followed a directive from the office of the Minister of Justice and Attorney General to enforce compliance to that effect.

The operation which started on Tuesday however caused serious traffic jam on Wednesday as some of the trucks drivers abandoned vehicles on the major junction especially on Ganaja road, creating gridlock which lasted for hours.

Daily Trust reports that some of the trucks bearing coals from the eastern part of the state were stopped at the popular Ganaja junction on Tuesday by men of the corps during a stop-and-search operation.

Our correspondent observed that some of the trucks were still grounded as at the time of filing this report.

The commandant said many of the companies also failed to show evidence of payment of annual Revenue and Environmental levy.

He said it was worrisome that big companies were major defaulters in the royalty payment.

Lalong extols Tallen at 61

From Lami Sadiq, Jos

Plateau State Governor, Simon Bako Lalong has described the Minister of Women Affairs, and Social Development, Pauline Tallen as one person whose achievements are characterized by selfless service, dedication and determination to impact positively on others.

Lalong in a felicitation message to celebrate the Minister's 61st birthday and signed by his Director of Press and Public Affairs, Dr. Makut Simon Macham said Tallen had over the years carried out every assignment with diligence and excellence.

He commended the minister for making impactful contributions to the lives of people of Plateau and Nigeria in general throughout her political career and service spanning many decades.

Gombe govt prioritises infrastructure in 2020 budget

From Haruna Gimba Yaya, Gombe

The Gombe State Government said the main thrust of the 2020 budget signed into law by Governor Muhammad Inuwa Yahaya will be the provision of infrastructure across urban and rural areas.

The state Commissioner of Finance and Economic Development, Muhammad Gambo Magaji stated this to newsmen during a breakdown of the state's 2020 budget.

He explained that the government will focus on the expansion of physical infrastructure across the state as

well as deepening investment in the education sector for quality access to primary, secondary and tertiary education.

According to him, the infrastructure has 18.75% of the total budget, followed by educational sector with 17.40%, the health sector with 9.90%,

while the agricultural sector has 4.40%.

Governor Yahaya had recently signed into law, the sum of N130.83 billion as the state 2020 budget, made up of N71.04 billion for capital expenditure and N59.78 billion for recurrent expenditure.

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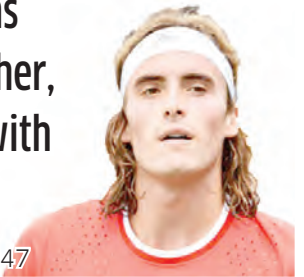
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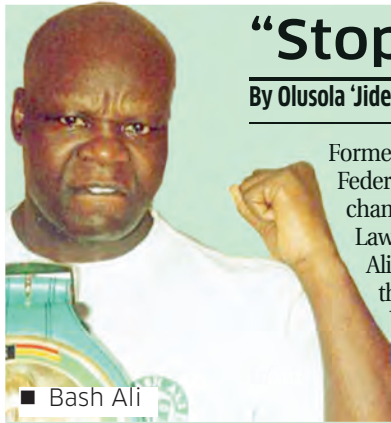


SPORT

Tsitsipas hits father, coach with racket



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■ Bash Ali

“Stop lying”, sport ministry warns Bash Ali

By Olusola 'Jide @jide_olusola

Former World Boxing Federation Cruiserweight champion, Bashiru Lawrence Ali, aka Bash Ali has been urged by the federal ministry of Youth and Sport Development to desist peddling false claims about a non-existent

approval from the office of the Minister to embark on a world fight.

According to a letter dated Monday January 7, 2020 and signed by the Director Legal Services of the Ministry, Barrister D.A. Muhammad further reads, the ministry denied giving such approval as only the President has power to do so.

"It is to be recalled that on the 4th of November, 2019 a meeting was held between the Ministry and

yourself in the company of Director Legal and other senior staff of the Ministry, wherein the Ministry was categorical about not entering into any meaningful discussion with you in relation to the Guinness Record Fight until the litigation between you and the Ministry is amicably sorted out.

"It is in this regard that this Ministry is surprised to note your manipulation of information to the effect that approval has been granted you to carry

out the World Guinness Record Fight.

"I am accordingly therefore, by this letter, directed to convey that no approval whatsoever was granted you by Mr. President or the Ministry, and it will be in your overall interest to issue another letter stating the factual situation that took place between the office of the Honourable Minister and your good self on the said date in order for us to make further progress on the said matter", the letter said.

Rangers defeat IfeanyiUbah to secure second NPFL win

By Olusola 'Jide @jide_olusola

Rangers International FC may have returned to winning ways following a 3-1 victory over IfeanyiUbah FC during the Match Day 13 of the Nigeria Professional Football League yesterday

At the Nnamdi Azikiwe Stadium Enugu, famously known as The Cathedral, it was a frantic contest from both sides making incursions in the box to open the scoring in the Oriental Derby.

Despite the visiting side having the upper hand at the early stages of the contest, it was the home side who scored first having sent eight first team players to the 'B' team of the club following strings of unimpressive results.

In the 19th minute, Ibrahim Olawoyin scored from close range after a fantastic delivery from Osas Okoro for the curtain raiser.

In the 34th minute IfeanyiUbah had the best chance of the first half but were unlucky. Chilekwu Chigozie fired from about 25 yards out but it sailed wide after a good link up play between Ikenna Cooper and Gbadamosi Jimoh.

With the goal conceded, FCIU sought for an equalizer



■ Nigeria Professional Football League Match Day 10 action between Nasarawa United and Heartland FC. Nasarawa won 1-0

which they got in the 39th minute through Ekene Awazie following an assist from Ikenna.

At the restart of the second half, it was Rangers who were determined to end a winless run made the best use of the

chances that fell to them.

In the 68th minute, Olawoyin got his brace and the second for Rangers with

a good curler beyond GK Uzoigwe to make it 2-1 and in the 81st minute, Kenechukwu Agu curled the ball into the bottom corner to double the lead for the hosts.

Rangers still remain at the bottom of the league log in spite of the win with nine points after 10 matches in the 13-week old league.

Results from other matches saw Adamawa United losing at home to Lobi Stars by a lone goal while Warri Wolves also defeated Heartland by the same scoreline.

At the Umuahia Township Stadium, Abia Warriors were held to a goalless draw by Kano Pillars while Katsina United defeated league leaders, Plateau United 1-0 at the Muhammadu Dikko Stadium.

It was the same 1-0 scoreline at the Godswill Akpabio Stadium, Uyo where Akwa United defeated Wikki Tourist while Sunshine Stars shone brightly over Jigawa Golden Stars.

In Lagos, MFM FC, also known as the Olukoya Boys defeated Dakkada FC 1-0 to secure their 5th league victory, just as Rivers United handed Nasarawa United its 7th league loss with another 1-0 scoreline.

Super Cup: Barcelona bus gets lost in Saudi Arabia

Barcelona's campaign to defend the revamped Spanish Super Cup in Saudi Arabia got off to an inauspicious start as they arrived late for a training session in Jeddah on Wednesday, with a club source saying their bus driver had headed to the wrong location.

The team were due to prepare for Thursday's

semifinal against Atletico Madrid at local side Al-Ittihad Club's training ground, but the driver instead took them to the King Abdullah Sport City Stadium where Super Cup matches are taking place.

The two venues are separated by over 30 kilometres and the team's bus finally arrived at the training ground 45 minutes behind

schedule, delayed by the coastal city's notorious traffic levels.

Coach Ernesto Valverde and midfielder Sergio Busquets were due to give a news conference before the training session but will now speak to the media afterwards due to their late arrival.

Real Madrid play Valencia on Wednesday in the first

game of the competition, which used to be a season curtain raiser but has been turned into a money-spinning event after federation president Luis Rubiales implemented radical changes last year.

Federation members approved expanding the competition's format from two teams to four, switching

the date from August to January and transplanting it abroad.

A three-year deal to hold the tournament in Saudi Arabia was announced last November which Spanish media say is worth around 40 million annually, angering human rights groups and the four teams' traditional supporter base.

How Nigeria 'betrayed' Oshoala in 2019 CAF Awards

By Olusola 'Jide @jide_olusola

More details have emerged as regards the voting pattern from the various representatives across Africa during the Confederation of African Football Awards which held on Tuesday in Cairo.

In documents released, CAF published the details of the voting process that saw to the emergence of Asisat Oshoala as the 2019 African Women's Player of the Year for the fourth time while Sadio Mane was crowned the African Male Player of the Year.

It will be noted that for both the Men's and Women's Player of the Year, the first phase of voting was done by CAF Technical & Development Committee, legends, media



■ Asisat Oshoala

and tech experts, coaches and captains of the associate countries of CAF while the voting for the second phase was done by head coaches/Technical Directors of CAF member associations and captains of CAF Member Associations.

The first phase of voting was done with 30 names on

the shortlist for Men's African Player of the Year and 10 in the women's category while voting in the second phase was done with just the three finalists in both categories.

The three Nigerian media men that voted are Osasu Obayiuwana, a member of the NFF Reforms Committee who voted Oshoala third in

his choice of five.

His first choice was Malawian footballer with Jiangsu Suning in the Chinese Women's Super League, Tabitha Chawinga.

Another Nigeria, Chisom Mbonu Ezeoke also voted Malawi's Chawinga first, while Oshoala got her vote for a second place.

The third Nigerian who voted on the platform of media is Tunde Adelakun who had Cote d'Ivoire's Ange N'Guessan in the first position followed by Nigeria international Uchenna Kanu, South African midfielder Refiloe Jane, Oshoala and Kgatana.

Among the legends, Perpetua Nkwocha, a former Super Falcons player voted Oshoala last, giving her just a point while giving her valuable five points to Cameroon's Ajara Nchout.

Despite the fact these Nigerians failed to vote for her as their first choice, Oshoala made up with votes from other countries to emerge winner with 351 votes as against 321,

247 votes recorded by Nchout and Kgatana respectively.

Meanwhile, the Minister of Youth and Sports, Sunday Dare has eulogized Oshoala on her award as African Women's Footballer of the year.

In a congratulatory message on twitter, Dare said "Congratulations to Nigeria's Asisat Oshoala, Barcelona star for winning the CAF Women's Footballer of the year award. She represents the best in Nigeria's female soccer.

In the same vein, former sports minister, Solomon Dalung in his own message said "This award is a reflection of your resilience and contribution to the growth of football in the country. You're truly a shining star.

"To whom more is given, more is expected, so having won this award several times, you're expected to set the tune of exemplary leadership in women's football. I urge you to inspire and bring hope to young girls in Nigeria who see you as a role model. May your light never grow dim", Dalung said.

In tomorrow's AMINIYA

BABBAN LABARI
Bincike: Yadda matasan 'yan mata ke kwarara birane domin karuwanci

Aminiya ta yi la'akari da yadda Amata masu karancin shekaru ke fantsama cikin manyan birane a kasar nan domin sana'ar karuwanci. Ko me yake haddasa wannan al'amari? Wace riba ko akasi suke samu, akan haka kuma waɗanne irin haɗurre suke gamuwa da su a yayin wannan rayuwa tasu? Wakilan Aminiya sun binciko yadda abin yake a wasu daga cikin manyan biranenmu

Yadda 'yan Boko Haram suka sace 'yan agaji abokan aikinmu – Best Shankat

A ranar 22 ga watan jijiya ne 'yan kungiyar Boko Haram suka sace masu gudanar da aikin jinkai a Jihar Borno, ciki har da wata jami'ar kiwon lafiya 'yar asalin Jihar Filato, mai suna Jenepher Samuel Ukambong da take aikin tallafa wa jama'a kan kiwon lafiya, a garin Manguno da ke Jihar Borno. Aminiya ta tattauna da abokin aikinta da ya tsira

Makon da gobara ta halaka iyalai ta lalata dukiyar da gidaje a Rigasa da Zariya da Ibadan da kuma Jos

A dan tsakanin nan kuma a Alokuta daban-daban, an samu rahotannin yadda annobar gobara ta addabi yankuna da sassa daban-daban na Najeriya, musamman ma a Zariya da Kaduna, a Jihar Kaduna, da Jos, a Jihar Filato da kuma Ibadan, a Jihar Oyo. A sakamakon haka an samu rasa rayuka, dukiyoyi da kuma gidaje, kamar yadda rahotannin wakilanmu suka tabbatar.

A nemi Aminiya gobe!

ATP Cup: Nadal puts Spain into quarter-finals

Rafael Nadal came back twice from a break down against Japan's Yoshihito Nishioka to put Spain into the ATP Cup quarter-finals in Australia.

The world number one won 7-6 (7-4) 6-4 to give Spain an unassailable 2-0 lead in the tie after Robert Bautista Agut had earlier beaten Go Soeda 6-2 6-4.

Nadal then paired up with Pablo Carreno Busta to win the doubles rubber and end Japan's chances of a last-eight spot.

Argentina later beat Croatia to advance to the knockout stage.

Canada and Belgium sealed

the two remaining quarter-final spots as the best runners-up.

The knockout stage, taking place in Sydney, begins on Thursday.

The ATP Cup is a new 24-nation knockout tournament that has been set up by the men's professional tour to kick off the 2020 season.

Nadal can equal Roger Federer's record of 20 Grand Slam singles titles at the Australian Open, which starts on 20 January, but the Spaniard said he was not thinking about catching the Swiss great.

"My only goal is to keep playing good tennis, keep



■ Rafael Nadal

enjoying this sport and being happy," he said. "And if that happens and I stay healthy then

the goal is to keep producing chances in the events that I'm going to play."

Man City ready to activate Koulibaly's £100m release clause

Manchester City officials are prepared to spend heavily this summer to try and re-establish their dominance in English football, with Napoli centre-back Kalidou Koulibaly one of their top targets.

Pep Guardiola's side lost star defender Aymeric Laporte to a serious knee injury back in August, and having declined to sign a replacement for Vincent Kompany, John Stones' injury problems and Nicolas Otamendi's deficiencies, City have found themselves short at the back.

Reluctant to ever let his side end up in a similar situation again, 90min has learned that Guardiola has made it clear to City executives that he wants a new elite centre-back at the club before the start of next season.

With that said, next summer City are prepared to activate

Koulibaly's release clause, which is believed to stand at around £100m, and club officials are determined that they will not be beaten in the race for the Napoli man's signature.

They will face competition from both Chelsea and Tottenham Hotspur for the 28-year-old, but City are prepared to fight their way to the front of the queue.



■ Kalidou Koulibaly

Plane grounding forces Mane to skip prize parade

Liverpool star Sadio Mane's triumphant homecoming to Senegal after winning Africa's top football prize was scuppered on Wednesday when problems with overflight permission in Tunisia grounded his jet.

Senegal's capital Dakar had readied celebrations for the 27-year old, who was crowned Africa's 2019 Player of the Year in Egypt on Tuesday.

The first Senegalese player to win the prize since 2002, Mane was meant to land to crowds of supporters in Dakar, followed by a parade and a ceremony with the president.

But the festivities were called off on Wednesday after a delay in receiving overflight permission from Tunisian authorities, said Bakary Cisse, an official in Mane's entourage.

"Liverpool decided (to bring him home) because they cannot continue to wait for a permit," he added.

The Premier League leaders have yet to be beaten this season, with 19 victories and one draw. Liverpool travel to Jose Mourinho's Tottenham on Saturday.

An official close to Senegalese political circles told AFP the visit had not been cancelled, but rather delayed by several days.

Praise for Mane flooded in across Senegal on Tuesday, while images of celebrations in his native village of Bambali, in the south of the country, circulated on social media.

Senegalese President Macky Sall tweeted that Mane's win was a "marvellous feat" that deserved being heralded as an example for young people.

THE THURSDAY COLUMN

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Is China really taking over Africa without firing a shot?

The current debate over the Buhari government's request to borrow additional \$30bn (a substantial portion of which is likely to come from China), has revived debates not just about debt overhang in the country but also about whether China is using debt as a deliberate strategy to take over several countries in Africa. In 2018 John Bolton former US national security adviser pointedly accused China of making "strategic use of debt to hold states in Africa captive to Beijing's wishes and demands."

In fact critics of China's role in Africa argue that China is basically trying to do what the European powers did at the Berlin Conference of 1884-1885 but using a different strategy. It should be recalled that at the Berlin Conference the continent was divided among the major European powers, with the principle of effective occupation, which was used as a major criterion in deciding which country gets what, legitimising colonialism and forceful pacification of the native – which were achieved mostly through guns and mortars. Critics argue that rather than tanks and mortars, the Chinese found that banks are more effective than tanks as instruments of domination in line with the arguments of the revered ancient Chinese military philosopher Sun Tzu who posited that to defeat your enemy without a fight is the highest demonstration of skill.

Of course any analysis of China's role in Africa risks being caught in the web of the rivalry (or jealousy) between China and the continent's former colonial masters and traditional allies: if it is too critical of China's role in the continent, it is suspected of oozing of Western bias or playing out a Western script. If it is too welcoming of Chinese presence, it is suspected of trying to ingratiate oneself to China or even externalising one's subconscious disappointments with the continent's traditional allies and former colonial masters.

What is obvious is that the influence of China, (which overtook USA as Africa's biggest trading partner in 2009), is growing by leaps and bounds in the continent. While trade between China and Africa reached \$300 billion in 2015, China has also embarked on many infrastructural and road development projects in the continent through its colossal Belt and Road Initiative - its gargantuan global infrastructure development projects. For instance, under this initiative it constructed Kenya's 290-mile railway from the capital, Nairobi, to the port city of Mombasa. Under the initiative, landlocked Ethiopia got a 470-mile electric railway from its capital Addis Ababa, to the port in the neighbouring Djibouti. While East Africa has been the main focus of China's Belt and Road Initiative on the continent, Chinese

infrastructure projects stretch all the way to Angola and Nigeria, with ports planned along the coast from Dakar to Libreville and Lagos. Beijing has also signalled its support for the African Union's proposed pan-African high-speed rail network.

A major concern of many is on the cost to Africans of China's increasing involvement in the continent – from accusations of the Chinese taking over local jobs (including in retailing roadside corns) to squeezing the continent's SMEs, land grab and predatory lending. For instance a recent study by the China-Africa Research Initiative at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, found that China had lent a total of \$143 billion to 56 African countries. The loans were facilitated principally by the Export-Import Bank of China and the China Development Bank. Seven countries – Angola, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Kenya, Republic of the Congo, Sudan and Zambia – accounted for two thirds of total cumulative borrowing in 2017 from China, with oil-rich Angola alone representing a 30% share, or \$43 billion (35% of Angolan 2017 GDP). According to an April 2018 IMF study, as of the end of 2017, about 40% of low-income Sub-Saharan African countries are now in debt distress or assessed as being at high risk of debt distress including Ethiopia, the Republic of the Congo and Zambia. This should be a real red flag. On September 3 and 4, 2018, Chinese President Xi Jinping hosted the seventh Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in Beijing where President Xi pledged additional US\$60 billion in aid and financing for Africa.

A major concern with these loans is what happens if the borrowing country is unable to pay back. In the 1980s and 1990s when many countries in the continent struggled to repay their loans to the London and Paris Clubs of debtors, one of the consequences was the foisting of crippling IMF/World bank-supported structural adjustment programmes as a condition for the affected countries rescheduling their debts or even opening new letters of credit. China's responses to some of its debtors that struggled to repay has raised fears of Africa's debt overhang of the 1980s and 1990s. For instance, when Angola, which is heavily indebted to China struggled to repay, it was forced to reach loans-for-oil settlement, with Beijing tying the country's future oil production to shipments to China in order to service the country's burgeoning infrastructure debt. In Kenya, China is set to take over the country's lucrative Mombassa port if Kenya Railways Corporation defaults on its loan from the Exim Bank of China. Though Kenya's standard gauge railway (also known as the Madaraka Express), which was built and funded by China, was plagued by

cost overruns, (with some questioning its viability), critics say China is not worried since if the 80%-China funded project fails, Beijing will take control of it in what would be a 'debt-for-sovereignty' swap. Again when Sri Lanka had difficulties servicing its \$8 billion of infrastructure-related borrowing from China, it led to the country handing over a controlling equity stake and a 99-year operating lease of her second-largest port at Hambantota to a subsidiary of a Chinese state-owned enterprise in December 2017. For Pakistan, another debtor to China which struggled to re-pay, it is estimated that more than 90% of revenues generated at her newly developed Gwadar Port at the mouth of the strategically significant Gulf of Oman are collected by the Chinese operator. In Djibouti, where public debt has risen to roughly 80 percent of the country's GDP (with the lion share being owed to China), it may not be mere coincidence that China's only overseas military base is in the country. A number of African countries - Burundi, Chad, Mozambique, Zambia and Nigeria are either in debt distress or at high risk of it. Some have accused China's lending practise of causing this or exacerbating the situation.

However not everyone has a dim view of China's role in Africa. Some have in fact argued that total spending in the China's colossal Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), could reach \$1.3 trillion in the decade to 2023 – more than seven times the investment made under the US Marshall Plan to rebuild European economies after World War II. A 2018 Pew Research poll on global perceptions of China also found that more than two-thirds of Tanzanians have a positive view of China.

Essentially therefore, deconstruction of China's role in Africa must transcend the capture of single-story narratives. African countries that take loans from China and other sources must also take responsibility because even at the personal level, if you take loans from a bank and default, you lose your collateral.

It may be true that China is swapping its value-added manufactures for low value-added and raw commodities from Africa. No one can blame it for using what it has to get what it does not have. Unfortunately it is this pattern (which also characterises the continent's relations with its former colonial masters and traditional allies) that has stoked fears of colonisation or China's relations with the continent being anti-development. The solution for this may not be in China bashing but in African leaders finding smart ways of benefitting from the relationship with China and also developing ingenious ways to profit from the rivalry between China and her traditional allies. In doing this, African leaders should bear in mind that China, like the continent's former colonial masters and others, is in Africa not as Father Christmas but to advance its interest. There is nothing wrong in that so it is up to the continent's leaders to develop hard-nosed economic thinking in its relations with China, rather than being swayed by the politeness of Chinese leaders and the easy availability of loans. African governments could match China's 'Africa policy' with their own 'China policy' with long term strategies.

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Tsitsipas hits father, coach with racket



■ Stefanos Tsitsipas

Stefanos Tsitsipas said he did not mean to hit his father and coach Apostolos with a racket swipe in a mid-match fit of rage during Tuesday's ATP Cup loss to Australia's Nick Kyrgios.

The Greek 21-year-old, ranked sixth in the world, lost 7-6(7) 6-7(3) 7-6(5) and took out his frustration after losing the opening set tiebreak with two racket swipes near the team bench, the second of which bruised his father's arm.

"It happened accidentally, I didn't mean to do it and straight away forgot about it and moved on from there," Tsitsipas told reporters. "It happens, I wasn't aiming to do that. It just went out of control, unfortunately."

"Maybe I'll stay in my room for three days, grounded by my father," he added, laughing.

Andres Iniesta's Vissel Kobe win the Emperors Cup



■ Andres Iniesta

Vissel Kobe, led by World Cup winners Andres Iniesta and Lukas Podolski, beat Kashima Antlers 2-0 to win the Emperors Cup final in the first football match to be played at Tokyo's National Stadium.

The first goal scored in the new stadium, which was built for this year's Olympics Games, was an own goal from unfortunate Antlers defender Tomoya Inukai in the 18th minute, before Kobe striker Noriaki Fujimoto added a second 20 minutes later following some more poor defending.

Wednesday's win marks the first time in their history that Kobe have their hands on some silverware and vindicates the high wages forked out by owner Hiroshi Mikitani in recent years.