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## PDP crisis:

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ACTING President Goodluck Jonathan (left) with the PDP National Chairman, Prince Vincent Ogbulafor, at the 50th PDP NEC meeting in Abuja, yesterday. Right is PDP national secretary Abubakar Kawu Baraje.

By Muideen Olaniyi

THE 28 state governors of the ruling Peoples Democratic Party [PDP] scored an important moral and political victory yesterday when the party finally held a meeting of its National Executive Com-

mittee (NEC) despite subterranean efforts over many weeks by the party's leader, Acting President Goodluck Jonathan and his supporters in the PDP Reform Forum to stall the meeting. The NEC meeting also passed a unanimous vote of confidence on the party's embattled

national chairman Prince Vincent Ogbulafor, who is supported by the governors but bitterly opposed by Jonathan and his allies.

Yesterday's PDP NEC meeting was described by some participants as the best attended in recent memory. Present were Acting

President Jonathan, 24 state governors, National Assembly leaders, members of the National Working Committee, and all state PDP chairmen and secretaries. Former party chairman Dr. Ahmadu Ali was also present, as were several members of

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## Jonathan: Everyone is free to aspire

By Muideen Olaniyi

ANY member of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) can aspire to any political office in the country, Acting President Goodluck Jonathan

said yesterday. It was not clear if he meant he himself could aspire to the party's presidential ticket despite its being zoned to the North.

Jonathan, who was speaking at the opening of the 50th PDP National Executive Commit-

tee (NEC) meeting in Abuja, however cautioned all aspirants against allowing their ambitions to overheat the polity. He noted the challenges facing the party over the past three weeks and said

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"Wallahi, Wallahi, duk Nigeria ba gwamnan da ya fi wannan [Shema]"  
- HRH Alhaji Abdulmumin Kabir,  
Emir of Katsina  
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# Ethiopian becomes Virgin Nigeria CEO

From Nahimah Ajikanle Nuru-deen, Lagos

ETHIOPIAN Aviation expert, Mr Kinfa Fekado, has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of Virgin Nigeria which was recently acquired by Barrister Jimoh Ibrahim.

47-year old Fekado was until his appointment yesterday by the board of Virgin Nigeria, the Chief Operating Officer of Ethiopia Airline. He has over 32 years experience in aviation. He takes over from Capt Dapo Olumide, who until yesterday was CEO of

Virgin Nigeria. The Board also appointed two Executive Directors (EDs). Steven Ojo is ED, Accounts and Finance and Mr. Tadafera, ED, Treasury.

The Board which met in Lagos, advised Olumide to handover to Fekado. Olumide was expected at the Board meeting but he didn't show up. He gave no reasons for his action. It was reported yesterday that he had resigned. The Board also approved the opening of letter of credit (L/C) for the purchase of two new aircraft. The purchase will be financed by United Bank for Africa (UBA). Members of Virgin

Nigeria Board are Ibrahim, Godwin Eze-Iyamu (Vice Chairman), Bishop Jim Okeowo, Nda Isaiah, publisher of Leadership, Stephen Ogedengbe, Emmanuel Jegede (MD, NICON) and Mrs Isioma Chukwuma, (MD, Nigeria Re)

Meanwhile, former chairman of the Nigerian Cabin Crew Association (NACCA) Olumide Ohunayo has described the resignation of Captain Dapo Olumide as a bad omen for the airline. He advised the new owner to employ a good replacement.

Ohunayo, an analyst and expert in the industry, expressed dis-

satisfaction over the take-over of Virgin Nigeria by Jimoh Ibrahim based on his performance in the defunct EAS Airways which was renamed NICON Airways. "It is with trepidation that the news got to the industry, considering the calamitous entry of the group some years ago through the liquidated EAS airlines, an act which prompted staff of EAS airline to go to court seeking redress for unpaid salaries and allowances. Should the affected workers continue to wait for the judicial process or go for a quick regulatory intervention since NICON has returned to the

industry through Virgin Nigeria?" he said.

Ohunayo said Captain Olumide's resignations might not be unconnected with the new ownership. "Luckily, Virgin Nigeria is not listed on the Stock Exchange, the share price would have taken a drastic nosedive based on that sad experience, coupled with the sole-owner-manager syndrome that has bedevilled our domestic carriers," he added.

Olumide charged the NICON group to avail itself with the current trend so as not to repeat the past experience.

## Man stoned to death in Jos

From Ahmed Mohammed, Jos

TWENTY nine year old Ezekiel Joel has been stoned to death in a bush behind the Wild Life Park in Jos, Plateau State.

Police Public Relations Officer ASP Mohammed Lerama disclosed this to newsmen yesterday when he paraded two suspects arrested in connection with the killing. He

said an argument erupted in a beer parlour between the suspects and the deceased which led to a fight that ended up in a bush where four suspects conspired and stoned the deceased to death and buried him in the bush.

ASP Lerama said based on a tip-off and after preliminary investigation, the police arrested two suspects, Peter Paul of Zolo village in

Toro Local Government Area of Bauchi State and Titus Bivi of Katon Gyesin Sabon Garin Tudun Wada who conspired with two others to kill the man.

He said the police were making efforts to apprehend the fleeing suspects and investigation continued as the suspects would be charged to court after the investigation.

He appealed to the public to be security conscious and report any suspicious character to the nearest police station.

Speaking to newsmen, the arrested suspects said the deceased threatened to kill them and brought out knives and two of the fleeing suspects stoned him in the head and back. Both claimed they didn't know that the deceased died.

## Curfew in Ogun over communal clash

From Kehinde Akinyemi, Abeokuta

THE Ogun State government yesterday imposed a dawn to dusk curfew on Ado-odo in Ado-odo/Ota Local Government Area of the state following a communal clash that has claimed lives.

The development came as scores of traditional worshippers, women and youths stormed the Yewa Traditional Council meeting in Ilaro, the headquarters of Yewaland protesting over the reign of the Olofin of Ado-Odo, Oba Lateef Akanni Adeniran.

In a statement signed by the Secretary to the State Government (SSG) Otunba Adegbami Onakoya yesterday, the curfew became necessary in view of the communal unrest in the area.

The statement noted that the governor in his capacity as the chief security officer of the state declared the curfew to take effect from 6.00am to 6.00pm with effect from Tuesday, April 27th 2010 until further notice.

The protesters, who chanted songs and carried placards against the reign of the monarch, accused him of high-handedness, saying that he is actually not from Ado-Odo but Igan-Alade in Yewa North Local Government Area of the state.

## Gunmen kidnap Bayelsa commissioner, mother-in-law

KIDNAPPERS have seized the Bayelsa State Commissioner for Environment along with her mother-in-law during a private visit to another state, police said yesterday.

Victoria Denenu and her mother-in-law were abducted in Aba in neighbouring Abia State, where they had gone to attend a wedding ceremony on Saturday.

"The kidnappers stopped their vehicle and asked other occupants to get down before driving them to an unknown destination," a senior police officer told AFP.

He said no group has claimed responsibility for the seizure. On April 18, two Germans were kidnapped at the Imo River in Abia State, but they were released on Saturday.

## Police arrest 56 suspects over Rimi's death

THE Kano State Police Commissioner Mohammed Gana says 56 suspects have been arrested in connection with the attack on Alhaji Abubakar Rimi and three others which led to his death.

Gana disclosed this in Kano yesterday during the visit of Alhaji Uba Ringim, the Deputy Inspector-General of Police in-charge of Administration. According to him, some of the suspects have been identified through identification parade while the rest are undergoing serious interrogation.

Local bandits known as "Yan Kwanta-Kwanta" attacked Rimi, a former governor of old Kano State and members of his entourage along Kano-Maiduguri road on April 4. Following the attack, Rimi developed a cardiac arrest and died soon after.

He also revealed that the command from February this year, arrested 250 "local terrorists" known as Yandaba and recovered weapons such as knives, swords and cutlasses, iron rods, drugs, as well as charms from them. The police commissioner said the hoodlums were apprehended under an exercise tagged "Operation Gida-Gida" launched by the command, adding that most of the brigands had been prosecuted and imprisoned.

He stated that the rate of crime had dropped drastically in the state between February and April, attributing the achievement to the new strategies adopted by the command to combat crime in the area.

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## At PDP NEC Meeting

# N104m ICPC probe: I'm innocent, Ogbulafor says

By Muideen Olaniyi & John Chuks Azu

NATIONAL Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Prince Vincent Ogbulafor yesterday said that he was innocent of the ongoing N104 million contract case he had with the Independent Corrupt Prac-

tices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC).

Ogbulafor said this in his welcome address at the National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting of the PDP held at the party's National Secretariat.

He said: "As for my alleged involvement in a certain N104

million contract case with the ICPC, let me with all sense of responsibility, state that I am innocent of the allegations.

"I was a Minister of Economic Matters in the Presidency while the National Economic Intelligence Committee (NEIC) was an agency of government in the

Presidency. It had a Chairman and Committee members. I was not a member of the Committee. I never attended their meetings. Moreso, decisions were solely made by them.

Meanwhile, an FCT High Court Monday ordered Ogbulafor and four others to appear

before it on Monday May 3 and take plea in the allegation of fraud preferred against them by the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission, ICPC. Others charged with Ogbulafor are Emeka Ebilah, Henry Ikoh, Jude Nwokoro, and Emmanuel Bosah.

## Protesters storm meeting venue

By Muideen Olaniyi

HUNDREDS of placard carrying protesters yesterday stormed the National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to protest against the plot to remove the party's National Chairman Prince Vincent Ogbulafor.

Another group which is supportive of Senator Ken Nnamani-led 'PDP Reform Forum' also staged separate rally calling for reforms in the PDP.

The two separate protests prompted the security men to barricade the major ways leading to PDP Wadata Headquarters as new armoured tank were stationed in front

of the party Secretariat.

Pro-Ogbulafor group which is operating under the auspices of 'PDP Stability Forum' described the ongoing events in the party as a desperation that is threatening not only the success, existence and unity of the PDP but also future of Nigeria's democracy.

A position document signed by Ikenga Imo Ugochinyere, Hajia Dukku and Barr. O. N Kevin warned against forceful removal of Ogbulafor without recourse to due process, adding that all efforts must be geared towards the unity of Nigeria.

The group said those urging for reforms in PDP must do it within the law of the land and the party, voicing

opposition against 'the forceful and illegal attempt to remove the PDP National Chairman and the attempt to hijack the PDP for personal agenda ahead of 2011'.

But the pro-PDP Reforms Group, led by John Ewuzie stressed the need for reforms in the PDP and described the suspension of members of the party as 'garrison politics of the Stone Age'.

Ewuzie said: "We the youths of this country have decided to align ourselves with 'PDP Reform Forum'. We have decided to come out and say enough is enough. PDP must get it right. If PDP get it right, of course Nigeria has gotten it right."

## How court vacates order

By Adelanwa Bamgboye

JUSTICE Abubakar Talba sitting at an Abuja High Court yesterday lifted its order restraining the ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) from holding its National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting.

The trial Judge lifted the interim injunction restraining the PDP from holding its NEC meeting barely 24 hours after it was handed down following an ex-parte application brought by the party.

The Court also ordered that an invitation to attend the NEC meeting must be immediately extended to some of the members of the party that were earlier suspended who were PDP NEC members, including the former Senate President Ken Nnamani. Justice Talba warned PDP against discussing issues surrounding the suspension at its NEC in the interest of justice and in line with its undertaking. The matter has been adjourned till May 10.



A policeman leads Acting President Goodluck Jonathan's official vehicle from the PDP's headquarters after the 50th NEC meeting in Abuja, yesterday. PIC: AFOLABI SOTUNDE



PROTESTERS in support of PDP National Chairman Vincent Ogbulafor at the party secretariat, in Abuja, yesterday. PIC: FELIX ONIGBINDE



CIVIL Defence Corps and Policemen deployed to the PDP headquarters for the NEC meeting. PIC: AFOLABI SOTUNDE



FORMER Vice President (right) Atiku Abubakar (middle) with the PDP Chairman, Adamawa State, Mr. Meden Teneke (right), during a press conference in Abuja yesterday. With them is former governor of the defunct Kaduna State, Alhaji Lawal Kaita (left). PIC: KENNEDY EGBONODJE

# Reps adopt 40 amendments to constitution

By Turaki A. Hassan

THE House of Representatives yesterday voted electronically on the report of its committee on the review of the 1999 constitution and adopted 40 out of the 44 clauses recommended for alteration by the Deputy Speaker Usman Bayero Nafada-led 44 member committee.

In the new amendment, the president retains the powers to appoint the Chairman, Commissioners and Resident Electoral Commissioners of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).

Proposed amendment to the third schedule which states, "The commission shall have chairman who shall be the Chief Electoral Commissioner and a Deputy Chairman who shall not be of the same gender with the Chairman" threw the House into a rowdy session for over 15 minutes as female lawmakers went round to lobby their male colleagues to help them vote in favour of the clause.

However, the amendment did not scale through as 147 voted in favour, 168 voted against while 2 lawmakers abstained from voting which angered the female legislators, who threatened to stage a walk out.

The House also differed with the Senate on cross carpeting by elected political office holders as 285 members voted yes to prohibit while 34 voted no.

The lower legislative chamber adopted the position of the Senate on obtaining a minimum of National Diploma as academic qualification for elections into all political offices, but added that those who have served in the National Assembly but do not have such qualification can contest for elective position.

The lawmakers also increased the age limit for contesting for Senate from 40 to 45 years while that of House of Representatives from 30 to 35 years.

INEC, National Assembly, State Houses of Assembly, federal and state judiciaries have all been

put on the first line charge funding from the consolidated revenue fund of the federation.

Provisions of section 145 and 190 have also been amended to compel the president or state governors to transmit a written declaration to the National Assembly or the state Houses of Assembly within three weeks whenever they are proceeding on vacation or they are otherwise unable to discharge the functions of their office.

A total of 324 out of the 360 members of the House attended, giving the lawmakers the 240 votes needed as 2/3 majority as stipulated in by the 1999 constitution.

Rep. Ita Enang (PDP, Akwa Ibom), chairman House Committee on Rules and Business and Rep. Eziuchi Ubani (PDP, Abia) said a conference committee will be set up this week to harmonise positions with the Senate for onward transmission to the 36 state Houses of Assembly for endorsement. 2/3 of the 36 Assemblies must endorse each of the alteration for it to be effected.

## Mideast flights school targets Nigerian market

By Misbahu Bashir

THE Mideast Aviation Academy, a privately owned flight training organization based in Jordan, said it is venturing into the Nigerian aviation market to offer services, including the enrolment of students from Nigeria as professional pilots and aircraft technicians.

General Manager of the academy Capt. Abdallah Twerish said this yesterday when he visited Media Trust corporate head office in Abuja yesterday.

Twerish, accompanied by a flight instructor at the academy Captain Alia AlTwal, said "The school has received students from Nigeria and there is the need for more students to come and take courses in commercial aviation and engineering."

The general manager said the school also offers aviation engineering aimed at training students at aircraft maintenance, adding that the school is recognized by International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and approved by many prominent airlines in the middle east, including Gulf Air and Bahrain Air.

He said the academy, which draws students from over 15 countries including Nigeria, Yemen, Egypt, Algeria, Sudan and Libya, is also certified by the Jordanian

Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission (JCARC) and accredited by the General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA) of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

He said duration for courses at the academy varies based on nature ranging from four weeks to 22 months and said requirements for the courses include High School Certificate acceptable by JCARC, acceptable level of English, first medical certificate for cadet pilots and third class medical certificate for technicians.

"Some aviation students from Saudi Arabia and Yemen just completed their two months training in the Academy," he said.

Twerish also gave an insight into the workings of the aviation sector internationally saying that English is the only accepted universal language in the aviation sector and pilots and students who do not pass English exams will be banned from flying by 2011.

He also said that pilots are not supposed to follow aviation regulations and not take instruction from anybody while flying. "Pilots should not take instructions even from passengers and must avoid communication problems which mostly cause accidents. Most accidents are as a result of human factor," he said.

## Malcolm X killer freed after 44 years

THOMAS Hagan, the only man who admitted his role in the 1965 assassination of iconic black leader Malcolm X, was paroled yesterday.

Hagan was freed a day earlier than planned because his paperwork was processed more quickly than anticipated, according to the New York State Department of Correctional Services.

Hagan, 69, walked out of the minimum-security Lincoln Correctional Facility at 11 a.m. The facility is located at the intersection of West 110th Street and Malcolm X Boulevard.

Hagan had been in a full-time work-release program since March 1992 that allowed him to live at home with his family in Brooklyn five days a week while reporting to the prison just two days.

Last month, Hagan pleaded his case for freedom: To return to his family, to become a substance abuse counselor and to make his mark on what time he has left in this world.

He was dressed in prison greens as he addressed the parole board. He had been before that body 14 other times since 1984. Each time, he was rejected.

Hagan was no ordinary prisoner. He is the only man to have confessed in the killing of Malcolm X, while giving a speech in New York's Audubon Ballroom in 1965.

"I have deep regrets about my participation in that," he told the parole board on March 3, according to a transcript. "I don't think it should ever have happened."

Hagan had been sentenced to 20 years to life imprisonment after

being found guilty at trial with two others in 1966. The other two men were released in the 1980s and have long denied involvement in the killing.

To win his release, Hagan was required to seek, obtain and maintain a job, support his children and abide by a curfew. He must continue to meet those conditions while free. He told the parole board he's worked the same job for the past seven years. He told the New York Post in 2008 he was working at a fast-food restaurant.

I can't really describe my remorse and my remorse for my actions.

A parole officer checked on him while outside prison, and he had to undergo random drug tests.

Malcolm X is best known as the fiery leader of the Nation of Islam who denounced whites as "blue-eyed devils." But at the end of his life, Malcolm X changed his views toward whites and discarded the Nation of Islam's ideology in favor of orthodox Islam. In doing so, he feared for his own life from within the Nation.

Malcolm X remains a symbol of inspiration for black men, in particular, who are moved by his transformation from a street hustler to a man the late African-American actor Ossie Davis eulogized as "the greatest living prince."

The ballroom where he was killed has now been converted into The Malcolm X & Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial and Educational Center. Board Chairman Zead Ramadan said the center doesn't have a position on Hagan's release.



SULTAN of Sokoto Alhaji Muhammad Sa'ad administering polio vaccine to a child at his palace in Sokoto yesterday during the North West launch of the Sub-National Immunisation Plus Days on Polio.

## NNPC: Turai's brother removed as MD PHRC, not sacked

By Hamisu Muhammad

THE Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) yesterday removed Engr. Bashir Abdullahi, a full brother of the First Lady Hajia Turai Yar'adua, as a Managing Director of the Port Harcourt Refining Company (PHRC) but still remains a full staff of the corporation.

Daily Trust reported yesterday that Engr. Abdullahi was sacked

from his position and has not been assigned a new post in the changes announced on Monday by the NNPC.

But the Group General Manager of the NNPC Dr Levi Ajuonuma said Engr. Abdullahi is still a staff member of NNPC and is currently on a six month exploration and production attachment programme with Shell Petroleum which would see him traverse

seven countries across the world where Shell has its E&P Platforms.

He said that during the period, Shell E&P operation platforms in the Hague, Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Houston, Canada, Singapore, Qatar and Brunei.

Ajuonuma stressed that the essence of this training cum exposure is to prepare Engr. Abdullahi for higher responsibilities.

# I support internal reform in PDP, says Atiku

By Muideen Olaniyi

FORMER Vice President Atiku Abubakar yesterday expressed his support for reforms in the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) that would promote internal democracy.

Addressing a press conference in Abuja to formally announce his return and that of his supporters nationwide to the PDP, the former Vice President said his trip back to the party with which he founded with other patriots was facilitated by the coming of Acting President Goodluck Jonathan.

He said Jonathan's pronouncement to ensure a more democratic and transparent polity quickened his return, promising that he will help ensure a democratic and people-oriented PDP.

"We are not like African National Congress (ANC) in South Africa with 100 years of history with checks and balances," Atiku said.

When asked if he supported the reforms being championed by Senator Ken Nnamani-led 'PDP Reform Forum', Atiku said: "If their intention is to promote internal democracy, I support that. But that has to go through due process. I am for reformed PDP for a change."

The Turakin Adamawa voiced his support for two-party democracy saying "if I have my way, I will approve two or three parties only. I am scared of a dominant party," saying under that one single individual can be President for life.

He added: "I have been a long time believer in a two party system which makes for a viable opposition party."

This was why I collaborated with other opposition figures in order to establish a viable opposition party to ensure the survival of our democracy. Sadly, that effort was sabotaged by those who were unwilling to compromise and subordinate their political ambition to the greater good of the country."

"Given its dominance of the political landscape in this country, if the PDP is able to achieve internal democracy, organize credible elections and adhere to its constitution, and if due process and the rule of law are allowed to reign supreme, it will be easier for Nigeria as a whole to do the same."

Atiku said he told the Action Congress (AC) that the party alone cannot be a viable opposition but the leaders were not willing to accept that.

On whether he stands a chance to be President under the umbrella of the PDP, he said "only God knows."



A smoke bomb is thrown during parliament sitting in Kiev, Ukraine, yesterday. Fighting broke out and smoke bombs and eggs were thrown as Ukraine's parliament erupted into chaos as it ratified a bitterly controversial deal with Russia extending the lease of a key naval base.

# Governors win round one

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the Board of Trustees, excluding its chairman, former President Olusegun Obasanjo.

A communiqué issued at the end of the meeting and signed by PDP's National Publicity Secretary Professor Rufai Ahmed Alkali passed a vote of confidence on the leadership of the party's National Chairman Prince Vincent Ogbulafor. He said NEC also encouraged the Ogbulafor-led National Working Committee (NWC) to continue along its current line of organizing the party and ensuring its growth and stability in spite of the plot to remove the chairman from office.

Alkali said NEC also passed a vote of confidence on Dr. Goodluck Jonathan "for his heroic role in stabilizing the polity since his assumption of office as the Acting President." It further passed a vote of confidence on the National Assembly "for their steadfastness in ensuring the stability and good governance of the Federal Republic of Nigeria."

Daily Trust learnt that ensuring that the NEC meeting took place as well as passing a vote of confidence on Ogbulafor were the twin objectives adopted by the PDP governors who met at the Kwara Lodge, Asokoro, Abuja on Monday night, soon after they met Jonathan at the Aguda House, also in Abuja. Even though the governors' caucus chairman Dr. Abubakar Bukola Saraki of

Kwara and his Niger State counterpart Dr. Muazu Babangida Aliyu declared after their meeting with Jonathan that it was fruitful, Daily Trust learnt that the Monday evening meeting was tense and very frosty.

In particular, Dr. Jonathan snubbed a request by the governors to allow Ogbulafor to lead the party at least until the next mini-convention, and he refused to call off the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission's (ICPC) plan to charge Ogbulafor to court next Monday for offences allegedly committed when he was Special Duties Minister ten years ago. Similarly, Jonathan refused the governors' request to call the suspended PDP Reform Forum members to order, and he condemned their suspension from the party, saying they were his friends. He also refused the governors' request to help secure a vacation of the court order restraining the NEC meeting from holding.

However, after they left Jonathan's house on Monday night, the governors met at the Kwara Lodge and mapped out strategies to ensure a vacation of the court order. They also resolved to push for a confidence vote on Ogbulafor and the NWC. Early yesterday, the Abuja High Court at Gudu vacated the restraining order it granted on Monday to the rebel Reform Forum members, and the meeting thus went ahead at the Wadata Plaza, with Dr. Jonathan

himself in attendance.

Daily Trust learnt that the governors, supported by all the state PDP chairmen and secretaries, decided not to raise the twin issues of a time table for party primaries or the related issue of zoning the party's 2011 presidential ticket to the North. Some of the governors had earlier canvassed for a reaffirmation of the zoning formula by the NEC, but the majority felt that it would lead to a nasty confrontation with Dr. Jonathan.

A top party source said the zoning arrangement was the central bone of contention in the current PDP crisis because Jonathan wants to amend it so he can seek the ticket. That was why he serially stalled three meetings of the NEC over a 5-week period and, when he finally allowed it to hold under pressure, his allies in the Reform Forum obtained a court order to stymie it.

Daily Trust similarly learnt that yesterday's meeting did not decide on a new date for another NEC meeting, but a very senior party member said, "The NWC now has peace of mind. Initially, they feared that they would be removed. Now that a vote of confidence has been passed on them, it is not possible for the party to come back later and try to remove them, so they will now settle down. They must also arrange for another NEC meeting as soon as possible to approve the primary election guidelines because we are running out of time."

Yet another victory scored by the governors and the NWC yesterday was that no reference was made to the case of the 19 PDP Reform Forum leaders who were suspended from the party last week. At his meeting with the governors on Monday night, the Acting President had demanded for their reinstatement, but he did not raise the issue at yesterday's NEC meeting. A senior PDP member later told Daily Trust that "they were political nobodies, that was why their case was not even mentioned."

The communiqué signed by Alkali also expressed delight that contractors had been mobilized to site for the new PDP National Secretariat. It "hailed the Acting President for the role he has played in the realization of the project."

The NEC also described the current PDP provision which makes the number of delegates in a Senatorial Congress more than those electing a governorship candidate as an anomaly. It therefore approved proposals for the amendment of section 12.14, 12.46, and 12.48 of the PDP Constitution which deals with number of delegates to elect flag-bearers of the party at various levels.

It could be recalled that the NEC meeting had been postponed on three different occasions before it was finally held yesterday, after the party got a reprieve from a Court Order restraining it from holding the meeting.

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the PDP would come out stronger in spite of all the disagreements among members. Jonathan, who also attributed some of the frictions in the PDP to failure to abide by its Constitution, said most false statements accredited to political figures may be as a result of 2011 political ambition. He

appealed to all PDP members not to allow opposition politicians who are looking for the party's fall to benefit from the current challenging situation. Earlier, PDP National Chairman Prince Vincent Ogbulafor had expressed the party's determination to work hard to ensure that its primaries produce "popular and qualified candidates." He said it is "the best and sure way of enhancing PDP's chances in the general elections."

# Health, water resources ministries get ministers

By Mohammed S. Shehu

ACTING President Goodluck Jonathan yesterday swore in Professor Onyebuchi Chuckwu from Ebonyi State as Health Minister while Dr. Obadiah Ando from Taraba State as Water Resources Minister.

Speaking during the ceremony at the Presidential Villa, Abuja attended by the governors of Ebonyi and Taraba states, Jonathan called on the new ministers to

be up and doing, charging them to work hard within the few months left for the government.

"One major challenge you have as the minister of health is to put your family together. I am not from the medical background but I am not always too happy with the in fighting in the health sector. Medical doctors, pharmacists, nurses, etc there is always this challenges one group fighting another," Jonathan said.

Speaking to newsmen after the inauguration,

Chuckwu said his priority would be the challenges given to him by the acting president to ensure peace in the health sector and to improve on human development index.

Ando, on his part, said his priority would be the supply of portable water.

Jonathan had sworn-in 38 ministers in April to form the new cabinet following the dissolution of the former cabinet in March.

## ...as health workers threaten strike

By Ruby Leo

PROFESSIONAL associations and trade unions in the health sector said they will proceed with their planned strike since Acting President Jonathan went ahead to a medical doctor as health minister in spite of their warning.

Professor Onyebuchi Christian Chukwu, a trained medical doctor, was sworn in as health minister yesterday by Jonathan.

National Vice President of the Association of the Medical Laboratory Scientists of Nigeria Dr Godswill Okara told Daily Trust via phone that the association had already written the acting president and necessary actions were being put in place to press home their point.

He said, "Our position is clear on this issue; we have made our grievances known to the government and since

they have refused, we will proceed with our threat after the association has convened and deliberated on the issue. We will not be taken for granted again."

Meanwhile, the new health minister, who assumed duty yesterday at the ministry, said he was aware of the grievances of the different factions in the health profession.

He said he would make it a point of priority to resolve the conflict in order to improve the country's low health indices.

He condemned the current maternal and child mortality rate in the country saying that all mechanisms will be deployed to ensure that they are reversed as acting President Goodluck Jonathan is displeased with the country's current health indices.

He urged staff to cooperate with him to provide qualitative health care to Nigerians.

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MINISTER of Health Prof. Christian Onyebuchi (left), and his Water Resources counterpart, Mr. Obadiah Ando, taking their oath of office at the Presidential Villa, Abuja, yesterday.

## Bankole: Reps to pass 268 bills

By Turaki A. Hassan

THE House of Representatives will before the end of its lifetime in June 2011 pass a total of 268 bills, Speaker of the House Dimeji Bankole has said.

Addressing his colleagues on before the commencement of voting on the constitutional amendment bill during yesterday's plenary session, Bankole said, they were committed to exercising their full constitutional mandate as provided for in section 4(2) of the 1999 Constitution which gives the National Assembly the "Power to make laws for the peace, order and good government of the Federation".

"It is apt to state that, from June 2007 to April 2010, the House has passed 77 bills. 191 bills, including the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB), are at various stages of consideration, while we have adopted 243 resolutions.

Among the bills are the Local Content, Fiscal Responsibility, Public Procurement, and Appropriation Acts of 2008, 2009 and now 2010. Indeed, one of our seminal resolutions was the one that empowered the Vice President, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, GCON, to become the Acting President and Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces - Ratio 3 to 1."

The Speaker maintained that the lower legislative chamber has shown a clear vision of where Nigerians would like the nation to be, having lost so much time under military dictatorship.

## Kure: 2000 km roads undergoing rehabilitation

By Mustapha Suleiman

BOARD of Directors of Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) said it has commenced work on over 2,000km road network throughout the country since its inauguration in May 2009.

Chairman of the Board Alhaji Abdulkadir Kure disclosed this yesterday while giving account of the board's stewardship when he visited Works Minister Mohammed Sanusi Daggash in Abuja.

He said that FERMA is mandated to maintain 22,000 KM road network nationwide, out of which work is ongoing on over 2,000km.

He solicited for the support of the Minister in the area of increased fund allocation to the Agency.

Earlier in his address, Sanusi Daggash commended FERMA for its sustained effort at improving the nation's road network through maintenance and rehabilitation.

He assured the board members that the ministry would continue to collaborate with it and support it in all possible areas so as to meet the yearning and aspirations of Nigerians.

## Yarima risks 5-year jail term over alleged marriage to minor

By Abdul-Rahman Abubakar

FORMER Zamfara State governor, Senator Ahmed Sani Yarima (ANPP, Zamfara), could bag 5 year jail term for allegedly marrying a 13 year old Egyptian girl.

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has petitioned the Senate calling for investigation into alleged marriage between Yarima and a 13 year old Egyptian girl.

The petition signed by Executive Secretary of the commission Roland Ewubare said the NHRC is aware of reports that Yarima contracted a 'marriage' with a 13 year old Egyptian child after paying \$100,000 as dowry.

NHRC said the matter is under investigation because it is "A seeming violation of Section 21 of the Child Rights Act 2003, which is applicable in Abuja where the said marriage purportedly took place. The act forbids marriage with anyone less than 18 years and criminalises same with a fine of N500, 000 or 5 year jail term, or both."

In the same vein, coalition of women associations in the country yesterday stormed the National Assembly calling for immediate action against Senator Ahmed Sani Yarima (ANPP, Zamfara) over his alleged recent marriage to a 13 year old Egyptian girl.

The women led by the National President Medical

Women Association of Nigeria, Dr. Mma Wokocha threatened to shut down the National Assembly should the leadership of Senate fail to take action against Yarima to force repatriation of the girl back to her home in Egypt.

But briefing newsmen after the session, Chairman Senate Committee on Information and Media, Senator Ayogu Eze (PDP, Enugu North) said the Senate lacks powers to take action against Yarima as the marriage is a domestic matter.

"If you say that he has broken the child's right act, then report him to the police and law enforcement agents that he has broken the law. There is no part of the Senate rule that he has violated and there is nothing that we can do about it."



FROM left: Col. Abid Bhalta, Pakistani Defence Adviser, Minister of State for Defence, Malam Murtala Yar'adua, Maj.-Gen. Asif Akhtar, Pakistan High Commissioner, and Defence Minister Prince Adetokunbo Kayode, during a visit of the ambassador to the ministers in Abuja, yesterday.

## Woman arrested for dumping baby in toilet

From Vincent Egunyanga, Benin

TWENTY three year old Vivian Orghenro was yesterday arrested for dumping her baby in a pit toilet. The suspect, who hails from Delta State resides on Eyeanogie Street in Benin City, Edo State.

Parading the suspect, the police spokesperson ASP Peter Ogboi said it was a passerby who discovered the baby and alerted the police.

He said the police did everything within its powers to keep the baby alive, but that

it died. Ogboi advised young girls to desist from such acts, saying it was criminal. The young woman, Vivian Orghenro, confirmed the allegation, saying she wanted to save herself and family from disgrace since the man who impregnated her denied the pregnancy.

"I am sorry for what I did. I felt I would not be able to take-care of the baby. Please, make a forgive me, *I no-go-do-am-again*," she said.

The police spokesperson said the suspect would be charged to court for attending murder case.

# Judge hands-off Adamu's trial

From Hir Joseph, Lafia & Boco Edet

THE judge recently assigned to handle the case of former Governor of Nasarawa State Abdullahi Adamu and 18 others over alleged theft of N15 billion by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) Justice Marcel Awokulehin voluntarily withdrew from the case yesterday, citing personal reasons.

Justice Awokulehin, who handled the case against James Ibori, where all corruption charges were quashed by an Asaba Federal High Court said he had been too scandalised in the media and in the court of public opinion, "To the extent that the history of James Ibori cannot be complete without the mention of Awokulehin neither can the history of Awokulehin be completed without the mention of James Ibori".

"For those of you, who don't know Justice Marcel Awokulehin, you have the privilege of meeting him today. It has been reported that I am on transfer to the Federal High Court Lafia, Nasarawa State, so that I can quash the charges against Abdullahi Adamu just like I did in the case of James Ibori in Delta State, but I want to state that I am not a judge who will go outside the evidence adduced in court to jail an accused because the complainant wants the accused jailed," he added.

He said he was withdrawing from the case to avoid any scandal that may emanate in the course of presiding over the case. The judge adjourned the case, but said a new date and judge would be communicated to both counsel when the Chief Registrar of the Federal High Court in Abuja decides.

Earlier, Adetunji Oyeyipo, counsel to the accused persons applied for bail since all the accused persons were still enjoying

the bail granted by Justice Ibrahim Buba, saying bail was continuous, except the prosecution had special reasons to object.

Though, he had announced his intention to withdraw from the case, Justice Awokulehin granted the relief of the defence counsel.

"It will be a deficit to justice to revoke the bail granted the accused by the EFCC and also Justice Ibrahim Buba. From records available, even the complainant granted bail to the accused persons," he said.

It would be recalled that Justice Buba before his transfer to Asaba granted the accused persons bail in the sum of N500 million each and two sureties, who must have landed property within the jurisdiction of the court; and who will guarantee that the accused would not frustrate the diligent prosecution of the case against them.

## Council condemns Riyom killings

From Andrew Agbese, Jos

THE Regional Council for Conflict Management and Mitigation (CMMRC), a Jos based elders council has condemned what it described as the unwarranted and violent attack on travellers by some youths in Tahoss village in Riyom, Plateau State last week.

A statement by the council's director, Ezekiel Gomos, implored the authorities to unmask those behind the killing.

"While sympathising with the victims of this latest attack, we want to implore the authorities in Riyom including traditional and religious leaders, politicians, elders, ward and community leaders to join hands with the state government and the Special

Task Force to arrest the culprits and put a stop to this unending cycle of violence in the area," the statement said.

The CMMRC also called on youths in other crises affected areas in Plateau not to take the law into their hands and resort to self-help, but to allow the security agencies to handle all breaches of the peace, saying violence could only beget violence. The group maintained that no development could take place in such an atmosphere.

"It is obvious that if stakeholders do not urgently get together and stop the violence on the Plateau, socio-economic development will surely elude us as already the economic and human cost implications of the lingering crises cannot be over emphasized," the group added.

# Kano is under policed - Commissioner

From Lawan Danjuma Adamu, Kano

THE Kano State Police Command is having a serious manpower crisis, the state Police Commissioner Mohammed J. Gana said yesterday. He said this while briefing the Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) Uba Ringim, who was in Kano on an official visit.

Gana said despite the fact that the state is the most populous in the country, as shown by the 2006 census, only a few officers were available to police the state.

"The police in Kano are less than 9000. If this is calculated mathematically, it will be one police to 1,000 people. It is far below the United Nation's standard of

1: 400 ratio," he added.

The commissioner, who pointed out that the 2011 general elections were fast approaching appealed to the police authorities to post more junior officers to the state. He also appealed for communication gadgets like walkie talkies, UHF mobile base radios and batteries, patrol vehicles and riot equipment.

Gana, while speaking on the command's efforts at fighting crime said 56 suspects had been arrested in connection with the robbery attack that led to the death of Alhaji Abubakar Rimi. He added that they arrested 250 thugs, popularly known as *Yandaba* and recovered weapons including assorted drugs, swords, knives, cut-

lasses and charms.

He said the arrest which was made possible by the command's Operation Gida Gida had drastically reduced crime in the state.

Deputy Inspector General of police Uba Ringim said he was in the state in respect of complaints of insecurity by members of the public. He said the force had assigned six Deputy Inspector General of police to all the geo-political zones in the country.

Ringim, while addressing men of the state police command warned them against illegal and extra-judicial killings, blackmail and killing of innocent persons during riots. He said the Force Headquarters was aware that policemen were being killed on a daily basis, but warned

that it was not a guarantee for them to kill people.

He advised those who cannot abide by the rules governing the service to leave honourably. He also assured that the authorities would do something about their welfare.

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# AGF: 30,000 prison inmates to be set free July

By Adelanwa Bamgboye

BETWEEN 20,000 and 30,000 prison inmates nationwide would be set free by July this year, Attorney General of the Federation (AGF) and Minister of Justice Mohammed Bello Adoke (SAN) has said.

The minister also set a time-limit within which the Prison Decongestion Committee, set up about two weeks ago, should perform.

Adoke charged the committee to achieve the desired result of setting free prison inmates who under normal

circumstances should not have been incarcerated.

Onyema Omenuwa, media aide to the minister, said Adoke also tasked the committee to 'work assiduously in line with its terms of reference and ensure that before the end of July, 2010 there would have been nationwide decongestion of prisons by about 20,000 to 30,000 inmates.'

He said statistics obtained by the Federal Ministry of Justice shows that as at December, 2009, out of 47,956 cases being addressed by the decongestion programme, only 11,833 cases had been completed; 7,711 accused

persons were on bail, while 28,412 cases are still pending before various courts in the country.

The Prison Decongestion Committee is chaired by the Solicitor-General of the Federation/Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Justice Alhaji Abdulahi A. Yola.

The committee has the responsibility to ensure that indigent accused persons get legal representation by way of engaging private legal practitioners to undertake the defence of such persons in courts across the 36 states of the federation and the Federal Capital Territory.

## Bafarawa saddened by Atiku's return to PDP

By Abdulmutallib A. Abubakar

EX-SOKOTO State governor Alhaji Attahiru Dalhatu Bafarawa yesterday expressed sadness over the return of former Vice President Atiku Abubakar to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

Bafarawa said it was unfortunate that Atiku chose to return to his former party despite their several discussions under the aegis of National Democratic Movement (NDM) where he agreed to sacrifice his position for the emancipation of Nigerian people.

"Atiku Abubakar and Lawal Kaita visited my house where he explained to me the reasons why we should come together with Gen Buhari and form a strong opposition. He returned the following morning and took me to Gen Buhari's house in Kaduna where we told ourselves the truth behind closed door.

"I said during the discussion that I will not mind being a messenger as long as we were willing and ready to assist the masses. Now Atiku has opted out and Buhari, though I am not yet certain, was also said to have opted out," Bafarawa told Radio France International (RFI).

He said the Nigerian masses should look at things critically and make the right choice "because in ideal democratic setting, the people can do and undo if they rise to the occasion."

## Urhobo elders tell Ibori to surrender

By Adelanwa Bamgboye

URHOBOS elders' forum has advised former governor of Delta State Chief James Ibori and others still declared wanted by the anti-graft agency to make themselves available and clear their names.

Addressing a press conference in Abuja yesterday, the Urhobo elders said this is necessary so as not to drag the name of Urhobo into criminal allegations that only the law courts should determine.

They frowned upon corruption in all its forms adding that their community has several traditional sanctions to dissuade group or individual corruption in all forms.

The Urhobo elders charged the Acting President and the Federal Government (FG) to disregard previous and further newspapers paid adverts in support of individuals accused of embezzlement of public funds to provide good life for our people.

Ibori and some former Officials of the Delta State were recently declared wanted by the EFCC on the strength of a petition written by some Elders in Delta State.



MINISTER of Tourism and Culture, Abubakar Sadiq Mohammed (middle), Executive Director, National Council for Arts and Culture, Mohammed Maidugu (right) and the ministry's Permanent Secretary, Sheidu Ozigi, during a press briefing on the forthcoming African Arts and Craft Expo 2010 in Abuja, recently.

## Education minister develops one year plan

By Maureen Onochie

MINISTER of Education Prof. Ruqayyatu Rufai said that she is coming up with a one year strategic plan to develop the education sector.

The minister disclosed this at a meeting with the heads of parastatals and key officers of the ministry yesterday in Abuja.

She said "the plan will target on specific strategies that will enhance the sector within a short period as it will also be in line with the Education

Road Map for the purpose of continuity leading to the overall development of the sector."

Rufai assured the heads of parastatals that no stone will be left unturned in ensuring that there is improvement in delivery of education and attainment of set goals urging them to be hard-working and try to create history within the next 12 months.

While commending the efforts of her predecessors and key officers towards repositioning the sector, she

appreciated the progress being made in implementing the Education Road Map but urged that the implementation be achieved soon.

She commended the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) on a hitch free conduct of the just concluded maiden Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) urging that "it will borrow a leave from the implementation of the e-learning policy approved by the Government in the conduct of its future examinations."

## Mark, NBA, NLC condemn murder of journalist

By Abdul-Rahman Abubakar, Francis Okeke & Adelanwa Bamgboye

MORE condemnations have trailed the murder of reporter of The Nation Newspapers Mr. Edo Sule Ugbagwu in Lagos by yet to be identified gunmen.

Senate President David Mark said in a condolence message condemned the incessant killing of journalists in the country saying, "these circumstances must not be allowed to continue, we are not pleased with the happenings, it is becoming unbearable and barbaric."

The Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) urged the Inspec-

tor General of Police Ogbonna Onovo to bring the killers of Ugbagwu to book and also improve the security situation in the country.

NLC said in a press statement signed by Acting General Secretary Comrade Emmanuel Ugbuaja asked Onovo to see the numerous unresolved murder cases in the country as a major challenge to the discharge of his duties and responsibilities.

Also, the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) said the gruesome murder of Ugbagwu while the previous cases of murder of journalists were yet to be resolved should

spur IGP Onovo to brace up and unravel the cases.

NBA President Oluwarotimi Akeredolu (SAN), represented by the Assistant Publicity Secretary Gbolahan Gbadamosi to commiserate with the management of The Nation's Newspapers, said the manner in which Ugbagwu was killed brought to the front burner of discussion whether the central policing of this country have not outlived its usefulness.

Joseph Otteh, Executive Director of Access to Justice said Ugbagwu's death is an irreparable and tasked the security agencies to wake up.

# Kano task force seizes N23m fake drugs

From Ruqayyah Yusuf Aliyu, Kano

THE Kano State Task Force on Counterfeit and Fake drugs has seized fake and expired drugs worth N23m from drug hawkers in the state. The drugs have been handed over to the zonal office of the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control

(NAFDAC) for destruction.

Speaking during the handing over of the drugs to NAFDAC, the state's Commissioner for Health Hajiya Aisha Isiaku Kiru said the seizure was a part of the ministry's efforts in the fight against fake and expired drugs. Kiru said the consignment of drugs handed over to be destroyed comprised drugs donated to the state by the Petro-

leum Development Fund (PTF) some years back which expired as well as those seized from illegal drug hawkers by the task force. She further urged staff of the state's drugs management agency to ensure that all drugs are henceforth utilized as against leaving them in stock to expire. She further pledged the state's continuous collaboration with NAFDAC in the fight against

fake drugs with a view of enhancing health of the people of the state.

Also speaking, the Deputy Director, NAFDAC, Kano special zone, Mr Adedeji Akinwumi, commended the state on efforts in ensuring a disciplined and acceptable drug distribution system, saying, it was worth emulating by other states. Akinwumi said NAFDAC was committed

to safeguarding the health of the nation and thereby declared zero tolerance to counterfeit drugs, substandard processed food and other products. The Deputy Director further assured that the fake and drugs would be conveyed to Kaduna where they in addition to other seized drugs in the zone would be destroyed according to NAFDAC's policy and mandate.

## High Court refuses MASSOB leader bail

From Johnkennedy Uzoma, Owerri

AN Owerri High Court has refused granting bail to the leader of the Movement for the Sovereign State of Biafra (MASSOB) Chief Ralph Uwazurike who was arrested over hostage taking.

The presiding judge, Justice C.I. Uwakwe, adjourned the case on the ground that there was an earlier application for bail which was filed on January 29, 2010.

The leading counsel to Chief Ralph Uwazurike, Barr. Festus Keyamo, had drawn the attention of the court concerning the motion for bail filed since April 8, 2010.

Keyamo told the court that previous applications for bail was filed pending an information by the registrar. He sought the withdrawal of the earlier motion on the bail application filed on January 29 since there was a new motion and it was granted by court.

Keyamo asked the court to withdraw the previous application on the ground that it did not have the present information number and in the eyes of law the earlier application was useless.

The Director Prosecution Mrs. C.C. Dimpka opposed the motion on bail application demanded by the counsel to Uwazurike to enable her put up a counter motion. She asked the court to adjourn the case to give her the opportunity of filing a counter motion on the bail application. The case was adjourned to May 5, 2010.

## Mai Shafi dies at 75

From Mahmud Lalo, Jos

SHEIKH Adamu Ibrahim Mai Shafi, a prominent Islamic Scholar in Jos has died at the age of 75, the National Publicity Secretary, Jama'atul Izzatul Bid'ah Wa Ikamatus Sunnah (JIBWIS) Malam Ahmed Muhammad Ashiru has said.

Mai Shafi according to the Publicity Secretary, died Monday at the Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital (AKTH) in Kano after a protracted illness.

Malam Ashiru said Sheikh Mai Shafi left a great vacuum that would be hard to fill and would be remembered through the numerous contributions he rendered to Islam.

Until his death, Sheikh Adamu Ibrahim Mai Shafi was the Plateau State Chairman of the Council of Ulama (JIBWIS).

He left behind 26 children and four wives. He has since been buried in Jos according to Islamic rites.

## Retired soldiers among Nasarawa pensioners

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

A large number of military pensioners are on the payroll of the Nasarawa State government as pensioners, Daily Trust has learnt. THEY got into the employ of the state government not as contract workers, but pensionable workers allegedly with the connivance of top government officials. State Auditor General, Alhaji Garba Adamu told Daily Trust that the development was part of the reason the governor set up an administrative committee last year to carry out a staff audit to ascertain the actual staff strength in the state. The state government constituted the committee headed by the Auditor General to weed out ghost workers from its pay roll as well as sack workers with forged credentials to sanitize the public service.

The Auditor General said the committee

had sat since then and was on the exercise which according to him has revealed startling figures of ghost workers, fake academic records from various people including military pensioners, and various other forms of irregularities in the state public service.

He also alleged the discovery of fictitious payment vouchers by account officers in government offices to attract funds at inflated sums to defraud the state. "They use these fictitious payment vouchers and get funds for the payment of staff salaries and allowances. But on getting back, they take the excess to their private pockets. These are some of the things we have discovered so far. We are putting our discoveries down and when we are through with the exercise, we will present the report to the governor. The governor intends to make the report available to all stakeholders in the state", he said.

## Akinola gives journalists' widows lifeline

From Femi Akinola, Lagos

VETERAN journalist and legal practitioner, Richard Akinola, yesterday at the Ladi Lawal Press Centre in Ikeja, Lagos gave N250, 000 to the wives of five slain journalists to herald the foundation for widows of journalists across the country.

The beneficiaries included the wife of former photo editor of Vanguard Newspapers, Mrs. Grace Oyeleru, Mrs. Lydia Efenji, wife of late Africa Independent Television (AIT) journalist, Efenji Efenji, Mrs. Tonia Ike Ekeje also of AIT, Mrs. Adeyinka Dehinsilu, wife of Jide Dehinsilu of the defunct Daily Times and Mrs. Ojenike Ohu whose husband, a Guardian employee, was killed by unknown people last year.

Presenting N50, 000 to each of the beneficiaries on behalf of the Richard Akinola Foundation at the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) Lagos State council, Akinola explained that the Foundation initiated the widows' scheme after a thorough thought and realization that Nigerian journalists had always been neglected in their plight.

He said, "Last year, I started thinking about the condition of our people, I felt something had to be done, especially to affect the lives of widows and children of slain Journalists positively," adding that the scheme would soon be registered with a Board of Trustees in place to attract the involvement of corporate bodies and public spirited individuals. Akinola regretted that the nation's police had never unravelled the circumstances surrounding the killing of any journalist, listing Dele Giwa, Godwin Agbroko, Bayo Ohu, Edo Sule-Ugbagwu, Ogundeji and Efenji Efenji as case studies for the police.

He however advised practicing journalists to prepare their wills in expectation of the worst so that their loved ones would not be left to suffer, adding that it won't be out of place for Nigerian journalists to have insurance schemes.

"Allow your wives to know your investments and bank accounts so that if anything happens, those investments and accounts are not claimed by a non-family member, also ensure that your wives are made your next kin in any transaction," he advised.

Responding on behalf of other beneficiaries, the Corporate Affairs Manager, Daar Communications, Johnson Onime, described Akinola's gesture as a worthy course that deserves to be emulated.



### BWARI AREA COUNCIL, FCT

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## TENDER INVITATION

Tender is hereby invited from reputable companies and contractors registered with Bwari Area Council, FCT, for the execution of the following jobs:

### A. Construction and Asphalt overlay of the following road projects:

- 0.380km Esu Phase IV Road Bwari
- 0.3km Catholic Hospital Road Bwari
- 0.2km ECWA Road Ushafa

B. Construction of 1.2km SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE at 313 Road FHA Estate, Kubwa

C. Construction of Fence and Gate house in Technology Village Bwari (Phase I)

D. Supply of 4 nos. 500 kva x 11 x 0.415 (Brand new)

E. Supply of Transformers

### COLLECTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS:

Tender Documents are available in the Office of the Chairman, Tenders Board, Bwari Area Council, Council Secretariat, Bwari - Abuja, FCT.

Companies and contractors are enjoined to collect the following tender details:

- Drawing (where necessary)
- Unpriced Bills of Quantities
- Structural Engineer's Details and Specifications

Contractors/companies are also enjoined to visit and inspect the site before the submission of their tender.

### REQUIREMENTS:

The following documents should be submitted along with the Tender:

- Evidence of Registration with Corporate Affairs Commission
- Evidence of Registration with Bwari Area Council
- Payment of Non-Refundable Tender Fees of N15,000.00 per Lot made in Bank Draft payable to Bwari Area Council
- Recent Tax Clearance Certificate(s)
- List of Similar Jobs handled in the last three years including locations
- Evidence of Financial Capability

### SUBMISSION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS:

Tender Documents should be submitted not later than two (2) weeks from the date of this publication (i.e. 11/05/2010) to the Office of the Chairman, Tenders Board, Bwari Area Council, Council Secretariat, Bwari, Abuja - FCT; in sealed brown envelop marked at the top right hand corner, the title of the job.

Please, tenderers are to note that, the Area Council is neither bound to accept/choose the highest or lowest tender nor give reason(s) for the rejection of any tender.

Signed:  
Tenders Board.

# Adamawa police tackle 120 murder cases

From Abdullahi Tasiu Abubakar, Yola

POLICE in Adamawa State arrested 135 suspected murderers and prosecuted 120 of them within the state in the last 27 months, Police Commissioner Bukar Maina has said.

Speaking to officers and men in Yola at an interactive session with the visit-

ing Deputy Inspector General of Police Olusegun Efundayo, Maina also disclosed that the command arrested 24 suspected rapists and prosecuted 22 of them during the period.

The commissioner said the police also arrested 76 armed robbery suspects, prosecuted 26 and are still investigating 19 others.

Similarly, he said, the

command had tackled ten cases of car thefts, out of which it successfully prosecuted six suspects.

He insisted that the command has been working very hard under severe constraints.

"The command lack officers, especially the DSP (deputy superintendent of police) and CSP (chief superintendent of police)

cadre due to immense retirement and transfer," he said.

He noted that, although the state government has assisted the command with some operational vehicles and communication gadgets, they are grossly inadequate due to the terrain of the state.

Similarly, he said, "most of our police stations are

located in rented quarters which makes it unsafe for our arms and ammunition. Our suspects' safety and security too are at risk.

The harassment of DPOs (divisional police officers) by landlords is also a source of concern.

"We are pleading that permanent police stations be constructed to save the force from this embarrass-

ment," he said.

Responding, DIG Efundayo said the ongoing reform in the force contains good welfare packages for the police and comprehensive improvement on policing in the country.

He acknowledged that the crime rate in the state had reduced, but called for more efforts to further curtail it.

PIC: AFOLABI SOTUNDE



A man working on a grass roof finish model for presentation in Abuja.

## Kogi grants N30m loan to women groups

From Isiaka Wakili, Lokoja

THE Kogi State government yesterday disbursed N30 million to 300 women cooperative groups in the state. The Secretary to the State Government Musa Ahmadu on behalf of Governor Ibrahim Idris presented the cheques to the groups.

The governor told the beneficiaries not to see the loan as a gift, but as an investment opportunity aimed at

advancing their economic activities. The state's Commissioner for Women Affairs and Social Development Mrs. Folashade Shinkaiye noted that the loan was the second by the present administration, but added that it represented only 20 percent of the applications received.

She said the repayment period of the loan is one year with an eight percent interest rate.

## Nigerian Army court martial continues sitting today

From Ismail Mudashir & Maryam Ahmadu-Sulka

THE Nigerian Army court martial sitting in Kaduna will today continue the trial of Lieutenant Colonel Paul Awusa, who is standing trial over alleged desertion. At the sitting yesterday, the prosecutor, Brigadier General Andrew Agha-Okoro, told the court that the accused person deserted his duty post, the Nigerian Army School of Finance and Administration (NAFSA) in Lagos from February 21, 2008 to February 2, 2010. He said the accused person's action contravened

Section 60 Subsection 1a of the Armed Forces Act of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. He urged the court to amend the charge preferred against the accused person and the court granted his application. The defence counsel, retired Colonel Tambaya B. Duniya then asked that the accused person be given 24 hours to study the amendment in the charges preferred against him.

"We require 24 hours to explain to the accused the amendment in the charge preferred against him. Joining and attending are different words and as such we require time," he said.

## IBB needs no godfather to become president - Group

From Ayegba Israel Ebije, Minna

A group known as the Nationalist Movement, has said that former President Ibrahim Babangida does not need godfathers to win the presidential election in 2011

The National Coordinator of the group, Alhaji Uma Kolo, who addressed a news conference in Minna yesterday said the former president had the support of people in the grassroots. Alhaji Uma said though the retired General had friends in high places, he would

depend on the masses to win the election.

"We are aware that IBB has never lacked foot soldiers spread across the length and breadth of Nigeria. Even in 2007, when he did not openly declare his presidential ambition, there were about 395 groups in Nigeria

and abroad, who were ready campaign for him", he said.

Kolo who is also a spokesman for Babangida said aside the fact that the former president is a good political product, he is capable of bringing positive change to the country if elected.

## Bauchi govt moves to boost power supply

From Muhammad Abubakar, Bauchi

THE Bauchi State government has signed a contract with a Chinese company, China Equipment and Machinery, to provide the state with turbines that have the capacity to generate 37 mega watts of electricity, the state's Commissioner for Power and Solid Minerals Development Engineer Aliyu Usman Shehu has said.

The commissioner, who spoke with newsmen yesterday said the state government had already started clearing the site for the project at the Gudum Sayawa Industrial Layout in the state capital and that the contractors were expected to commence work immediately.

He added that the contract for the project for the power plant which would use Low Pres-

sure Fuel (LPF) turbines was signed during the governor's visit to China. Shehu said six reservation tanks would be constructed at the site to store fuel, adding that when the project is completed, the power generated would be sold to the PHCN at a rate that would enable them sell to customers at a minimal rate.

He said the state government would refurbish the existing PHCN power lines to accommodate the new supply and that users would be supplied with digital meters with anti tap facilities to ensure that they are not by-passed by consumers.

Engineer Shehu said the anti tap facilities mounted on the meters would send a signal whenever there is an unauthorized tempering so that defaulters could be apprehended.

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P.M.B. 1524,  
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**Director-General/Chief Executive**

# MDGs: Corruption may hinder goals

By Mohammed S. Shehu

NIGERIA may not achieve the set targets of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) by 2015 due to intractable cases of corruption in the country, Dr Jibrin Ibrahim of the Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD) has said.

Ibrahim stated this yesterday at the presentation of the interim report of the National Monitoring and Evaluation Team of the MDG in Abuja.

NMET is an initiative of MDG to ensure that resources channeled towards the implementation of the MDGs projects are judicially utilized.

The report, jointly presented by the CDD and Global Projects Consortium, said the team has inspected over 14,000 projects in the country but noted difficulty in verification of some of the claims in respect of supplies and documentation.

Dr. Abba Y. Abdullahi of the Global Project, who presented the report on behalf of the team, said the team also noted challenges in meeting of project timelines in the implementation of MDG projects.

"NMET witnessed that projects of 2009 were currently ongoing, some had not even started, while some were abandoned. A change of attitude in respect of this would be of great importance if 2015 is to be realized.

The NMET recognized the absence of a community needs assessment in many projects located in their domains. For the MDGs to be achieved, this anomaly would have to be addressed as community involvement ensures ownership and project sustainability," the report said.

The report also acknowledged the efforts of the Federal Government in implementing an independent team to reinforce budget tracking as a process in the execution of policies and programmes meant to enhance the achievement of the MDGs.

# NERC fraud: Owan, others want charges quashed

By John Chuku Azu

THE FCT High Court sitting in Maitama has been asked to quash the charges levelled against the suspended chairman of Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) Dr Ransome Owan and six others arraigned over alleged fraud.

The six commissioners are Malam Abdulrahman Ado, Prof Onwuamaeze Iloeje, Dr Abdulrazaq Alimi, Engr Muhammadu Bunu, Mr abimbola Odunbiyi and Dr Grace Eyoma were arraigned on April 7, 2009 on 83 count charge by the EFCC over alleged criminal conspiracy,

fixtiture of money in commercial banks, salary overpayment, housing allowance grant, inflation of estacode and award of fictitious contracts.

But one of the counsels to the accused persons, Mr Tunji Abayomi, said the court should dismiss the case because the prosecution lacks the powers to prosecute the case.

Mr Abayomi, counsel to 6th and 7th accused persons, in his application before Justice Salisu Garba, argued that Section 728 did not confer the EFCC powers to prosecute matters that fall under both criminal and penal code laws.

He said most of the 83

charges fall under the penal code and argued that the affidavit evidence of fraud has not been counteracted, adding that that the said petitioner does not exist.

Abayomi then submitted that the case is "an insult to liberty of citizens and oppressive contrary to fundamental principles of human right".

The prosecution described Abayomi's application as "frivolous, vexatious application and it is time wasting" and asked the court to dismiss it.

After listening to the arguments, Justice Garba adjourned the case to May 27, 2010 for ruling.

# Ethiopia pledges support for Nigeria at 50

By Atika Balal

THE government of Ethiopia has pledged its support for Nigeria as the nation celebrates its 50th independence anniversary.

Ethiopian Ambassador to Nigeria Suleiman Dedefo said when he visited Minister of Information and Communications yesterday that his country will ensure Nigeria celebrates its independence anniversary in a glamorous

and information be opened in other African countries most especially in Ethiopia so as to enable the people know the true stories about Nigeria.

He also thanked the Federal Government for providing facilities and opportunity for Ethiopian delegates at Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) Jos for media training, advising that relationship created amongst the media in both countries should continue.

way.

He said Ethiopia is ready to reciprocate the kind gestures Nigeria showed to his country when it celebrated its millennium anniversary two weeks ago.

While stating that Ethiopia wants to participate in Nigeria's golden jubilee anniversary because both countries have similar traits, Dedefo said it will create an opportunity for both countries to develop their people.

Dedefo requested that Nigerian offices for media

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# One man, One Vote One Woman, One Vote One Youth, One Vote

Nearly fifty years after independence, Nigeria still grapples with bad governance emanating from a systemic failure attributed to election rigging.

In view of the clamour for change, Edo State Government, in collaboration with Labour and Civil Society groups invites all patriotic Nigerians to a mass rally in support of electoral reforms anchored on the philosophy "One Man, One Vote."

**Date:** Thursday, 29th April, 2010

**Venue:** Ogbe Stadium

**Time:** 10:00 a.m

**Special Guest of Honour:**

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President of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

**Guest Speakers:**

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Be part of the rally that truly cuts across the political and social divides and let us put an end to election rigging in the country permanently.

Join the "One man, One Vote" campaign for credible elections today!

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One Youth, One Vote**

**Signed**  
**Hon. Charles Idahosa**  
Chairman, Planning Committee

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ACTING President Goodluck Jonathan

## Jonathan did not order execution of condemned prisoners - Minister

THE only mechanism to reduce the number of inmates is by good governance. If all arms of government in Nigeria are doing what they should, the rate of crime would've been below prison's capacity. There is no other administrative measure that will decongest prison rather than good governance.

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## Court demands N10bn bond to release Ugbane's travel documents

THE Honorable Judge need not ask for N10 billion bail bond. He should simply advice Ugbane to use any Nigerian hospital to treat his eye defect. Is he not a Nigerian? Why does he not trust our medical system? Is he afraid NEPA will take light during his eye operation? If these politicians have built our infrastructure; we would have world class electricity and health systems. Let him taste a portion of his own medicine

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It's really interesting reading the experiences of Prof. Benedict Brann (MFR). I believe that he experienced a lot of challenges during his 44 year stay in Maiduguri. I am personally impressed by his interest in the education system and contributing his best to its growth. I hope that this will be a great lesson for our leaders to personally invest in the education and not vice versa. I have personally learnt a lot from this article. God will surely reward his effort in hundred folds.

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## Police raise squads on extortion

HOW do you expect the police to stop extortions when they are the lowest paid in the world and we have the highest paid politicians in the world? The police corporal's

salary was recently increased from N7,000 to N21,000. The police on the highway have become daylight robbers/beggars. You cannot expect someone armed with a

gun and hungry not to intimidate and extort innocent citizens. The Police Force needs serious reformation, re-training, re-branding, re-focus and re-dedication to serv-

ice to the people. You can start by first reviewing their take home pay followed by re-training.

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## Showdown at the Villa: Governors: Spare Ogbulafor, Jonathan: I won't spare him

CHIEF Vincent Ogbulafor's problem started when he maintained that the PDP zoning arrangement should be upheld, if not why ICPC now? Our anti-corruption bodies are just being used for selfish and political reasons, otherwise Ogbulafor is said to have committed the offense over 10 years ago. Why is it being unearthed now? PDP is already in disarray. God save the party.

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They are all funny characters if you ask me.

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Jonathan's war against corruption is quite questionable and real Nigerians will fight him back. Though, he is 'acting' but I fear for him. Mark these words, please: if any crisis, be it political, religious or otherwise happens as a result of acting president Jonathan's stance on the zoning agreement in PDP of which Jonathan himself is a beneficiary, then Jonathan is directly responsible.

Faruq Adebayo  
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The anarchy that has gripped the PDP is most welcome! But let us not relent, the liberation of this country lies on three fulcrums: (1) the total disintegration of the PDP, (2) its comprehensive defeat at next year's elections and (3) the sending to long jail terms of all those in the party who have brought Nigeria to

## Jonathan orders probe of Bank PHB MD, lawyer

WHY is the acting president allowing himself to get involved in all these petty conspiratorial issues? We are waiting to see your promises fulfilled. Please concentrate on fixing our nation's power supply. Engaging in a war of words with a bank MD does not make you more popular.

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PDP National Chairman Vincent Ogbulafor

its knees. Nigeria shall be free!

Pita  
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Who wouldn't want to continue in power? Please don't fool us. If Ogbulafor has a case, let him answer it

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Instead of focusing on activities that will better the life of their citizens, the governors have now pitched their tents in Abuja and this will continue till election time next year.

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I really think that Jonathan is over-zealous; I do not think he can last the way he is going. Let's wait and see. With a pity! I pray that Allah grants President Yar'adua, speedy recovery. The zoning formula must not be changed. Acting! President

Jonathan should remember that it is the Zoning Formula that brought him into power in the first place.

Abu Zainab  
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The ICPC leadership should be dissolved immediately because they themselves are corrupt. I can't believe it that somebody was involved in corruption ten years ago when he was a minister, and went on to become a gubernatorial candidate and later served as PDP National Secretary, before his present position as PDP National Chairman for two years now and yet the matter was silent until when he made it clear that the PDP zoning arrangement maintains that the presidency will still go to the north next elections and followed this by the suspension of some group of people believed to be fighting for Goodluck Jonathan to contest for president come 2011. I believe these are reasons for these

allegations, if not why now?

Rabiu Umar Maska  
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Ogbulafor just tasted one of his favorite recipes; why then should Jonathan pardon him? After all a person should be able to account for his/her deeds either in/out of office. I believe justice must reign and if it means hanging Ogbulafor, let it be done.

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The Acting President should tread very carefully in all of this. Something very fishy is going on and unless he is wise enough to see the underlying consequences of his actions, he will sorely regret the choices he is making now. In my opinion, he is too desperate to perpetuate himself in power and will surely fall into a big trap lurking somewhere.

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May the crisis in the PDP continue until the party dies so that the Nigerian masses find have solace.

Darma Tijjani  
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Now we understand the statement of General Aliyu Gusau to the effect that anti-corruption agencies are selective in the application of justice. This was exactly what Obasanjo did with Ribadu - only this time it was so unimaginative.

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## Turai's brother sacked in NNPC changes

THE hatred shown to the Yar'adua family is saddening.

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I wish the Jonathan administration will leave this woman alone. She has her hands full already. We should learn how to forgive rather than witch hunting and playing God.

Ahmed Kano

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If Hajia Turai's brother is sacked because of his sister, it is too bad and inhuman but if it is for misconduct on the job that is understandable. However, I think we should leave Hajia Turai alone for God sake. We should all remember that the beauty of power is to show it not to use it.

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All employees are equal before the laid down procedure of an organization. Therefore, the changes that took place in NNPC are in order except if they were done to achieve a self-serving objective.

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## A generation to define our tomorrow?

...A wonderful piece indeed. However, a point of correction - Ribadu wasn't killed alongside First Prime Minister Sir Abu-

bakar Tafawa Balewa. Ahmadu Ribadu (the Defense Minister of the first republic) died of natural causes before

the bloody coup of 15th January 1966.

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“ By Tunde Asaju

## For Emordi they stand

I wonder why unsuccessful people are after Joy Ifeyinwa Emordi. Bad belle people want to extinguish the career of a distinguished sinnator. They will not succeed in *Amadioha's* name. Gang of editors with chains of degrees but nothing to show for it except their poor bylines are writing nonsense about a woman of straw and raw cash. Talk show hosts are questioning an arrangement endorsed by Wadata Plaza and cemented in Apo Villa as if they have the capacity to eavesdrop on conversations in David Mark's kitchen. Just because these jealous people cannot steal elections and know not that it takes guts to snatch electoral mandates and to hold on to them for three years.

These unelectable people are simply jealous of Dame Emordi's supreme achievements. They have ignored the unique feats that she has accomplished and are now making insinuations about her marital life as if any of them qualify to either ask for her hand in marriage or give her out to Sani Yerima of Zamfara. *Tufiakpa!*

I have a ton of questions for her

How many of their girlfriends have N48 million of Nigeria's budget stashed in their accounts now that the budget has been signed?

critics. How many of their wives have 'won' elections twice? How many of their girlfriends have N48 million of Nigeria's budget stashed in their accounts now that the budget has been signed? And I mean non-retirable cash? How many of them would tap election and run with it without having the tag of thief hanging like an albatross on their necks? How many of their daughters can sit in a red chamber after having been removed by courts without shedding tears? How many of them own legitimate houses in Apo Villa with a rare C of O signed by the legendary Nasir el-Rufai? In fact, how many of their girlfriends have ever stepped into the annoying chambers of the sinnate to screen ministers when legally, they no longer exist on the sinnate nominal role?

Yet, these and many more are the feats that Madam Ify has achieved and for which she is being condemned instead of being commended. This is a classical and practical demonstration that what a woman can do, some men cannot even dare. Yet, instead of recommending her for a doctorate degree in gerrymandering from the university in Okigwe they are rubbing their dirty inks on her lanky handsome face.

With such indubitable credentials, there is only one reason why these people could be vilifying a fine

woman. One of such is that they want to expose the wrinkles that layers of makeup are hiding from her pretty face. Come to think of it, at 60 or close by, this woman can still beat any of their young daughters or sisters in any beauty contest. See me see jealousy o, those who say she has no paper qualifications know nothing about PDP arrangement. They should ask Madam Patricia Etteh whose book, from hairdresser to kingmaker is soon to be launched with impressive gusto.

In case they do not know, Madam Ify has chaired the Sinnate Committee on Education with great honour and candour. She has several firsts to her credit. For instance, under her watch at that committee, the Academic Staff Union of Universities, ASUU contributed to government's plan to make sure that Nigeria never lacks a steady supply of house-helpers when they went on the longest strike ever known in recent education history.

Thank you Madam Emordi for that great feat and for making sure that your afro hairstyle was not ruffled all through the impasse, Ghanaian, Nigerienne and Beninoise universities have your committee's efficiency to thank for that. After all, it was not your fault that Sam Egwu, a professor decided to renew his romantic vows with his wife of 25 years. Let me also thank you for leading the National Assembly leadership to the Hilton to show Mrs. Egwu and younger girls a few kpalongo dance steps and the secret of carrying your headgear with dignity even when your house is on fire. Madam sinnator I salute your courage *jare*.

Under her watch, secondary school leavers signed their erstwhile brilliant future to servitude when they all serially failed their NECO exams. That way, even Madam can now afford to hire more house-helpers, drivers, cooks, stewards and cleaners at reduced rate within or outside sinnate. All thanks to Madam's efficient oversight function. This again is another feat that is unsurpassed in oversight history and achieved by a woman who knows the value of education, being very educated herself. Within the short period of her return to reclaim her quarterly allowance, the results from JAMB have also showed that these same set of children who failed NECO have chosen to forgo their rights to go to Nigerian universities. Only 41 per cent of them passed the entry requirements. But believe me, if they all join the PDP, they can rise up to Madam's position in a few year's time. For the rich boys from Anambra North in Apo spare parts market this is good news as they can now afford to hire apprentices.

Pray what would her court-certificated replacement, Alphonso Igbeke, do in less than twelve months to beat such an impressive record? As Aristotle might have put it - perfect friendship is that between bad people, alike in their vice. After all, of the 100+ sinnators still in the red chambers, how many truly won an election?

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“ By Ibrahim Degri

## Who replaces late Senator Tawar Wada?

Late Senator Tawar Umbi Wada, long before his recent unfortunate death, declared that he would not seek third term. It was a signal aspiring candidates needed to start showing interest to replace him come 2011. But with his sudden and untimely demise some three weeks ago, the jostle to replace him has only intensified, as many feel that even though there is barely or even less than twelve months to general election, there is less need for bye-election, as the country at large is at a moment when many reforms that have to do with the National Assembly and Gombe cannot afford to be left out with only one Senator in the red chambers.

Those reputed to be in contention for the coveted seat from Balanga Local Government include the state's Incumbent Deputy Governor, Mr John Liazarus Yoriyo, the member representing Balanga/Billiri Federal constituency in the House of Representatives, Hon. Hassan Amadu Haruna, the Gombe State Commissioner Agriculture Gombe, Mr David Albashi and the former member representing Balanga/ Billiri Federal Constituency Hon. Adamu Usman Degri.

From Kaltungo the known contenders are the former Deputy Governor Mr Joshua Lidani, the member representing Kaltungo/Shongom Federal constituency Hon. Adamu Gora Kalba and Dr. Micah Jimeta who lost to Wada in 2003.

Our expectation is that Yoriyo and the other contenders should take and devote enough time to prepare themselves for the election

Out of the above names, not quiet long after the demise of Senator Wada, Micah Jimeta made a statement exempting himself from the contest, an exceptionally interesting turn of affairs in Nigerian politics.

However, what remains a major concern as people of Gombe South Senatorial District is the fact that the normal rules for aspiring for such positions are being compromised by one of the aspirants, Dr Yoriyo. Our expectation is that Yoriyo and the other contenders should take and devote enough time to prepare themselves for the election, by telling the electorates the stuff they are made of. From 1979 to date, the people that represent Gombe South in the senate had been people of repute, with proven track record of achievements. Having this record in mind, the people of Gombe South cannot

in anyway be intimidated to surrender their mandate to someone who cannot perform, or has no record of efficient and credible performance at previous offices held.

The immediate past occupant of the seat is known to be an epitome of selfless service, humility and transparency, quintessential peacemaker, a bridge builder, a philanthropist, man of the people, friend of the poor, champion of the down trodden, a true democrat, astute politician, a grass root man a courageous man with triumphant confidence and pleasant temperament a family man per excellence, an achiever and visionary, a man that saw challenge where others see obstacles a person that put his trust in God, these are the attributes the people of Gombe South are looking for in the person that would continue from where Late Wada stopped and certainly it is the person with the above qualities that the cap fits.

We don't want someone who would lord it over us when elected, a person that has no listening ears to the yearnings and feelings of the common man, a person that would always prefer self at the expense of the majority some one with dictatorial tendencies, with no track records of excellent performance, and cordial and mutual working relationship with colleagues and associates.

Our prayers therefore is that as the good people of Gombe South search for credible successor to the vacant Senate seat, the powers that be should create a level enabling environment for the contenders to prove themselves as the electorates are given chance to elect their choice.

Yoriyo was Member Gombe State House of Assembly for four years and now Deputy Governor for seven years making him hold public office for the last eleven years.

Hassan Ahmadu was Chairman Balanga Local Government for four years, Chairman Gombe State Universal Basic Education for four years and now Member of the National Assembly for the past three years, making him also have eleven years holding public office, while David Albashi was Commissioner for the last Seven years, Adamu Usman Degri was at the National Assembly for four years.

Lidani was Deputy Governor for four years, in the Abubakar Habu Hashidu administration; and Hon. Adamu Kalba has been in the National Assembly for the last seven years.

We require that each of them comes out with his scorecard and prove to the people of Gombe South how efficient and effective he was able to handle public trust, and how he has used his office to better the lives of our people.

Degri is of Gabukka Quarters, Gombe.



## Youths, corrupt politicians and the future of Nigeria

By Muhammadu Buhari

Cont'd from yesterday.

But participation in focused, responsible unionism has several other benefits. It is a means to expressing your social identity; and the means for the promotion of the interests of all students. It also gives the students a very powerful platform for expressing their unity and political solidarity with or against any other interest in the defence of their own and the national interest.

Interestingly, the Nigerian Citizen of Wednesday July 16, 1958

quoted the Premier of the Northern Region, Alhaji Ahmadu Bello, the Sardauna of Sokoto, during the Second Annual Convention of the National Union of Nigerian Students at the Nigerian College of Technology, Zaria, urging Nigerian students "to work hard in their studies, respect their tutors, religion and elders and cultivate manners of responsible citizens so that they can take over respective position in the civil service, both morally and intellectually". You are today continuing the good works of the late Premier.

As you can see, your role is both natural and historical. I, therefore, urge you to both use your energy and enlightenment to be the vehicle for attaining understanding, peace and promoting unity among our people. In this journey you are likely to meet dubious politicians and other misguided elite who may want to misuse you for personal gain. Do not succumb to them. As future leaders, your patriotic duty starts now through prompt enlight-

enment and educating your brothers and sisters and even parents on the need to live peacefully with one another and also the need to exercise their civic right of electing people of their choice to lead them irrespective of party affiliations.

If you look into the history books you will find people who had dedicated their lives and sacrificed their comfort to build this country. You will draw aspiration from such people and that will make you to remain focused. The Ahmadu Bellos, Aminu Kanos, Joseph Tarkas, Ibrahim Imams, Audu Bubas, Patrick Lots, Yerima Ballas, Sa'adu Zungurs, Yakubu Gowons, T.Y. Danjumas, Murtalas, Shuwas, Sunday Awoniyis, Liman Ciromas to mention only a few of our great leaders.

Concluded.

General Buhari made these remarks at the inauguration of National Union of Northern Nigerian Students in Kaduna on Friday.

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### Good initiative

'COURT asked to restrain Jonathan as Acting President'. I was heartened to know that even now there are Nigerians who rather than appreciate the maturity which Nigeria thankfully has gained finally on her 50th birthday, pray to keep her an infant in adult clothing. Thankfully with people like Nkemjika, we never have to forget where we are coming from!  
SOMNTOCHI Ndu, Abuja, 08034523703.

### Boko memento?

DURING the Boko Haram uprising in June, 2009 in Borno State, the Customs Office at Gamboru Ngaala was burnt down. Up to today, the office has still not been repaired, is it left as remainder of Boko Haram?  
07083933707.

### Smelling a rat

THE listing and de-listing of Nigeria, was a very cheap blackmail on Nigeria. How many Americans and British nationals are in Guan-

tanamo? Even Farouk Mutallab, the only claim they have, who they know was a young impressionable boy, recruited in UK by Al Qaida, is not in Guantanamo because they know he is no more a threat since he was found on the plane, but a victim of their policies at the end of the day. Nigeria ns please take more pride in yourselves, than what the USA grants you in their propaganda.  
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### But...

DE-LISTING Nigeria from the list of nations of interest is a good omen. Who told Thomas that US doesn't have internal problems, thank you jare! President Obama.  
JOHN, 08050414542.

### It's a generation thing

EACH generation has its own mission to fulfil or betray. We have seen the ruling ideas of each age. It was plundering of the nation's wealth by local, state and federal governments. Yester-years have much to tell; organised bureaucratic frauds more savage

than local rebels.

UBALE B, Rano, 08033246464.

### Advice to Adamawa State PDP

YOU should be rejoicing over the return of the former vice president Atiku to PDP. Barring him from the party will not solve the problem; rather it will tear the party apart. Instead embrace him and register him in the party since the national working committee declared that he should be registered to move the party forward.  
FRANCIS Wamta, Jos, 07036345516.

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WE need road construction not ambulances; they will not solve road accident problems. Construct 3 zone road networks.  
NASIR Ahmed Kotaworo, Bida, Niger State, 08091318185.

### Why tarry?

WHAT is wrong in executing all condemned prisoners? Please Acting Goodluck Jonathan, go ahead and order their execution.  
ABDULLAHI Safio, Potiskum, Yobe State, 07069685274.



By Shehu Mustapha Chaji

## Jonathan and 2011 elections

THE Acting President Dr Goodluck Jonathan had promised Nigerians that the 2011 elections will be free and fair, a promise he has repeated on several occasions within and outside the country; the same free and fair elections that the current crop of leaders has denied Nigerians since 2003.

Event though Jonathan cannot deny being a beneficiary of the electoral fraud that brought them to power, he seems to understand the demand by Nigerians for free and fair elections come 2011. That call is being re-stated even by foreign governments and international organizations concerned with issues of democracy and good governance.

Many Nigerians thought that with Acting President Goodluck Jonathan if he continues to be in charge up to during the 2011 elections, we may have better elections than the previous ones, being that his party the PDP has informed the world that the presidential ticket of it's party for 2011 will still come from the North. The party felt that since the South has ruled for eight years, it would be fair and for equity and justice for the North to manage what is left after 2011 if the party wins the elections.

But recent happenings in the polity may once again lead to the denial of Nigerians free and fair elections come 2011. Jonathan up till now has not informed Nigerians of his intentions regarding his presidential ambition in 2011, aside of making some comments that are neither here nor there. Will he abide by his party, PDP's rotational arrangement? And if not, how does he want Nigerians to view him? Or, if he decides to contest for presidency in 2011 what guarantee do Nigerians have that he will not rig the elections in his favour? And finally what will he lose by being an unbiased umpire, by not contesting, but concerned only with conducting an election that will be acceptable by most Nigerians and international community?

Instead of Jonathan to concentrate on how to reduce the sufferings of Nigerians through providing qualitative education, good drinking water, stable power supply etc, he is now occupied with schemes to fully takeover and to continue to be at the helm after the 2011 elections. And unfortunately, appears to be using the old tricks of former President Olusegun Obasanjo of blackmail and intimidation to achieve his goal.

There are numerous reasons why I am sceptical of Jonathan continuing to exercise executive powers after 2011. How can he convince Nigerians that the concerns of people and their welfare will be his priority as agencies under his supervision have been left to decay with their workers left for years without salary and he comfortably goes to sleep without providing a solution to cushion their sufferings?. Or why as a leader he will not abide by agreements placed by his party which is in the interest of peaceful co-existence of the country? And how sure are we that after 2011 he will not seek another term in 2015? And of course, why renege on principle of collective responsibility by dismantling all the structures and policies of his principal? Is he running an entirely new government or continuation of President Umaru Musa Yar'adua's administration, of which Jonathan has been a part at inception in 2007? Does he think that Nigerians are comfortable with his activities in government since he started acting for Yar'adua?

If Acting President Goodluck Jonathan wants Nigerians and the international community to take him serious in his promise of conducting free and fair elections in 2011, he should forgo any ambition to stand for election for either Presidency or Vice President, to enable him to be fully nonpartisan in the 2011 elections. He will have the golden opportunity to write his name in gold by presiding over the best election ever in Nigeria by conducting free and fair polls in 2011.

From now to election time, Jonathan should fix outstanding problems bedeviling the country such as providing stable power supply, fixing our bad roads; provide security for Nigerians in their homes and roads. And try his best in fulfilling the promise of 7-Points Agenda of his principal.

More so, he should act with wisdom by not taking on more debts that unborn Nigerians will have to repay; and discard intentions showing him as sectional and a cohort of local and international interests.

Nigerians are watching, and will not accept any election that smacks of electoral fraud and rigging. Jonathan should not listen to advice of political hyenas and scavengers that will lure him to betray the nation's best interests.

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## Aliyu Gusau's strange remarks

**T**he National Security Adviser to the Acting President, General Aliyu Muhammad Gusau was reported the other day to have criticised activities of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) and the ongoing reforms being implemented by the Central Bank of Nigeria, (CBN). Gusau who spoke at a closed-door security retreat for newly inaugurated ministers, accused the EFCC leadership of lacking in credibility, while the reform undertaken by the current leadership at the CBN on the financial sector, he asserted, was a threat to national security because of what he called the introduction of certain monetary policies that he claimed were damaging to the economy to the detriment of the larger society. Excerpts of his address containing his assessment of the EFCC and CBN were later released to the public through a press statement.

He accused the two government organs of double standard and selective justice in the discharge of their functions. This outburst was coming barely a week after Acting President Goodluck Jonathan expressed reservations over the ability of the EFCC to fight corruption in the country.

The security adviser's unusually public comment came at the same time when a youth group in Kaduna called on him to vie for the presidency of the country in the 2011 general elections. It also came at about the time Dr Jonathan was reported to have met with and hailed the tenure of a former EFCC Chairman, who has fled abroad after certain corruption charges were filed against him. What is Gusau's locus? Was his statement a political platform for a possible bid for political office, or indicative of the direction and thinking of the government of Dr Jonathan?

Either way, his remarks were a remarkably unfortunate marker by which Nigerians and the international community would view these two very important agencies of government. His assessment of the security threat of their activities can equally be thrown back at him. The fact is that such public outbursts on major government organizations by the nation's security chief have very serious strategic security implications for the country, especially at this time when the nation's political thermometer is on the high side.

Apart from the fact that the comments are capable of slowing down the reforms being embarked upon by the CBN, it also has the potential of eroding public confidence in the institutions and their activities, not disregarding the fact that the reforms by the CBN seem to be enjoying tremendous national and international support. The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund found nothing wrong with the reforms.

**I**n fact, General Gusau's comment is so out of sync with the general trend that we are constrained to enquire whether the NSA commissioned any study on the two institutions upon whose reports he based his conclusions. Otherwise, it would be a serious abdication should his remarks be found to be no more than the continuing attempts by powerful persons to blunt the anti-graft fight of the government and roll back the ongoing reforms in the banking sector. The danger is that statements by the NSA have painted the two critical organs in bad light and are therefore a tacit encouragement to those who are currently being investigated and tried for either stripping the banks and thus causing tremendous stress on the national financial system, which we believe was an even greater threat to national peace and security; or senior officers of government and the banks that are currently being investigated by the EFCC.

It is imprudent of the nation's security chief at a time of national political and economic emergencies to have indulged himself in such loose talk. Nigerians may wish to know whether these views expressed were personal to the National Security Adviser or if they represent government policy. The statement by the press secretary to the NSA did not clarify this. It is not too late to do that.

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## PDP: Barring the door to Atiku's re-entry is undemocratic

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**I** do not know how other columnists found it, for last week was that typical continuum that I wrote about when I accepted to write this column - a week during which significant events come to pass each day, each event begging for a comment. Just before this column began, I was involved in a fluke accident 20 kilometres to Bauchi when a State Government functionary drove at recklessly high speed, overloaded with cows, and on bad tyres which burst sending him careering into my driver's side. This killed the 'only just married' young driver Malam Isyaku. I sustained a fracture in my pelvis and another on my right arm. My son is still reliving the horror of watching me lying prostrate, broken and unconscious as the help he called hacked at twisted metal to pull me out of the wreckage. I have managed to sustain this column since November 2009 from an orthopaedic hospital bed.

**I**n hospital, I did not worry about accepting the challenge to write because Nigeria is a bubbling boiling hot bubbling cauldron of unfolding events. In one week alone, a group emerges in the PDP seeking to oust the Chairman Vincent Ogbulafor. To quash this move, Governors and supporters in the Party Executive manage to suspend the entire group. But the ensuing slumber is disturbed by the charging and eventual arraignment of Ogbulafor for alleged fraud! Then James Onanefe Ibori, former governor of Delta State, whose face a judge who convicted one James Onanefe Ibori, could not identify as the same face as the convict, returned to his battle with the EFCC. He raised an army of militant youth to resist arrest, and then vamoosed after a well publicized retreat by police to increase their firepower.

Then "unknown persons" published 2011 Presidential Bid Posters of Goodluck Jonathan and littered Abuja streets with them.

It was a week during which Yar'adua did not feature in the news.

My thoughts dwell on a denial so cruel and undemocratic. Atiku Abubakar, former vice President's bid to return to the

PDP hit a brick wall in his home state Adamawa when a combination of the Governor Muritala Nyako, Senator Grace Folashade Bent and Senator Jubril Aminu told the Party's National Chairman Vincent Ogbulafor that there was no place for Atiku in the party. Sources in the Atiku camp assured me that there had been agreements with Governor Nyako to steamroll the former VP's return to the Party. As soon as Atiku set the machinery for his return in motion, powerful forces influenced Nyako to renege on all promises of a soft

Abubakar is the beginning of wisdom in the Adamawa PDP for to the surprise of all those who were in the different divides of the fight, Nyako, Aminu, Grace, and all the other dissidents reconciled and united overnight to declare Atiku unwanted back into the fold.

**W**hat do the opponents fear from accepting former Vice President Atiku Abubakar? His bid to return to the PDP has been made tortuous for apparently no reason other than that he would take away the party, according to Governor Muritala Nyako. This fear is genuine and well placed. Atiku Abubakar is a consummate politician who plays it the Nigerian style. He extends personal largesse to supporters who

“What do the opponents fear from accepting former Vice President Atiku Abubakar?”

landing for Atiku.

Adamawa State has been mired in crisis for more than a year now with three groups emerging. The loud group headed by Prince Medan Tenke to which gubernatorial candidates disgruntled by the emergence of Governor Nyako in 2007 have rallied. There is the Nyako group supporting the current party executive and structure.

**T**hen there is a third group of powerful elite committed to replacing Muritala Nyako in 2011, and who have been holding clandestine meetings and strategising. This third group has enjoyed the listening ear of Senators Jubril Aminu, Mohammed Mana, and Senator Bent. One of them remarked to me that it was unthinkable that former Governor Boni Haruna would ever be praised. Now it seems he, Boni, was an angel!

It seems the fear of Atiku

worship the wealth and do not look for good corporate governance. In any case, in our politics of hunger and food, the masses worry less about good and corporate governance and more about food for now and wealth on behalf of "my people" When he abdicated his gubernatorial mandate to serve with Obasanjo as Vice President, Atiku Abubakar anointed Boni Haruna his Deputy Governor to mount the saddle. With Boni Haruna, Atiku Abubakar raised a powerful and loyal political cabal of traditional rulers and ethnic minorities, who are capable of exerting strong influence on the political thinking of the people. Yes, Atiku Abubakar can, and would probably appropriate the Adamawa PDP. One awed Nyako insider told me that the fear is that if Atiku is not allowed in on his request, he would force himself in complete with the door the frame and the hinges. It is more sensible to let him in and match his political wit and dexterity.

**T**he popular view in Adamawa State is that Atiku Abubakar should be let in recognition of his past sacrifices for democracy. It is a man's right to choose to associate or dissociate himself from organized groups. Refusing Atiku entry is a negation of his inalienable right to associate. Also, it is undemocratic to reject returnees to a party since especially returnees that command impressive and credible support.

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SUDANESE President Omar al-Beshir (centre) and his wife Wadad Babaker attend a celebratory gathering at the ruling party headquarters in Khartoum.

## Southern Sudan opposition leader contests elections result

THE leader of Southern Sudan's second largest party has told the BBC that there was "massive rigging" in Sudan's recent landmark elections.

Lam Akol, head of SPLM-Democratic Change, and the leaders of eight other southern parties have decided to challenge the result in the courts.

Salvir Kiir, leader of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM), won 93% of the vote in the south.

His only challenger was Mr Akol - who is seen as the north's proxy candidate.

"The facts are so obvious," he said. "A candidate [Mr Kiir] getting 93% of the vote is never heard of in a democratic process. It is also evidence that there is extensive rigging."

Mr Akol claimed that during the vote the SPLM's security forces took over polling stations, threatened and intimidated voters, and arrested opposition party agents.

He said his party was leading in a number of states in the south and that the results were doctored.

The polls were Sudan's first multi-party elections in 24 years and the first since the end of the 21-year conflict between the SPLM and the north.

Mr Akol split away from the SPLM last year to form his own party, accusing the party leaders of failing to improve the lives of south Sudanese in the four years since the end of the war.

## Sierra Leone launches free care for mothers and children

SIERRA Leone has launched a free healthcare plan for pregnant women, breast-feeding mothers and children under five years old.

The country has some of the world's highest maternal and child death rates. Doctors blame this partly on health service fees and the cost of medication, and hope the healthcare plan will help save lives.

But there is concern that Sierra Leone lacks the resources and infrastructure to support the new programme.

Sierra Leone is one of the world's poorest countries. It emerged from a decade of civil war in 2002, but reconstruction is still

proving to be a big struggle.

Ratiszai Ndlovo, Sierra Leone's UN Population Fund representative, told the BBC's Umaru Fofana that although medical equipment had been ordered and some drugs distributed around the country, everything was still not in place for the launch of the healthcare plan.

"It's not perfect, it's not 100%," she said. "But I think we cannot start the programme with everything in a perfect condition."

Free healthcare in Sierra Leone is expected to save the lives of more than one million mothers and children, at an initial cost of \$19m (£12m).

Other countries in

Africa, such as Burundi, have also introduced free care to new mothers and children under five in recent years.

In Sierra Leone, the programme's main donors have been the UN and the UK, who between them have helped refurbish hospitals, supply drugs and pay health workers' wages.

Pay and conditions were the main grievances in a two-week-long strike in March staged by the country's public health workers.

They feared free care would result in more patients and longer working hours. The dispute was settled when the government offered salary increases of between 200% and 500%.

## Kenya seeks end to visa row after Dubai rulers expelled

KENYA'S foreign minister is in Dubai to defuse a row after members of the Gulf state's ruling family were deported as terror suspects.

The four were on holiday from Dubai in Kenya's resort of Mombasa over

Easter, when immigration officers interrogated them for hours before expelling them.

The United Arab Emirates responded by tightening visa requirements - and only accepts Kenyan university graduates.

The ban has hit many traders, who usually buy their goods from Dubai.

The BBC's Ruth Nesoba in Nairobi says second-hand cars and fabrics from Dubai are particularly popular with Kenyan businessmen.

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## International

# UN closes office in Kandahar

THE United Nations has temporarily shut its office in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar due to security concerns.

Al Jazeera has learned that the UN made the move on Tuesday in response to a specific threat issued by the Taliban, although a UN spokesman said it was because of a deteriorating security situation.

The UN has now pulled back its international staff from Kandahar to the capital, Kabul, and has told its Afghan employees to stay at home for the next few days.

Al Jazeera's James Bays, reporting from Kabul, said: "In the last 24 hours there have been three bomb blasts in the southern city."

"Al Jazeera understands that there was a specific threat against the UN in Kandahar."

"That at a local mosque near the UN headquarters in the city the Taliban went to the local cleric there and told him to warn residents living around the UN headquarters that they should leave their homes because there was about to be an attack on the UN."

Bays said that when the UN and Afghan forces learned of the threat, they reduced the number of their international staff in Kandahar.



NATO forces are preparing for an offensive around Kandahar beginning in June

# Indian diplomat arrested for spying

A diplomat working in the Indian embassy in Islamabad has been arrested on charges of spying for Pakistan, Indian officials said.

The female diplomat, named as 53-year-old Madhuri Gupta, was detained in the Indian capital, New Delhi, after being called

home last week on the pretext of consultations, India's foreign ministry said on Tuesday.

"We have reason to believe that an official in the High Commission of India in Islamabad had been passing information to the Pakistani intelligence agencies,"

Vishnu Prakash, a foreign ministry spokesman, said.

"The official is cooperating with our investigations and inquiries." Gupta had been summoned to New Delhi on the pretext of discussions on the eight-nation South Asian Association

for Regional Cooperation set to begin in Bhutan on Wednesday.

Indian authorities decided to arrest her. An employee of the embassy for nearly three years, Gupta was working in the information service of the embassy. She was alleged to have passed

information from the Islamabad head of India's external intelligence service to her Pakistani contacts.

RK Sharma, the station head of the intelligence service in Islamabad, was also under scrutiny in connection with Gupta's arrest.

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### AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF NIGERIA

**W**e, the members of the Observance for the Good Governance, congratulate you My Lordship as for your erudite and justice with rule of law within your administration.

It is our duty to call for your mediation in resolving the situation going on now in the court of Appeal of Nigeria. Because Nigeria will be on the verge of entering mega-conflict, tribalism, ethnicity which if care is not taken, it will erupt to cause wider human and economic consequences.

As a democratic Non-Governmental Organisation who have obligation to defend and protect our people and the Nation in general we would like to bring to your attention, the impending danger, we also know that since the former President of the Court of Appeal, Justice Umaru Adbullahi, handed over to his immediate successor without any bias, tribalism or religious issues, imagine this, Your Lordship, even though the new President of the Court of Appeal, Justice Isa Ayo Salami, has been sworn-in while our President is away, in as the President of the Court of Appeal under controversial circumstances in December 2009, it is widely acknowledged by some section that his swearing-in was illegal.

My Lord, we know that your heart is passionate about developing this country's judicial system and know that you can listen to millions of people more especially those fresh staff who have started dancing for their new employment to start a new life and help their parents who spent a lot of money to train them, but now found their life in danger with a bad record for sacking them due to tribalism.

An anonymous petition was acted upon without serving same in the accused for his defence. This

brutal slaughter on Justice fair play and equity led to the distracted play to damage the good image of his predecessor. It is of great importance to note that Justice Umar Abdullahi employed the 82 senior staff during his regime.

We would like the CJN to look into this matter and query Ayo Salami for reversing, what his predecessor did while in office. This we learnt that, is the first step to reverse, all policies made by Justice Umar Abdullahi during his eleven years tenure by Ayo Salami.

The CJN is the chairman of the FJSC and has power over all courts in terms of employment, now his delegatory power to court of appeal is at stake. My Lord we call on you to as a matter of urgency save the situation by restoring the poor citizens back to their jobs.

Observance for the Good Governance (OGG), appeal to you, in the name of Almighty GOD to put an end to the suffering of the victims of those been sacked and planning to be sacked among the old staffs of the Court of Appeal, to please recall them back to their work. We appeal to you to consider millions of Nigerian children whose parents spend a lot of money to send their children to Universities/Polytechnics to study law and related judicial system courses, let the future generation benefit before our independence and even after the independence without any tribalism.

My Lord, what would you say if you discover that within the judicial system, that there is no any ethnic code of conduct within the system. My lord, we appeal to you to please checkmate what is going on in the Court of Appeal, and let those who prefer to leave the judicial system in crises instead of promoting judicial

democracy, quit before they cause serious damages.

In short, Your Lordship, nothing could be more important at this time of your historical and memorable position than to break a record for massive employment, and help Nigerians in innumerable ways, not by sacking innocent student showing priority to a region than the other by removing some old staff from their present position or neglecting them their right to be promoted to a higher position or changing them from one department to another without concrete reasons. This is the reason why this letter is addressed to you.

Lastly, we are appealing to you My Lord against deceptive tears and daily threats to sack more people in the Court of Appeal, what good will it do to them? In the fact they want to break the good historical record of judicial system in Nigeria.

Please My Lord can you set up a committee to investigate the current situation and find a final solution to the situation.

Thank you for your anticipatory action. The Movement for Observance for the Good Governance stand ready to assist you in your effort for the rule of law and due process, in order to strengthen our democracy and enhance good governance.

Signed:  
Steven Adole  
National Coordinator

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Attorney-General of the Federal/Hon. Minister of Justice, the Secretary, National Judicial Council (NJC), National Assembly, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, (Senators Dahiru Tambuwal), Nigeria Bar Association, Nigeria Labour Congress, Civil Liberty Organisation, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International



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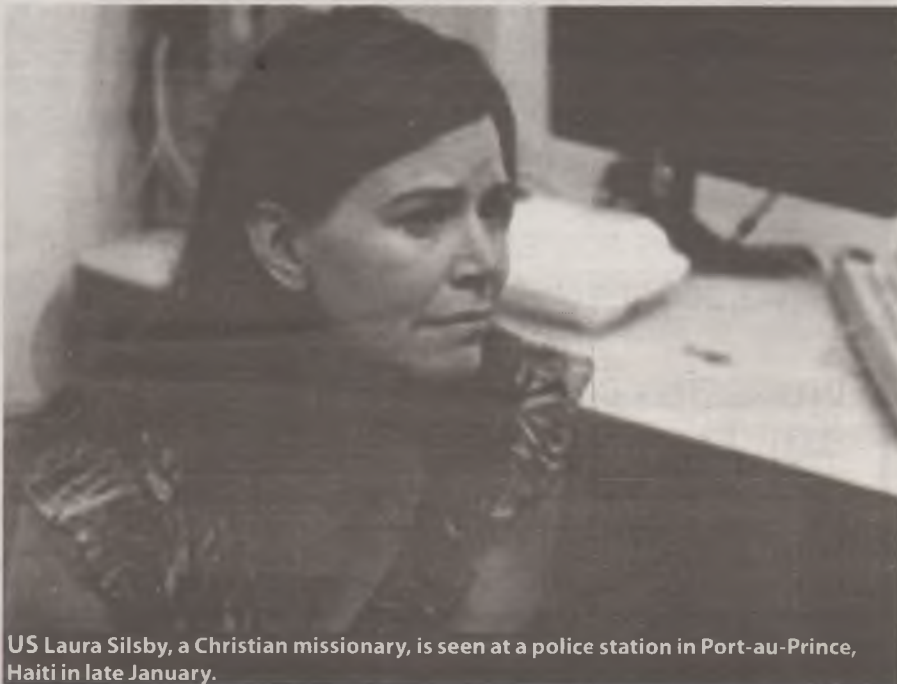
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| ENL010 OAK SURVEYS LIMITED                                    | 1441             | ADEBAYO TA                  | 1712             | ADEBAYO IDOWU ADEREMI       |
| ENL011 QUEST CONSOLIDATED LIMITED                             | 1910             | ADEBAYO OLUJUYIWA           | 1060             | ADEBOWALE ADEMOLA           |
| ENL012 PENGATE GLOBAL SERVICES LTD.                           | 156              | ADEBEGUN A.O                | 1507             | ADEBOWALE DAUDA GBOLAGADE   |
| ENL013 RESLARC GROUP NIGERIA                                  | 1911             | ADEBOKUNOLA A.ADENIYI       | 832              | ADEBOYE O.A                 |
| ENL014 UNIQUE PRECISION INTERNATIONAL NIG LTD.                | 1675             | ADEDOKUN MOSHOOD OGUNBAYO   | 1219             | ADEDARA TIMOTHY ADEREMI     |
| ENL016 DIGITAL HORIZON CO. LTD.                               | 1631             | ADEGBITE ISAAC OLABISI      | 1689             | ADEDEJI A.A                 |
| ENL017 AKOM SURVEYS SERVICES LIMITED                          | 1888             | ADEJUMOBI ABIOLA RASHEED    | 1913             | ADEDIRAN A.K                |
| ENL018 DIGITOPS CONSULTANTS LTD.                              | 1644             | ADEJUMOBI JOSEPH AYINLA     | 1914             | ADEDOKUN J.ADELEYE          |
| ENL019 LORDSFIELD LIMITED                                     | 1377             | ADEKUNLE E.O                | 1756             | ADEFABI F.A                 |
| ENL020 MAKINSON SURVEYS LTD.                                  | 1118             | ADEKUNLE J.T                | 1626             | ADEGBENRO OLATIMIDE OLUWIDE |
| ENL021 A2 CONSULT NIG LTD.                                    | 1495             | ADENIYI ROYIMI ROBERT       | 1916             | ADEGOKE A.S                 |
| ENL022 UNITS SERVICES LTD.                                    | 1921             | ADEOLA B.OLADIMEJI          | 1386             | ADEJUNMOBI T.S              |
| ENL023 GEOFOCUS DATA SERVICES (NIG.) LTD.                     | 1230             | ADEYEMO F.R                 | 1568             | ADEKANBI M.A                |
| ENL024 ANGENE SURVEYS & CONSULTANTS                           | 734              | ADEYOKUNNU ADERONKE O.      | 258              | ADEKEYE T.O                 |
| ENL025 AJABI BABS CHIO SURVEYS NIG LTD.                       | 1468             | AFODUN SADIQ BABATUNDE      | 1435             | ADEKOYA KAYODE SAMUEL       |
| ENL026 O. T. OGUNLEKE & CO. LTD.                              | 1925             | AFONJA Y.OLATUNJI           | 276              | ADEKOYA OLUGBENGA ADEKUNLE  |
| ENL027 OGAAH CONSULTANTS & CONTRACTORS                        | 810              | AGBAJE GANIYU ISHOLA        | 1915             | ADEKUNLE IBRAHIM ADESINA    |
| ENL028 SAVANNAH GEO-PHYSICAL CONSULTANTS                      | 620              | AJABOR EMMANUEL ERHUOHWO    | 1917             | ADELABU J                   |
| ENL030 HYDROARK INTERNATIONAL LIMITED                         | 1956             | IKELACHI I.CHINYERE         | 1918             | ADELAKUN A.I                |
| ENL032 REDDFOX NIGERIA LTD.                                   | 1458             | IGBINA COUPLE BENJAMIN      | 1058             | ADELAKUN SHADRACH ADELAYO   |
| ENL033 ALPHA SURVEY CONSULT LTD.                              | 153              | ISHOLA KOLARO OLAWUYI       | 1288             | ADELEKE ADEYILOLA ADESINA   |
| ENL034 GEOBEAM GLOBAL LIMITED                                 | 1504             | IYERITEI QUICKPENNY         | 1344             | ADENIYA JOHNSON ADEKUNLE    |
| ENL035 ORION SURVEYORS & ENGINEERS                            | 1180             | IYOLA OLUFEMI FELIX         | 1422             | ADEMIRAN MUSIBAU ADELEKAN   |
| ENL036 GLOBAL SURVEY SERVICES LIMITED                         | 625              | JATAU BARDE                 | 1704             | ADEMITAN ISAAC OLUSEGUN     |
| ENL037 O.A. OYENUGA AND ASSOCIATES LIMITED                    | 1527             | JIMOH BAYO AMUDA            | 296              | ADENIYI OLAWAPO JOHNSTON    |
| ENL039 GEOCONTROL SERVICES NIG LTD.                           | 1075             | IGBOKWE JOEL IZUCHUKWU      | 557              | ADENIYI SOLOMON OLUSEGUN    |
| ENL040 GEMEK LOGISTICS SERVICES LTD.                          | 620              | IJABOR EMMANUEL ERHUOHWO    | 1585             | ADEOGUN OLADELE ZACCHAEUS   |
| ENL041 SOLOKU DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.                    | 1956             | IKELACHI I.CHINYERE         | 126              | ADEOTI MICHAEL ADEPOJU      |
| ENL042 GEONET LIMITED   | 1458             | IGBINA COUPLE BENJAMIN      | 1210             | ADEYE ANTHONY ABIODUN       |
| ENL043 NIELSON NIG. LTD.                                      | 153              | ISHOLA KOLARO OLAWUYI       | 1856             | ADEYE GBADENO JULIUS        |
| ENL044 ANGUS NIGERIA LIMITED                                  | 1504             | IYERITEI QUICKPENNY         | 1268             | ADEREMI ADEWALE STEPHEN     |
| ENL045 SUPER GEDMATICS SERVICES NIG                           | 1180             | IYOLA OLUFEMI FELIX         | 1922             | ADERETI ODEWALE ALBERT      |
| ENL046 FEEEMMAN GEOMATICS RESOURCES LIMITED                   | 625              | JATAU BARDE                 | 1951             | ADERINKOMI S.A              |
| ENL048 GEOCYCLIC CONSULT LIMITED                              | 1527             | JIMOH BAYO AMUDA            | 992              | ADESANYA O.F                |
| ENL049 GEOTOPO SURVEYS LTD.                                   | 1075             | IGBOKWE JOEL IZUCHUKWU      |                  |                             |
| ENL050 BABATUNDE-ALLO AND ASSOCIATES LIMITED                  | 620              | IJABOR EMMANUEL ERHUOHWO    |                  |                             |
| ENL051 DTS-SURVEYS AND ALLIED VENTURES LTD.                   | 1956             | IKELACHI I.CHINYERE         |                  |                             |
| ENL052 DIGMAP SERVICES  | 1458             | IGBINA COUPLE BENJAMIN      |                  |                             |
| ENL053 INTERSITE NIGERIA LIMITED                              | 153              | ISHOLA KOLARO OLAWUYI       |                  |                             |
| ENL054 GEOINFORMATICS AND SURVEY CONSULT                      | 1504             | IYERITEI QUICKPENNY         |                  |                             |
| ENL055 PSE CONSULTANTS LTD.                                   | 1180             | IYOLA OLUFEMI FELIX         |                  |                             |
| ENL056 ELEGBEDE SURVEY CO.                                    | 625              | JATAU BARDE                 |                  |                             |
| ENL057 AERO-GEODETIC SERVICES NIGERIA LTD.                    | 1527             | JIMOH BAYO AMUDA            |                  |                             |
| ENL058 POLARIS DIGITECH                                       | 1075             | IGBOKWE JOEL IZUCHUKWU      |                  |                             |
| ENL059 JRAPHA GEOMATICS SYSTEM LTD.                           | 620              | IJABOR EMMANUEL ERHUOHWO    |                  |                             |
| ENL061 AFOLABI SOLESI & ASSOCIATES                            | 1956             | IKELACHI I.CHINYERE         |                  |                             |
| ENL062 ALFOLSOL SURVEY SERVICES                               | 1458             | IGBINA COUPLE BENJAMIN      |                  |                             |
| ENL063 L. A. ASHIMI & COMPANY                                 | 153              | ISHOLA KOLARO OLAWUYI       |                  |                             |
| ENL064 JACHIN BOAZ LIMITED                                    | 1504             | IYERITEI QUICKPENNY         |                  |                             |
| ENL065 POLARIS CONSULTING COY LIMITED                         | 1180             | IYOLA OLUFEMI FELIX         |                  |                             |
| ENL066 BONAN SURVEYS LIMITED                                  | 625              | JATAU BARDE                 |                  |                             |
| ENL067 CHUEZ SERVICES LIMITED                                 | 1527             | JIMOH BAYO AMUDA            |                  |                             |
| ENL068 TOBJONIC MULTI SERVICES LIMITED                        | 1075             | IGBOKWE JOEL IZUCHUKWU      |                  |                             |
| ENL069 ALTRUNCO SERVICE LTD.                                  | 620              | IJABOR EMMANUEL ERHUOHWO    |                  |                             |
| ENL070 X-PAC CONSULTANTS NIG. LTD.                            | 1956             | IKELACHI I.CHINYERE         |                  |                             |
| ENL071 ARINMAP CONSULTANTS LTD.                               | 1458             | IGBINA COUPLE BENJAMIN      |                  |                             |
| ENL072 MVAZA GEO-CONSULT LTD.                                 | 153              | ISHOLA KOLARO OLAWUYI       |                  |                             |
| ENL073 JAFF NETWORK LTD.                                      | 1504             | IYERITEI QUICKPENNY         |                  |                             |
| ENL074 FASF ASSOCIATES LTD.                                   | 1180             | IYOLA OLUFEMI FELIX         |                  |                             |
| ENL075 LANDMARKS SURVEYS & SERVICES LIMITED                   | 625              | JATAU BARDE                 |                  |                             |
| ENL076 DATA-DAM SURVEYS LTD.                                  | 1527             | JIMOH BAYO AMUDA            |                  |                             |
| ENL077 LXX ON CONSULT INT. LIMITED                            | 1075             | IGBOKWE JOEL IZUCHUKWU      |                  |                             |
| ENL078 ENMCO ASSOCIATES (NIG) LTD.                            | 620              | IJABOR EMMANUEL ERHUOHWO    |                  |                             |
| ENL079 NETWORK SURVEY COMPANY                                 | 1956             | IKELACHI I.CHINYERE         |                  |                             |
| ENL080 AL-MURAD GEO-INFORMATICS LTD.                          | 1458             | IGBINA COUPLE BENJAMIN      |                  |                             |
| ENL081 YAKUBU MAIKANO SURVEYS                                 | 153              | ISHOLA KOLARO OLAWUYI       |                  |                             |
| ENL082 ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE SURVEY LTD.                     | 1504             | IYERITEI QUICKPENNY         |                  |                             |
| ENL083 CUDIF SERVICES   | 1180             | IYOLA OLUFEMI FELIX         |                  |                             |
| ENL084 M. YAHAYA & ASSOCIATES                                 | 625              | JATAU BARDE                 |                  |                             |
| ENL085 LANDMARKS & GEOMATIC SURVEY                            | 1527             | JIMOH BAYO AMUDA            |                  |                             |
| ENL086 WATAB SURVEYS & ENGINEERING SURVEYS LTD.               | 1075             | IGBOKWE JOEL IZUCHUKWU      |                  |                             |
| ENL087 ANNE-PATONY ASSOCIATES LIMITED                         | 620              | IJABOR EMMANUEL ERHUOHWO    |                  |                             |
| ENL088 DATA SURVEYS SERVICES                                  | 1956             | IKELACHI I.CHINYERE         |                  |                             |
| ENL089 STAG SURVEYS SERVICES                                  | 1458             | IGBINA COUPLE BENJAMIN      |                  |                             |
| ENL090 BAGARI LAND ASSOCIATES                                 | 153              | ISHOLA KOLARO OLAWUYI       |                  |                             |
| ENL091 NIGERIAN INSTITUTION OF SURVEYORS (NIS CONSULTANT) LTD | 1504             | IYERITEI QUICKPENNY         |                  |                             |
| ENL092 LUKAS SURVEYS & ENGINEERING SERV. LTD.                 | 1180             | IYOLA OLUFEMI FELIX         |                  |                             |
| ENL093 HESS RESOURCES ENGINEERING SURVEYS                     | 625              | JATAU BARDE                 |                  |                             |
| ENL094 SPECIAL SURVEYING AND HYDRO GRAPHIC CO. LTD.           | 1527             | JIMOH BAYO AMUDA            |                  |                             |
| ENL095 DIGITEL SURVEYS NIG. LTD.                              | 1075             | IGBOKWE JOEL IZUCHUKWU      |                  |                             |
| ENL096 OCEANRIDGE LIMITED                                     | 620              | IJABOR EMMANUEL ERHUOHWO    |                  |                             |
| ENL097 KADPOLY CONSULT LIMITED                                | 1956             | IKELACHI I.CHINYERE         |                  |                             |
| ENL098 DEE-LEK INT. CO. LTD.                                  | 1458             | IGBINA COUPLE BENJAMIN      |                  |                             |

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|------|---------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|------|----------------------------------|------|---------------------------------|------|---------------------------------|
| 1936 | ANJORIN O A                     | 418  | DODO B B                          | 621  | FILANI VINCENT OLUSEGUN          | 868  | LAWSON EDAN NWOSU               | 1192 | ODUOLA JOSEPH MORADESA          |
| 1341 | ANLAK ASUQUO ABRAHAM            | 519  | DOTUN-ODUMADE F.O                 | 1529 | FIMIE ROGERS JOB                 | 1150 | LEGBARA BARIDI SUNDAY           | 1212 | ODUWAIYE ALFRED OLUBUKUNMI      |
| 423  | ANOH ZACCHEAUS I. CHUKWU        | 266  | DR.IHEMADU SIMEON OMELIHU         | 1595 | FOLARIN AKINYELE OYEWUMI         | 1727 | LEMBOYE ADEWALE AKEEM           | 541  | ODUWALE ADEKUNLE                |
| 3244 | ANOKWUM .A.U                    | 551  | DURODOLA EMMAUEL F.               | 542  | FOLARIN SUNDAY KOLAWOLE          | 999  | LERE O.A                        | 400  | ODUWOLE OLATUNDE ALHAJI         |
| 1772 | ANORUD FERDINAND EJILAEGBU      | 1714 | DUROJAIYE ADEBANJU                | 952  | FOLLOWOSELE FOLORUNSO            | 1306 | LIADI A.O                       | 1002 | ODUWOLE OROLUWA                 |
| 756  | ANSIKHEH JOE OGBONNA NKEM       | 1409 | DUROJAYE ADENIKE ADETOLA          | 1793 | FOWOTADE TOYIN REBECCA           | 526  | LT.COL.IKPEAMA SEBASTINE N.     | 1473 | ODUYEBO TATAI OLUJIMI           |
| 301  | ANTHONY SUNDAY JONES            | 303  | DURU U.O                          | 1122 | FUBARA DAGOGO MICHAEL JIM (PROF) | 851  | MABOREJE MUTU AKANBI            | 488  | OGAH NATHANIEL ADIKPE           |
| 1394 | ANUEBUNWA JOHN IWANEBU          | 1693 | DURU EMMANUEL NDUUBISI            | 960  | GALADIMA LEWIS NGU               | 1044 | MABORUKOJE O.O                  | 1592 | OGAJI BOMA                      |
| 795  | ANUEYIAGU EMMANUEL A.T          | 303  | DURU UZOMA OKOROAGU               | 650  | GAPLONG ALEXANDER NKUP           | 1890 | MADU .C.U                       | 1115 | OGBA CHIMA OKOKO                |
| 1488 | ANYIKA MAXWELL KANAYOCHUKWU O.  | 667  | DURUMBA UZO PAUL                  | 525  | GARBA I.A                        | 1069 | MADUBUKO PETER NNAMDI           | 368  | OGBECHIE AFAM                   |
| 1625 | AOMREORE E.O                    | 1223 | E.O OLAYIWOLA                     | 1385 | GBADAMOSI IDOWU LUQMAN           | 901  | MADUKEKE CALLISTUS EBUBECHUKWU  | 1715 | OGBONIA OGODWIN OKEYE           |
| 1384 | APANTA ROBERT IHEMGBULAM        | 263  | EBONG ASUQUO JOHNSON              | 1517 | GBADAMOSI SEKINAT MOBOLAJI       | 428  | MADUMERE HEZEKIAH UMUN          | 1807 | OGBOZOR BENSON AFAMUEFUNA       |
| 1642 | APERER AKANJI TIMOTHY ROTIMI O. | 1761 | ECHEME NDUKWE UKWA                | 747  | GBADEYANKA WAHAB AYINDE          | 814  | MALIFE CHRISTOPHER OFOMA        | 347  | OGBUE JOSEPH OBUKERE            |
| 1243 | APKABIO E.O                     | 1124 | EDE OGUNWA RIGHTEOUS              | 1583 | GBOLAHAN OLANIYI OLABODE         | 334  | MAIKANO YAKUBU                  | 149  | OGDEGBE JOHNSON ITEMETAN        |
| 1052 | APKAN E.S                       | 642  | EDEGBE LUGARD I.U.                | 1425 | GBOLWAGA TIMOTHY IDOWU           | 984  | MAJOR OJENGEBEDE OLADAPO AYINDE | 498  | OGHORO EMMARE DAVID             |
| 1211 | ARANSIOLA MICHAEL O.B.          | 892  | EDIAGBONYA HENRY IGBINEDION O.    | 900  | GITAL ADAMU ALIYU                | 1701 | MAKAMA ILIYA DANKO              | 838  | OGUEJIOFOR AMAECHI RAPHAEL      |
| 1816 | ARAYI UDOLUYEMI EDWARD          | 1328 | EDIONWE OSAYAMEN ARASOMWAN        | 839  | GIWA OLADAPO JOEL                | 1519 | MAKANJUOLA MONSURU KOLAWOLE     | 432  | OGUJIOFOR JOSEPH NNAKILE        |
| 1131 | ARCHI PAULINUS NWAWEKA          | 344  | EDIRU EJOGHENE POLO               | 979  | HALILU ABUBAKAR JIKAMSHI         | 492  | MAKINDE OLUTUNJI ADEMOLA        | 409  | OGUN GODWIN OLATUNJI            |
| 1086 | AREH OSELOKA JOHN HENRY         | 462  | EDOGA ALBERT CHINWEUBA            | 778  | HAMBOLU STEPHEN KOLADE           | 1548 | MAKUN EBENEZER ADEKUNLE         | 702  | OGUNBADEJO FATAI ABIODUN        |
| 546  | AREMU ADEBOWALE                 | 362  | EPIKA IFEANYI EMMANUEL            | 265  | HASSAN M.A                       | 506  | MALIFE CHRISTOPHER OFOMA        | 759  | OGUNBADEWA ADEKUNLE             |
| 196  | ARIJE-DUDU JOSEPH OMAGBEMI      | 1903 | EGBEBIKE MICHAEL OKWUDIU          | 1778 | HASSAN LAYI                      | 459  | MARTINS SAMUEL EKUNDAYO         | 206  | OGUNBAYO EDWARD ADEMOLA         |
| 247  | ARINOLA LAWRENCE LAYI           | 403  | EGBEJIMBA JOHN                    | 265  | HASSAN MUSILIU ADEJUGA           | 1218 | MAZHI ISHAKU ISAH               | 1301 | OGUNBIYI BABATUNDE EMMANUEL     |
| 1464 | ARINOLA OLAJIDE ISAAC           | 1759 | EGBERINDE OLATUNJI ALEX           | 1110 | HASSAN SULAIMAN                  | 1182 | MBADIWE SAMUEL KANO             | 271  | OGUNBONA OLUSEGUN A.            |
| 1681 | ARIYO EZEKIEL OLORUNTOBA        | 304  | EGBERONGBE FATAI OLU A.           | 1676 | IBAGERE MENO                     | 1490 | MBAKWE SAM ONUIGBO CHRISTIAN    | 864  | OGUNDANA JOSEPH AKINOLA         |
| 195  | AROR LUCKY AKPOFURE             | 420  | EGBEUCHULAM C. NLEMCHUKU          | 873  | IBEKWE NWACHUKWU UZODINMA        | 863  | MBANO PATRICK JUDE OKECHUKWU    | 1709 | OGUNDARE MOSES OLUKAYODE        |
| 230  | ASANANSI EFIONG MATHEW          | 934  | EGBIWENNEWTON EGHYWARANOWWE       | 1951 | IBIRONKE G.OLUWATOYIN            | 225  | MBATA DENIS EZEM                | 915  | OGUNDEJI AKINROYE AZEEZ         |
| 1020 | ASEN SOLOMON ILIANGGEE          | 908  | EGBU INOCENT NDUJUEZE             | 1032 | IBITOYE MATTHEW OLOMOLATAN       | 1512 | MBELU LAWRENCE UCHENNA          | 1388 | OGUNDELE R.A                    |
| 1146 | ASENUGA JANET OLUWAKEMI         | 420  | EGBUCHALAM C.N                    | 1796 | IBOGOMO GBAYASA B.S              | 1360 | MKANAM CHRISTOPHER NYONG        | 457  | OGUNDELE AMOS FUNSHO            |
| 533  | ASHAGDIBI MOSHODO G. REMILEKUN  | 215  | EGBUCHUNAM BENAIAH C.             | 1056 | IBRAHIM M.A                      | 1822 | MOEMENAM KENNETH CHIEDU         | 1388 | OGUNDELE RASHEED ADEYEMI        |
| 1133 | ASHAYE N.B                      | 1237 | EGBUJOR ONYEMA LAMBERT            | 775  | IBRAHIM MURTALA                  | 1024 | MOKWE HILLARY ANENE             | 600  | OGUNDOKUN ADEBAYO O.            |
| 1143 | ASHIMI LATEEF ADEDAYO           | 954  | EGOGO STANLEY IBAFIDON            | 1953 | IDEMUDIA I.M                     | 582  | MOKWOKWU AYAEBUNEM JEBO J.      | 295  | OGUNGBANGBE ELISHA O.           |
| 451  | ASHIOFU ANTHONY IKECHUKWU       | 574  | EGWJATU AUSTIN C. OBIECHINA       | 490  | IDERIMA GEORGE FUBARA I.         | 932  | MOSIRO OLUGBENGA A.             | 895  | OGUNGBE ADEBAYO                 |
| 188  | ASHIPALATEEF ADEMOLA            | 760  | EGWJATU EDOZIE                    | 957  | IDOWU BABATUNDE ADEMOLA          | 1961 | MUIDEEN M.O                     | 877  | OGUNKEYE ADEREMI OBAJINMI       |
| 1892 | ASIBELUO HOPE UWOMAKOME         | 1947 | EHIZOJIE A.C                      | 1604 | IDOWU MUSIBAU OLASENI            | 159  | MULI GANIYU ADEBAYO             | 1565 | OGUNKOLA MICHAEL OLUJIBI        |
| 811  | ASIEN TA                        | 1685 | EJEALOR BLESSING IHEMORIOCHI      | 1060 | IDUMA R.E.O                      | 1276 | MUKURO IBHADE MARIA             | 205  | OGUNLAMI JULIUS ADEOYE          |
| 260  | ASIKI LUKE KEONYE               | 305  | EJEKWU OMASIKWOM BADUME           | 1352 | IFEADI LOUIS IGBOETONADIKE       | 569  | MURAINA ABIODUN TAJUDEEN        | 1033 | OGUNLAMI OLUFUNMILADE BABATUNDE |
| 883  | ASS ERIC BEKWELE                | 1518 | EJIANYA CHUKWUBIKE ONOCHIE        | 1766 | IFEKOYA PAUL OLUWASEUN           | 1763 | MUSA IBRAHIM                    | 458  | OGUNLANA BOLATITO C.            |
| 717  | ASSOR GAIUS WOKENNE KWERRI      | 1478 | EJIANYA MICHAEL OKECHUKWU         | 1955 | IFEOLA S.A                       | 690  | MUSTAPHA A.AROWOSAFE            | 1331 | OGUNLEFESTUS AKINTOLA           |
| 984  | ASUELIMEN SOLOMON OJAGBE D.     | 1376 | EJIOBIH HYGINUS CHIDOZIE          | 235  | IGBOANUGO ALOYSIUS OBI           | 1290 | NAFIU MOJEEDE ADEBAYO           | 833  | OGUNLEKE OKE TIMOTHY            |
| 102  | ASUQUO JOSEPH E. JOSEPH         | 1596 | EJIOFOR NNAMEKA ANSELEM           | 893  | IGDEBOR UFUOMA JERETON           | 933  | NAKWE ADOLPHUS ANYAEKWUTE       | 1545 | OGUNLEYE ABIODUN EZEKIEL        |
| 943  | ATAGUBA S.O                     | 538  | EKA SUNDAY MACAULAY               | 1265 | IGO ASSEMBLY GOIN                | 387  | NABATIV HUR-OR-DOO SAMUEL       | 1331 | OGUNLEYE F.A                    |
| 254  | ATTOLA OLUSSOLA                 | 416  | EKECHEKWU SABASTIAN LEMA          | 985  | IGWE CHIMEZIE FRANKLIN           | 1818 | NDUBISI INNOCENT OKEKE          | 1765 | OGUNLEYE JACOB ADENIGBA         |
| 383  | ATOLAGBE JOSHUA TINUOYE         | 1835 | EKHATOR ANTHONY OSAROGIWA         | 844  | IGWEBIKE NWOKOLO JAMES           | 718  | NDULUE F.C.C                    | 135  | OGUNLEYE PETER FOLORUNSO O.     |
| 774  | ATOYEBI ADEBOKOLA ADEBISI       | 1427 | EKHOSU OROBOSA SUNDAY             | 1349 | IHEADINDU UGONNA IGNATIUS        | 438  | NGOLAYEFA NGOZI KINGDOM         | 369  | OGUNLEYE RUFUS OLUKAYODE        |
| 1573 | ATSEN I.D                       | 406  | EKORIKO AKANIMO IME UDO           | 857  | IKE ANYANWU VICTOR               | 445  | NGWAKWE OCHULU                  | 529  | OGUNLISI PAUL OLATUNBOSUN       |
| 676  | ATU IKPONMWOSSA VICTOR          | 1719 | EKPE NNANNA ROMANUS               | 982  | IKEDIONWU MADU CHIMEZIE          | 274  | NINOSU C P C                    | 493  | OGUNNEYE MURTALA TAIWO          |
| 240  | AWANI PENUEL EBOSSA             | 475  | EKPEMU CLEMENT ONYEABE            | 363  | IKEH GREGORY IZUNWANNE           | 322  | NIRAN BIOKU                     | 1431 | OGUNNIBI OLAGBADEBO ADEBOYO A.  |
| 1753 | AWE EMMANUEL BABATUNDE          | 306  | EKPO D.D                          | 431  | IKEH IGNATIUS ODILA              | 580  | NJEPHOME A.P.C                  | 806  | OGUNNISI MUSEDIK ABOLANLE       |
| 1216 | AWOFEKO ABIODUN AWOBIIYI        | 995  | EKPO CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER        | 1783 | IKENWEASO CHARLES ONOHIE         | 1845 | NJETENEH EBOAGU GODWIN          | 325  | OGUNOLAKINBOYE AJIBOYE          |
| 1542 | AWOTIMON BABATUNDE              | 1666 | EKUNDARE MICHAEL GBENGA           | 1169 | IKEMESI EDWIN UGO                | 686  | NJEZE ANIAMALU FRANCIS          | 216  | OGUNSANYA JIMO OLUWOLE          |
| 1659 | AWUSIONUKINGSLEY IHEANYICHUKWU  | 1280 | EKUNDAYO ELIJAH OLUKAYODE         | 1620 | IKONOH EMMANUEL ESSIEN           | 324  | NJOKI MARCELLINUS OBIOMA        | 180  | OGUNSANYA JOEL OLUSSOLA         |
| 1363 | AYAMELE EZINDU                  | 850  | EKWERE UKO JACKSON                | 1957 | IKOTT N.J                        | 388  | NJOKI ONYEKWERE                 | 1269 | OGUNSSOTE OLUYEMI               |
| 581  | AYANNIYI FELIX ALABI            | 1011 | ELEGBEDE YISA ALAMU               | 421  | IKPA UDUMA                       | 566  | NJOKI PETER AHUKANNA            | 1736 | OGUNTADE ADEMOLA OLUFEMI        |
| 1938 | AYANNUGA OLUMIYIWA ADETAYO      | 1875 | ELEGBEKE AKINYELE DUDUYEMI S.     | 1295 | IKPAMONWU EMEKA ELIAS            | 478  | NKUCHE FESTUS OKERE N.          | 1970 | OGUNTADE R.O                    |
| 280  | AYANSINA ISAAC ABIODUN Y        | 1087 | ELEKWA C.U                        | 1502 | IKPENE EZEKIEL EFFIONG           | 1692 | NKUP CHARLES ZEMUEL MASUGA      | 1486 | OGUNTIMHEHN J.O                 |
| 357  | AYANWALE KOLAWOLE LAWRENCE      | 1868 | ELENWO NOEL DESIRE CHIKEZIE       | 614  | IKPIRHIN METI ELY TAIWO          | 1628 | NKWACHA MARCELLINUS C.          | 1205 | OGUNTIMHEHN HENSCHEL MONIOLA    |
| 1471 | AYANWALE SUNDAY OLUWOLE         | 809  | ELIAS TAIWO OLUFEMI HASSAN        | 1653 | IKPO NDUUBISI                    | 1705 | NKWOPARA R.V.N                  | 1848 | OGUNTINUADE DARE LANRE          |
| 596  | AYENI EZEKIEL OLASUPO           | 922  | ELUWA EMMANUEL CHIDOROM           | 1213 | IKWJEME CHARLES CHUKWUEMEKA      | 1682 | NMEHELLE FELIX                  | 1547 | OGWU THOMAS E.U                 |
| 220  | AYINDE OLATUNBOSUN TAIWO        | 777  | EMEFOR IZUCHUKWU PATRICK          | 267  | ILEAGU CHARLES OKAFOR            | 1157 | NMEZI BASIL CHUKWUMA            | 1597 | OHAMUO JUSTICE EMMANUEL         |
| 1837 | AYINDE SEMIU AKANNI             | 1247 | EMENGO A.C                        | 219  | ILESANMI FEMI ISAAC KIRIJI       | 1099 | NNADOZIE UZUKWU MAXWELL         | 348  | OHWOJEGHERI SAMUEL U.           |
| 1121 | AYO AJAYI                       | 401  | EMENIKE EMMANUEL N.               | 1450 | ILOANYA BARTHOLOMEW NNABUEZE     | 998  | NNAMANI DAVID OKONKWO           | 129  | OJIKERE SOLOMON JAIYE           |
| 1059 | AYO AKINRO                      | 1161 | EMENIKE JOHN NNAEMEKA             | 143  | ILORI CHIEF OLUFEMI              | 1755 | NNANDI EJIMA ANTHONIA           | 1193 | OJIKERE JAMES OLASANMI          |
| 1245 | AYOADE JOHNSON ADEDIRE          | 762  | EMETER PATRICK N. OSITA           | 1438 | ILORI TIMOTHY OLUBAYO            | 1624 | NNAOMA CHIKE CYRIL              | 435  | OJINICHA A. UGWU                |
| 1680 | AYODELE KOLAWOLE ANTHONY        | 1165 | ENAEFE WILLIAM AKPOVOGHO          | 364  | IMARIHAGBE ERUNMWUNSE D          | 273  | NNAOMA CYRIL UZOR               | 1971 | OJO O.J                         |
| 1000 | AYODELE OLATUNDE SAMUEL         | 586  | ENEJE LEONARD CHUKWUKA            | 439  | IMOH MAURICE IROULOR             | 507  | NNEBEDUM IFEANYI FREDERICK      | 1790 | OJO ADEBAYO MOSES               |
| 837  | AYOMOBI ETIM EFFIOMI            | 1413 | ENEME HENRY KOMENO                | 513  | IMOROA MOSES ATALOKHA            | 1030 | NNODOM IGNATIUS ONYEBUCHI       | 1229 | OJO ADEREMI SAMUEL              |
| 822  | AZUONWU CHIMEZIE LAWRENCE       | 909  | ENENDU CHUKWUEMEKA DONATUS        | 1684 | IMRAN MUBARAK ADEKUNLE           | 1699 | NNODU MADUABUEKE NDUUBISI       | 184  | OJO AMOS B. OLAKUNBI            |
| 536  | BABA MALLAM YAHAYA              | 913  | ENI CHUKWUEMEKA OGUOMA            | 1156 | INYANG UDOKAM TOM                | 346  | NOAH TERRY LUCKY                | 1253 | OJO EMMANUEL OLAJIDE            |
| 829  | BABALOLA ENOCH SUNDAY           | 1724 | ENAFE ADEBOLA JOHNSON             | 1575 | INYANG WILLIAM SUNDAY            | 889  | NSOBIUNDU ERINNE FRANCIS        | 1459 | OJO MICHAEL OLUFEMI             |
| 244  | BABALOLA IDOWU ADAMO            | 1036 | ENJUGU AHIAH AUJU                 | 1036 | IRENEN AKHIGBE KLEIN             | 683  | NSOKE J.N                       | 213  | OJO OLUFEMI ADEYANBI            |
| 1940 | BABARINDE M.O                   | 1700 | ENWEZOR PATRICK DAIKE             | 446  | IRIGO DOMINGO EICHIE             | 214  | NUGA CHARLES OLUSEYE            | 1048 | OJO OLUSSUNMADE OLAOSEBIKAN     |
| 374  | BABARINDE OLUSSANYA OJO         | 1405 | EREBI LAWIS EMAMOKE               | 1139 | IRO EZERA                        | 457  | NWABICHIE C.L                   | 1241 | OJOKO CHRISTOPHER IGOHTEGUJOWO  |
| 1035 | BABATUNDE ALABI O.              | 141  | ERIYAMKEMU CHIEF GABRIEL CYRIL O. | 1412 | IRUGHE-EHIGIATOR RAPHAEL         | 479  | NWABICHIE CLEMENT I             | 440  | OJUKWU ELOKA                    |
| 1757 | BABATUNDE RAUFU OLAYIWOLA       | 1730 | ERIYAMKEMU OTAGHOGHO MICHAEL      | 1197 | ISANG EMEM PAUL (MRS.)           | 1159 | NWABUJUI E.E                    | 1528 | OJUKWU EUGENE                   |
| 1155 | BADEJO GANIYU ADEBOLA           | 1354 | ESAN ABIODUN OLURAYO              | 1105 | ISHOLA S.O                       | 1415 | NWABUDE CHIDOZIE EMMANUEL       | 1613 | OKAFOR FRANCIS CHUKWUKA         |
| 1677 | BADMUS YINUSA                   | 1054 | ESAN KOYODE SUNDAY                | 1343 | ISHOLA SASAKI AKANDE             | 537  | NWADIKE DAVIDSON EKWIBELEM      | 349  | OKAFOR JOSEPH OGBO-ONAH         |
| 1187 | BAKARE MOSHOOD AKANFE           | 722  | ESEWE MATTEW IMENJIREA            | 1958 | ISIDAHOMEN O.S                   | 366  | NWADIGBU EMMANUEL C.            | 455  | OKAH-AVAE MATHIAS OWIGHO        |
| 1433 | BAL OGUN ADESOJI PETER          | 1354 | ESIN E.E                          | 911  | ISIFEH CHARLES CHIWUBA           | 697  | NWAGBARA FRIDAY E               | 981  | OKALI NDUUBISI KELECHUKWA       |
| 208  | BAL OGUN ANDREW ADERINOLA       | 307  | ESIN EFTONG UWAKEME               | 807  | ISIJOLA KEHINDE OLABANJI A.      | 1221 | NWAGBARA NNAMDI                 | 657  | OKANYI CHIDOZIE GODWIN          |
| 790  | BAL OGUN KAZEEM ADEOLA          | 484  | ESIN EYO EKPENYONG                | 1057 | ISONG M.A                        | 562  | NWAGBOSO HAROLD CHIJIAGO        | 1506 | OKE ABEL OLALAKAN               |
| 281  | BAL OGUN SAKIBU ADEKUNLE        | 207  | ESO JULIUS KAYODE                 | 543  | ITAASUQUO OKON                   | 1138 | NWAIWU PETER NGOZICHUKWU        | 310  | OKE ELIJAH ACHINJINJI W.        |
| 1395 | BAMIDELE OLASUNKANMI            | 652  | ESSIEN GODFREY JAMES              | 308  | ITESA EMIBUEBU DAVID             | 1000 | NWAKEDI IFEANYI NWOKEDI         | 391  | OKE EMMANUEL ADENYI             |
| 499  | BAMISA J.O                      | 1066 | ESSIET NKPOUTO DANSON             | 246  | IVONYE IGNATIUS OGBONA           | 1562 | NWAMUO P.C                      | 1821 | OKEBUKOLA SAMUEL TAIWO          |
| 514  | BANJO BABATUNDE                 | 944  | ETUKUDO EKERETE EFIONG            | 198  | IWUCHUKWU MARK ESOGWA            | 1159 | NWANBUJUI ERNEST EMEKA          | 977  | OKEDELE EMMANUEL OGUNLEYE       |
| 1726 | BANKOLE ADAMS ADEWALE           | 1440 | ETUONOVBE KESIENA ANGELA          | 1308 | IWUNDU IHEANYICHUKWU POLYCARP    | 430  | NWANGANGA FRIDAY O              | 1972 | OKEDEJI K.AYODELE               |
| 1627 | BAPPA IBBI MOHAMMED             | 1357 | EVARIE PETER                      | 268  | IYAWI FRANCIS USEGHESE           | 778  | NWANSIKE SAMPSON NWOBIA         | 796  | OKEKE C.EJIKI                   |
| 691  | BARUWA A. LAYE                  | 1272 | EVBUOMWAN EMMANUEL U.             | 1174 | IYIEGBU GODFREY OKEYE            | 239  | NWAOZO LAWRENCE U.              | 895  | OKEKE ALEX ANUGO                |
| 384  | BASARU SIKIRU B ADESINA         | 1788 | EWJURUM CHUKWUEMEKA O.S.          | 1185 | JACKSON EMMANUEL ASUQUO          | 1439 | NWAKINANE NAKA ANDY             | 1279 | OKEKE GABRIEL CHUKWUELOKO       |
| 548  | BEJIDE A.S                      | 988  | EYEFIA WILLIAM ONIWOSSA           | 656  | JAHUN IBRAHIM SAIDU              | 1541 | NWIMO GOODNEWS OHANEMERE        | 643  | OKEKE JONAS                     |
| 1320 | BELLO KAYODE TAJUDEEN           | 842  | EZE S.U                           | 733  | JEGEDE ISSAC OLUAMILOLA OSO      | 645  | NWOBU JUSTIN AMAECHI            | 579  | OKELEYE LASISI                  |
| 685  | BELLO OLOYEDE                   | 1181 | EZE ANTHONY EZENWA                | 1615 | JESA J.Y                         | 365  | NWOGU ENYIOMA OKEBUGWU          | 1129 | OKERE COLUMBA CHUKWUJIKE        |
| 1286 | BELLO SHAKIRU ADEOLA            | 665  | EZE PIUS CHUKWUEMEKA              | 1470 | JIMOH OLANREWAIJU SULAIMAN       | 1071 | NWOKORO VINCENT EZEANI NWAFOR   | 884  | OKEREKE CHIOMA VINCENT          |
| 853  | BENIBO SOGBEYE CHAMBERS         | 842  | EZE SILAS UCHENNA                 | 1074 | JINADU FOLORUNSO YISA            | 1705 | NWOPARA R.V.N                   | 256  | OKUHAESEGIE DANIEL NORENSE      |
| 1475 | BENYEOR CHUKWUDOME TONY         | 1358 | EZEAKU TITUS CHININERO            | 641  | JINADU KAREEM OLOYEDE            | 888  | NWOSU AZUBUIKE GREGORY          | 424  | OKOCHA LUKE A. AMIEGBOKA        |
| 1600 | BESONG WILLIAM AKAM             | 385  | EZEANAKA EDWARD EJIFOR            | 210  | JODA SAMUEL OLUFELA              | 715  | NWOYE MADUKA EJIKE              | 796  | OKOKE CHIBGO EJIKE              |
| 1738 | BHADMUS ADENYI LOOKMAN          | 1173 | EZEH FRANCIS CHUKWUEMEKA          | 160  | JOEL O.O                         | 387  | NYAMSE VICTOR OKON              | 1474 | OKOH OGBUJA KALU                |
| 322  | BIOKU ADENIRAN                  | 567  | EZEIGBO KINGSLEY CHIBUZOR         | 906  | JOHNSON OLUSEGUN                 | 1382 | NZE P.O                         | 1779 | OKOLI DIDACUS AGODI             |
| 343  | BOBADOYE ABAYOMI LUKE           | 437  | EZEKIEL EMMANUEL O.               | 333  | JOLAOSO ADIO ADEOLA A.           | 1183 | NZE PASCAL OKECHUKWU            | 629  | OKOLI EMEKA CYPRIAN             |
| 382  | BOLA AKINWALE                   | 228  | EZENWERE ONAJKA CHARLES           | 1787 | JOSEPH CHIDERA PRAISE            | 180  | NZENWA DAMIAN A.                | 136  | OKOLI FREDERICK CHKWUNYECU      |
| 1786 | BOLARINWA ABIBOLA ADENYI        | 1022 | EZEKIANA ANTHONY NNAEMEKA         | 918  | KALIO SIMEPIRIYE ELLIOT GODWIN   | 578  | OBADO THOMAS AKHAZE             | 1248 | OKOLIE AUGUSTINE CHINEDU        |
| 606  | BOYE SAMUEL JAMSON              | 965  | EZI C.I.W                         | 1633 | KALIO TAMUNOMI EBI OBED          | 500  | OBAJA ADEKOLE                   | 1974 | OKOLO E.A                       |
| 1551 | BRIGHT KOLADE ABAYOMI           | 1203 | EZIE VICTOR ONORIODE              | 1382 | KALU IKEAGWUCHI UDE              | 1963 | OBANEGHA O.E                    | 328  | OKOLO VICTOR CHUKWUKA           |
| 565  | CHARLES CHARLESYVE DAVID        | 1104 | EZUGWU VICTOR OKAFOR              | 1097 | KANTIOK LUKE B.                  | 1361 | OBANSA YAKUBU MONIHO            | 1514 | OKOME EDMOND ESIMAJE            |
| 678  | CHIEDOZIE FREDERICK C.          | 1555 | FADAIRO OLUFEMI AYOOLA            | 269  | KASIM MURITALA OLUFEMI           | 970  | OBAYANJU RASHEED OLANIRAN       | 530  | OKOME SONNY AJUEBITS            |
| 1612 | CHIEMELU NDUKWE EMMANUEL        | 792  | FADIPPE ABEL AYODEJI              |      |                                  |      |                                 |      |                                 |

# International

## Missionary to face trial in Haiti - Attorney



US Laura Silsby, a Christian missionary, is seen at a police station in Port-au-Prince, Haiti in late January.

THE US woman at the centre of a major scandal after she and several fellow missionaries tried to spirit dozens of Haitian children into the Dominican Republic is to be tried in Haiti, her attorney has told AFP.

Laura Silsby, one of a group of missionaries from the western US state of

Idaho, was detained at the border with the Dominican Republic on kidnapping charges following the devastating earthquake in Haiti.

She now will stand trial on the charge of arranging "irregular travel," according to her attorney, Louis Ricardo Chachoutte, who

spoke to reporters following a court hearing Monday. S

Silsby and her fellow Baptist missionaries were arrested on January 29 as they tried to take the children into the neighbouring Dominican Republic by bus without the necessary documentation.

## Panama's ex-dictator Noriega extradited to France

FORMER Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega faced money laundering charges in a French court-room yesterday after being extradited from the United States, opening up a whole new legal battle for the strongman who spent two decades behind bars in Florida for drug trafficking.

French authorities claim that Noriega, who was ousted in a US invasion in 1989, had laundered some \$7 million in drug profits by purchasing luxury apartments with his wife in Paris. Noriega was convicted in absentia, but France agreed to give him a new trial if he was extradited.

The 72-year-old Noriega arrived yesterday morning on a direct flight from Miami and was served with an international arrest warrant. He could face another 10 years in prison if convicted in France.

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|      |                               |      |                                 |      |                               |      |                              |      |                              |
|------|-------------------------------|------|---------------------------------|------|-------------------------------|------|------------------------------|------|------------------------------|
| 1809 | OLADEJI ADEMOLA ERIC          | 804  | OMEJE MICHAEL OGBONNA           | 840  | OSIBELIUNWO OLUGBEGA O.       | 427  | PWAT SAMUEL PAM              | 1081 | UCHUNO A.C                   |
| 1703 | OLADEJO ADIJAT OLABISI        | 852  | OMEKAM OKECHUKWU FELIX          | 967  | OSIFESO GEORGE OLUSEGUN       | 329  | QUADRI USMAN KEHINDE K.      | 1531 | UDABOR GODWIN AKHIMEN        |
| 757  | OLADEJO JOSEPH OLUSEGUN       | 1902 | OMIGIE RAYMOND OTAFO            | 961  | OSILI IKECHUKWU               | 1510 | RAHEEM KAZEEM ADEWUNMI       | 1651 | UDE UDE ANYA                 |
| 1130 | OLADELE ABDUL-RASHEED         | 290  | OMISOLA EMMANUEL OMOLOLU        | 447  | OSOFUNDIYA OLUSEGUN C.        | 1162 | RAJI BIODUN KAZEEM           | 1406 | UDEH ANAYOCHUKWU KENNETH     |
| 785  | OLADIMEJI YEKINI GARUBA       | 1590 | OMOBALBERT GBADEBO              | 564  | OSOKO O.S                     | 1586 | RAMONI GBOLASADE TAOFEK      | 1183 | UDIO-ULOYE FEANYI OGHALE SAM |
| 1310 | OLADOKUN BABATUNDE ADEMOLA    | 706  | OMOBUNWAJO MICHAEL O.           | 584  | OSSAI OPUTA                   | 1281 | ROSIJ AFOLABI OLUMIDE        | 862  | UDO ASUQUO TOM               |
| 1632 | OLADOKUN DAMILOLA OLAOLUWA    | 150  | OMOGUI DANIEL AYANYO            | 564  | OSSAI OPUTA                   | 1787 | ROTIMI IBRAHIM MOHAMMED      | 419  | UDO UGHE                     |
| 1430 | OLADOKUN TOYIN OLAYIWOLA      | 1398 | OMOLEKAN A.O                    | 1983 | OSUAGWU C.C                   | 275  | SAIDI SUNDAY BABATUNDE       | 1091 | UDODI GEOFFREY OKECHUKWU     |
| 1382 | OLAGOKE WASIU OLADOTUN        | 619  | OMUSUO WILSON OMUSO             | 1984 | OSUJI C.C                     | 1340 | SAKI DUPE NIHINLOLA          | 980  | UDOFIA ETUK WILLIAM          |
| 1570 | OLAGUNJI CHRISTOPHER OLUSEGUN | 780  | OMUYA EMMANUEL SUNDAY           | 1985 | OSUJI ANTHONY CHUKWUMA        | 1562 | SAKALATEEF                   | 1594 | UDOH FELIX EMMANSON          |
| 197  | OLAJIGA OLUWALE BENJAMIN M    | 392  | ONABAJO OLAIDE SURAJ            | 1202 | OSUJI MATHIAS UWADIEGWU       | 611  | SALAMI YINUSA ALANI          | 1553 | UDOTONG ITA UDO-LIDO         |
| 1148 | OLAJUGBA OLUROPO              | 748  | ONABANJO ADEMOLA O.             | 1758 | OSUNLEKE MATHWU OLANYI        | 1480 | SALAWU ISIAKA                | 612  | UDUEZE ACOYSIU IKEORA        |
| 935  | OLAJUMOKE MUSIBAU AJANI       | 1258 | ONAEKO THOMAS UMUNO             | 292  | OTA EMMANUEL OBIORA           | 1426 | SALAWU TUNDE WAHEED          | 93   | UFOGBUNE ISIKWE UMEMEZIE     |
| 1804 | OLALERI BULIAMIN ADEJARE      | 383  | ONI E.SUNDAY                    | 1564 | OTAGBE FRIDAY AGBATOR         | 1372 | SALIHU ISHIAKU               | 464  | UGELE THEOPHILUS CHIEME      |
| 654  | OLANIYAN DAMILOLA OLADIPO     | 1830 | ONI M.S                         | 817  | OTI DONALD OKORO              | 510  | SAMUEL NDUBUSI AGWOR         | 397  | UGOH DONATUS UWAZIE          |
| 289  | OLANIYAN ENOCH AYOYEMI        | 1840 | ONI ANTHONY ABIODUN             | 849  | OTIELEM                       | 1123 | SAN A.NUHU                   | 1652 | UGOJI VINCENT EZE            |
| 1587 | OLANIYAN KAMORUDEEN ADEJARE   | 1314 | ONIPEDE DAVID OLUFEMI           | 1088 | OTOMA C.E                     | 1520 | SANGODE BABTUNDE BOLAJI      | 1050 | UGWU L.C.K                   |
| 1179 | OLANIYAN OLAIDE TIRIMISIYU    | 1978 | ONO M.N                         | 903  | OTOMEWO JOHN OKIEMUTE LAYA    | 1123 | SANI ABANS NUHU              | 1802 | UGWU CHARLES OZOEMENE C.     |
| 173  | OLARINDE PETER SUNDAY EMIOLA  | 341  | ONOCHIE IKEMEFUNA AUGUSTINE     | 1487 | OTUJE CHRISTIAN OBIINNA       | 582  | SANNI O.M                    | 508  | UGWUNNE TIMOTHY CHIKWADO     |
| 699  | OLARINRE OLATUNDE MUYIWA      | 1897 | ONOHWOREMUN CHARLES EMONENA     | 257  | OVERARE FRANCIS OKUDI         | 522  | SANNI MUSTAPHA ONETA         | 1839 | UKAABI CALEB CHUKS           |
| 1718 | OLATINWO-TIMOTHY-OLUSUNBO     | 1141 | ONONIKPO GEOFFREY UGO           | 1239 | OWHOJETA SYLVESTER EFE        | 316  | SANNI SALAUDEEN OZIGI        | 703  | UKIM B.E                     |
| 1860 | OLATUNJI BABAJIDE TAIWO       | 844  | ONONYE NWORA ALEXANDER          | 186  | OWOJUYIGBE FESTUS SUNDAY      | 1434 | SANUSI RASHEED OLADELE       | 754  | UKOMADU ERNEST THOMSON       |
| 1342 | OLATUNJI OLUFEMI SIGISMUND    | 1857 | ONOSOHWO KENNETH SUNDAY         | 704  | OWOLABI OLUDIRAN SAMUEL       | 1098 | SARKI DAVID TANKO            | 731  | UKPONG FINBARA JOHN          |
| 953  | OLAWUYI SOLOMON OLUWOLE       | 1702 | ONUAGWA CHUKWUDINMA JOHN        | 1481 | OWOLE JULIUS BABATUNDE        | 1201 | SEBASTIAN OMOTAYO ADEDEJI    | 450  | UKPONG VICTOR ETUKUDO        |
| 1311 | OLAYEMI JELIJU KOLAWOLE       | 1722 | ONUBOGU INNOCENT UZOMA          | 930  | OWOYELE JOHNSON OLUWABUSOLA   | 1787 | SEYI OKE                     | 818  | UKWA G.O                     |
| 1552 | OLAYINKA OLUWATOYIN ADEGBE    | 1979 | ONUCHUKWU B.C                   | 1244 | OWULADE JULIUS BABATUNDE      | 223  | SHADEKO (CHIEF) BABATUNDE A. | 1113 | ULASI EDWIN UZODINMA         |
| 1223 | OLAYIWOLA E.O                 | 867  | ONUOHA VINCENT OTOSOROCHUKWU    | 1390 | OYEBADEJO AGOOLA OLUFEMI A.O. | 1638 | SHEHU ISAH                   | 683  | UMA SAMUEL KALU              |
| 1874 | OLEKANMA M.A                  | 1222 | ONUORA MICHAEL NWANNA           | 1175 | OYEBODE ANTHONY GBADEBO K.    | 997  | SHIYANBOLA JOHN OLARIBIGBE   | 398  | UMANA OKON UWE               |
| 1874 | OLEKANMA MICHAEL ANAYO        | 956  | ONWUEGBUNA CHUKWUKADIBIA        | 1781 | OYEDIRAN ABIMBOLA DOTUN       | 1991 | SHODIMU A. OLUWASEGUN        | 162  | UMAR ABDUL KARIMU            |
| 1820 | OLEFINSAN SAMUEL ARIFALO      | 1484 | ONWUJEME CHRISTOPHER NDUDI      | 1634 | OYEDIRAN BOLANLE SAKRAT       | 1618 | SHOLARIN ADETUNJI ALIU       | 470  | UMAR MOHAMMED NASIR          |
| 1255 | OLOFINTE JOHNSON IBTOYE       | 874  | ONWUKWE JAMES OGBUKA            | 793  | OYEBOLA AKINLOYE OLUFEMI      | 868  | SHOLA RAFIU SOYUNMI          | 111  | UMEH PIUS ABUCHI             |
| 1976 | OLOGUN S.M                    | 248  | ONWUNEME NWAALUKWUTERE C.       | 1017 | OYEBOLA OYEKUNLE ADELOLAPO    | 1546 | SOFOWORA KOLAWOLE ADESANYA   | 907  | UMEZURIKE AUGUSTIN IKECHUKWU |
| 1681 | OLOKEOGUN IYABODE DAMILOLA    | 1062 | ONYEBUCHI CHIKWENDU JOSEPH      | 1481 | OYEKALU RASHEED OYEGBAMI      | 1670 | SOGBETUN OLUSEGUN JOSEPH     | 1317 | UMOKORO E.A                  |
| 1544 | OLONGWO I.K.J                 | 590  | ONYEIZU ROWLAND ALOZIE          | 1751 | OYEKEYE OLUMIDE ISREAL        | 312  | SOGUNRO OLORUNTELE           | 422  | UMOREN GEORGE TOMMY          |
| 929  | OLORUNFEMI ADEDURIN ISAAC O.  | 1424 | ONYENEGECHA KENNY CHIGOZIE      | 1986 | OYEKOLA M.A                   | 588  | SOILE SAMUEL ABODUN          | 294  | UMOREN RICHARD AARON         |
| 993  | OLORUNKOSEBI AMODU TUNJI      | 1980 | OPALEYE J.O                     | 1481 | OYELAKU R.O                   | 971  | SOIPE S.O                    | 147  | UMORU ABDUL (M.N.C)          |
| 563  | OLORUNKOYA JOSEPH OLUSANYA    | 1145 | OPALEYE SAMUEL OLUWOLE          | 1023 | OYELEKE BILIAMINU OYEKOLA     | 1287 | SOLADOYE MOSO BALAJE MUKAILA | 1317 | UMUKORO EKARHOBOR ABRAHAM    |
| 919  | OLORUNKUNLE TEMITOPE O.       | 1981 | OPALUWA Y.O.                    | 1194 | OYELUDE LAWRENCE OLUTAYO      | 724  | SOLESI AFOLABI OLUKAYODE     | 1448 | UNO NDEKHEDEHE ETIM UKO      |
| 1884 | OLORUNSANMI AYODEJI OLUSEGUN  | 1120 | OPARA (REV) ENYERIBE WILLIAM    | 1332 | OYERUGA OYENIYI ABAYOMI       | 1126 | SOLOMON OLUWOLE TIMOTHY A.   | 512  | URUM OYIM DANIEL             |
| 801  | OLORUNSOYO AYODEJI O.         | 1228 | OPARINDE OLADAPO OLAWALE        | 1102 | OYERINDE JIMOH AKINADE        | 255  | SOMOYE OLALAYE ADIO          | 1844 | USMAN SAIDU TAHIR            |
| 1392 | OLOWOFYERU OLUWAKEMI OYEFUNKE | 1101 | OPELOYERU R.A                   | 1987 | OYETUNJI F.A                  | 971  | SOPHE SAMUEL OGUNJIMI        | 314  | UWAGBOKWU NWADIUTO J.        |
| 1637 | OLOWU HAKEEM ADEGORIOLA       | 871  | OPUAI TAMUNOKURO AMOS           | 315  | OYETUNJI BENJAMIN KOLAWOLE    | 1476 | SOREMEKUN ISAAC OLADIJI      | 858  | UWAKWE ALOZIE CHUKWUNYERE    |
| 969  | OLUBOBOKUN MATHWU AKINLABI    | 973  | OPURUM ISAAC IFEANYICHUKWU E    | 1339 | OYETUNJI PETER OLUSEGUN       | 1993 | SOTAYO E.I LANRE             | 788  | UYAH EBONG EBONG UMOREN      |
| 830  | OLUBORODE OMOTOSHO JOHNSON    | 875  | OPUTE FRANCIS IFEANYI OZULU     | 744  | OYEWOLE RAUFU OYETUNJI        | 1401 | SULEIMAN BELLO BALA          | 505  | UZOMAH BARTHOLOMEW E.        |
| 154  | OLUGBEMI JOSEPH OLUFEMI       | 830  | ORAKAH GABRIEL C.               | 1808 | OYEWUMI ABOSEDE OLAITAN       | 1208 | TAFABABATUNDE ABUBAKAR ATIKU | 436  | UZOR CHARLES                 |
| 1078 | OLUKOLADE A.KASIM             | 1294 | ORDU KINGSLEY NKEMDIRIM         | 1988 | OYEWUSI S.T                   | 1292 | TAIWO VA                     | 146  | WOKEMBA SHADRACH GEORGE      |
| 1497 | OLUKOTUN SOLOMON BABTOPE      | 583  | OREBANJO FREDERICK F.           | 1658 | OZIE EJENIYI EBENEZAR         | 827  | TAIWO ADEFIOYE OMOBOLAWA     | 1009 | YABO MOHAMMED SANI           |
| 894  | OLUNLADE AYODE OLUFEMI        | 291  | OREPTAN ALEXANDER OLADIPO       | 805  | OZIDE JOSEPH CHUKWUEMEKA      | 1833 | TAIWO JAMES ABAYOMI          | 371  | YAHAYA MOHAMMED NADU         |
| 823  | OLUOKUN OLATUNJI KEHINDE      | 515  | ORESEGUN AYODEJI OLUFEMI        | 1880 | OZIOKO CYPRIAN SUNDAY         | 1134 | TANSHI ETABORUNU DANIEL      | 339  | YAKUBU LATEEF AREMU          |
| 1375 | OLUSANJO A.E                  | 845  | ORIRE MURTALA ADEBAYO           | 593  | OZOADIBE SAMUEL MADUEKE       | 1014 | TARFA E.S                    | 976  | YESUFU CHRISTOPHER OLAREWAJU |
| 452  | OLUSANYA OYEBANJO B.          | 1358 | OROGBANGBAMOS AYOBAMIJI         | 272  | OZOUDE CHARLES UGWU U.        | 903  | TEMITOPE SOLOMON MUYIWA      | 756  | YUSUF A.O                    |
| 151  | OLUSESI EBENEZER ADESOLA      | 1532 | ORUKWOWU K.N                    | 1137 | OZOWARA MEZU-CHUKWU C.        | 1829 | TIJANI TABURA KIKELOMO       | 1090 | YUSUF ABDULKAREEM ODE        |
| 1768 | OLUSOLA L.A                   | 532  | ORUPABO SIKI                    | 1989 | PARKER A.T                    | 743  | TITCOMBE PAUL BABATUNDE      | 1508 | YUSUF RASHEED KOLAWOLE       |
| 1198 | OLUSOLA VINCENT OLAITAN       | 1777 | OSAKWE EZIOYI OGOCHUKWU         | 1386 | PASTOR AJETUNMOBI TOPE SUNDAY | 1995 | TOJI J.J                     | 373  | YUSUF RAZAK KOLAWOLE         |
| 1296 | OLUWAFEMI ADEWALE ADEWUNMI    | 1432 | OSANEBI FELIX NWAACHUKWU        | 1444 | PENDER ANANI ROWLAND O.       | 570  | TONGKAM SHENIN DASIHIT       | 474  | YUSUF SHAMSIDEEN ABIOLA      |
| 332  | OLUWAMOTEMI DAVID             | 1810 | OSANYINLUSI BABATUNDE REMIGIDUS | 122  | PETERS CLEMENT AKINDELE       | 1012 | TUNJI ADELEYE                | 1674 | YUSUFF BASHIR KADEWOLU       |
| 1116 | OLUWANINIYI OLUWATAYO         | 941  | OSAZUWA JAMES AMADIN            | 311  | PHILIPS AKINBOWALE.           | 1287 | UBAEZUONU GEORGE CHUKWUDI    | 1167 | ZANDU TANKO JACOB ZHEMA      |
| 1528 | OLUWATUROTI SOLOMON OLANYI    | 550  | OSE DAHUNSI JAMES A. SUNDAY     | 1990 | POPO D.T                      | 379  | UBAJEKWE RAYMOND E.          | 1889 | ZUDONU OMEVAI ONISOKKUMEN    |
| 1795 | OLUWOLE OLUROPO TAIWO         | 1805 | OSEHALE SATURDAY EHIANETA       | 448  | POPOOLA TA                    | 1995 | UCHEBO JOHN ANUKAIFE         |      |                              |
| 350  | OLUWOYE SAMSON ADEBAYO        | 1982 | OSENI O.S                       | 338  | POPOOLA GABRIEL OLUFEMI O.    |      |                              |      |                              |
| 885  | OLUYORI PAUL DARE             | 1132 | OSENI MUJIB ALAO                | 1581 | POPOOLA ISAAH OLATUNJI        |      |                              |      |                              |
| 709  | OME OBIOMA OGBAJIOGU          | 1855 | OSHIKAYA MUTIU TITI             | 1605 | POPOOLA MOSHOOD ISHOLA        |      |                              |      |                              |
| 370  | OMELI IKECHUKWU MIKE          | 902  | OSHIN KOLAWOLE CHRISTOPHER      | 1649 | POPOOLA OLUWOLE GABRIEL       |      |                              |      |                              |
| 1977 | OMEJE E.D                     | 211  | OSIAKHURUW OTASOWE E            | 779  | POPOOLA TIMOTHY ADEKUNLE      |      |                              |      |                              |
|      |                               | 1457 | OSIBANJO IYABA A. SARAH O.      | 1438 | PUEGEREN JOHN VICTOR E        |      |                              |      |                              |



## 2010 NATIONAL EDUCATION DATA SURVEY

National Population Commission in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Education and Universal Basic Education Commission is conducting the 2010 Nigeria Education Data Survey.

Information will be collected on areas such as:

- Data on the schooling status of Nigerian children of basic education age,
- Factors influencing the enrolment of children in school,
- Reasons why pupils and students drop out of school,
- Household expenditures on children's schooling,
- Differential patterns of expenditure by various background characteristics,
- Parent's attitudes to schooling, including the quality of schooling,
- The frequency of student absenteeism.

Cooperate with the interviewers. Information collected will be treated with confidentiality.

The survey is being funded by United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID).  
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**UNIVERSITY OF MAIDUGURI TEACHING HOSPITAL**

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**VACANCY FOR THE POST OF CHIEF MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the post of Chief Medical Director of the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital.

**UNIVERSITY OF MAIDUGURI TEACHING HOSPITAL**

The University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital belongs to the third generation teaching hospitals in the Country. The Hospital was officially commissioned on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 1983. The hospital has a Capacity of 530 beds spread over 23 wards and was designated a Centre of Excellence in Immunology and Infectious Diseases in 1986.

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**VISION:**

Our Vision is a Diplomatic Tertiary Health Institution of excellence in training, research and service delivery.

**MISSION:**

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**THE CHIEF MEDICAL DIRECTOR:**

The Chief Medical Director is the Chief Medical Officer, Administrative and Accounting Officer of the Hospital. He is charged with the responsibility for the execution of the policies and matters affecting the day – to – day management of the affairs of the Hospital. He has power to exercise general authority over both staff and resident Doctors. He is also responsible for the discipline in the Hospital, subject to the general control of the Board of Management.

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

The Candidate for the post of Chief Medical Director is expected to possess the following academic qualifications and personal qualities

- 1) Be a Medical Doctor with not less than 12 years cognate medical experience and who is medically fit.
- 2) Has a Postgraduate qualification duly registered with the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria.
- 3) Has been a Consultant for at least five (5) years.
- 4) Be of proven good character.
- 5) Not be more than 55 years of age
- 6) Any Management qualification will be an added advantage.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE:**

The Salary is consolidated and the appointee shall enjoy other benefits of the office as may be approved from time to time by the Federal Government of Nigeria.

**METHOD OF APPLICATION:**

Applicants are to forward fifteen (15) typewritten copies of their applications with detailed curriculum Vitae (CV) in the following order:-

- a) Full name
- b) Date and place of birth
- c) Nationality
- d) State of origin
- e) Local Government of origin
- f) Marital status
- g) Number and ages of children
- h) Current postal address including telephone numbers and e-mail
- i) Schools attended with Academic / Professional qualifications obtained with dates.
- j) Previous employment(s) indicating post(s) held with dates.
- k) Present employment indicating post with dates and salary.
- l) Administrative and managerial positions held with dates.
- m) Membership of Professional Bodies/Associations.
- n) A statement of his/her own Vision for the hospital in the next four (4) years in not more than five pages.
- o) Other activities outside current employment.
- p) Names and addresses of three (3) Referees who are to forward confidential reports on them directly to the Director of Administration and Secretary to the Board. Such Referees should be able to attest to the candidates' academic, professional and managerial abilities as well as moral character and uprightness.
- q) Applicants must be ready to support every claim with documentary evidence (where required) and bring the originals of all their credentials if invited for interview.

Interested and suitably qualified candidates should submit their applications in a sealed envelope marked "Application for the Post of Chief Medical Director" on the top right hand corner, addressed to:

**The Director of Administration,  
University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital,  
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and to reach the office of the Director of Administration not later than six (6) weeks from the date of this publication.

Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

**Signed  
Director of Administration and Secretary to the Board**



# NIGERIAN AIR FORCE

## LIST OF APPLICANTS SHORTLISTED FOR 2010 NIGERIAN AIR FORCE DIRECT SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION SELECTION BOARD

1. The underlisted applicants were successful at the Nigerian Air Force Zonal Enlistment Exercise conducted nationwide between 24 and 27 Mar 10. There are hereby shortlisted for the Nigerian Air Force 2010 Direct Short Service Commission Final Selection Interview Board Scheduled to hold at the Nigerian Air Force Base Kaduna between 3 and 8 May 2010.

2. Shortlisted applicants are to report to Nigerian Air Force Base Kaduna on 3 May 2010 by 7am. They are to come along with following:

- \* Original of Educational Certificates and NYSC Discharge Certificate.
- \* Original of Attestation of Parent/Guardian Consent Form.
- \* Original of Attestation of Local Government Area Form.
- \* Acknowledgment Form.
- \* Writing Material.
- \* Sport wears and canvass.

| Serial (a)       | Applicant ID (b) | Name (c)                    | Sex (d) | Serial (a)    | Applicant ID (b) | Name (c)                      | Sex (d) | Serial (a)     | Applicant ID (b) | Name (c)                    | Sex (d) | Serial (a)     | Applicant ID (b) | Name (c)                       | Sex (d) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| <b>ABIA</b>      |                  |                             |         |               |                  |                               |         |                |                  |                             |         |                |                  |                                |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1                | DSSC2010039376   | Eleh Ifeanyi Chukwu Nomsa   | M       | <b>DELTA</b>  |                  |                               |         |                |                  |                             |         |                |                  |                                |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2                | DSSC2010073330   | Olah Kalechi Jonathan       | M       | 1             | DSSC2010036006   | Ebekeje Ejrogbene Jude        | M       | <b>KANO</b>    |                  |                             |         |                |                  |                                |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3                | DSSC2010055814   | Maduka Chidiebere           | M       | 2             | DSSC2010038149   | Edeleghu Anthony Efe          | F       | 1              | DSSC2010065504   | Umar Magaji Sani            | M       | <b>ONDO</b>    |                  |                                |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4                | DSSC2010020862   | Onoh Anthony Onyekadi       | M       | 3             | DSSC2010057551   | Eksehare Enoch Augustina      | F       | 2              | DSSC2010049288   | Muhammed Ibrahim Sani       | M       | 1              | DSSC2010044419   | Ikumoro Abayomi Oluwasoyi      | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5                | DSSC2010055533   | Obike Oluochukwu            | M       | 4             | DSSC2010069334   | Udemeh Joseph Odiaso          | M       | 3              | DSSC2010055897   | Abdulwahab Anselmi Nasiru   | M       | 2              | DSSC2010078081   | Oluwasade Oluwafemi Anuoluwapo | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6                | DSSC2010032816   | Orji Nnamdi Oluochukwu      | M       | 5             | DSSC2010039385   | Timothy Shadrack Chirweite    | M       | 4              | DSSC2010059448   | Musa Ibrahim Halliru        | M       | 3              | DSSC2010028173   | Akinloshe Nelson Motunbi       | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7                | DSSC2010032458   | Awomakun Mercy Ijeoma       | F       | 6             | DSSC2010042220   | Derinan Samson Obuh           | M       | 5              | DSSC2010075278   | Ishaka Danjuma Salihu       | M       | 4              | DSSC2010026208   | Obe Benjamin Oluwalami         | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8                | DSSC2010083476   | Nkelema Solomon Chadi       | M       | 7             | DSSC2010072506   | Omoni Fredrick Ese            | M       | 6              | DSSC2010032418   | Noreni Taira Juliet         | F       | 5              | DSSC2010073863   | Ayeyemi Folurunso Gabriel      | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9                | DSSC2010065816   | Ogbonna Ifeanyi E           | M       | 8             | DSSC2010044791   | Oba Jude Belichukwu           | M       | 7              | DSSC2010057969   | Zakariya Tafu Badaru        | M       | 6              | DSSC2010043540   | Ogunmola Topo Victor           | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 8                | DSSC2010034957   | Nicholas Mark Wasipi        | M       | 6             | DSSC2010078998   | Nomeli Ijeoma Perpetua        | F       | 5              | DSSC2010038500   | Ish Tamiru                  | M       | 4              | DSSC2010074236   | Ojayin Oluogun Olatunji        | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 3                | DSSC2010071502   | Ausayo Udemede Fidelis      | M       | 2             | DSSC2010042665   | Mohammed Oshonah Kashetu      | M       | 1              | DSSC2010067849   | Samuel Musa Dabai           | M       | <b>OYO</b>     |                  |                                |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4                | DSSC2010069902   | Umah Umoh                   | M       | 3             | DSSC2010054058   | Oboro Benedict Adeche         | M       | 2              | DSSC2010032703   | Rufus Musa Bamsayi          | M       | 1              | DSSC2010076212   | Ojetola Akinyemi Mumini        | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5                | DSSC2010023577   | Akan Uboag Godwin           | M       | 4             | DSSC2010057155   | Abdulkadir Ayishehu           | F       | 3              | DSSC2010050762   | Shema Mohammed Abdullahi    | M       | 2              | DSSC2010039856   | Animashau Afolabi Oyebisi      | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6                | DSSC2010019064   | Essien Anthony Olkon        | M       | 5             | DSSC2010057603   | Ojemen Ehidiamen              | M       | 4              | DSSC2010038790   | Pessy Sencu Musa            | M       | 3              | DSSC2010044096   | Sabitu Kaazem Adekunle         | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7                | DSSC2010021209   | Inyang Uwem Sunday          | F       | 6             | DSSC2010055720   | Ehwe Osamede Faith            | F       | 5              | DSSC2010072214   | Abdulkareem Mubarak Jabbo   | M       | 4              | DSSC2010042130   | Usama Tajudeen Yusuf           | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8                | DSSC2010028473   | Emefik Efe Eno              | F       | 7             | DSSC2010074919   | Iwebe Richard                 | M       | 6              | DSSC2010027107   | Muhammed Kabir Nuhu         | M       | 5              | DSSC2010097758   | Fankum Oluwatobi Alorjedi      | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9                | DSSC2010070196   | Eshiet Michael Oforime      | M       | 8             | DSSC2010030386   | Saliu Franca Omosi            | F       | 7              | DSSC2010020684   | Awake Ibrahim               | M       | 6              | DSSC2010028130   | Popoola Nurudeen               | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10               | DSSC2010022145   | Udoakang Prassw Effiong     | F       | 9             | DSSC2010043030   | Aigbeoghin Faith Eli          | F       | 8              | DSSC2010032340   | Musa Ahmed Eleajo           | M       | 7              | DSSC2010029715   | Olaoseb F Olayinka             | F       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>ANAMBRA</b>   |                  |                             |         |               |                  |                               |         |                |                  |                             |         |                |                  |                                |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1                | DSSC2010057095   | Nkwo Njidi Martha           | F       | 10            | DSSC2010043718   | Akhibge Hope Inuobe           | F       | 9              | DSSC2010079263   | Adams Abdulmalik Sakaba     | M       | <b>PLATEAU</b> |                  |                                |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2                | DSSC2010071699   | Asozu Nomsa Christian       | M       | 11            | DSSC2010070691   | Sedo Sheldu Jimsah            | M       | 10             | DSSC2010052993   | Alfa Oskh Mathew            | M       | 1              | DSSC2010045052   | Adanto Monday                  | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3                | DSSC2010032599   | Ohabunwa Christian Chibazo  | M       | <b>ENUGU</b>  |                  |                               |         |                |                  |                             |         |                |                  |                                |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4                | DSSC2010075347   | Ntaliele Anthony Emeke      | M       | 1             | DSSC2010024666   | Ezraoluwa Louis               | M       | <b>LAGOS</b>   |                  |                             |         |                |                  |                                |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5                | DSSC2010032517   | Iweator Michael             | M       | 2             | DSSC2010054832   | Onvia Anthony N               | F       | 1              | DSSC2010017925   | Kareem Joy                  | F       | <b>RIVERS</b>  |                  |                                |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6                | DSSC2010039274   | Ewim Perpetual Nkirika      | F       | 3             | DSSC2010024629   | Udeh Callistus                | M       | 2              | DSSC2010060556   | Alfa Mohammed Lalwal        | M       | 1              | DSSC2010065069   | Songli Somiete Godwin          | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7                | DSSC2010042785   | Ikawokoy Stephen Oluwuebuka | M       | 4             | DSSC2010078702   | Oyewole Ajibola               | M       | 3              | DSSC2010052308   | Ufou Isaac Adekunle         | M       | 2              | DSSC2010050543   | Nwike Isaac Toribira           | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8                | DSSC2010073774   | Otonkwo Amaechi             | M       | 5             | DSSC2010037230   | Fagbe Oluade Jonathan         | M       | 4              | DSSC2010076119   | Odofin Michael Bekinde      | M       | 3              | DSSC2010038442   | Nwangle Esther Mudi            | F       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9                | DSSC2010030456   | Mbamalu Chukwunonso         | M       | 6             | DSSC2010023735   | Eyelade Oluabode Oluwasebanga | M       | 5              | DSSC2010023908   | Eno Victor                  | M       | 4              | DSSC2010035770   | Pam Juliana Lyop               | F       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10               | DSSC2010014664   | Ndanelo Wechuku Charles     | M       | 7             | DSSC2010048990   | Akinyemi Alazem Adedayo       | M       | 6              | DSSC2010039168   | Olge Christian              | M       | 5              | DSSC2010015018   | Sambo Mamuda                   | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>BAUCHI</b>    |                  |                             |         |               |                  |                               |         |                |                  |                             |         |                |                  |                                |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1                | DSSC2010033283   | Musa Haruna Shehu           | M       | 8             | DSSC2010068343   | Ogunyemi Ademola              | M       | 7              | DSSC2010049077   | Auda Okpanachi Emmanuel     | F       | 6              | DSSC2010036558   | Col Gyang Zakia Dung           | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2                | DSSC2010046781   | Abdullahi Bello             | M       | 9             | DSSC2010072030   | Fajuyi Olafemi Oluwasehin     | M       | 8              | DSSC2010048452   | Olajide Olujumoike Aina     | F       | 7              | DSSC2010071959   | Deborah Adamu                  | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3                | DSSC2010080348   | Kabli Hassan Ismael         | M       | 10            | DSSC2010068343   | Ogunyemi Ademola              | M       | 9              | DSSC2010016548   | Isener F Emmanuel           | M       | 8              | DSSC2010046892   | Lazare Caroline Kunket         | F       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4                | DSSC2010061013   | Muhammed Yusuf Hassan       | M       | 11            | DSSC2010070309   | Fajuyi Olafemi Oluwasehin     | M       | 10             | DSSC2010052993   | Alfa Oskh Mathew            | M       | 9              | DSSC2010022835   | Deloek Maudern Titus           | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5                | DSSC2010017066   | Isa Aminu Mohammed          | M       | <b>BEHNE</b>  |                  |                               |         |                |                  |                             |         |                |                  |                                |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6                | DSSC2010048272   | Friday Ishay Latea          | M       | 1             | DSSC2010038422   | Ayibu Nuhu Maji               | M       | <b>SONO</b>    |                  |                             |         |                |                  |                                |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7                | DSSC2010066183   | Magaji Danlodi              | M       | 2             | DSSC2010017483   | Abdulkarim Usman              | M       | 1              | DSSC2010023300   | Oluogun Aderunmi Ademola    | M       | 1              | DSSC2010025346   | Abubakar Sada Chilasoro        | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8                | DSSC2010040976   | Musa Arzki Wadi             | M       | 3             | DSSC2010015784   | Abu Sunday Usman              | M       | 2              | DSSC2010058635   | Odunsi Babatunde Fisayo     | M       | 2              | DSSC2010045574   | Muhammed Ali Fakanda           | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9                | DSSC2010031548   | Abubakar Adamu Adamo        | M       | 4             | DSSC2010045581   | Johny Daniel M                | M       | 3              | DSSC2010080845   | Adeta Oluwatosin Adetokunba | M       | 3              | DSSC2010021993   | Yusuf Sani Gobir               | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10               | DSSC2010040982   | Nehemiah Musa               | M       | 5             | DSSC2010014386   | Oguzogu Mulumaba              | M       | 4              | DSSC2010046736   | Ayemmi Oluogun Adewale      | M       | 4              | DSSC2010049519   | Chukwem Chisale                | F       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>BAYELSA</b>   |                  |                             |         |               |                  |                               |         |                |                  |                             |         |                |                  |                                |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1                | DSSC2010015231   | Beredugo Ebinabo Gowin      | M       | 6             | DSSC2010036379   | Agu Ekeidichukwu N            | M       | 5              | DSSC2010030046   | Oba Howeru Bukola           | F       | 5              | DSSC2010069880   | Enyinna Stanley                | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2                | DSSC2010071385   | Mbaise Raymond Ogbara       | M       | <b>FCM</b>    |                  |                               |         |                |                  |                             |         |                |                  |                                |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3                | DSSC2010067965   | Oyadongha Emmanuel          | M       | 1             | DSSC2010038422   | Ayibu Nuhu Maji               | M       | 6              | DSSC2010078287   | Hamza Ashimiyu Adebayo      | M       | 6              | DSSC2010073521   | Brade Darmite Dirmaso          | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4                | DSSC2010040937   | Paul Rita Beauty            | F       | 2             | DSSC2010017483   | Abdulkarim Usman              | M       | 7              | DSSC2010030740   | Abdullahi Abdullahi         | M       | 7              | DSSC2010027851   | Finlaye Cyprian Tomiare        | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5                | DSSC2010077009   | Oberughe Felix              | M       | 3             | DSSC2010015784   | Abu Sunday Usman              | M       | 8              | DSSC2010052536   | Omidiyi Abioye Oluwasegun   | M       | 8              | DSSC2010062926   | Nimngba Juliet I               | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6                | DSSC2010068878   | Egba Wozehime Kamara        | M       | 4             | DSSC2010045581   | Johny Daniel M                | M       | 9              | DSSC2010048880   | Nahaba Tajul-Adib Kayode    | M       | 9              | DSSC2010057801   | Anuforo Johnson N              | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7                | DSSC2010061223   | Etubo Maudlinepac Buna      | F       | 5             | DSSC2010043201   | Suleiman Bilalisu             | F       | 10             | DSSC2010050682   | Bello O John                | M       | 10             | DSSC2010039959   | Ibulayo Tom                    | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8                | DSSC2010021718   | Omunabe Adife               | M       | 6             | DSSC2010066011   | Lachang Dindul Amos           | M       | 11             | DSSC2010034239   | Nwinda Adegboyega C         | M       | 11             | DSSC2010014815   | Iwelegbu Roberto Chukwaka      | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9                | DSSC2010064280   | Adulahi Idomir John         | M       | 7             | DSSC2010071386   | Umar Haruna Halidu            | M       | <b>LAGOS</b>   |                  |                             |         |                |                  |                                |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10               | DSSC2010022155   | Alabraba Emmanuel A         | M       | 8             | DSSC2010048059   | Umar Muhammad                 | M       | 1              | DSSC2010021300   | Oluogun Aderunmi Ademola    | M       | <b>SONO</b>    |                  |                                |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>BEHNE</b>     |                  |                             |         |               |                  |                               |         |                |                  |                             |         |                |                  |                                |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1                | DSSC2010023241   | Isah Glory                  | F       | <b>SONO</b>   |                  |                               |         |                |                  |                             |         |                |                  |                                |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2                | DSSC2010061853   | Ajene Paul Benjamin         | M       | 1             | DSSC2010079400   | Bala Timothy Dumau            | M       | 2              | DSSC2010058635   | Odunsi Babatunde Fisayo     | M       | 1              | DSSC2010025346   | Abubakar Sada Chilasoro        | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3                | DSSC2010061359   | Onoja Victory Iyowochi      | F       | 2             | DSSC2010063890   | Dauda Yusuf Waziri            | M       | 3              | DSSC2010080845   | Adeta Oluwatosin Adetokunba | M       | 2              | DSSC2010045574   | Muhammed Ali Fakanda           | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4                | DSSC2010023512   | Ali Alexander Onaja         | M       | 3             | DSSC2010072275   | Lamalangete Raju              | M       | 4              | DSSC2010014514   | Bright Bidemi Michael       | M       | 3              | DSSC2010038442   | Nwangle Esther Mudi            | F       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5                | DSSC2010063499   | Adesole Daniel Ali          | M       | 4             | DSSC2010067995   | Lodene Ilysa Ifusa            | M       | 5              | DSSC2010038224   | Keshiro Yewande Ashley      | F       | 4              | DSSC2010035770   | Pam Juliana Lyop               | F       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6                | DSSC2010073057   | Iwe Corroft Mbasen          | F       | 5             | DSSC2010078714   | Chidur Ibrahim Talassa        | M       | 6              | DSSC2010064606   | Ogunloye Phillips Adebayo   | M       | 5              | DSSC2010015018   | Sambo Mamuda                   | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7                | DSSC2010023618   | Ochigbo Olupe Sunday        | M       | 6             | DSSC2010049311   | Rufus Ezenneh Amoye           | M       | 7              | DSSC2010072680   | Matanmi Okesole Adeshina    | M       | 6              | DSSC2010023087   | Amadi Muhammed Ibrahim         | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8                | DSSC2010033866   | Amedu Adu Samuel            | M       | 7             | DSSC2010074475   | Usman Adulrahman              | M       | 8              | DSSC2010063074   | Adebagun Adetola Basirat    | F       | 7              | DSSC2010031144   | Usman Aliyu                    | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9                | DSSC2010037866   | Eyigun Olupe Samuel         | M       | 8             | DSSC2010028164   | Alyu Alihi Abubakar           | M       | 9              | DSSC2010074694   | Jennehin Ayo-Oluwa Agosu    | M       | 8              | DSSC2010026173   | Musa Mohammed                  | M       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10               | DSSC2010023424   | Ogbi Amina Mildred          | F       | 9             | DSSC20100        |                               |         |                |                  |                             |         |                |                  |                                |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM (NIHOTOUR)



NO.6 MIKE AHIGBE WAY, JABI ABUJA.

## INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION

1.0 The National Institute for Hospitality & Tourism (NIHOTOUR) intends to execute the under listed projects through its capital budget for the 2010 fiscal year and hereby invites interested and competent contractors to submit their pre-qualification documents for the projects listed below:

### 2.0 SCOPE OF WORK:

- 1) Construction of a Training Hotel (phase1) at Bagauda, Kano campus;
- 2) Construction of Administrative office Block at NIHOTOUR Bauchi campus;
- 3) Construction of fence and renovation of existing classrooms at NIHOTOUR Oshogbo campus;
- 4) Construction of student hostel at Nigerian Hotel and Catering School (NHCS) Benin;
- 5) Installation of street lights at NIHOTOUR Bagauda-Kano campus;
- 6) Supply of kitchen and Restaurant Equipment to NIHOTOUR Demonstration kitchen & Restaurant at Bagauda, Kano campus;
- 7) Supply of Hostel beds, mattresses, curtains, reading-tables, chairs, wardrobes, side drawers, televisions and fridges to NIHOTOUR-Kano campus;
- 8) Construction of phase II of the road network at NIHOTOUR Bagauda, Kano campus;
- 9) Supply of Hostel beds, mattresses, curtains, reading-tables, chairs, wardrobes, side drawers, televisions and fridges to Nigerian Hotel Catering School Enugu;
- 10) Supply of Hostel beds, mattresses, curtains, reading-tables, chairs, wardrobes, side drawers, televisions and fridges to Nigerian Hotel Catering School Benin;
- 11) Supply of Teaching Aids and Equipment to the following campuses:
  - a. NHCS Benin
  - b. NHCS Enugu
  - c. NHCS Lagos
  - d. NHCS Kaduna
  - e. NIHOTOUR Bauchi campus
  - f. NIHOTOUR Kano campus
  - g. NIHOTOUR Oshogbo campus
  - h. NIHOTOUR Lagos, I. A. T. A. Training Centre
- 12) Supply of Library books and Equipment to the following campuses:
  - a. NHCS Benin
  - b. NHCS Enugu

- c. NHCS Lagos d. NHCS Kaduna
- e. NIHOTOUR Bauchi campus
- f. NIHOTOUR Kano campus
- g. NIHOTOUR Oshogbo campus
- h. NIHOTOUR Lagos, I. A. T. A. Training Centre

### 3.0 PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS:

The prospective contractors are expected to submit their company's corporate profile containing the following information/document:

- (i) Certificate of Incorporation;
- (ii) Evidence of Registration with Federal Ministry of Works ( i.e all those bidding for construction works);
- (iii) Evidence of Registration with any professional body;
- (iv) Tax Certificate for the last three (3) years and VAT Registration Certificate;
- (v) Company's Audited Accounts for the last 3 years;
- (vi) Evidence of experience in similar jobs within the last three (3) years with detailed description of the works and the contract price;
- (vii) Bank Statement for the past twelve (12) months;
- (viii) Letter of Attestation of good financial standing of the Company from a reputable commercial Bank;
- (ix) Resume of staff detailing their qualification, experience and job details and
- (x) Any other information that may be of relevance.

### 4.0 SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS:

All Pre-qualification Documents should be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly marked:

**"Pre-qualification for e.g. Construction of Students Hostel at NHCS Benin "as the case may be.**

The sealed envelope should be submitted within two (2) weeks from the date of this publication to the address indicated below:

**The Secretary Tenders Board,  
National Institute for Hospitality & Tourism,  
NO.6 Mike Ahigbe Way,  
Jabi -Abuja.  
PMB 543 Garki, Abuja.**

### 5.0 OPENING OF PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS

- Prequalification documents shall be opened by 2.00pm. prompt on Monday, 26TH April 2010.
- Only pre-qualified Companies will be invited to tender for the above listed projects.
- Pre-qualified companies will also be informed in due course of the date on which the commercial bids shall be opened.

**SIGNED:  
Secretary Tenders Board**



# THE NIGERIAN NAVY

APPLICATION FOR NIGERIAN NAVY BASIC  
TRAINING SCHOOL BATCH 19  
(NNBTS 19)  
(For SSCE/NECO/GCE/NCE/OND/RN/RM Applicants)

## GUIDELINES

1. Interested candidates are advised to apply online at [www.service.nigeriannavy.gov.ng](http://www.service.nigeriannavy.gov.ng).
2. Candidates are to complete form online and make payment at either:  
**Intercontinental Bank or Sterling Bank.**

## METHOD OF APPLICATION

3. **To complete the form:**
  - a. Visit the website [www.service.nigeriannavy.gov.ng](http://www.service.nigeriannavy.gov.ng).
  - b. Click on **start** application and complete the application form.
  - c. Click the **save** button to submit application online.
  - d. Print out the **Pay4ME** acknowledgment slip and take it to any branch of **Intercontinental Bank or Sterling Bank** to make payment of N1000.00 only excluding bank charges.
  - e. Take the payment receipt given at the bank to the website to complete the application.
  - f. Print out your **Parent/Guardian consent form** and **Attestation of Local Government Form**.

## QUALIFICATIONS

4. Candidates must be holders of SSCE/NECO/GCE/NCE/OND/RN/RM equivalent only. Candidates must be between the ages of 18 - 22 years for holders of SSCE/NECO/GCE and between 18 - 26 years for holders of OND/NCE/RN/RM by 31 December 2010. Male candidates must not be less than 1.68 metres tall while female candidates must not be less than 1.65 metres tall. Zonal recruitment exercise will hold between 5 - 19 July 2010.
5. For further information see the instruction page on the website or call the following support lines: 09-870 4817, 09-870 8475 and 08078406568 or e-mail: [navy.support@swglobal.com](mailto:navy.support@swglobal.com).



APPLICANTS ARE TO CAREFULLY READ  
THE GUIDELINES ONLINE.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION STARTS ON**  
3rd May 2010

**ONLINE REGISTRATION CLOSES ON**  
11th June 2010

Navy Secretary  
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**UPPER BENUE RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

MBAMBA-FUFORE ROAD, P.M.B. 2086, YOLA, ADAMAWA STATE,  
 Email: [upperbenue@yahoo.com](mailto:upperbenue@yahoo.com)

**INVITATION FOR TECHNICAL BIDDING FOR THE AUTHORITY'S  
 PROJECTS UNDER 2010 APPROPRIATION.**

1.0. The Upper Benue River Basin Development Authority (U.B.R.B.D.A) is desirous of procuring the underlisted projects within its FY2010 Appropriation and therefore invites submissions for Technical Bids from qualified and reputable contractors with proven competence in the fields of Engineering.

2.0. **SCOPE OF WORKS:**

The scope of work for the projects include;

- i. **Kiri Dam Project, Adamawa State.**
  - a. Construction of unlined portion for conveyance canal snouters and flood protection bunds;
  - b. Refilling of dam embankment upstream rip-rap;
  - c. Procurement of service element for spillway gates;
  - d. Procurement and installation of 181KVA CAT generating set.
- ii. **Dadin Kowa Dam and Irrigation, Gombe State.**
  - a. Continuation of the construction of Dadin-Kowa Main Canal (1230Km).
- iii. **Yola Irrigation Project, Adamawa State.**
  - a. Expansion of additional 30Ha under Minor Irrigation Scheme;
  - b. Procurement of AGO and lubricants;
  - c. Lining of Irrigation Canal;
  - d. Procurement of service elements.
- iv. **Taraba Irrigation Project, Taraba State.**
  - a. Reconstruction of flood protection bund and rehabilitation of river bank at Gassol;
  - b. Rehabilitation of irrigation infrastructure at Bantaje.
- v. **Waya Dam Project, Bauchi State.**
  - a. Upgrading of spillway;
  - b. Rehabilitation of dam infrastructure and access road maintenance;
  - c. Expansion of additional 10Ha. Irrigation scheme.
- vi. **Rehabilitation of Headquarters Infrastructure Yola, Adamawa State.**
  - a. Rehabilitation of Stores;
  - b. Completion of rehabilitation of office complex;
  - c. Water supply reticulation network;
  - d. Rehabilitation of staff quarters.
- vii. **Construction of Water Schemes at various locations as follows:-**
  - a. Small Dams;
  - b. Motorized/Solar boreholes;
  - c. Handpump boreholes.

3.0 **PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**  
**CONTENT OF TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS**

Documents should be page numbered and itemised serially as below;

- A. Evidence of Incorporation of the Company with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) including Articles and Memorandum of Association of the Company and up to date Annual Return with the CAC (form C 02 & 07 to be included).
- B. The company must show evidence of fulfilling of its Tax obligations as follows:
  - (i) Tax Clearance Certificate for the last three (3) years supplied with TIN.
  - (ii) Pension and Social Security Contributions.
- C. A sworn Affidavit certifying as follows:
  - (i) The Company is not in receivership, insolvency or bankruptcy
  - (ii) The Company does not have any Director who has been convicted in any Court in Nigeria and any other country for criminal offence in relation to fraud or financial impropriety.
  - (iii) That no officer of the Authority or BPP is a former or present Director or Shareholder of the Company.
  - (iv) That there has been no promise of a gift in any form to any of the Authority or BPP staff.
- D. Audited Account of the Bidder for the last three (3) years duly endorsed by a firm of Chartered Accountants.
- E. Letter authorising the Authority and her Representatives to cross-check the submitted Company's Bank Account.
- F. Evidence of work experience as the main contractor executing or having executed a minimum of five (5) projects of similar complexity compared to the proposed work, one of which must have been within the last 5 years. Copies of award letters, last Interim Certificate of Valuation for on-going project, Completion Certificate and Final

Maintenance Certificates where applicable are to be enclosed.

- G. Veritable list of major construction equipment and facilities including registration number, chassis number, location (where they can be inspected) and remarks on whether these are owned, leased or hired. The minimum number of equipment/facilities required, where applicable are as listed below:-
  - (i) Bulldozer (2No.)
  - (ii) Grader (1No.)
  - (iii) Excavator (1No.)
  - (iv) Water tanker (1No.)
  - (v) Concrete mixers (2No.)
  - (vi) Sheep-foot Compactor (1No)
  - (vii) Payloader (1No.)
  - (viii) Dumpers (2No.)
  - (ix) Tipper (3No. - 10-20 tonnes)
  - (x) Drilling Rig
  - (xi) Compressor
  - (xii) Testing Equipment
- H. A functional and well equipped materials testing laboratory.
- I. List of key technical personnel stating their roles, designation, qualifications and years of experience with the guarantee that a minimum of five (5) relevant COREN Registered Engineers of various disciplines shall be deployed to the project. Copies of educational and professional certificates are to be attached.
- J. History of company's policy on community social responsibility.  
**Non compliance will lead to disqualification.**

**Notes:**

- Items 1-5 are eligibility requirements and their originals must be produced by the company for sighting during the opening session.
- All claims must be substantiated with verifiable facts.
- Photocopies of professional certificates are to be initialled, endorsed by the owner and professional seal must be embossed on the professional certificates.

4.0 **SUBMISSION OF BIDS.**

Completed Technical bids (Two sets of hard copy) shall be submitted in a sealed envelope indicating project(s) of interest at the top right hand corner, and addressed to:

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,  
 UPPER BENUE RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,  
 MBAMBA FUFORE ROAD, P.M.B.2086, YOLA,  
 ADAMAWA STATE.

to reach him on or before 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Technical bids will be opened same day at 12.00 noon at the Conference Hall of Upper Benue River Basin Dev. Authority, Yola.

**Further Notes:**

- This is not an invitation to Tender. Only pre-qualified firms will be invited to tender for the projects. Others may know their performance by a formal request to the MD/CEO of U.B.R.B.D.A, Yola.
- Interested companies are responsible for the registration, timely and safe submission of their pre-qualification documents, means of delivery notwithstanding.
- The Authority shall carry out Due Diligence on the companies to verify claims included in their submissions.

5.0 **ENQUIRIES:**

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SIGNED

**Yakubu Kirfi Esq.**  
 Director (Legal Services)  
 For: Managing Director

## INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL (IFP)

### Supply and Installation for Implementation of the School Access Programme (SAP)

1. The Universal Service Provision Fund ("USPF") was established by the Federal Government of Nigeria to facilitate the achievement of national policy goals for universal service and universal access to information and communication technologies (ICTs) in rural, un-served and under-served areas in Nigeria.
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3. The USPF has set aside funds to provide facilities to 550 Secondary Schools in Nigeria. Under the School Access Programme for secondary schools, beneficiaries (that is Secondary Schools) are expected to receive computers and accessories along with high speed internet connectivity.
4. The project is aimed at facilitating a digital lifestyle in the institutions as well as in the institution communities. Beneficiaries are expected to share these facilities with their surrounding communities on a commercial basis to support maintenance and ensure sustainability of the project.
5. The details of scopes of work, eligibility and tender delivery instructions as well as other details are contained in the RFP on our website [www.uspf.gov.ng](http://www.uspf.gov.ng). Interested bidders are advised to view the content of RFP from USPF website before purchasing hard copy from USPF.
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 Universal Service Provision Fund Secretariat  
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 432, Aguiyi Ironsi Street,  
 Maitama District,  
 Abuja.

For further clarification on the RFP, please send your enquiries to Engr. Wakili Bako on 094617465

Signed:  
**FUNSO FAYOMI ESQ**  
 Director / Secretary  
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## INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL (IFP)

### Supply, Installation and Implementation of E- Library under the Connectivity For Development Programme (C4D)

1. The Universal Service Provision Fund ("USPF") was established by the Federal Government of Nigeria to facilitate the achievement of national policy goals for universal service and universal access to information and communication technologies (ICTs) in rural, un-served and under-served areas in Nigeria.
2. One of the set objectives for the USPF, in line with its mandate is to promote the connection of government schools, libraries and institutions across the nation to broadband internet.
3. In furtherance of this mandate, the USPF plans to undertake the establishment of 2 e-libraries in each state within the geo-polical Zone and FCT. This project is in six Lots of 2 per six geopolitical zone of the Federation. Thus, Separate proposal should be submitted for each region and clearly marked accordingly. Proposal that is not in line with the lots will be rejected.
4. The objective of the E- Library Project is to provide platform for online fully cross searchable portal for displaying library documents and educational database to ensure that users have unlimited access to wealth of knowledge, educational materials, developmental issues and on wide range of subjects with international standard quality of materials.
5. The Universal Service Provision Fund (USPF) as the implementing agency for the project now invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for supply, installation and implementation of E- Library to achieve objective stated above.
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EMIR of Kano Alhaji Ado Bayero with management staff of Premium Pension, during the company's retirees' forum yesterday in Kano.

## BUA Group to employ 50,000 Nigerians

From Mohammed Shosanya, Lagos

FIFTY thousand Nigerians are to be gainfully employed as the indigenous conglomerate, BUA Group has announced over \$50million investment on pasta plant in the country.

Construction of the plant is at an advanced stage and when completed in October this year, it is expected to provide employment opportunities to over 50,000 Nigerians.

The investment, according to the Chief Operating Officer of BUA Pasta Limited, Chima Madukwe, is part of the diversification effort of the company towards adding value to its numerous customers in the country.

Madukwe, who spoke yesterday at a facility tour to the plant in Lagos said his company's foray into pasta production would swell its consumption and patronage in the country.

According to him, the company is not disturbed by competitors in the market as it has done its necessary homework to attract customers to its pasta. Giving an insight into the plant, Madukwe revealed that the plant was installed by a renowned Italian Company called Fava.

He said the capacity of the plant is about 6,000 tonnes of pasta per month and it is powered by four gas-fired power plants.

# Telecoms: NCC introduces price cap

## • SIM registration begins Saturday

By Zakariyya Adaramola

ACTING Executive Vice Chairman of the Nigerian Communications Commission Engr. Stephen Bello has announced the intention of the Commission to reintroduce a price cap regime in the telecom sector, while also maintaining that plans by the Commission to begin the registration of SIM cards will commence on May 1, 2010, with a process for the new SIM cards.

Engr. Bello who spoke to journalists in Abuja said price cap regime which has existed at the inception of mobile phone services is one of the issues that the Commission will tackle soon to ensure that operators operate within a bar relative to interconnect rates.

"In 2001 when GSM started, we said that nobody should charge above fifty naira per minute and that was many years ago.

"Now we have the fact that the number of lines has increased, there is economy of scale and you know that as you have advantages of economy of scale the unit price comes down. We believe that the competition in the industry will control prices, nevertheless the situation may arise in which people sometimes cooperate and try to maximize their profit.

"Therefore, we in NCC have developed a policy we refer to as price cap regulation where we give a price and the competition can make you to operate within this degree of freedom, but not beyond it", he said.

He also said there are many methods of regulating prices in the industry but the current Government policy is that the Commission will not be engaged in direct price control as existed the seventies when government will publish the price commodities which no seller will go above.

"We have recently reviewed the interconnect rates, which is the rate at which operators pay when they transfer calls amongst themselves, but these are yet to trickle down to the subscriber and we have resolved that we will need to revisit the price cap to ensure that these advantages trickle down, and we will begin the process with consultation with the operators and collection of some data to implement it", he said.

On the issue of commencement of registration of SIM cards to which some operators have expressed reservations with the dateline, Engr Bello said: "Our experience in this industry has shown that operators always resist anything that will cost them extra money, even when they believe in it and they believe that its necessary because they are always looking at the bottom line, they want to maximize their profit. The same thing happened with per second billing.

We have been on this thing and we have given enough time to get ready, all the issues have been discussed, we have had many meetings so the issue of publicity we

are addressing it immediately so we are maintaining our stand that SIM card registration will start on the 1st of May unflinchingly.

"Nevertheless we have given a transition period during which some of the issues will be addressed and with that we believe that that cushion of three months during which we have the transition period is enough for everybody to take care of some of the delays. We still maintain the fact that SIM card registration will start 1st of May but there will be a transition period and the details of that will come out later on".

Engr. Bello also reiterated that the Commission under him will not waiver in all the ongoing projects inherited from Engr. Ernest Ndukwe's regime such as number portability, SIM card registration, emergency communication projects and many others.

"I have been involved so it is a matter of just continuing the process. There is nothing that is on the line that we are doing that I have not been fully involved in, so I am familiar with all the antecedents and all the issues and how to take it to a logical conclusion so definitely I will just flow along and make sure that all these things are put in place and completed", he said.

### STOCK MARKET INDEX

|         |                         |
|---------|-------------------------|
| Date:   | Tuesday, April 27, 2010 |
| Index:  | 26,263.67               |
| Deals:  | 8,216                   |
| Volume: | 387,544,214             |
| Value:  | N 3,695,164,344.16      |
| Cap.:   | N6,352,537,731,061.10   |

### TRUST INDEX

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Inflation                | 11.8%           |
| GDP                      | 6.68%           |
| Budget                   | N4.6tr          |
| Ext. Reserves Acct       | \$40.5bn        |
| Excess Crude Acct        | \$3.9bn         |
| Poverty Ratio            | 54.4%           |
| Monetary Policy Rate     | 6%              |
| Banks                    | 24              |
| Oil Price (Bonny light)  | \$85.9 a barrel |
| Power Supply             | 3,700MW         |
| Oil output per day       | 2.6mbd          |
| Broad Money Supply       | N11,010,063.6m  |
| Credit to Private Sector | N10,037,422.5m  |
| Inter-Bank Rate          | 1.2000%         |
| Treasury Bills           | 2.02%           |
| Deposit Rate             | 7.51%           |
| Prime Lending Rate       | 18.06%          |

| CBN EXCHANGE RATES |              |               |               |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 26/4/2010          | Buying (NGN) | Central (NGN) | Selling (NGN) |
| CFA                | 0.2802       | 0.2902        | 0.3002        |
| DANISH KRONER      | 26.1331      | 26.5227       | 26.6123       |
| EURO               | 196.8078     | 197.4749      | 198.142       |
| POUNDS STERLING    | 228.2422     | 229.8159      | 229.7895      |
| RIYAL              | 39.336       | 39.4694       | 39.6027       |
| SDR                | 223.1679     | 223.9211      | 221.6808      |
| SWISS FRANC        | 137.1293     | 137.5941      | 138.0589      |
| US DOLLAR          | 147.51       | 148.01        | 148.51        |
| WAUA               | 222.2933     | 223.0468      | 223.8003      |
| YEN                | 1.5661       | 1.5714        | 1.5767        |

| Bureau de Change Rates |      |
|------------------------|------|
| BUYING                 |      |
| Dollar                 | N151 |
| Euro                   | N203 |
| Pound                  | N234 |
| SELLING                |      |
| Dollar                 | N152 |
| Euro                   | N206 |
| Pound                  | N236 |

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





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## More FACTS about Nigeria's Public Debt

- 1.) As at December 31, 2009 Nigeria's external debt stock was USD3.947 billion. This translates to 2.12% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
- 2.) As at December 31, 2009, Nigeria's domestic debt stock was N3.2trillion. This translates to 11.76% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
- 3.) Following from 1) and 2), as at December 31, 2009 Nigeria's total public debt stock (external plus domestic) was about 13.88% of the GDP, whereas the applicable critical limit for countries in its economic peer group is 40%.
- 4.) This means that Nigeria's total public debt has been effectively kept within sustainable limits since Nigeria's exit from the Paris and London Club debts.
- 5.) Between 2006 when Nigeria exited the Paris Club debts and December 2009, the external debt stock increased from USD3.5 billion to USD 3.947: the increase of USD0.447Billion (USD447million) arose mainly from net disbursements, on existing World Bank concessional loans.
- 6.) The significant rise in domestic debt of the Federal Government from N1.75 trillion in 2006 to N3.2 trillion in 2009 has been balanced with less reliance on external borrowing, while the overall portfolio continues to have a wide **sustainability space** (13.88% of GDP compared to the critical limit of 40%).

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## **Further FACTS about Nigeria's Public Debt**

Domestic public borrowing, through the issuance of FGN Bonds has been deliberately and purposefully structured to achieve desirable development objectives apart from the financing of part of the fiscal deficit:

- It has been used to create a market for long-term debt instruments of 3 years, 5 years, 10 years and 20 years. This transformation is encouraging private sector companies to issue long-term debt instruments to raise funds for the development of the real sector of the economy.
- It has encouraged the holding of government debts by the non-bank public (now about 41%) as against the past when the CBN was the main lender to the government and the non-bank participation was insignificant.
- Whereas in the past, the Nigerian capital market stood (unreliably) on one leg - the equities leg, currently, the capital market is complete with the two legs - the equities leg and the debts or bonds leg; this makes the market more solid to support growth and development.
- More importantly, much of the proceeds of domestic borrowing in recent times are being directed to specific economic stimulus projects: Commercial Agriculture; Cotton, Textile and Garments revival scheme; Purchase of Locomotives for the revival of Rail transportation; etc.

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Members of the general public are advised, through this publication, to disregard the two documents forthwith. Therefore, anyone who transacts business with those missing NAIC documents, risk doing so at his/her own peril.

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THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA  
  
 UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROVISION FUND

## INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL (IFP)

### For Consultancy Services for Provision of ICT for Challenged Persons in Nigeria (ICTCPN)

1. The Universal Service Provision Fund ("USPF") was established by the Federal Government of Nigeria to facilitate the achievement of national policy goals for universal service and universal access to information and communication technologies (ICTs) in rural, un-served and under-served areas or groups in Nigeria.
2. Aware of the large number of challenged citizens in the country that represent about 10% of the population in Nigeria and the constraints they experience regarding ICT accessibility in the country, this project has been initiated to address these constraints and explore various ways of bridging the digital divide. Also the project would assist the country in meeting the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) targets which includes; provision of basic services such as education and health, creating economic opportunities, poverty eradication etc.
3. The Consultancy is expected to provide information on the various needs and limitations the challenged citizens' experience daily and how the introduction of ICT tools can improve their lifestyle and what type of supportive technology are required to meet their needs. In addition, information on various institutions and organizations that attends to the needs of challenged citizens in the country.
4. The ICTCPN project would be streamlined by a project consultant and implemented by private operators who would be the project implementers under the close supervision of the USPF.
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## INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL (IFP)

### Supply and Installation for Implementation of the Tertiary Institution Program (TiAP)

1. The Universal Service Provision Fund ("USPF") was established by the Federal Government of Nigeria to facilitate the achievement of national policy goals for universal service and universal access to information and communication technologies (ICTs) in rural, un-served and under-served areas in Nigeria.
2. One of the set objectives for the USPF, in line with its mandate is to promote the connection of government schools, libraries and institutions across the nation to broadband internet.
3. The USPF has set aside funds to provide facilities to a minimum of 60 tertiary Institutions in Nigeria. Under the TiAP project, beneficiaries (institutions) are expected to receive computers and accessories along with high speed internet connectivity. This project is in six Lots of 2 tertiary institution in each state within the six geopolitical zone of the Federation. Thus, Separate proposal should be submitted for each zone and clearly marked accordingly. Proposal that is not in line with the lots will be rejected.
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## Northern Business

# North-East's cattle hub

From Sharafa Dauda & Yahaya Ibrahim, Maiduguri

**K**ASUWAN Shanu, refers to a 'cattle market' in Hausa. Somewhere in Gamboru ward of Jere Local Government Area in Borno State, the name is synonymous with an ancient cattle market, which also hosts one of the oldest abattoirs in the Northeast region.

It is believed to have been built during the British colonial administration of the 'good old days' of Native Authority. Surprisingly, the abattoir is still in very good shape, and still serves as the central abattoir that supplies meat to Maiduguri metropolis and environs.

According to Malam Abudu Isa, the Deputy Chairman of the market, cattle are brought from neighbouring countries like Chad and Cameroun. At the borders, the owners of the cattle obtain clearance and pay tax. For each cattle, they pay N5,200 at the border. Within the country, they pay N200 to the state government and N100 to the local government for each cow.

**O**nce at the market, the owners keep them in custody of trusted associates who serve as middlemen. If the middlemen are able to offer them a profitable price for the cattle, they just sell. If not, they look for alternatives in people who are willing to buy in tens, 20s or 30s. Dealers would then come and buy from these people and then form herds of 100s, 200s, and are transported to southern markets.

Prizes of matured cows at the market range from N50,000 to N150,000, depending on the sizes. Smaller, un-matured and un-fattened ones can be purchased at lower rates.

The cattle owners are dependent on the transporters, who own trailers, but are represented by another set of middle men called "Yan Kwamishan" who help them to transport their cattle at discounted rates.

Veterinary doctors, provided with assistance from the state government are on ground at the market. It is their responsibility to check on the health status of the cows and certify if they are good for human health.

If they are found to be unhealthy, the cattle owner is made to pay for their treatment before they are transported. Right from the borders, if the cattle are found to be unfit for human consumption, they are not allowed into the country.

But, the cattle owners are always ready to comply because the cattle need to be certified fit for them to ensure even or maximum profit in their wares, which would be transported over 1,000 kilometers to the intended markets.

Malam Isa stated further: "All the cattle you see here are brought on foot. They walk the long distances from neighbouring countries like Chad and Cameroun, spending between 40 days and two months in their journey.



COWS on their way into the trailer

**W**hen they get here, those that are sold to middlemen are tied down and fed with maize, millet, or wheat husk, etc. When the cattle are bought, some of the owners rear and feed them. Those who cannot afford the cost of feeding just sell on the spot, making do with the little profit. Those who buy from these people and other owners rear the cattle. There are people who are paid for the rearing."

*Daily Trust* learnt that the market had been in existence for several decades and cattle are transported to markets in Port Harcourt, Umua, Enugu, Owerri, Ibadan and Lagos from there. Different cattle breeds are brought to the market. The most common types, which are taken to the eastern markets, include Mbala and Brahman bulls brought from Chad. The latter is beef cattle originally found in North America. Other local breeds include Red Fulani, Ndama, Yelgore and Wadara.

**I**nterestingly, it was discovered that during peak periods, not less than 100 trailer trucks of cattle are loaded on the market on a daily basis. Other days, between 20 and 50 trucks leave the market for the various aforementioned destinations. And each trailer load contains relatively large sizes of 30 cows or 35 average sized cows.

The proprietors say they are contented with the profits they make from the business despite the risks involved. But their greatest challenge is the continued arbitrary taxation and revenue collected by various states and local government officials through which the trailer trucks of cattle pass through. This they say runs contrary to the promise made by the Governor of Lagos State, Babatunde Raji Fashola who offered to intervene during the last strike action embarked upon by stakeholders in the goods transport sub sector in the country, which led to the suspension of their strike action for two weeks. The suspension was to allow the state governors intervene.

**N**ow, the operators say their patience is running out after waiting this long. At the moment, they are awaiting further action from their national association to embark on another indefinite strike until their problems are addressed.

"We are awaiting orders from the national executive on the next action because the indiscriminate revenue collection is still going on. Right now, if any truck loaded with cattle heads for any of the markets, the cattle owners spend nothing less than N45,000. The checkpoints are too many. The police, local and state government revenue collectors are everywhere. If you offer them something lower than their expectations, they just delay your journey, helping to increase your long hours on the road and increasing your chances of incurring losses because the longer the cows stay unfed without food or water, the weaker they become and the more chances of deaths. You cannot report to any constituted authority and no one can help you. You are just at their mercy," Malam Isa, the cattle market spokesman lamented.

The impending strike action is bound to disrupt not only the convenience of providing meat, a reliable source of protein across the country, but also other food items like beans, fresh vegetable items, goats, sheep, among others to Nigerians across the country.

**S**ome patrons who spoke to our correspondents said when vehicles breakdown and it would take time to repair, the vehicle owners make arrangement for another vehicle and the cows are transferred for the journey to continue. You do not expect anything less after the owner(s) of the cattle had been made to part with between N200,000 and N250,000 for trailer trucks of cows to be transported to the eastern, western or southern parts of the country, where they are in high demand.

Babamodu Abubakar, a loader who sometimes serves as escort said two escorts who are experts in

herding cows assist to convey the cattle to their various markets. He added, "It is the responsibility of the escorts to ensure that the cattle arrive at their destinations safe and sound. The trunk of the trailer is filled with dried guinea corn stalks and sand is poured in. This is to prevent the cows from falling down as they can fall resulting from the slippery nature of the metal when it comes in contact with their hoofs, and this does not allow them stand on their feet."

**V**arious ranches were seen by our reporters and it was learnt that they belong to all. For those patrons who buy cattle for fattening, for say three months period, they spend nothing less than N40,000 to feed and provide water for each cow. But for those who for one reason or the other are unable to keep their cows in the ranches, there exist nomads who are paid to rear and tend for the cows. Every day, the cows are taken out to the fields where they feed on fodder. Wells have also been dug around the area and in some places boreholes are sunk to provide drinking water for the animals. For every cattle that is taken care of by the nomad, the owner pays the herder the sum of N100 for tending the cow and N50 as demurrage is paid to the operators of the market, regardless of the number of days that the animal spends. In situations where the owner just buys the cattle and awaits his or her loading turn, only N50 is paid as demurrage for each cow, again, regardless of days spent, but the owner is expected to buy animal feed while water is available at the sunk boreholes and at times, are provided by water vendors.

**T**he cattle market has also devised an identification pattern to allow for each cattle owner to identify his or her own cow or herd. This they regard as their own version of 'number plate'. They use hot metal objects with specific alphabet or marks which are impressed on the skin of the animals; or they use paint to inscribe

specific markings on specific parts of the body. What a dispute resolution mechanism?

**A**s a market with many competing interests, Kasuwan Shanu employs the concept of social group relations, relying on its leaders, who are well respected to settle its internal disputes; and in most cases does not resort to using the police or other security operatives in mediating conflicts among members. The leaders are well respected and can sanction any erring patron.

**N**ow, hear this. The cows are made to stay hungry throughout the journey of a day and half. They are neither given any food nor do they get to drink any water. What for?, you may want to ask. According to the operators in the market, the animals are kept unfed for their own good, and of course, you may add, for the benefit of the owner because if they are fed at anytime during the journey and they remain in a static position (which of course is usually the case), the animals develop stiff legs and this usually leads to the accumulation of blood on lower parts of their body. In most cases, the animals die as their body become overweighed and their legs are unable to carry the trunk. So, keeping them hungry is a sure way to protect the investments of the cattle owners, as well as a way for ensuring that they minimize losses.

**B**ut what about animal rights? Don't the cows have any rights of their own? Well, I guess the cows from Kasuwan Shanu, like others in similar markets do not. They are violently forced to enter a barricaded iron fence which is used to guide them unto the vehicles. The herders use heavy sticks and beat them, and in most cases, a tussle ensues between the herders and the cattle. It turns bloody at times and the animals are injured.

Luckily, the steel barricades prevent the molested animals from getting back at their herders and they are forced to enter the vehicle. Once in the vehicle, the brutal and molested ones try to molest the other timid cattle. This is where the skill and expertise of the escorts begins and ends. During the interaction with the Deputy Chairman of the market, our correspondents found out that the escorts are faced with the daunting task of keeping the animals on their feet. And while engaged in this act or art, they at times fall into the herd. Imagine what could happen when a molester fall victim of the molested, in motion, in the trunk of a trailer? But he was quick to keep frayed nerves calm when he added that the boys have mastered their own way of surviving the onslaught. They quickly rise while the second escort continues to herd off the cattle around him. But at times, they aren't so lucky because they get seriously injured or are herded off the trailer and fall off.

The result - death! For those familiar with the Lagos - Ibadan expressway, the decomposing corpses of such persons lie unidentified and are left to rot. What a way to earn and end a living!

# Business

## 'Premium pension pays N11bn to over 4,000 retirees'

From Halima Musa, Kano

PREMIUM Pension Limited had paid over N11 billion to over 4,000 retirees from 2007 to January 2010, managing director of the company Alhaji Aliyu Dikko said yesterday in Kano.

Stating this in a welcome address delivered on the occasion of the retirees forum organised by the company at Royal Tropicana Hotel, Dikko said the payment includes normal retirement, temporary loss of jobs and death benefits.

Represented by the head

### 'Oceanic Bank supporting Aero'

By Sunday Williams

THE management of Oceanic Bank International plc has said Aero Contractor's accounts with the Bank remain operational, even as it re-affirmed Oceanic Bank's commitment to supporting the leading airline.

"Aero Contractor's account is not frozen and they are still drawing on the account," said Oceanic Bank's GMD/CEO, John Aboh. "The facility Aero has with the bank expired more than four months ago after they refused to accept a fresh offer made to them at reduced interest rate." Explaining that it was imperative for both organizations to transact business on a mutually beneficial basis, the management of Oceanic Bank re-stated its commitment to economic development in the nation through financial backing for business concerns.

### Obajana Cement raises CSR profile

By Tina Hassan

OBAJANA Cement Plc, a member of the Dangote Group, has spent almost a billion naira on various corporate social responsibility (CSR) projects in its host communities, in addition to the award of an N83 million contract for the electrification of these communities. Alhaji Usman Muhammed, General Manager, Special Duties, Obajana Cement, who disclosed this over the weekend, said the projects, which are located in the four host communities namely Obajana, Oyo, Apata and Iwaa, range from educational incentives to resettlement programmes.

of business development Alhaji Hamidu B Muhammad, the managing director said the forum was to provide a platform for the retirees to know more about the new pension scheme.

"The occasion is organ-

ised to provide a platform for our retirees, would be retirees and premium pension to share experiences and to educate ourselves on the retirement process, our performance in the pension industry and to receive a feedback on our

service delivery with a view to making improvement," he said.

He stated that premium pension was one of the first Pension funds administrators (PFAs) licensed by National Pension Commission. It is

managing both public and private pension of Nigerian workers.

He added that the company was incorporated in March 2005 with Authorised share capital of 500 million fully paid, "today the com-

pany Authorised Share Capital has increased to N1.3 billion. In 2008, Premium Pension Limited has declared a surplus of about N1 billion on members' pension fund despite the global economic meltdown and a profit after tax of N300 million.



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## Business/Africa

## Niger's food crisis to worsen - UN

UNITED Nations humanitarian agencies sounded the alarm yesterday about a growing food crisis in the West African State of Niger, one of the world's poorest countries. POOR rainfall since last year has devastated crop production and livestock herds, said Elisabeth Byrs, spokeswoman for the U.N. Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

OCHA is seeking \$190 million from international donors for its emergency humanitarian action plan for Niger, an important uranium exporter in a region that western states fear could become a safe haven for al Qaeda.

So far less than a third of that money has been raised, but aid agencies need to start work in earnest in June or July to stave off hunger problems, Byrs said.

While it was too early to speak of famine, she told a briefing: "If we don't get this financing we could have an extremely serious humanitarian crisis in the country".

The top U.N. aid official, John Holmes, arrived in Niger on Sunday to inspect the crisis, which risks a repeat of a severe hunger problem in 2005.

A survey in December 2009 by the military rulers, who talked openly of the danger of famine, estimated that 58 percent of the population or 7.8 million people were food-insecure, OCHA said.

Acute malnutrition is increasing and more than 1.5 million children risk becoming malnourished over the next 12 months if urgent action is not taken, it said.

It said the crisis was already prompting mass migration

and school dropouts, as people fled the countryside for urban areas or neighbouring countries.

The World Food Programme is doubling the number of people who receive its food aid under its relief programme to 2.3 million. It said it normally needs 3-4 months to deliver food to Niger, and immediate contributions would enable it to procure food in the region, such as in Nigeria.

The military rulers have taken tentative steps towards restoring civilian rule and meeting a donor-imposed deadline of polls by the end of the year, but the food crisis risks derailing the process.

In the United Nations' 2009 human development index, Niger ranks last out of 182 countries covered. (Reuters)



A malnourished boy in Niger Republic

## S/African metal posts 75% rise

SOUTH African-based International Ferro Metals Ltd (IFM) posted a 76 percent rise in third quarter ferrochrome sales, reflecting a rebound after smelters were shut last year during the downturn.

The London-listed firm also was optimistic about rising demand for ferrochrome, a key ingredient in stainless steel.

"The demand for ferrochrome has increased over the quarter with corresponding improvement in stainless steel demand, as is reflected in the current premium in the spot ferrochrome price over the contract price," it said in a statement on Tuesday.

"IFL expects this trend to continue as demand from the USA and Europe continues to improve."

The firm sold 64,063 tonnes of ferro-

chrome in the three months to end March, its fiscal third quarter, compared to 36,383 tonnes in the same period last year.

Sales were higher than production of 54,394 tonnes, up 48 percent, because the firm also sold some inventories.

The ferrochrome sector made sweeping cuts to production when demand tumbled during the global downturn, but much of the capacity has been restarted.

Ferrochrome prices have recovered along with demand, driven by China. The second quarter contract settlement rose 35 percent to \$1.36 per lb.

In February, the firm reported a wider loss in its fiscal first half as higher production was outweighed by lower prices for the stainless steel ingredient and stronger rand. (Reuters)

## Oil slips below \$84

OIL slipped below \$84 yesterday, pulled lower by expectations of a rise in U.S. stockpiles and nagging concerns Greece's economic trauma could have knock-on effects on the wider economy and fuel demand.

U.S. crude for June delivery fell 55 cents to \$83.65 a barrel by 0838 GMT, while ICE June Brent crude dipped by 26 cents to \$86.57.

"The market is a little worried about the

Greece situation and probable builds in inventories again in the U.S. statistics," Tony Nunan, a risk manager with Mitsubishi Corp.

Inventories of crude oil in the United States, the world's top energy consumer, probably rose for the second consecutive week, Reuters' survey of analysts showed ahead of two sets of oil data due out later on Tuesday and Wednesday. (Reuters)

## Kenyan shilling steady

KENYA'S shilling remained unchanged against the dollar yesterday but was seen possibly coming under pressure later in the week due to typical end-of-month demand for dollars, traders said.

"The market is as dead as a dodo right now, the last three or four sessions have been very quiet. Hopefully we will see some activity later this week," said Mwambu Malamba, a trader at Commercial Bank of Africa.

Traders expected the unit to remain range-bound in coming days. "We still see the local unit trading in a tight range of between 77.00/77.50 with a bias to weaken as we near the end of the month with demand from importers expected to pick up," Bank of Africa said in a statement yesterday.

## Morocco sees 6% tourism growth in 2010

MOROCCO expects 9.4 million tourists this year, 6 percent higher than in 2009 but below a target of 10 million set before recessions hit its major markets, the tourism minister said.

Tourism is the biggest source of foreign currency for Morocco. It is one of Europe's poorest southern neighbours and has boosted economic growth in recent years but still suffers from widespread poverty.

Global tourism contracted 4.3 percent last year and fell 6 percent in Europe, the origin of most of Morocco's foreign visitors. Morocco managed to keep visitor numbers growing by 6.5

percent but tourism income slipped 5 percent to 52.8 billion dirhams. The global credit crunch also made it harder for the north African country to lure foreign investors, slowing the roll-out of a chain of new resorts that it needs to build to keep tourism numbers growing.

"Achieving 94 percent of our (2010) goal, bearing in mind that we just went through one of the biggest crises in a century, is a very satisfying result," Minister Yassir Znagui told reporters late on Monday.

Znagui, a former London banker who took up his new job

in January, has pushed to win new investors for faltering seaside hotel and leisure projects and close deals with tour operators outside Morocco's traditional markets.

The kingdom is still heavily dependent on tourism from France and Spain and lacks hotel capacity outside the southern city of Marrakesh and Agadir on the Atlantic coast.

Znagui said the number of visitors rebounded by 16 percent in the first three months of the year to 1.72 million, night stays grew by 7 percent to 3.7 million and tourism income grew by 12 percent to 10.2 billion dirhams. (Reuters)

## Business/Interview

## 'Why there is no fuel scarcity now'



COMRADE Isa Tijjani, chairman of National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers

FROM Auwalu Umar, Kano

LAST week you accused Minister of Petroleum Mrs. Diezani Allison-Maduekwe of policy reversals and cancellation of fuel importation contract awards; how could you substantiate these accusations?

I want to refer to the problem that occurred in the oil industry; the issue of fuel scarcity. If you remember we had this problem not very long ago. The ministry of petroleum resources and the federal government called a meeting of stakeholders in the oil industry to see how we can come together to help and bring about the issue to rest; so with the ascension to power of the acting president Dr Goodluck Jonathan, everybody or most people supported the idea because we don't want a situation of power vacuum, that lead to chaos or things that will be unpalatable to the nation. So he was supported and the senate and Nigerians supported his quest for dissolving the federal executive council so that it will now be reconstituted to carry people whom he has the trust that can help him. But immediately the minister of petroleum came in, we were told there were several policy reversals including allocation of import license for petroleum products which primarily was done to bring succour, so we looked at it and saw the reversals were not based on experience, ability to perform, financial capability, distribution

network or storage facility. Largely we attributed the reversals to if you like patronage or cronyism which I feel is not going to augur well for the system, so it is important that we bring about this issue to resolve it, because if you have the means of consulting people when you want to reverse policies at least you call people to help you when you reverse the policy, then you should be able call this people and inform them why you are doing this, so that the rationale can be understood. Let it not be looked as if we are again in any military thinking.

Could you cite an example?

We have the case of AP who applied for approvals of 90 000 metric tonnes, but they were given that same 270,000, but compare the issue of Folawiyo Energy who applied for 360 metric tonnes they were given 150, several other companies with technical competence, financial capability, storage facilities, both offshore and on shore applied but they were drastically reduced and you cannot explain it, the explanation to the best of our knowledge is not based on any sound technical proof.

Is it the best thing for the country to be importing fuel from abroad when we have the oil and refineries here?

Certainly the importation is supposed to be a stop gap pending the time our refineries can be fully operational because you can't hinge the supply the sup-

ply of petroleum products of a country like Nigeria to importation, but as well you cannot cut it off when you don't have your own supply channels intact, so that's the problem our refineries are not functional we resort to importation, you have not finished the whole problem then you cut it off, I think the best thing is let the refineries be functional then you decide whatever, the whole idea is we don't want to return to the days of

fuel scarcity.

But there is stability in the supply, as there is fuel in almost all filling stations across the country as reported; what is responsible for this?

Two things; one is the massive importation of fuel by the NNPC and the major players in the industry, and also our refineries are beginning to pick up, that is why you see the stability that is why we are encouraging that to continue so that we don't want any policy or highhandedness of any government official to return back to square one.

What is your take on the ongoing deregulation?

Deregulation, according to the government is trying to open the industry to players, if you remember this thing started with several governments, liberalization, market forces and now deregulation, but the problem I seem to see is that there is a kind of misunderstanding, government officials or those responsible don't seem to understand what it is all about, because what they do doesn't seem to show people they understand, we are told that it is about breaking monopoly, it is about opening up the market, about making sure that products are available all over the country but recently what the NNPC is doing shows they don't understand what deregulation is all about, it is now engaged in building mega filling station and leasing from marketers filling stations, under their name the danger is that is like you are on a football

Comrade Isa Tijjani is the former vice chairman of National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (NUPENG). In this interview, he explains why there is no fuel scarcity and also talks about his face-off with the oil minister.

field having two teams and the referee who is supposed to be neutral and an arbiter now becomes not only partisan but also involved in the game, so the NNPC is bringing more problem for the government than bringing solution, because ordinarily they are the people that will oversee the discharge of allocation to oil marketers now they are involved, and I want to say on a strong note that this filling stations the NNPC is building are on scandalous prices, we know what is going on, one mega station is capable of building ten filling station quote me so if you are saying that

you are doing this to cut cost or reduce excesses, what does this translate to? Does it translate to less spending or less involvement of government or are you saving the tax payers money. They are spending things the way they do.

Ideally, how do you think it should be?

I want the NNPC to be an arbiter. I agree they have subsidiary companies that are supposed to be engaged in other activities of investment but in this case there will be no fairness they will be creating monopoly, it means now the NNPC is becoming a monopoly, I

give you a simple example if NNPC is having filling stations and the marketers are having stations and the NNPC is supposed to distribute products to them, where do you think their first priority will be, is it to their filling stations or to other marketers? Certainly it is going to be to their own filling stations, then we have automatic monopoly, if the government want deregulation to succeed there has to be fairness, it must be based on transparency, so that people will see that everything is done in the interest of people in Nigeria not the other way round.



## THE NIGERIAN SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS

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## Business/Finance

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|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>2ND-TIER SECURITIES</b>     |              |           |                    |                         |
| ADSWITCH PLC                   | 1            | 2.09      | 500                | 995.00                  |
| CAPITAL OIL PLC                | 11           | 0.53      | 658,000            | 348,400.00              |
| <b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>           | <b>12</b>    |           | <b>658,500</b>     | <b>349,395.00</b>       |
| <b>AGRICULTURE</b>             |              |           |                    |                         |
| FTN COCOA PROC. PLC            | 19           | 0.96      | 1,028,484          | 1,012,568.32            |
| LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC            | 12           | 0.91      | 723,081            | 658,003.71              |
| OKOMU OIL PALM CY PLC          | 3            | 20.54     | 65,108             | 1,337,318.32            |
| PRESCO PLC                     | 13           | 7.79      | 455,300            | 3,546,787.00            |
| <b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>           | <b>47</b>    |           | <b>2,271,973</b>   | <b>6,554,677.35</b>     |
| <b>AIR SERVICES</b>            |              |           |                    |                         |
| AIR/SERV. & LOG. PLC           | 19           | 4.33      | 227,728            | 938,239.36              |
| NIG. AV. HAND. COY PLC         | 58           | 11.51     | 4,379,568          | 50,408,827.68           |
| <b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>           | <b>77</b>    |           | <b>4,607,296</b>   | <b>51,347,067.04</b>    |
| <b>BANKING</b>                 |              |           |                    |                         |
| ACCESS BANK PLC                | 226          | 9.72      | 6,936,798          | 67,126,827.61           |
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| FIDELITY BANK PLC              | 158          | 2.85      | 7,768,662          | 22,444,955.54           |
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| FINBANK PLC                    | 88           | 0.60      | 4,202,903          | 2,520,233.54            |
| GTBANK PLC                     | 606          | 16.71     | 16,308,159         | 275,704,885.94          |
| STANBIC IBTC BANK PLC          | 54           | 8.79      | 1,507,487          | 13,346,585.73           |
| INTERCONT. BANK PLC.           | 77           | 1.61      | 2,880,137          | 4,754,555.82            |
| OCEANIC BANK INT. PLC          | 6            | 1.88      | 2,603,520          | 4,933,214.87            |
| BANK PHB PLC                   | 68           | 1.43      | 1,942,963          | 2,807,939.43            |
| SKYE BANK PLC.                 | 300          | 7.40      | 61,357,857         | 459,212,623.05          |
| SPRING BANK PLC                | 18           | 1.03      | 417,268            | 429,103.69              |
| STERLING BANK PLC              | 40           | 2.04      | 2,157,281          | 4,443,764.24            |
| UNT. BANK FOR AFR. PLC.        | 77           | 12.42     | 2,857,924          | 35,495,416.08           |
| UN/BANK OF NIG. PLC            | 172          | 5.82      | 3,157,383          | 18,764,863.37           |
| UNITYBANK PLC                  | 33           | 1.04      | 3,638,700          | 3,936,149.07            |
| WEMA BANK PLC                  | 57           | 1.14      | 3,757,173          | 4,294,584.02            |
| ZENITH BANK PLC                | 304          | 14.74     | 11,009,733         | 166,205,310.51          |
| <b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>           | <b>3,977</b> |           | <b>195,530,172</b> | <b>1,805,710,110.06</b> |
| <b>BUILDING MATERIALS</b>      |              |           |                    |                         |
| ASHAKA CEMENT PLC              | 98           | 20.05     | 2,015,213          | 40,669,500.98           |
| BEN/CEMENT COY PLC             | 39           | 63.85     | 422,047            | 26,960,569.57           |
| CEM. CO. OF N/NIG. PLC         | 57           | 19.77     | 2,545,906          | 50,774,569.57           |
| LAFARGE WAPCO PLC              | 22           | 41.95     | 92,683             | 3,694,344.38            |
| <b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>           | <b>216</b>   |           | <b>5,065,849</b>   | <b>128,098,984.50</b>   |
| <b>CHEMICAL &amp; PAINTS</b>   |              |           |                    |                         |
| BERGER PAINTS NIG. PLC         | 26           | 8.33      | 330,090            | 2,594,073.75            |
| CHEM/ALLIED PROD. PLC          | 5            | 31.15     | 57,332             | 1,785,891.80            |
| DN MEYER PLC                   | 6            | 4.79      | 508,860            | 2,437,439.40            |
| <b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>           | <b>37</b>    |           | <b>896,282</b>     | <b>4,817,404.95</b>     |
| <b>COMMERCIAL/SERV.</b>        |              |           |                    |                         |
| AFROMEDIA PLC                  | 21           | 0.72      | 997,059            | 717,882.48              |
| COURTVILLE INV. PLC            | 35           | 0.56      | 18,710,000         | 10,250,360.00           |
| RED STAR EXPRESS PLC           | 17           | 3.90      | 169,570            | 662,614.20              |
| <b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>           | <b>73</b>    |           | <b>19,876,629</b>  | <b>11,630,856.68</b>    |
| <b>CONGLOMERATES</b>           |              |           |                    |                         |
| A. G. LEV. (NIG.) PLC          | 22           | 3.99      | 87,650             | 358,780.85              |
| JOHN HOLT PLC                  | 1            | 9.28      | 2,000              | 17,640.00               |
| PZ CUSSONS NIG. PLC            | 89           | 30.00     | 3,376,476          | 99,616,707.88           |
| SCOA NIGERIA PLC               | 1            | 8.71      | 3,152              | 26,098.56               |
| TRANSN/CORP. OF NIG. PLC       | 35           | 0.50      | 1,081,120          | 554,665.20              |
| UAC OF NIGERIA PLC             | 53           | 50.36     | 365,189            | 18,509,678.18           |
| UNILEVER NIG. PLC              | 77           | 27.00     | 1,986,991          | 53,613,614.20           |
| <b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>           | <b>268</b>   |           | <b>6,900,178</b>   | <b>171,899,189.87</b>   |
| <b>CONSTRUCTION</b>            |              |           |                    |                         |
| COSTAIN (WA) PLC               | 85           | 8.00      | 1,746,282          | 13,975,532.95           |
| J/BERGER NIG. PLC              | 89           | 58.61     | 2,207,927          | 130,715,451.22          |
| MULTIVERSE RES. PLC            | 9            | 0.50      | 560,120            | 280,060.00              |
| ROADS NIGERIA PLC              | 5            | 3.46      | 102,332            | 371,465.16              |
| <b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>           | <b>188</b>   |           | <b>4,616,661</b>   | <b>145,342,050.13</b>   |
| <b>FOOD/BEV. &amp; TOBACCO</b> |              |           |                    |                         |
| 7-UP BOTTLING CO. PLC          | 11           | 47.00     | 17,521             | 785,039.35              |
| BIG TREAT PLC                  | 19           | 0.91      | 1,231,272          | 1,120,457.52            |
| CADBURY NIGERIA PLC            | 33           | 22.64     | 190,618            | 4,100,193.18            |
| DANGOTE FLOUR MILLS PLC        | 401          | 20.76     | 6,361,408          | 135,282,661.27          |
| DANGOTE SUGAR REF. PLC         | 87           | 17.85     | 1,084,739          | 19,599,296.60           |
| FLOUR MILLS NIGERIA PLC        | 133          | 70.99     | 3,576,676          | 251,040,064.81          |
| H/WELL FLOUR MILL PLC          | 39           | 8.30      | 197,790            | 1,642,926.90            |
| NAT. SALT COY NIGERIA PLC      | 80           | 8.08      | 2,332,071          | 18,862,464.18           |
| NIG. BOTTLING COY PLC          | 42           | 32.59     | 1,597,641          | 51,770,594.50           |
| NESTLE NIGERIA PLC             | 87           | 314.00    | 179,661            | 56,006,206.49           |
| N/NIG. FLOUR MILLS PLC         | 6            | 41.20     | 71,850             | 2,959,499.00            |
| TANTALIZERS PLC                | 25           | 1.09      | 1,285,911          | 1,402,031.43            |
| UNION DICON SALT PLC           | 1            | 4.67      | 50,000             | 233,500.00              |
| UTC NIGERIA PLC                | 9            | 1.21      | 104,499            | 132,713.73              |
| <b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>           | <b>973</b>   |           | <b>18,281,657</b>  | <b>544,932,648.96</b>   |
| <b>HEALTHCARE</b>              |              |           |                    |                         |
| EVANS MEDICAL PLC.             | 22           | 1.56      | 343,200            | 535,392.00              |
| FIDSON HEALTHCARE PLC          | 33           | 2.99      | 4,108,534          | 12,285,516.66           |
| GLAXOS. CONS. NIG. PLC         | 16           | 23.56     | 1,033,923          | 24,358,655.05           |
| MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC.       | 19           | 7.63      | 136,300            | 988,175.00              |

|                                     |              |        |                   |                       |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| NEIMETH INT. PHARM. PLC             | 42           | 3.41   | 492,735           | 1,679,766.35          |
| UN/DIAG. & CLIN. SERV. PLC          | 26           | 0.75   | 820,500           | 615,375.00            |
| <b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>                | <b>158</b>   |        | <b>6,935,192</b>  | <b>40,662,880.06</b>  |
| <b>HOTEL &amp; TOURISM</b>          |              |        |                   |                       |
| CAPITAL HOTEL PLC                   | 1            | 3.62   | 1,000             | 3,440.00              |
| IKEJA HOTEL PLC                     | 16           | 2.71   | 332,430           | 900,885.30            |
| <b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>                | <b>17</b>    |        | <b>333,430</b>    | <b>904,325.30</b>     |
| <b>INDUSTRIAL/DOMESTIC PRODUCTS</b> |              |        |                   |                       |
| ALUMACO PLC                         | 5            | 8.57   | 20,000            | 163,000.00            |
| B. O. C. GASES NIGERIA PLC          | 3            | 10.22  | 8,315             | 80,738.65             |
| FIRST ALUM. NIGERIA PLC             | 3            | 0.50   | 32,231            | 16,115.50             |
| VITAFOAM NIGERIA PLC                | 15           | 6.50   | 67,620            | 419,527.20            |
| VONO PRODUCTS PLC                   | 5            | 0.56   | 23,741            | 13,120.14             |
| <b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>                | <b>31</b>    |        | <b>151,907</b>    | <b>692,501.49</b>     |
| <b>INF. &amp; COMM. TECH.</b>       |              |        |                   |                       |
| CHAMS PLC                           | 40           | 0.77   | 2,475,311         | 1,858,763.25          |
| MASS TEL. INNOV. NIG. PLC           | 1            | 0.50   | 50,000            | 25,000.00             |
| STARCOMMS PLC                       | 35           | 2.00   | 4,740,446         | 9,500,680.51          |
| <b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>                | <b>76</b>    |        | <b>7,265,757</b>  | <b>11,384,443.76</b>  |
| <b>INSURANCE</b>                    |              |        |                   |                       |
| AICO INSURANCE PLC.                 | 24           | 1.48   | 1,768,570         | 2,626,512.90          |
| CONTINENTAL REINS. PLC              | 25           | 1.19   | 14,296,009        | 16,477,206.69         |
| CORNERSTONE INS. CO. PLC.           | 12           | 0.75   | 1,238,000         | 928,500.00            |
| CUST/ALLIED INSUR. PLC              | 19           | 3.48   | 2,070,490         | 7,273,173.50          |
| EQUITY ASSURANCE PLC                | 1            | 0.50   | 74,487            | 37,243.50             |
| G/NIGERIA INS. COY PLC              | 3            | 0.50   | 55,000            | 27,500.00             |
| GOLDLINK INSURANCE PLC              | 15           | 0.86   | 1,727,996         | 1,486,076.56          |
| GUAR. TRUST ASSUR. PLC              | 32           | 2.59   | 2,161,040         | 5,575,412.10          |
| GUINEA INSURANCE PLC.               | 1            | 0.50   | 6,250             | 3,125.00              |
| CONS. HALLMARK INS. PLC             | 9            | 0.54   | 702,000           | 373,670.76            |
| INT. ENERGY INS. COY PLC            | 11           | 0.63   | 2,751,100         | 1,733,193.00          |
| LASACO ASSURANCE PLC.               | 45           | 0.52   | 3,614,343         | 1,883,148.36          |
| L/UNION & ROCK INS. PLC.            | 1            | 0.65   | 4,500             | 2,790.00              |
| LINKAGE ASSURANCE PLC               | 1            | 0.50   | 50,000            | 25,000.00             |
| MUTUAL BEN. ASS. PLC                | 26           | 0.53   | 14,633,500        | 7,756,155.00          |
| N.E.M. INS. CO. (NIG.) PLC.         | 36           | 0.64   | 3,652,600         | 2,344,364.00          |
| NIGER INSURANCE CO. PLC             | 106          | 1.38   | 8,668,270         | 12,384,910.80         |
| PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC              | 21           | 4.01   | 208,030           | 841,525.60            |
| REG. ALL. INS. COY PLC              | 4            | 0.50   | 13,000            | 6,500.00              |
| STACO INSURANCE PLC                 | 11           | 0.56   | 1,747,740         | 978,734.40            |
| STAND. ALLIANCE INS. PLC            | 21           | 0.51   | 8,662,950         | 4,418,294.50          |
| UNIC INSURANCE PLC.                 | 6            | 0.77   | 62,040            | 46,014.60             |
| UNIV. INS. COMPANY PLC              | 4            | 0.50   | 75,000            | 37,500.00             |
| INT. WAPIC INSURANCE PLC            | 18           | 0.89   | 465,640           | 433,721.20            |
| <b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>                | <b>452</b>   |        | <b>68,708,555</b> | <b>67,700,272.47</b>  |
| <b>MARITIME</b>                     |              |        |                   |                       |
| JAP/OIL & MARIT. SERV. PLC          | 210          | 1.48   | 13,844,890        | 20,786,366.97         |
| <b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>                | <b>210</b>   |        | <b>13,844,890</b> | <b>20,786,366.97</b>  |
| <b>MORTGAGE COMPANIES</b>           |              |        |                   |                       |
| ASO SAV. AND LOANS PLC              | 40           | 0.53   | 4,749,185         | 2,541,533.05          |
| RES. SAV. AND LOANS PLC             | 2            | 0.50   | 201,000           | 100,500.00            |
| UN/HOM/SAV. & LOANS PLC             | 22           | 0.96   | 1,672,234         | 1,584,119.32          |
| <b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>                | <b>64</b>    |        | <b>6,622,419</b>  | <b>4,226,152.37</b>   |
| <b>OTHER FINANCIAL INST.</b>        |              |        |                   |                       |
| CRUSADER NIGERIA PLC.               | 4            | 0.87   | 228,000           | 200,610.00            |
| D/CAP. MAN. & TRUST PLC             | 1            | 2.02   | 4,000             | 8,080.00              |
| ROYAL EXCHANGE PLC                  | 29           | 0.87   | 5,233,595         | 4,553,227.65          |
| <b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>                | <b>34</b>    |        | <b>5,465,595</b>  | <b>4,761,917.65</b>   |
| <b>PACKAGING</b>                    |              |        |                   |                       |
| NIG. BAG MAN. COY PLC               | 202          | 3.19   | 1,829,395         | 5,857,311.07          |
| NAMPAK NIGERIA PLC                  | 1            | 6.01   | 25,146            | 143,583.66            |
| <b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>                | <b>203</b>   |        | <b>1,854,541</b>  | <b>6,000,894.73</b>   |
| <b>PETROLEUM(MARKET.)</b>           |              |        |                   |                       |
| AFRICAN PETROLEUM PLC.              | 122          | 40.60  | 411,519           | 16,593,590.84         |
| BECO PETROL. PROD. PLC              | 16           | 1.66   | 533,463           | 880,598.58            |
| MRS OIL NIGERIA PLC                 | 11           | 69.79  | 43,608            | 3,195,158.16          |
| CONOIL PLC                          | 77           | 56.14  | 263,921           | 15,350,211.17         |
| ETERNA OIL & GAS PLC.               | 42           | 7.60   | 1,290,042         | 9,804,380.25          |
| MOBIL OIL NIGERIA PLC.              | 83           | 182.99 | 1,178,193         | 211,817,132.54        |
| OANDO PLC                           | 208          | 114.50 | 1,552,840         | 179,996,667.36        |
| TOTAL NIGERIA PLC                   | 23           | 195.00 | 80,713            | 15,712,932.44         |
| <b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>                | <b>582</b>   |        | <b>5,354,299</b>  | <b>453,350,671.34</b> |
| <b>PRINTING &amp; PUBLISHING</b>    |              |        |                   |                       |
| LONGMAN NIGERIA PLC                 | 9            | 10.42  | 213,380           | 2,224,042.64          |
| UNIVERSITY PRESS PLC                | 2            | 7.89   | 6,480             | 48,600.00             |
| <b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>                | <b>11</b>    |        | <b>219,860</b>    | <b>2,272,642.64</b>   |
| <b>REAL ESTATE</b>                  |              |        |                   |                       |
| UACN PROP. DEV. CO. PLC             | 44           | 23.50  | 2,161,905         | 49,074,023.10         |
| <b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>                | <b>44</b>    |        | <b>2,161,905</b>  | <b>49,074,023.10</b>  |
| <b>ROAD TRANSPORTATION</b>          |              |        |                   |                       |
| ASSOCIATED BUS COY PLC              | 20           | 1.00   | 696,506           | 696,906.00            |
| <b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>                | <b>20</b>    |        | <b>696,506</b>    | <b>696,906.00</b>     |
| <b>TEXTILES</b>                     |              |        |                   |                       |
| UNT. NIGERIA TEXT. PLC              | 1            | 1.42   | 13,104            | 18,607.68             |
| <b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>                | <b>1</b>     |        | <b>13,104</b>     | <b>18,607.68</b>      |
| <b>THE FOREIGN LISTINGS</b>         |              |        |                   |                       |
| ECOBANKTRANS. INCORP.               | 39           | 19.36  | 668,344           | 13,042,226.58         |
| <b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>                | <b>39</b>    |        | <b>668,344</b>    | <b>13,042,226.58</b>  |
| <b>OVERALL TOTALS</b>               | <b>6,278</b> |        | <b>37,544,214</b> | <b>369,164,344.16</b> |

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## GAINERS

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| MOBIL    | 8.13 |
| CAP      | 1.48 |
| UAC-PROP | 1.00 |
| BERGER   | 0.39 |

## LOSERS

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|-----------|------|
| OANDO     | 5.50 |
| J/BERGER  | 3.08 |
| UACN      | 2.64 |
| DANGFLOUR | 1.09 |



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The Nation Newspaper,  
Lagos

3. The Editor –in–Chief  
Punch Newspaper  
Lagos

Dear Sir,

### RE: LIBELOUS PUBLICATION OF WORDS CONCERNING CHUKWUEMEKA EZEUKO (a.k.a REV. DR. KING): DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE RETRACTION AND PUBLIC APOLOGY.

We are solicitors to Chukwuemeka Ezeuko (a.k.a Rev. Dr. King) (hereinafter called "Our Client") on whose behalf and instructions, we write to you on the above captioned.

It is our client's briefing that on the front and second page of Vol. 5 no 1371 April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 edition of the Nation Newspaper, and on page 2 of the Punch Newspaper of the same date you falsely and maliciously wrote, printed and published of and concerning him under the banner headlines "Rev. King fingered in Kaduna jail break bid" and "Police link Rev. King to foiled jailbreak in Kaduna" respectively.

At page 2 of the Nation Newspaper you stated thus, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> column: paragraph 10 and 11.

**"Blaming the incident on King. Chief Tamkari Mohammed (SIC) described the cleric as a trouble maker. He said "From what I was told, the prison officials said one Rev. King was the cause of this problem. He has served in Kaduna prison. he had served in Lagos prison and wherever he goes he has become a problem, so they said about three days ago they had cause to transfer him to Katsina prison. because he was causing alot of havoc in Kaduna prison like he did in all prisons he had stayed and three days after he left Kaduna prison trouble started".**

The said words in their natural and ordinary meaning particularly having regard to the cover headline aforesaid and the entire contents of the said publication meant and were understood to mean that our client masterminded the jail break.

By reason of the foregoing our client has been seriously injured in his credit, character and reputation, and in the way of his calling as a General Overseer of The Christian Praying Assembly Worldwide and an acclaimed man of God.

Contrary to the libelous publications against our client, did not cause any jail break in Kaduna prison. He was as a matter of fact an inmate in Katsina Prison while the police and other law enforcement agents embarked on orgy of killing of inmates in

Kaduna prison. During his stay in Kaduna our client was a law abiding inmate who did not in any way breach prison security or regulation.

It is our client's brief that your said publication is false, malicious and knowingly made to tarnish his hard earned good name reputation and exalted position as the General Overseer of Christian Praying Assembly Worldwide. This latest pejorative remark on our client is consistent with the police hatred and stigmatization of our client as a scofflaw which culminated in his present travails. It is instructive that while the Comptroller General of Prison Mr. Olusola Ogundipe who visited the scene and got first hand information did not blame the unfortunate incident on our client, the Police Commissioner who relied on hearsay evidence was hasty in blaming the protestation of the inmates and the security lapses in Kaduna prison on our client.

As a result of your said publication our client has been exposed to odium, public contempt, hatred, scandal and his good name, reputation and esteem lowered in the eyes of right thinking Nigerians who have read your publication and he has thereby suffered irreparable damages.

In the circumstance of the foregoing, our client has instructed us to demand from you a retraction of the libelous publication with a public apology which should be given equal prominence as your publication aforesaid within seven (7) days of the receipt of this letter.

**TAKE NOTICE** that if at the expiration of the 7 days after the receipt of this letter or its publication on two National Newspapers you fail or neglect to meet with our client's demands as aforesaid, we shall be left with no other option than to institute a law suit against you, your company and the institution you represent.

Thank you

Yours faithfully,  
Pp: **MURRAY CHAMBERS**

**MURTALA ABDUL-RASHEED ESQ**  
(Solicitor, Advocate & Notary Public)

Sign Language



No laughing matter.

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TANGLEWORDS 1

Letters as you fit the words into their correct places. Circled letters will start one or more words (in fact, any letter may be part of more than one word). Beginning with a circled letter, enter each word in a straight line forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonally. Words may overlap or cross in any direction, but no square may be skipped over. When all the words have been correctly entered, there will be a letter in every white square. We have started this first puzzle for you.

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| Admire     | Cattle    | Lustrous   |
| Adrift     | Deer      | Made       |
| Adverb     | Deejay    | Marriage   |
| Alter      | Defect    | Medium     |
| Befall     | Embarrass | Microscope |
| Blackboard | Emotional | Negate     |
| Bottled    | Hectic    | Pacer      |
| Candied    | Heroic    | Pancakes   |
| Carpenter  | Ladylike  | Pinafore   |
| Cast       | Llama     | Psalm      |
|            |           | Recess     |
|            |           | Refill     |
|            |           | Repaid     |
|            |           | Samba      |
|            |           | Sedate     |
|            |           | Shadow     |
|            |           | Squal      |
|            |           | Tack       |
|            |           | Teeter     |
|            |           | Temper     |
|            |           | Tundra     |
|            |           | Weeder     |

SOLUTION TO DIAGRAMLESS

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SUDOKU

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

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|   |   |   |   |   | 4 | 2 | 8 |   |
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| 8 |   |   |   | 3 |   |   |   | 2 |
| 1 |   |   | 8 |   | 6 | 4 | 5 |   |
|   | 1 | 4 | 3 |   |   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | 6 |   |   |   |   |
|   | 6 | 8 | 5 |   |   |   |   | 7 |

Solution to Sudoku 136

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 3 |
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| 1 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 6 |
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| 2 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 8 |
| 6 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
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| 3 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 9 |

## News Extra

# Revealed: Video that shows failed Xmas Day bomber training with Al Qaeda in Yemen

**C**hristmas Day airline bomb suspect Umar Farouk Abdul Mutallab has been shown on a video training with Al Qaeda in Yemen.

The video, obtained and broadcast Monday by ABC World News, shows the 23-year-old Nigerian firing weapons and speaking in Arabic about the impending attack in Detroit, Michigan.

He is shown reading from the Koran and saying: 'God said those who punish you must be punished.'

A U.S. intelligence official said Monday night that the preliminary judgement was that it was Abdul Mutallab in the video and the footage was consistent with the understanding that he was in training.

It is not clear where and when the video was made.

According to ABC News, the video was produced by Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, or AQAP.

It was first aired Monday on television networks al-Jazeera and al-Jazeera English.

**F**ormer London student Abdul Mutallab and others are shown firing at targets, including the Jewish star of David and one labelled 'UN'.

Abdul Mutallab is accused of trying to use a bomb hidden in his underwear to bring down a Detroit-bound airliner on Christmas Day.

The explosives failed, but burned Abdul Mutallab, who was arrested.

**H**e has been co-operating with investigators, discussing his contacts in Yemen and providing intelligence on multiple terrorism investigations, according to U.S. officials.

The IntelCenter, an Alexandria, Virginia-based company that studies terrorist groups, reported that video appears to



**THE man believed to be Umar Farouk Abdul Mutallab shoulders a gun with other members of his training class in Yemen.**



**RADICAL American cleric Anwar al-Awlaki, who is believed to have inspired Abdul Mutallab**

show the first official communication from a terrorist organiza-



**ANOTHER unidentified militant braces his gun on his feet as he practices shooting up in to the air at aircraft**

tion by Anwar al-Awlaki, a Muslim cleric born in New Mexico to

Yemeni parents.

He has been linked to Abdul Mutallab and Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, the U.S. Army psychiatrist accused of killing 13 people in November at Fort Hood, Texas.

**W**hile he had been supportive of groups in the past, he has until now never been publicly connected to a group through its official messages,' IntelCenter director Ben N. Venzke said in an e-mail.

'Today's release firmly ties al-Awlaki to AQAP.'

Abdul Mutallab, the son of a wealthy Nigerian banker, is thought to have been radicalised while studying at University College in London and then 'tutored

in terrorism' in Yemen by Al Qaeda operatives under the control of Awlaki.

Awlaki became popular among Islamic radicals for his firebrand preaching when he was an imam in San Diego, California.

**H**is sermons were attended by two of the 9/11 hijackers, while a third heard him preach in Virginia.

Earlier this month he was put in a CIA hit list by Barack Obama. It was the first time that Washington had authorised putting the name of an American citizen on such a list.

Jane Harman, chairwoman of the House of Representatives Homeland Security Subcommittee on Intelligence, described him as 'probably terrorist No. 1 in terms of threat against us.'

**W**hile he is very much in the sights of the Yemenis, with us helping them.'

**“ A U.S. intelligence official said Monday night that the preliminary judgement was that it was Abdul Mutallab in the video and the footage was consistent with the understanding that he was in training.**

## News Extra

PIX:AFP



SMOKE bomb set off inside the building

## Scuffle erupts in Ukraine parliament

Lawmakers in Ukraine scuffled with each other, throwing punches and eggs, as parliament met yesterday to ratify a treaty with Russia that extends the latter's navy presence in the Ukraine's Crimean peninsula until 2042.

The ruling Regions party eventually ratified the treaty but not before howls of protest from the opposition.

Someone set off a smoke bomb inside the building, while Speaker Volodymyr Lytvyn sought refuge behind an umbrella as he was pelted with eggs.

During a rally attended by thousands on Saturday, opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko -- the former prime minister who lost to Viktor Yanukovich in the presidential election run-off in February -- said the ratification must be prevented at all costs.

She claimed that Yanukovich is "selling out" Ukraine, has "openly embarked on the path of destruction of (Ukraine's) national interests, and has actually begun the process of eliminating the state's sovereignty."

The deal was signed last week by Yanukovich and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev.

Tymoshenko said it violated part of the Ukrainian Constitution, which forbids the country from hosting foreign military bases after 2017.

The deal extends Russia's lease of a major naval base in the Black Sea port of Sevastopol for an addi-

tional 25 years, in exchange for a 30 percent cut in the price of natural gas that Russia sells to Ukraine.

The agreement may bring an end to years of disputes over natural gas prices, which culminated in Russia turning off the pipeline to Ukraine.

The dispute affected not only

Ukrainians, but many Europeans who depend on Russian gas pumped through Ukraine.

The two countries had been at odds ever since the "Orange Revolution" swept Yanukovich's fiercely anti-Russian predecessor Viktor Yush-

chenko to power in 2005.

Throughout his time in office, Yushchenko repeatedly threatened to expel Russia's Black Sea Fleet from Sevastopol. The Russian military lease there was scheduled to expire in 2017.

Yanukovich said the new deal added a "concrete and pragmatic

dimension" to centuries of relations between Ukrainians and Russians.

Opposition groups in Ukraine, however, were quick to denounce the agreement. Yushchenko's "Our Ukraine" party said the treaty would lead to the "Russification" of Ukraine.



DEPUTIES fight during yesterday's sitting in Kiev.

## News Extra

# 'Why I burnt my friend's house down'

**T**he first night of the January riots in the Nigerian city of Jos took Umar D'Adam by surprise and, as the gunfire and burning began, the 20-year-old - known as "D-Boy" - fled.

It was the beginning of a spiral of brutality in central Nigeria that has left hundreds dead.

As he sheltered in the army barracks, someone handed D-Boy a phone. It was his close friend, Vincent Alaibe, a Christian.

"I just heard his voice telling me, it's my house, that he's burned it," remembers D-Boy.

"He was shouting. He showed other people my house, and they burned it, including him.

“He thought I was dead. I told him: ‘I am alive.’”

Months later, the family home in the Anglo-Jos district is still in ruins: A blackened fridge, the melted remains of a TV, and once-treasured belongings crunch underfoot.

"My mum, she cooked for him. He used to come here to sleep, my mum would give him a key," D-Boy says softly.

He has been in contact with Vincent, and offers to take us to meet him.

**T**he cycle of killing and revenge has changed the identity of whole neighbourhoods in Jos and arranging a simple meeting is not easy.

The young friends can only meet outside the neighbourhood; there is difficulty talking.

Slight and fresh faced, barely out of their teens, they sit awkwardly, eyes to the ground.

"If I don't do it, they are going to kill me," says Vincent, slowly.

**'Forgiveness'**  
He describes how a gang of ethnic Berom Christian men were attacking the area, armed with guns, cutlasses and petrol-bombs.

**V**incent - one of few Christian residents - was singled out, and made to go with them, to point out D-Boy's house.

"They know he is my friend. That is why they forced me to do it. They knew that I am a Christian, and he is a Muslim.

"I am looking for forgiveness," he chokes. D-Boy stares straight ahead, listening.

"Don't do it again," he bursts out.

“D-Boy's parents have forgiven Vincent, and would like to see him again at the family home”



D-BOY (left) has now forgiven Vincent



CHRISTIAN men attacked the area with guns, cutlasses and petrol-bombs

"If this thing happens again, don't put your hand in it. I know you are a good person."

D-Boy's parents have forgiven Vincent, and would like to see him again at the family home.

But violent threats of revenge, and fear of arrest, have forced him to move away.

"If I enter the area, they will kill me," he says.

#### Broken pacts

North of the city, people in the tiny Christian enclave of Chwelnyp, in Congo-Russia district, were also taken aback by the riots.

"There was an agreement," insists Chief Ibrahim Choji-Dusu.

His community is surrounded by four almost exclusively ethnic Hausa Muslim neighbourhoods.

The day before, he sat down with his Muslim neighbours to discuss the hostile mood.

"The agreement was, there should never be anybody from any of the communities that should attack anybody," Chief Choji-Dusu says, again and again.

**B**ut on morning of 17 January, 170 homes in Chwelnyp were torched. Chief Chiji-Dusu and others recognised those

they had spoken with the previous day among the attackers.

"We spoke: 'Ah! You! We made an agreement yesterday. Why do you attack us now?'"

"They said: 'No matter how used you are to your chicken, it will not stop you slaughtering it.'"

"That is the slogan they use," he says.

The BBC contacted community leaders in those neighbouring areas.



CHIEF Ibrahim Choji-Dusu

Some said they had never attended the peace meeting on 16 January.

Others claimed that residents of Chwelnyp attacked first, breaking the agreement.

Others admitted that they had lost control of their own youths, as rioting spread elsewhere in the city.

Five people from Chwelnyp were killed - a number Chief Choji-Dusu considers a lucky escape.

#### 'Silent killings'

Three months later, he says the people of Chwelnyp are ready to forgive. But the atmosphere has changed, and there has been virtually no exchange about what happened.

“Our problem is, how do we come and sit together?” he asks.

"We can't go there. Our people are being killed any time they pass in that area.

"Once you go, you never come back. You will be a missing person."

The police and military continue to recover corpses dumped inside the city limits and in rural

villages outside.

Victims of the so-called "silent killings" - both Berom Christians and Hausa Muslims - are being discovered every week.

"Rather than coming together, people are moving apart," observes Emmanuel Nanle, a Christian youth worker.

**Beer parlours and Bible sellers**

Jos - once a balmy holiday retreat enjoyed by British colonials - is being carved up into exclusive neighbourhoods.

Armoured military vehicles squat on the interfaces.

On the Christian side, beer parlours and Bible-sellers jostle for space.

**W**omen in brightly coloured hijabs and the ornate woven caps common in the north mark out the Hausa Muslim side.

"The whole of this street - Ajayi Street - used to be a poker street," explains Mr Nanle, smiling.

"You would find Christians and Muslims playing poker together, whiling away time after work.

"But now, because of the crisis, the Christians dare not come, and the Muslims are playing poker by themselves."

Areas of Jos that were once ethnically and religiously mixed - Dogon Dutse, Genta Adamu and Nassarawa Gwom - are now becoming exclusive.

**C**hief Choji-Dusu believes the shifts in geography are barring local discussion of what has happened.

"The truth is, we need to rub minds, and reason," he says.

"We, the Christians, we don't want to fight. But if we are destabilised in Plateau State, it will affect the country. It will shake the country."

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## FCT NYSC commissions new secretariat

By Mustapha Suleiman

NATIONAL Youth Service Corps in the FCT has commissioned its new secretariat located at Wuse Zone 5.

Speaking at the commissioning ceremony, NYSC Director General, Brigadier General Maharazu Ismail Tsiga congratulated the Management of FCT NYSC for overcoming the challenges of moving the Secretariats from the permanent Orientation camp in Kubwa to the heart of the city centre.

He said that it is gratifying to note that the new office location in Wuse district would certainly bring the Secretariat closer to corps members as about 10,000 of them carry out their primary assignments there while urging the staff to be efficient and effective in the course of service delivery and discharging duties.

He said, "Within the period of my administration and in fulfilment of our resolve and commitment to provide more conducive and enabling environment for staff and corps members to discharge their duties, we have sponsored the construction of a new State Secretariat complex in Ebonyi State which was commissioned last week. In a similar manner, we have constructed Corper's Transit Lodges in Kano and will be commissioned next week. Lagos State Secretariat has also benefited from this gesture where a 1,000 capacity multi-purpose hall, a store and 100KVA generating set were provided. The projects have been completed and will be commissioned in two weeks time."

Brigadier General Tsiga added that arrangements have been concluded to open 6 Area offices between now and the first week of May in order to decentralize the administration of the Scheme and to bring the operators closer to corps members.

He commended the FCT Administration for providing the office and a parcel of land for the Permanent Secretariat, the zonal office and the corps members' lodge.

**Brigadier General Tsiga added that arrangements have been concluded to open 6 Area offices between now and the first week of May**

## NATE seeks end to building collapse

From Jaafar Jaafar, Kano

THE National Association of Technologists in Engineering (NATE) has expressed displeasure over frequent collapse of buildings nationwide, saying quackery was the major cause of the menace.

Addressing newsmen in Kano, the national chairman of NATE, Sir Leo Okereke, said COREN

also recently launched Engineering Regulation and Monitoring (ERM) which would sanitise the profession from quackery so that building collapse would reduce.

Mr Okereke noted that the building collapse across all parts of the country gives cause for alarm, saying all stakeholders should put hands on deck to ensure that building collapse in the country was checked.

According to him, only registered members of the association would be allowed to practice. "Unregistered members of this association are considered quacks so long they refuse to register with NATE," he said.

He stated further that apart from quackery, the use of substandard materials, cheap labour, cheap materials, among others also contribute to building collapse.

PIC: AFOLABI SOTUNDE



BLOCK of flats in Wuse 2, Abuja.

## M.D Yusufu builds N50m edifice to immortalise Yar'adua

By Lawal Ibrahim, Katsina

FORMER Inspector general of police, Alhaji M.D Yusufu, has laid a foundation for the building of N50m edifice to immortalise the father of President Umaru Musa Yar'adua.

The building which he said was donated to him by then Tafidan Katsina and father of the President, Alhaji Musa Yar'adua, in 1976 is to serve as a nucleus for vocational training for the jobless youth of the state.

Represented by the coordinator of his founded Katsina Vocational Centre (KVC), Mallam Danjuma Katsina, the retired IGP said, the initiation was part of his responsibility to the younger generations in the state.

The building he said will contain some Islamic schools, shops and vocational training outfits as well as other infrastructural facilities to be dedicated to Musa Yar'adua for his contribution to youth development.

Earlier in a remark, the emir of Katsina, Alhaji Abdulmumini Kabir Usman who was represented by Marafan Katsina, Alhaji Saidu Abe urge well to do individuals to rise to the challenges of youth empowerment by supporting the initiation of numerous productive enterprises in their domain.

These he said will curb the rising cases of crime, drug abuse and other nefarious activities known to be perpetuated by the stranding youths whose idle mind always driven into evil workshops.

## Japan builds school for community

From Muhammad Abubakar, Bauchi

THE Japanese Embassy in Nigeria in collaboration with a Bauchi based NGO, Fahimta Women and Youth Development Initiative FAWOYDI has built a primary school for Gawallaga Mayaki community at the outskirts of Bauchi at the cost of N11 million.

Speaking at the official commissioning and handing over of the primary school at the weekend, the Japanese Charge D' Affairs in

Nigeria, Mr Shigeru Hamano, said his country had so far spent over \$2.6m in the construction of 40 primary schools across Nigeria in its efforts to support and promote the development of education in the country.

Speaking at occasion the president of FAWOYDI, Hajia Maryam Garba, said that an MoU was signed in August last year with the Japanese Embassy for grant assistance for the construction of two blocks of four classrooms, VIP toilets and furniture for the community.

"Before our intervention, this school has only 120 pupils with two teachers but now the enrolment has increased to 360 pupils with seven qualified teachers and good sources of water."

While thanking the Japanese Embassy in Nigeria and the good people of Japan for the grant that made the project a reality, Hajia Maryam appealed to the beneficiaries to maintain these structures very well, 'for the benefit of our children.'



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## EYE ON ABUJA

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### The imaginary estate developers

**R**EAL estate development is certainly a very expensive venture, and for the developer to recoup his investment and make the business sustainable most especially in the type of Abuja economic environment the end products must be as expensive as the prevailing situation. The only reason why the various real estate businesses in the city are not crashing as it did in the global arena are the source of the wealth for financing the projects, which majority are questionable. Otherwise it is unimaginable for a development to remain unoccupied for years, instead of dropping the price to make it accessible for mutual benefits, the developer remains unmindful and asking for higher rents each year, without minding the lost of personal revenue for the period the houses were vacant.

In comparison with the prevailing cost of new buildings, it is more economical to acquire the old properties built during the eighties and early nineties in prime locations of the city by those that were then in their hay days but are now down and out, and in need of the fund for sustenance. Perhaps that is also the time our new shylocks are waiting for to dispose theirs. But for now while targeting a prime location, not the actual building, they can afford buying the whole property and demolish to ground for their new luxury mansions which majority cannot even maintain when the source of the ill-gotten wealth has ceased.

At the beginning of the global economic meltdown we were earlier deceived that Nigerian economy is immune from the impact that rocked all the nooks and corners of the globe. Subsequently we knew better when we witnessed the magnitude of the crash in the stock exchange. It is a known fact that prime mortgages crisis resulting from paucity of funding real estate acquisition and building new infrastructure is the major catalyst for the melt-

down, property rates being the major casualty came down crashing like a pack of sand. In Dubai with its largest shopping mall in the world, real estate value were halved, with the recently launched Burj Khalifa known and celebrated today as the tallest building in the world being reported to be facing serious challenges on how to recoup its investment. These are the economies that depend on real market forces and strong public check and balance. In a less friendly geographical region than ours, that unprecedented achievement has its most trying period only during the global economic meltdown.

Back home here, the insincerity of our financial institutions in managing public funds that made the CBN commenced the recent sanitization and the subsequent injection of the tax payers fund into the system definitely arrested so many impending casualties, from the collapse of the financial institutions to the undesirable ripples it would have generated in the real property market. Lessons from the global trend should provide us with the guide on how to cushion the effect of the global recession from biting hard into our system. But it seems we have a long way to go most especially when we consider the insincerity on the part of our policy makers, who only make noise by pointing accusing fingers, blaming our woes on others at the same time turning their backs and perpetrating worst crimes irrespective of the adverse consequences they generate to the larger society.

Experience has shown that in Abuja the land factor in the building component has overshadowed even that of the finance considered as the leading component, more out of misappropriation, consequent upon greed for personal acquisition by the custodians against collective needs or any real or just course. With the ongoing banking reform as ill-gotten wealth from those sapping the economy using

the financial institution as conduits now averagely checked by the central bank, the real estate sector finance has invariably been affected, with its pace slowed. But on the contrary acquisition of land for the real estate development in the city has hit the roof top most especially during the Aliero era.

True to our tradition of alienations to the people in power, we used to have the friends of Jeremiah Useni, friends of el-Rufa'i, and now it seems the emergence of the friends of Bala Mohammed is obviously in the offing so long as he provides the ground for them to sprout, and then his much talk-about sanitization agenda shall be in jeopardy since the obvious target shall be the acquisition of as many lands as possible before his short tenure comes to end. It is clear from the Aliero era that the mass housing program has already failed before its take off, the land factor which the authority waives to contribute to the lowering of the cost has been abused, in the sense that the deserving developers who are genuine do not get the allocations but the imaginary ones, while the genuine developers purchase from them at speculative rates.

Invariably, with the high cost of building materials, labour and the provision of infrastructure, when the genuine developers are ready to market the end products the mass houses are no longer affordable to the masses. We wouldn't want to be considered as prophets of doom, but whenever there is glut in the housing market not because the houses are more than our needs, far from it, but because we cannot afford to buy them even at the cost of production, the developers will eventually dispose at a lost in order to either survive, or settle their financial creditors, or rather when the sources of an ill-gotten wealth is cracked upon by any future government, certainly not this. We have witnessed this chain of events in the international arena, the rest is left for us to imagine.

## Bauchi guber aspirant builds schools for communities

From Mahmud Lalo, Jos

BAUCHI gubernatorial candidate, contesting under the platform of Congress for Progressive Change (CPC) in the forthcoming 2011 general elections, Alhaji Sarki Abdullahi Adamu, has constructed schools in Darazo local government area and Rimin Zayam in Bauchi state.

Speaking to our correspondent at the site of the Rimin Zayam Commercial Day Secondary School, Adamu, popularly known as Dan China, who spoke through his Media Assistant Alhaji Sanusi Inuwa Mai Gado, said education should always be set as the number priority of any administration adding that it is only through such effort that development can be achieved in a society.

According to Mai Gado "When you educate people you are developing the entire society and the world at large so that the product of such institutions will in the long

run contribute to human progress in different aspects of human endeavours in the future."

Speaking on the recent allegation that he is not an indigene of Bauchi state, Mai Gado added "this issue was fabricated by political opponents who are looking for cheaper avenues to mislead the unsuspecting electorates in choosing the right candidates to lead the people of Bauchi state and I must tell you that those people making the claim know very well that Alhaji Sarki Abdullahi Adamu is an indigene of Bauchi state."

Mai Gado said the family house of Adamu is still at Narabi in Toro local government area where his family house is adding that "his family is still there and he has every record to verify that he is from Narabi in Bauchi state".

He urged politician to raise issues that will benefit the populace rather than fabricating lies that will unnecessarily heat the polity.



THE chairman, central working committee and Secretary B.O.T of Ilorin central mosque project, Alhaji Abdulshehu Gafar, right, presents a cheque of advance payment for the central mosque project to the Project Manager Charvet Nig. Ltd, Engr Kabwil Abwogawhi, with the Kwara state commissioner for justice Alhaji Amad Alli, centre

## Tambuwal LG begins N100 m borehole projects

From Abdulfatai Abdulsalami, Sokoto

THE Chairman of Tambuwal local government council in Sokoto state, Alhaji Mohammed Babba, says his administration has awarded N 100 million contracts for the construction of ten solar-powered projects in the ten wards of the area.

Babba told newsmen recently in Tambuwal when a team of journalists under the auspices of the Sokoto state council of the NUJ visited the area as part of their

state-wide monitoring tour of projects added that N 40 million had since been paid to all the contractors while the projects are expected to be completed in six months.

He stressed further that the local government had so far committed over N 47 million on the construction of fifty five ( 55) hand dug wells across the ten wards of the area, and that several hand pumps were also converted to motorized ones across the local government while over thirty concrete wells were also provided for

the people.

In his words "this gesture was aimed at providing adequate potable water to the people of the local government "he added that as it is always said water is life while if you provide clean water to the people you have solved more than half of their health problems.

The Chairman promised that his administration would continue to execute meaningful developmental projects to the electorate, in their attempt to emulate the state government.

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## Ilorin mosque contractor receives mobilisation

From Mustafa Abubakar, Ilorin

CHARVET Nigeria Ltd, handlers of the Ilorin Central Mosque rehabilitation has received a cheque of 500million naira represent only 42 percent of the total contract sum of N1.2billion for the commencement of the projects before April ending.

Presenting the cheque, the board of Trustees of the Ilorin Central mosque rehabilitation and re-construction committee to the contractor, the Chairman Central Working Committee of committee, Alhaji Shehu Abdulgafar, said the essence of the payment of the money is to enable the contractor mobilize to site and commence the job so that it will be completed at the approved time of ten months.

Alhaji Abdulgafar said that the payment was made through e-payment, which will later transfer to the company's account through as required by the law of the Central bank. In his remark the project co-ordinator of Charvet Nig Ltd, Abdulrasaq Olayanju thanked the people of the state for finding them worthy to be given the contract to rehabilitate the mosque.

### FG to construct, relocate weighbridges in Borno

From Sharafa Dauda, Maiduguri

THE Federal government is considering construction of new weighbridges, as well as the renovation, relocation and modification of existing ones to tackle excess loading by long vehicles along the roads linking Nigerian and Camerounian borders in Borno State. Minister of Works Senator Mohammed Sanusi Daggash said this on Saturday after the inspection of the Maiduguri - Gamboru road as part of the inspection tour by the Ministry to strategic federal government roads.

The Minister, who stopped at the Gamboru - Cameroun bridge to respond to the Borno State Commissioner for Works, Engineer Mohammed Mustapha Gajibo's request not only to fast track the renovation and reconstruction of the Maiduguri - Gamboru road, but to also consider the construction and reactivation of weighbridges to checkmate the dangerous habit of overloading by heavy duty vehicles said the weighbridge will be located ahead of the bridges along the Gamboru, Banki and Kirawa roads, all of which are trade routes that lead into parts of Cameroun, Chad and the Central Africa Republic.

The Honourable Minister, who assured that the weighbridges would not serve as obstacles to easy vehicular, goods and passenger movements said plans have reached advanced stage as stakeholders like the National Association of Road Transport Owners (NARTO) have supported the move because of their conviction of its viability. He added that appropriate locations for the weighbridge stations between Maiduguri and Gamboru on both sides of the road have been selected and the state government has given its assurance to provide land for that purpose.



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# FCT Fadama disburses N7m to Yangoji lepers

By Abubakar Sadq Isah

THE FCT Fadama III Coordination office Monday disbursed N7 million to Fadama Community Associations (FCAs)/groups, which comprised of lepers at Alheri village, Yangoji, in Kwali Area Council.

Presenting the cheques to the groups, FCT Fadama III Project Coordinator, Alhaji Abdullahi Danladi Salisu, said the grant disbursement to the leper's group was in order and for them to sustain as well as operate properly, by choosing projects that will generate income to lift them above poverty line.

He explained that Fadama III process is meant to empower the less privilege in the society through micro credit schemes in order to make them actualize their dreams.

According to him, Fadama III facilitator team visited the village and met with members of communities, before forming themselves into groups after discovering viable economic interest.

He disclosed that all the vulnerable groups, mostly engaged in agricultural activities, adding that the Fadama project mostly targets those, who live below one dollar daily.

"We were actually surprised when we came here to verify and discovered that the group is a vulnerable one that engages in agri-



FCT Fadama III Coordinator, Alhaji Abdullahi Salisu presenting a cheque to a leper at Yangoji on Monday.

cultural activities at one level or the other," he added.

The Fadama coordinator decried the high level of poverty in the community and said the community members lack the enabling environment for them to sustain their livelihood.

He advised the beneficiaries of the grant to utilise the fund judiciously to uplift their living conditions.

Responding on behalf the beneficiaries, the leper's leader, Malam Aliyu Isa, thanked Fadama for sending facilitators to

ascertain their living conditions.

He said life has been difficult for the lepers since they were evacuated from the Abuja city centre to Yangoji in 2007, adding that the only benefit they got was under the administration Malam Nasir el-Rufai, whom he said pro-

vided them with shelter and social amenities in the community.

He wondered why a great country like Nigeria that is blessed with enough natural resources can abandoned its people to suffer and assured that the funds will be utilized judiciously.

## Husband seeks divorce over wife's HIV status

By Romoke W. Ahmad

A middle-aged man, Jacob Jackson, last Wednesday told an Abuja Upper Area Court to dissolve his marriage because of his wife's HIV positive status.

Jacob alleged in court that his wife engages in extra-marital affairs which led to pregnancy and the baby she is nursing presently.

"I discovered my wife's insincerity when HIV/AIDS screen was carried out on her when she was pregnant and the result was positive," he said.

He said after his wife's result, he went for the same test and tested negative, adding that he was unsure where she got the disease.

In her response, his wife denied sleeping with any person outside marriage and linked the infection to a blood trans-

fusion she underwent when she was ill.

She told the court that the HIV positive result surprised her but cannot prove her innocence.

The woman told the court to go ahead and grant her husband's petition since it was his wish.

Judge Issa Alhaji Yahaya granted the divorce and ordered that DNA test be carried out on their child when she reaches the age of seven years.

## Divorced woman sues husband for N1.33m

By Romoke W. Ahmad

A newly divorced woman yesterday took her ex-husband, Yemi Ogunleye, before an Abuja Upper Area Court for allegedly owing her N1,330,000 before their separation.

Christiana Titulayo Ogunleye told the court that the man owed her the money when their love was sweet.

"In 2006, he borrowed N500,000, in 2007 he borrowed another N480,000 and N330,000 later," she explained.

She said her ex-husband wrote an undertaking for the first amount borrowed from her and wrote another one at the back of his complimentary card saying that he will pay back the money.

According to her, her ex-husband refunded N200,000 when she reported him to his brother.

Christiana Ogunleye appealed to the court to help recover the debts from the man so that she can move ahead with life.

Counsel to the husband prayed for an adjournment of the case for him to get necessary information from his client in order to cross examine the woman.

Judge Issa Alhaji Yahaya granted the counsel's prayer and adjourned the case to May 10 for cross examination of the woman.

## FCT INEC blames unregistered applicants for cancelled test

By Abdulmutallib A. Abubakar

THE FCT Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) yesterday blamed unregistered applicants for over crowding the venue where the commission's job placement test was to have held on Monday.

Head Public Affairs the commission, Mr.

Okezie Nwankwo, said the actual candidates, who submitted their applications were manageable and the commission adequately prepared for them in terms of convenient venue and staff to handle the exercise.

"Unfortunately when the INEC staff arrived the scene, they witnessed a high turnout of applicants that was beyond the

number of those accredited to sit for the test," he said.

He observed that most of those, who stormed the venue, were not short listed in a list containing 1244.

Mr. Nwankwo said the applicants refused to take instructions from INEC staff, saying that if the actual applicants had listened to instructions, those

who were not short listed would have been indentified and their problems solved.

He however assured that the commission is working tirelessly and strategizing to conduct the test soon, adding that those who applied for the vacancies can go and verify their names on the pasted list at the commission's building.

## Stylist jailed for stealing N.15m

By Hussein Yahaya & Ibraheem A. Fatai

AN Abuja magistrate court yesterday sentenced a stylist to six months imprisonment for stealing N150,000 belonging to Tunde Zubair.

Adaugo Elom of Zone 6, Lugbe, Abuja, was jailed on a one-count charge of theft.

Prosecutor Abdul Alhasna had told the court that Zubair reported to the police that the accused entered his house and stole his N150,000.

During the earlier proceedings of the case, the accused denied the charge and was granted bail but later changed her plea by confessing to the court that she stole the money and promised to refund the money to the complainant. Magistrate Aminu Mohammed ruled that a prima facie case had been established against the accused and sentenced her to six months imprisonment or to pay N5,000 as fine.

The magistrate also ordered that the accused must pay N150,000 as compensation to the complainant and warned her to desist from theft.

## NUJ commends FCT minister over lands

By Ogechi Ohalee

FCT Minister Senator Bala Mohammed has been commended by the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) Abuja Council, over plans to redress the imbalance in land allocations in the territory.

The union also praised the courage of the minister to address the tide of land racketeering and his resolve to tackle the allegations of massive bank payment scam in the Abuja Geographic Information Systems (AGIS).

In a statement in Abuja signed by the council's chairman, Mr. Jacob Edi, the union stated that past failures to address the land allocation scam and approvals has brought untold hardship and pains to many Nigerians who are desirous of owning property in the FCT and expressed the hope that the minister would tackle the menace with diligence.

Edi said while the minister sets about bringing sanity into the system, such as correcting the issue of double allocations, he should do so with transparency and appealed to him not to use the exercise as a witch hunt or political tool to pander to some special interests. He appealed to Senator Mohammed to look beyond the issue of land allocation and provide infrastructures, especially in satellite towns, pointing out that the Karu General Hospital was long overdue for commissioning.

# Woman accused of biting mate's breast

By Usman A. Bello

THE police yesterday arraigned a 23-year-old woman before an Abuja magistrate court for allegedly biting the breast of another lady in April 22.

Edidion Young, who is a student, was accused of committing an offence of criminal force, assault and

causing hurt punishable under Sections 265 and 242 of the Penal Code Law.

Prosecutor Adamu Abdullahi told the court that one Mariam Etim reported to the police that the accused assaulted her and in the process inflicted injuries on her breast, hand and face with her

teeth over a misunderstanding.

When the charges was read to the accused, she pleaded not guilty and requested for bail, which was objected by the prosecutor, who said the accused will jeopardized investigations if granted bail and that the accused has relocated out of Abuja.

Magistrate Aminu Eri granted the

accused bail in the sum of N200,000 with two sureties in like sum, who must reside under the court's jurisdiction.

The magistrate ordered that one the sureties must be a civil servant of not below grade level 08 and adjourned the case to May 13 for hearing.



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Nigerian Communications Commission

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Consequent on the above, the Commission will soon commence the review of the Price Cap for Mobile Voice Services which was set in 2001 and also determine Price Caps for Fixed Voice Services as well as Short Messaging Services (SMS).

The primary objective of this exercise is to ensure that the prices of telecommunications services in the country reflect the cost of providing such services and that productivity gains arising from economies of scale and the recent reduction in interconnection rate are passed on to the consumers.

The purpose of this publication is to ensure that all the stakeholders are aware of this exercise.

*Signed:*

**Dave Imoko**

*Director, Public Affairs*



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## TOTO LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL Nasarawa State

*Welcome His Excellency*



His Excellency  
**Alh. (DR) Aliyu Akwe Doma OON**  
(Madauchin Doma)  
Executive Governor of Nasarawa State

**O**n behalf of my executive council members, Legislative Arm, and entire people of Toto Local Government Council of Nasarawa State. I welcome his Excellency; Executive Governor of Nasarawa State, Alhaji (Dr.) Aliyu Akwe Doma, to the commissioning/inspecting of people's oriented projects today, Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 in Toto Local Government Council.

We are happy that the projects you are commissioning/inspecting today are no doubt in line with your 13 points agenda.



Signed:  
**Hon. Alhaji Ibrahim Isyaku Okpanaki (Mukhtar)**  
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The acceptable combination of results shall be as follows:

- i. WASC/WASC or WASC/WAEC/GCE
- ii. NECO/NECO or NECO/NECO or GCE
- a) Five credit passes in SSCE. WASC/NECO or GCE which should include among others, English Language, Mathematics and three (3) science subjects (Physics, Chemistry & Biology) at not more than two sittings.
- b) On no account must WASC or GCE be combined with NECO or vice versa. If you must present two Results, they must be NECO/NECO. WAEC/WAEC

#### Entrance Examination and Interview

Candidates who satisfy the basic entry requirements shall be required to sit for an entrance examination in June 2010 and selection interview thereafter. Only candidates short-listed will appear for the selection interview. Candidates selected for admission shall be required to pass a medical examination for fitness. The Selection process will include essay writing followed by oral interview

#### Accommodation

This course is residential. Successful candidates shall be required to live in the Nurses' hostel; payment of accommodation fee shall be made instalmentally.

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- b) **Paediatric Nursing Course** is also one year in duration and candidates wishing to apply must be Registered Nurses (RN) with the Nursing/ Midwifery Council of Nigeria and must have at least one year post qualification/registration experience.
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Eligible candidates shall be invited for a written aptitude test to be followed by a selection interview. Candidates will be instructed on the selection interview modality soon after the written examination on the same day.

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This is a twelve (12) months course leading to the award of FIMLT. Candidates wishing to apply must have:-

- (a) Associate (AIMLT) of the Institute of Medical Laboratory Technology plus a minimum of one (1) year post qualification experience.
- (b) NYSC discharge or exemption certificate.
- (c) Current practicing licence of the Institute of Medical Laboratory Technology of Nigeria.

#### 4. SCHOOL OF HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

##### National Diploma Course in Health Information Management

Duration: Two (2) years direct course for those with GCE 'O' Level or its equivalent and one year for those with National Certificate in Health Information Management of the Health Record Officers Registration Board of Nigeria.

#### Entry Requirements:

Candidates for this course must have WASC 'O' Level/SSCE with passes at credit level in five subjects including English Language, Mathematics, Biology/Health Science, Chemistry and Physics

#### Higher National Diploma Course in Health Records Administration and Bio-Statistics.

Duration: Two (2) years for those with OND & four (4) years for those with GCE 'O' Level or its equivalent.

#### Entry Requirements:

Candidates for this course must have obtained National Diploma on Health Information Management of the Health Record Officers Registration Board of Nigeria.

#### 5. SCHOOL OF BIO-MEDICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

##### Diploma Course

This course is two (2) years in duration. Candidates wishing to apply must have WASC/GCE/SSCE with passes at credit level in English Language, Mathematics Physics and two (2) related science subjects.

Candidates that have passed the certificate course offered in our Institution at credit or distinction level also qualify for admission.

##### Certificate Course

This is also a one (1) year course. The following are eligible for admission:

- a) Candidates who have passed WASC/SSCE with bias in Science subjects with or without credit.
- b) Intermediate Secondary Schools with Trade Test Grade (II) certificate and evidence of Secondary Education in the Sciences.

#### Entrance Examination and Interview

Candidates who have the basic entry qualification will be required to sit for an entrance examination in October 2010. Those successful at the entrance examination will attend selection interview thereafter. Candidates with evidence of guaranteed sponsorship will be given preference

The course at present is non residential. Successful candidates will be required to arrange for their own accommodation.

#### Proficiency Course in Medical Equipment Maintenance

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Course fees only: N25,000.00 Subject to review

Applications and full payment on or before 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2010

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This course takes a minimum of two (2) years duration, and officers from any of the following categories of health workers that have been working in primary health care area are eligible for admission.

#### Entry Qualification

- a) Holders of Diploma in Community Health with not less than two (2) years post qualification experience plus, five (5) credit level passes in SSCE (WASCE, NECO or GCE O/L) at not more than two sittings, which must include; English Language, Mathematics and Biology/health Science.

- b) Community Health Extension Workers (CHEW) with five (5) years experience plus five (5) Credit level passes in SSCE (WASCE, NECO or GCE O/L) at not more than two sittings, which must include: English Language, Mathematics and Biology/Health Science.
- c) Applicants must be registered and possess a valid practice license.

#### Entrance Examination and Interview

Candidates who satisfy the Basic entry requirements shall be invited for an entrance examination between the months of June and July 2010 after which successful ones would attend the selection interview immediately.

Candidates with evidence of guaranteed institutional sponsorship will be given preference, but limited vacancies exist for privately sponsored ones.

#### 7. RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAMMES

This course is four (4) years in duration with two years grace, making a total of six years. The Residency Training Programmes lead to the award of the Fellowship of National Postgraduate Medical College and/or West African Postgraduate Medical College to those who are successful in the following specialties:

- a) Anaesthesia
- b) Haematology
- c) Maxillo Facial Surgery
- d) Orthopaedic Surgery
- e) Ophthalmology
- f) Obstetrics & Gynaecology
- g) Paediatrics
- h) Physics (Internal Medicine)
- i) Psychiatry
- j) Surgery
- k) Radiotherapy & Oncology
- l) Medical Microbiology
- m) Radiology
- n) Pathology
- o) Community Medicine
- p) Family Health.

Only medical doctors who have fully registered with the Nigeria Medical and Dental Council and have completed the one-year NYSC or are exempted are eligible to apply. This advert includes Honorary/Supernumerary Residents.

Note that Transcripts must be sent to MAC office before the interview

#### Training Programmes: These Involve

- a) Courses in basic medical sciences leading to the primary fellowship examination where applicable.
- b) Intensive Clinical courses leading to the Part I examination in the relevant specialty. The duration of this phase is 24 months.
- c) Final Phase: This involves continuing clinical experience and research work in candidate's chosen field of interest.

During this period, a year may be spent in a reputable centre. This phase also lasts for 24 months.

The final fellowship examination follows at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> year of training and successful candidates will then be eligible to apply for appointment as consultants in any hospital of their choice. ABUTH is not bound to retain the trainee after successful training. During the training period appointments of trainees may not be confirmed and trainees will not be allowed to pursue any other course or training leading to qualification other than the fellowship. Only those who maintain good academic performance will be allowed to proceed to higher stages of the programme within the stipulated period.

#### Academic Transcripts

Candidates are required to request the universities they attended to forward their academic transcripts directly to the Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee, ABUTH, P.M.B. 06, Samaru, Zaria.

#### ABUTH ONLINE METHOD OF APPLICATION

"Note that applicant must have an existing email address".

- Log on to ABUTH Website on [www.abuth.com](http://www.abuth.com)
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  - Sign up to generate your login password by clicking on [New User? Click here](#)
  - After the completion of the required fields, click on [create user](#). Your login password will be displayed and as well be sent to the email address which you provided. (NB: email address must be active)
  - Fetch the password from your email box, then login to the portal using the same email address and the fetched/new generated login password.
  - This takes you to the forms, choose your preferred form and click on [fill form](#), read the instructions before filling the form.
  - After the completion of the form click on [submit](#). This will take you to [pay online](#) page (i.e. the inter Switch Web Pay page).
  - To make payment you must have a Debit/ATM Card or Cash Card loaded with cash, enter the Cards number, Expiry date and the Pin number of the Card you are using. (NB: You are free to use any bank Debit/ATM Card).
  - After entering the ATM/Cash Card details, click on the [pay](#) button and if payment is successful, you will get a success message (Approved by Financial Institution). Click on the "[Back to Forms](#)" link to print copy of form by clicking on the "[Print](#)" link beside the form you just filled.
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- \*\*\* No Pin Compromise: On no account should anyone reveal his/her Pin Number to anyone \*\*\*

Note: 1.5% interswitch transaction charge on N10,000.00 is N150 and N90 for N6,000.00

#### CLOSING DATES FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORMS

All application forms with relevant documents should be filled and registered Online on or before the following dates.

| Schools                                     | Closing Date                 | Exam. Date      |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1) School of Nursing                        | 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2010    | June 2010       |
| 2) School of Post Basic Nursing (Midwifery) | 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2010    | June 2010       |
| 2b) School of Post Basic (Ophthal. & Paed)  | 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2010 | Oct/Nov 2010    |
| 3) School of Med. Lab. Science              | 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2010   | August, 2010    |
| 4) School of Health Information Mgt.        | 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2010   | August 2010     |
| 5) School of Bio-Medical Eng.               | 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 2010  | Oct. 2010       |
| 6) Community Health Officer Programme (CHO) | 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2010    | July 2010       |
| 7) Residency Training Programme             | 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 2010   | To be announced |

#### Application fee

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| A. Residency Training Programme | N10,000.00 |
| B. All others (1-6)             | N6,000.00  |

Signed  
DR. L. KHALID mni  
Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee  
For: CHIEF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.



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**BALANCE SHEET AND PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2009.

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2009.**

|  | 2009<br>N    |
|--|--------------|
| Net operating income                   | 64,401,700   |
| Operating Expenses                     | (30,056,604) |
| Provision For Loans and Other losses   | (1,739,771)  |
| Loss on Investment Shares              | -            |
| Provision For Depreciation (Net)       | (1,593,966)  |
| Profit(Loss) before exceptional charge | 31,011,757   |
| Exceptional charge (Net)               | -            |
| Profit(Loss) after exceptional charge  | 31,011,757   |
| Taxation                               | (9,303,527)  |
| Profit(Loss) after Taxation            | 21,708,230   |
| <b>Dealt with as follows:</b>          |              |
| Transfer to General Reserve            | 21,708,230   |
| Earning(Loss) per N1.00 share: Actual  | 0.72         |
| Adjusted                               | 0.72         |

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31 2009.**

| <b>ASSETS</b>                        |  | 2009<br>N          |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Cash and short term Funds            |  | 54,262,661         |
| Loans and Advances                   |  | 124,227,662        |
| Other Assets                         |  | 271,185,652        |
| Fixed Assets                         |  | 8,618,232          |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                  |  | <b>458,314,847</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                   |  |                    |
| Deposits, Current and Other Accounts |  | 390,299,067        |
| Taxation Payable                     |  | 9,303,527          |
| Other Liabilities                    |  | 5,063,002          |
| Term Loan                            |  | -                  |
|                                      |  | 404,665,616        |
| <b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>          |  |                    |
| Paid up Capital                      |  | 30,000,000         |
| Deposit for Shares                   |  | 1,921,000          |
| Statutory Reserve                    |  | 5,427,058          |
| General Reserve                      |  | 11,281,173         |
| <b>SHAREHOLDERS' FUND</b>            |  | <b>53,629,230</b>  |
| <b>Total liabilities and Equity</b>  |  | <b>458,314,846</b> |

These financial statement were approved by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on February 2nd, 2010 and signed on its behalf by:

*M. J. Muhammed*  
M. J. MUHAMMED Directors  
*ISA AZIYU*

**REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF M & M MICROFINANCE BANK**

We have examined the financial statements which are in agreement with the Company's Books of Accounts. We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit.

**Basis of Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with international standard of audit. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements.

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosure in the financial statements. An audit also includes an assessment of the Accounting Principles used and significant estimates and judgment made by the director, and an evaluation of the overall adequacy of the presentation of the financial statements.

We planned and performed such audit procedures and obtained all the information and the explanations, which we considered necessary for the purposes of the audit, and we believed that our audit provided us with a reasonable basis for our opinion.

**Contravention**

The bank contravened one of the Central Bank of Nigeria rules and regulations during the year 2009. The only contravention was section 9.1(g) of Guidelines for Microfinance Bank of Nigeria.

**Opinion**

In our opinion the bank has kept proper books of accounts and financial statements that are in agreement with the books. The assets have been properly valued and adequate provisions made for losses and the diminution in the value of such assets. The financial statements drawn up in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Standards in Nigeria, give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the bank as at December 31, 2009, the profit and cash flow for the year ended on that date, and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the banks and other financial institutions Act 1991, relevant circulars issued by the Central Bank of Nigeria and the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990.

*P.A. Adebimpe & Co*

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**Chartered Accountants**


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# Inside Politics

## Group: Kano PDP execs 'favoring' Kwankwaso

From Auwalu Umar, Kano

THE Garkuwa group, one of the strong factions of the Kano chapter of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), has accused the party's executives of open support for former governor Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso who the group said

was warming up for next year's governorship elections.

In a letter to state PDP chairman Barrister Faruk Iya, signed by the group's chairman Usman Alhaji and secretary Mansur Ahmed, the Garkuwa group said, "The open endorsement of the

Kwankwasiyya group by your good selves is raising serious doubts in the minds of party members.

The thank-you-tour embarked upon by the new executive committee was completely hijacked by Dr Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso, a 'contender of gubernatorial seat', to the detriment of

other candidates."

The group also said the inauguration of the Kwankwasiyya faction as well as the commissioning of its offices during the council tour by the party leadership were open injustice that could lead the party to failure.

It described as illegal

the recent dissolution of the party's elders' committee, as there was no difference between the offence said to have been committed by the committee's chairman, when he was accused of publicly proclaiming membership of Ambassador Wali's faction, with that of the state party

chairman who also publicly proclaimed membership of the Kwankwasiyya group.

The chieftains also said there was no way PDP could achieve unity and stand the chance of victory in Kano next year without credible, free and fair primaries for the election of delegates and candidates.

## PPA condemns PDP for 'instability'

By Abdulmutallib A. Abubakar

NATIONAL Secretary of the Progressive People's Alliance (PPA) Dahiru Musa Abdullahi yesterday said the crisis in the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has exposed its efforts of destabilising the democratic process.

Speaking to Daily Trust in Abuja yesterday, Abdullahi said the ruling party, having being in crisis for too long, has been disrupting the polity with unnecessary distractions.

He said the crisis in the PDP might be a wind of political change in the country because aggrieved members will find their way out of the ruling party. But he added that what the nation needs most is for PDP to be pushed out of power.

Abdullahi also said the crisis in PDP could be an opportunity for the opposition to scuttle efforts of instituting a one-party state. He said PPA has been at the forefront of the campaign for a multi-party system with a strong opposition.

## Sheriff warns politicians on thuggery

From Sharafa Dauda, Maiduguri

GOVERNOR Ali Sheriff of Borno State has warned politicians against the use of thugs to intimidate opponents during political gatherings. This is coming against the backdrop of clashes at a public event among supporters of some prominent politicians in the ruling All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP).

Sheriff gave this warning yesterday while addressing a gathering at the Gwoza township stadium during a two-day official visit to the local government area.

He condemned thuggery in the state politics saying it would no longer be condoned.

Sheriff during the visit commissioned Gwoza boarding primary school, the first to be completed among boarding primary schools built in the 27 local government areas.

Other projects commissioned by the governor include boreholes at Sabon Gari, Uva and Gadan Mayo wards, a dispensary at Guduf and a viewing centre.

Member representing the area in the State House of Assembly, Ahmed Jaha, appealed to the governor to construct the Pulka-Kurawa road but the governor responded by saying the road is not the responsibility of the state but that of the federal government.

## 'IBB will win in fair PDP primaries'

By Mohammed S. Shehu

MOHAMMED TUKUR HAIDO is chairman of the Youth Network Organisation clamouring for former military president Ibrahim Babangida to contest the 2011 presidential election. In this interview, Haido defends their choice of Babangida, saying the former ruler stands out as the best among the potential candidates for president.

**What do you intend to achieve with this network?**

Well, first and foremost the Youth Network is a registered organisation set up by likeminded youths in the country to help mobilise Nigerian youths to defend their rights and influence decision making in the country. As you know, the youths constitute about 65 percent of the population, therefore we must come up with a mechanism to ensure we are part of processes of installing leaders of the country. So, basically that is our mission and we started our activities in December 2009.

**Why is the group now campaigning for Babangida, why not other candidate?**

Reasons for that are many. You see, since the return to civilian administration in 1999, the country has not been able to realise its potentials. Nigerians have been reeling in agony under the problem of insecurity, corruption, poverty and total collapse of basic infrastructure. Just go to the states especially in the North and see how people are living. The condition of living in this country is terrible. Coupled to that, there is total disregard to the rule of law by politicians. For instance, take a look at what is happening in the PDP.

So, before we decided to support him towards his presidential ambition, we considered a number of factors. You see, if you take a close look at the people nursing presidential ambition in the country,

you will realise that very few of them have the calibre and ability to rule this country especially at this trying moment of our history. First, you should remember that Babangida had ruled this country for eight years and throughout his tenure, we have not seen the kind of abuse of power we are now witnessing. Secondly, he is one person who knows the nitty-gritty of our problems be it economic and political. So, we concluded that there is need for urgent change in the country before the situation goes out of hand. There is high level of unemployment and failed education and healthcare system. That was how arrived at IBB.

**How do you fund the group's activities?**

Most of us are businessmen and workers in private and public sectors. So, we contribute to help run the organisation.

**IBB was recently quoted to have said the youths cannot rule the country. How do you view this statement?**

No, he was misquoted. What he said in that BBC interview was that he was motivated to contest because the country as it is today requires an experienced person to help move it out of the numerous avoidable problems we are now facing as a nation. One of these problems is insecurity as a mentioned earlier.

**But as a youth movement, don't you think it would be better to support a youth rather somebody from the old brigade?**

For now, I think we need the likes of IBB to preside over the affairs of the country pending when it is ripe for the youths to take over. It was IBB, out of love for new breed politicians, encouraged youngsters to venture into politics which was hitherto the exclusive preserve of the elite. He came up with the new breed politicians programme which encouraged many youths to partake in politics but to the dismay of



Malam Mohammed Tukur Haido

many Nigerians, these set of politicians who are now ruling the country have disappointed Nigerians. They have failed in all ramifications. Look at the dozen cases of corruption against some governors, ministers, lawmakers. With all these, will you say they have done any good? So, it will require person of IBB's calibre to redeem this country.

**How confident are you that IBB will win the PDP primaries considering the power tussle in the party?**

I strongly believe he will win the nomination of the PDP provided the contest is free and fair.

**Don't you think some of problems attributed to his administration will largely count against him? Like the annulment of the June 12 election and**

others.

In terms of June 12, don't forget that it was IBB who provided this country with one of freest elections ever. Even though that election was cancelled, it provided Nigerians the avenue to experience free and fair election.

**Many people believe that the seed of economic problems in the country today was planted by IBB's regime through SAP. What do you say to that?**

SAP was intended to cut down government expenditure and it was intended to benefit Nigerians in long term. But you know the kind of people we are, we are not patient enough to allow the benefits of policies like SAP to mature. So, I think IBB has all it takes to take care of infrastructure like electricity, roads, health, water, education and create employment for the teeming unemployed youths in the country.

**If another general like Aliyu Gusau decides to contest, will you support him?**

Well, you know even before IBB declared his intention, he first of all told Nigerians that he needed time to properly consult with his people whom I believe Gusau was one of those consulted. The two have been together right from their military days to date. So, those calling for Gusau to contest along with IBB, I think are just doing that for their personal interest and I strongly believe that Gusau is not aware of that. Today people can just come up with a campaign office claiming to be campaigning for an individual when in actual sense, the person they are campaigning for is not even aware of that. Take the recent case of Acting President Goodluck Jonathan, where some people under the cover of night pasted his posters all over Abuja. And the presidency had issue to issue a strong statement disassociating Dr. Jonathan from those posters. These days, people do lot of things in politics.

# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE MOVEMENTS(NASM)

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His Excellency  
Rt. Hon. Dimeji Bankole,  
Honourable Speaker,  
Federal House of Representatives  
Federal Republic of Nigeria.  
Sir,

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE MOVEMENTS' POSITION ON THE CREATION OF MORE STATES IN NIGERIA

The National Association of State Movements (NASM) is an organization of like-minded Nigerians, who have come together under one umbrella, to ensure that more States are created in the Country to help spread development evenly across the land.

The Association is working towards ensuring that the appropriate Government organs will create new States in a United Nigeria for the various Requests that have met the Constitutional Requirements and all those in the process of doing so. A majority of the State Requests were approved for Referendum in 1983 in accordance with the Provisions of the Nigerian Constitution, together with many other States that have since been created.

Though the various Movements may differ in their interests and reasons for their Demands, their coming together under one umbrella has so far created an enabling atmosphere for understanding and appreciating the values of individual Movements. We have come to realize that despite our divergent interests, we can work together to achieve each other's goals in accordance with the set down criteria for the creation of States under the Constitution of Nigeria.

In a nutshell, our Aims and Objectives include but are not limited to;

1. Ensuring the creation of additional States in Nigeria through peaceful and Constitutional means.
2. Ensuring harmonious co-existence of the different peoples of the Country
3. Ensuring Justice, Equity and Fairplay in our National life
4. Ensuring even development of all parts of our Country

Our Belief is that the creation of these additional States will go a long way towards reducing tension in the Nigerian Political landscape, as has always been the case each time new States are created. It happened in 1964, 1967, 1987 and in 1991.

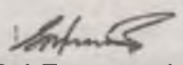
Time has come once again for the Country to revisit the Issue and create more States. May we draw the attention of our Political Leaders to the Hansard of 16th June 1983 (Vol. 3 No. 24) which stated that 30 States had complied with Section 8(1)(a) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Senate then directed that Referenda be conducted in each of the then proposed States. Since then, 16 out of the 30 States, have been created by the various Military Governments. Some of our members are among the 14, that are yet to be created.

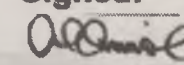
We want to use this opportunity to appeal to the conscience of this great Nation, especially, the National Assembly and the respective State Assemblies, that our nascent Democracy will be strengthened if they should include States Creation on the priority list of things they must do before the end of their current term. History will not forget them if they should conclude this exercise begun almost thirty years ago, by their worthy Predecessors of the 1979-83 Assemblies.

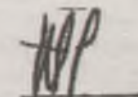
It is noteworthy that Section 8(1)(a) of the 1979 Constitution is the same as Section 8(1)(a) of the present 1999 Constitution.

1. The Association believes that States are a veritable instrument of Development in Nigeria. This is evidenced by the fact that each of the existing States of the Federation has transformed, at least its Capital city into a development Centre. In consequence, there are at least 36 development Centres in the Country today. It therefore follows that the creation of more States will introduce more development Centres across the Country.
2. The creation of more States will spread development across the land and help bring the much touted dividends of democracy to the door steps of the average Nigerian. More States mean more development, which in turn will lead to even development.
3. New States will further unite Nigeria. This is because new States will reduce tension in the land; assuage the wrongs of the past and engender hope in the future. They will calm frayed nerves; restore hope in the hopeless and reassure those who had hitherto lost faith in the Nigerian enterprise.
4. The creation of more States will create new jobs. Every new State brings with it a new Public Service together with Parastatals and Departments of Government that employ people. With each new State come new roads, new housing projects, new water schemes, electricity projects, new hospitals; new schools, new colleges and universities. Each new project will no doubt, be an employer of labour; so will every new institution established by the new State Government. Every new institution will mean a new employer. So jobs are bound to go round. There is a well known adage that says: when wealth goes round, animosities go away.
5. New States will mean more internally generated revenue. There is no doubt that every new State will strive to expand its revenue base, not necessarily by introducing new taxes, but by enforcing existing tax laws. More people will be willing to pay their taxes to the new State of their aspiration knowing fully, that this, is now their own State and they will now have fuller control on how the funds are spent.
6. Besides, every new State is sure to attract its own measure of external support arising first, from its citizens living in other parts of Nigeria who are sure to come home to invest and second, from its citizens in the Diaspora who together with their friends and Associates in the lands of their sojourn, will be very willing to come over to help the new State in its developmental efforts.
7. Every new State means new opportunities for development not only for the individual citizens but also for the communities that will make up the new State. A new State is bound to engineer a new spirit of enterprise and competition among citizens and communities alike.
8. The National Association believes that since government is a continuum, the present National Assembly should as a matter of grave urgency order a Referendum on each Request for the Creation of New States approved for Referendum by the National Assembly in June 1983 which has not yet become a State, while it continues to process those Requests that have come in, since that exercise almost three Decades ago. The National Association of State Movements is patiently awaiting action on the part of the National Assembly in this regard.

Signed:

  
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National Chairman

  
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National Secretary

  
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# How Lagerback can succeed, by Westerhof

FORMER Super Eagles manager, Clemens Westerhof has charged the team's current handler, Lars Lagerback, on the need to enforce serious discipline in the squad if he wants to make something out of South Africa 2010.

Westerhof, who was noted for his strict handling of players, said in a chat with *brilafm.net* that Lagerback will have to start putting his feet down when the players begin to report to the camp which is now expected to open on May 21 in London.

“Any player that comes to camp two or three days late must be told to go.”

“What the Coach from Sweden (Lagerback) must do now is to force the players to listen to him.

“Any player that comes to camp two or three days late must be told to go,” Westerhoff advised.

Westerhoff further told *brilafm.net* that Lagerback will also require full support of all and sundry if he is to succeed in the task given him by Nigeria Football Federation.

The outspoken tactician, noted for his romance with the powers that be in the Nigerian government during his time canvassed support for Lagerback if he is to enforce the much desired discipline in the team.

“I hope that the new man, the coach from Sweden (Lagerback) gets the support of everybody in order for him to do what needs to be done.

“The most important thing is for Nigeria to perform well at the World Cup,” the acclaimed Dutch-German concluded.

Meanwhile, former Eagles defender, Chidi Nwanu also reckoned that current Lagerback can only prove his readiness to succeed with Nigeria if he can work without attaching emotions to team selection, as Westerhof did during his days.

The former Anderlecht of Belgium star revealed that Westerhof succeeded in Nigeria simply because he decided at a crucial time to go for results rather than pick players on emotions.

“When we talk about the coach, it has to be a clean relationship to make a World Cup player. Players make the coach and the coach makes the players.

“It depends on the ability of the coach to make headway and put away his ego. He must be able to select the best.

“Westerhof wanted the best and went for the best. He called me and said, ‘Chidi, come and play’ and that put aside any sentiments he had before going to the World Cup and made the best selection,” Nwanu concluded.



CLEMENS Westerhof said his successor, Lars Lagerback, must enforce discipline in the Super Eagles squad if he wants to succeed at the World Cup in South Africa.

## Lumumba carpets North East FA chairmen

By David Ngobua

FORMER NFF presidential aspirant, Hon. Lumumba Dah Adeh has called on football stakeholders in the country to completely disregard the chairmen of North-East Zone football Associations and their endorsement of the trio of NFF president Sani Lulu, his first vice-president, Amaze Uchebulem and Chief Taiwo Ogunjobi for another term in office as he said they are not competent

to make such endorsement.

The football administrators from the North East zone comprising of Taraba, Gombe, Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno and Yobe had last Friday unanimously endorsed Lulu and his colleagues for a second term ahead of the NFF elections scheduled for August this year.

Speaking to Trustsports yesterday, Lumumba said going by the NFF statute which brought the chairmen to office, they are not competent to make such pronouncement because their ten-

ures have since expired.

He maintained that if there were any respect for laid down rules and regulations, those who sat down to make the declaration would not have waited for anybody to tell them that their action was null and void.

Lumumba said because the persons endorsed are not from the North-East zone, the chairmen did not need anyone to educate them that they have no locus standi to make such baseless declarations.

He said: “I don’t want to speak

much on what the so called F.A Chairmen have done because most of us have no iota of respect for laid down rules and regulations. These people’s tenure has since expired and they are not competent to speak on behalf of anybody but they seem to be ignorant of this fact.

“They should be disregarded and not taken seriously because they are simply doing the bidding of their masters. What do you expect from them if not to reciprocate the gesture of tenure elongation bestowed illegally on

them? They are simply dancing to the tune of their masters”.

Lumumba said it is disheartening to know that a very sensitive responsibility like the administration of football at the state level has been left in the care of men who lack the capacity to do what is right for the good of the game.

“They are not serious people and as long as such people are left to preside over football, at that level, nobody should expect anything reasonable,” he added.

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The objectives of the proposed association is to foster unity, enhance the welfare and enforce discipline among all members of the association with the principal aim of improving the living conditions of all members in any way possible.

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### Aims and objectives:

1. To grant scholarship to Nigerian students.
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## Bio, Ekeji, Lulu, others visit Durban

MR Ibrahim Bio, the Minister of Sports and Chairman, National Sports Commission, yesterday led Nigerian officials to Durban, South Africa, to inspect the Super Eagles' base camp and training site.

Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) spokesman, Ademola Olajire, said the federation's President, Sani Lulu, was part of the delegation.

Others members included the Director-General of the National Sports Commission, Patrick Ekeji;

the federation's Technical Committee Chairman, Taiwo Ogunjobi and the General-Secretary, Bolaji Ojo-Oba.

The NFF Head of Marketing, Idris Adama, is also part of the delegation, according to the statement.

"We are going to check out the place and see if the management of the hotel and that of the school where the training site is located have fulfilled their promises.

"We gave them some specifi-

cations and requirements during our last visit and they promised to get them done before the end of April," the statement quoted Lulu as saying.

There have been reports on the suitability or otherwise of Hampshire Hotel in Ballito, near Durban.

The NFF president, however, said the visit would enable the delegation to see how far the work had gone before making any categorical statement.

"When we went the last time,

we pointed out some things to the management and we believe that they must have taken care of those areas.

"We also mandated some people in the Nigerian High Commission in South Africa to be checking out the place and feed us back on how far the work is going," Lulu said.

Nigeria will play in Group B in the 2010 FIFA World Cup finals alongside Argentina, Greece and Korea Republic.



BIO, Sports Minister

## No empty seats at World Cup, FIFA pledges

THERE will not be empty seats at this year's World Cup in South Africa after a recent surge in ticket sales helped sell out about 40 matches, FIFA said yesterday.

"There will not be any empty seats in the stadiums. That was a commitment we made from day one," FIFA general secretary Jerome Valcke told Reuters.

"I am now much more optimistic than three weeks ago," he added.

World soccer's ruling body has admitted its largely internet-based system of ticket sales for the tournament starting on June 11 may have proved less than efficient.

Over-the-counter sales in South Africa began some 10 days ago, igniting real World Cup fever in the country for the first time and there was chaos as thousands of fans rushed to buy and the computer system crashed.

"People are waking up very late but we are very happy with the result and all

of the people involved are very confident," Valcke said.

He spoke on the sidelines of an international sports conference in the United Arab Emirates.

Valcke said some 130,000 tickets were still unsold in the fifth and final stage of the process but about 40 of the 64 matches were now sold out.

"With about 45 days before the World Cup, we have more or less 40 matches sold out already, up from 29 only a short time ago," he said.

FIFA initially made tickets available only on the internet and was criticised for misunderstanding South African culture where the poor black fans, who are soccer's biggest supporters, do not have access to computers or bank accounts.

Sales to some European countries, including Germany, have also been sluggish compared to past World Cups due to high travel costs and security concerns among ordinary fans.

## Falcons off to N. Korea for friendlies

NIGERIAN senior women's team, Super Falcons, will today jet out of the country for a two-match international friendlies' programme against the senior team of North Korea.

The NFF, in a statement issued yesterday in Lagos, said Coach Eucharia Uche will lead the 18-man playing squad and other technical officials to the programme.

The NFF said the programme was designed to put the five-time African champions in good shape ahead of their 2010 African Women Championship match against Cote d'Ivoire in May.

The first match against the North Koreans will take

place in Pyongyang on Sunday while the second match will hold on May 4.

"We are happy this opportunity is coming at this time.

"North Korea is among the leading nations in women's football in the world and their team will provide us with stiff opposition," Uche said.

Members of the the team include goalkeepers Precious Dede and Tochukwu Oluehi; Martina Ohadugha, Ulumma Jerome and Lilian Cole.

Others are Josephine Chukwunonye, Tawa Ishola, Stella Godwin, Ebere Orji, Gift Otuwu, Akudo Iwuagwu, Loretta Sador and Titilayo Mekuneyi.



Nigerian pro golfer, Aminu Baba of IBB Golf Club, winner of Senegal Open, right, with Aziz Dieve, President of Senegal Golf Federation.

## Aminu Baba wins Senegal Open

THREE weeks after Ali Abdullahi won the Gabon Open, another Nigerian, Aminu Baba, last week moved aside challenges from 72 other African golfers to life the 7th Senegal Open Golf Championship.

The Abuja-based Aminu Baba did not however get victory on a platter of gold in the game which was decided on two courses, the Dakar Le Meridien and the Technopola. With a three-over after three days of action, Aminu was forced to a "play-off" by a Senegalese, Jean Baptiste.

After both players ended the first two par three holes in 'par', Aminu lifted up to the challenge when he clinched the hole 10 Par 5 with a resounding Birdie. For his effort, he clinched the Championship trophy and a cash prize

of 700,000 Cefas, and equivalent of 2000 dollars. "I have always loved to play tournaments outside Nigeria", Aminu stated. "But it has not been easy. We hardly get sponsors here. I am happy I did what I did. With this, prominent Nigerians might want to have a second thought and get us to tournaments outside Nigeria. I know we are talented. We just need who can get us to events outside Nigeria"

Senegal's largest selling Daily paper, Le Martin, in an editorial reiterated that Aminu showed boldness and character to take victory away from Baptiste, a well loved Senegal golf professional.

"Even when the fans jeered the Nigerian, he never looked worried. He knew what he wanted and he got it", the editorial added.

## Why NPL electoral c'ttee won't be re-constituted -Yakmut

By David Ngobua

DESPITE clarion calls by stakeholders in the Nigeria football sector that the electoral committee for the 2010 Nigeria Premier League elections should be re-constituted, Executive Secretary of the NPL and secretary of the electoral committee, Mallam Alhassan Yakmut has said the committee will not be re-constituted because the Mr. Tony Rofua led committee was constituted in line with all relevant football statutes.

Speaking to Trustsports yesterday, the NPL scribe said before the electoral committee was constituted; NPL had to adapt the FIFA standard electoral code, the Nigeria Premier League and NFF statutes, and then adopted the composition.

He explained that the standard electoral code did not emphasize the representation of a legal personality in the electoral committee saying it is only captured in the NPL statutes and when it was realized that in the FIFA standard electoral code, legal personalities are found in the appeals committee only, the same was applied.

Yakmut said the NPL election appeals committee has a legal personality in line with the FIFA standard code and so the calls for the re-constitution of the electoral committee is completely uncalled for since it does not violate any of the superior statutes of the football family. He said: "When we said there should be two legal personalities in the electoral committee, we had not laid our hands on any standard electoral code but as soon as we did, we quickly adapted and adopted". According to the NPL Executive Secretary, once the lingering cases pertaining to the election are completely exhausted, the same electoral committee will continue from where it had to stop in compliance with court orders.



## Mourinho's Inter facing mission 'Stop Messi'

JOSE Mourinho and his Inter Milan players managed to stifle Champions League holders Barcelona last week at the San Siro but repeating the feat at the Nou Camp on Wednesday is a different proposition altogether.

Inter have one foot in May's final after the 3-1 home win in their semi-final first leg. But with competition top scorer Lionel Messi, former Inter striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic and peerless midfield orchestrator Xavi in the side and close to a 100,000 fans roaring them on Barca are more than capable of reversing the deficit.

"We have to be ambitious and go for as many goals as possible," Barca defender Gerard Pique said at a news conference on Monday. "Even if we score twice they could snatch one goal and we'll be out."

Barca's hopes of progressing have been boosted by the news that influential Inter playmaker Wesley Sneijder, arguably their player of the season, is doubtful with a thigh problem suffered in Saturday's 3-1 Serie A win over Atalanta.

Pep Guardiola's Barca side knocked four goals past both VfB Stuttgart and Arsenal in their last two European home matches, Messi scoring twice against the Germans and all four against Arsenal, and a repeat of their 2-0 success against Inter in the group phase in November would see them through.

History also appears to be on their side.

The last two times Barca lost 3-1 in the first leg of a Champions League knockout tie away from

home, against Dynamo Kiev in 1993/94 and Chelsea in 1999/2000, they turned things around with 4-1 and 5-1 second-leg wins respectively.

Pique said the support of the Barca faithful would be a key factor on Wednesday night.

"I hope to see the Nou Camp as I've never seen it before and we want the Inter players to hate their jobs for 90 minutes," the former Manchester United man said.

"I don't remember the fans being so excited and so confident that we can do it," he added. "It could be one of the most important matches in Barca's recent history."

However, Portuguese Mourinho has made a habit of besting former clubs and after dispatching Chelsea in the last 16 in February now has a chance to eliminate the club where he served as assistant coach to Bobby Robson and Louis van Gaal.

He'll need to coax another tireless performance from his players on Wednesday if Inter, winners in 1964 and 1965, are to secure a first European Cup final appearance since 1972.

Their constant harrying and hassling in the first leg stopped Xavi, Messi and their team mates from playing their customary game based on fluid passing and the long periods of possession with which they wear opponents down.

Inter striker Mario Balotelli was dropped from the squad to face Atalanta after arguing with fans and throwing his shirt away after the first-leg win.



No ordinary Jose... the Inter Milan coach puts desire ahead of genius.

## Busquets backing Barca philosophy

FC Barcelona must come from two goals down against FC Internazionale Milano on Wednesday but Sergio Busquets says they need "just be ourselves" to revive their chances of defending the trophy.

FC Barcelona have struck 19 goals in 11 UEFA Champions League games this season, a further 83 times in the Liga and enjoyed 68% possession even in defeat by FC Internazionale Milano in last week's semi-final first leg. It is therefore no surprise that Sergio Busquets is urging the European champions to play in their natural fashion when they seek to overturn a 3-1 deficit in Wednesday's second instalment.

"We have to take the ball, control the match, and create chances," said the midfielder. "We have to make the most of this and just be ourselves. It's a special match and we have to turn the tie around because the final is one step away. We can't go mad with chances and just shoot from anywhere. I'm sure chances will come along as usual. [But] Inter are very dangerous on the counterattack with [Samuel] Eto'o and [Goran] Pandev down the wings, so we will have to watch out for that."

The Nerazzurri did indeed last week defy any suggestion that coach Jose Mourinho viewed defence as the best form of attack. Eto'o, Pandev and Diego Milito - whose brother Gabriel could replace the suspended Carles Puyol in Josep Guardiola's defence on Wednesday - formed a three-pronged attack which was further supported by the progressive Wesley Sneijder.

Busquets was one of those overrun by Inter's second-half surge after the Serie A titleholders had fallen behind, but he feels the Azulgrana will have one very telling advantage at the Camp Nou. "We have the best crowd in the world. It's an important match and this is the moment of truth; we have to get a positive result and we expect a lot from the fans. The bond between fans and players will be vital. There's a lot of positivism and we've always been ambitious but I can sense a special atmosphere. It's 90 minutes - and with the help of the crowd we think we can fight for it."

## Inter's Sneijder wins fitness battle

INTER playmaker Wesley Sneijder is back in training, fit and ready to play against Barcelona in the Champions League, according to Sky Sport 24.

There were fears the Dutch midfielder would have to miss the game because of a muscular strain he picked up against Atalanta on Saturday. He was substituted 45

minutes into the Nerazzurri's 3-1 win.

It meant Sneijder was unable to train on Sunday and Monday, having sessions with the club physiotherapist instead.

But he is now ready to start after returning to full training on Tuesday. Sneijder performed various drills with the team under Jose

Mourinho's eyes.

The squad will travel to Barcelona from Milan this afternoon, boarding a flight at 15:00. Dejan Stankovic, who is suspended, will also be included in the squad.

Mario Balotelli is expected to head to Spain, despite last week's antics in the semi-final first leg. He trained with the squad today as well.



SNEIJDER

### NTTF national trials kick off May 5

NIGERIA Table Tennis Federation (NTTF) will hold invitational national trials for players from May 5 to May 8 ahead of the Commonwealth and Youth Olympic Games.

The NTTF Secretary, Segun Oguntade, said yesterday in Lagos that the championships would hold at the Liberty Stadium, Ibadan.

Oguntade said that the players would be featuring in Youth Olympic Games slated for August in Singapore as well as the Commonwealth Games in October in New Delhi.

"The championship is organised to pick exceptional players who will represent the country at these international Games; we want to give them the opportunity to prove themselves.

"The idea is that at the end, we will be able to come up with formidable male and female teams that will be camped in Ibadan for adequate preparation," he said.

According to him, all intending participants at the championships are expected to come with their identity cards as proof that they are duly registered with the NTTF.

He said any player, who could not defend his mem-

**Selection will be based on individual's outstanding performance**

bership, would not be allowed to participate in the championship.

Oguntade said foreign-based players had also been informed through their letters of invitation on the need for them to renew their membership.

He said they would be invited to join the selected local players for final selection in June.

"That will be a forum to prove their worth," the NTTF scribe added.

He said that the board was working towards presenting players who would make a mark at the two major games.

"Selection will be based on individual's outstanding performance."

Oguntade disclosed that the 40 players - 20 males and 20 females - invited for the trials, were selected at a national championship held between April 21 and April 23 in Ibadan.

"The first phase camping scheduled for Liberty Stadium between April 25 and May 18 will commence after the ongoing U-18 Singles' Cup and Club championship," the NTTF scribe added.

## Federer slips in Rome drizzle

ROGER Federer's 2009 claycourt season ended in a blaze of glory, capturing an elusive French Open crown on an unforgettable Paris afternoon last June. His 2010 bow could hardly have been more dreary in comparison.

The world number one peppered Rome's slick Foro Italico court with unforced errors before succumbing to

40th-ranked Ernests Gulbis 2-6 6-1 7-5 in the second round of the Rome Masters yesterday.

The Swiss maestro chalked up 38 unforced errors in the damp conditions before the nervy Latvian converted his seventh match point to set off minor alarm bells for Federer a month away from his Roland Garros defence.

"My game wasn't up to speed," Federer told a news conference.

"My serve wasn't working. I couldn't get my first serve in. It was a frustrating end to the match. That's the way it goes sometimes."

He also exited his last two tournaments, in Miami and Indian Wells, in the early stages after winning his 16th Grand Slam at the Australian

Open in January.

Federer looked to be cruising when he took the first set with ease in drizzly conditions, with Gulbis dogged by erratic play.

But the Latvian cleaned up his act and took advantage of some uncharacteristically sloppy play from Federer to notch a run of five consecutive games and win the second.



FEDERER

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Constituency legacies are those humanitarian projects initiated, implemented and bequeathed to the deserving communities as related to our elected political office holders. As the nation draw closer to another elective year, it becomes imperative that lawmakers will be taking inventory and account for the stewardship of services they rendered to uplift the well being of their people. As it affects the state and federal lawmakers, quite a good number have demonstrated kindness and generosity vis-a vis their electioneering promises. They are trailing the blazing of good representation through provision of constituency projects and contribute to debates, bills and other sundry issues of national importance.

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## GUEST COLUMNIST

By Adamu Fika

## The opposition and democracy in Nigeria

**D**emocracy is a system of government which allows public expression of opinion and accommodation of divergent views. In this way, democracy and freedom of speech are inseparable and mutually reinforcing. Generally, wherever democracy has been established and consolidated, be it in Western Europe and America or the third world countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America or centralized democracies of Eastern Europe, it is because freedom of speech and the right to oppose are allowed. The level of political tolerance of any government is essentially determined by its willingness to accommodate dissenting views, accept criticisms of its conduct from opposition political parties, interest groups or individuals. Without political opposition, politics is bereft of its substance. But what is opposition?

Even though opposition has sometimes been misunderstood and, as often, misrepresented, there was a time when it was accepted almost as second nature to our politicians. But today their successors had all but forgotten it; and despite the many waves of democratization that had swept our shore, we were still grappling with its elementary rudiments, and could not quite accept it as a legitimate part of democratic electoral politics. The current wave of democratization sweeping across Africa and much of the third world is being sorely tested on several different fronts. It is marred by a plethora of electoral malpractices—election rigging, result falsification, voter intimidation, ethnic and religious tensions, political violence, lack of a courageous and incorruptible judiciary and massive corruption in the public service. And without effective and enforceable electoral laws, the system becomes unable to guarantee free, fair and credible elections.

In the long run, however, these are not the only danger that poses threat to democratisation; lack of effective opposition poses greater danger. And even if free and fair elections could somehow be guaranteed, the democratic system would still be in great peril without an effective opposition movement. The logic is simple to understand. Since democracy is based on political competition with eventual majority rule, the minority, as opposition, should act to check the excesses of the majority. The opposition should be the people's watchdog keeping the government on its toes and forcing it to follow the right democratic path. It does this by monitoring, challenging and criticising the policies of the government; and, in their place, formulating and publicising alternative courses of action.

The concept of opposition is as old as or probably older, than that of democracy; and the expression of opposition comes in different shapes and forms depending on how it is carried out and where its locus lies. If we define opposition as any action that seeks to limit the power or discretion of a majority, then there can be several different types of oppositions going on at the same time.

For the past 49 years of Nigeria's political independence the country has passed through these various forms of political opposition with varying impact on the government of the day. Hence, one may speak of political opposition as a tendency within a political system which engages in competitive interactions with incumbents in power. These competitive interactions can be viewed in two ways: if by a political party, the objective is to portray itself as a credible alternative, and if on non-party basis, the objective is to raise public awareness and make the government answerable to the public. Here, we are more concerned with those situations in which political parties are the chief agents; but this is not to belittle the contribution of the other non partisan political opposition forces. My conception of opposition is informed by the political party perspective because of our experience of the democratization process since 1999, in which several political parties are registered and 'competitively' engaged in the struggle for power. And it is reinforced by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference's (2007) definition of political opposition, in which "the term 'opposition' has been mainly applied to the party or parties [which] do not support the government of the day and [which] offer themselves to the voting public, not just as individual candidates but as an organized and disciplined alternative government."

The role of such an opposition in a democracy include, among other vital roles:

- Questioning the government of the day and holding it accountable to the public by finding faults, with and suggesting

amendments to legislation, asking questions and scrutinizing the actions of the government.

- Drawing public attention to serious issues that must be quickly resolved for a country to move ahead;
- Highlighting and exposing those aspects of the government policies and operations that are not in the national interest;
- Promoting itself as an alternative to the government of the day by suggesting to the public an alternative framework of achieving success by government;
- Ensuring that the concerns of various groups and other interests not represented in government are not ignored; and
- Articulating grievances against government actions as a safety valve for legitimate dissent.

The main role of opposition is to expose weakness in government policies and remain a vigilant watchdog over the action and inaction of the government. Thus, if the role of the government is to rule, that of the opposition is to criticise the government, albeit, constructively. The right of opposition to oppose is an inalienable and essential part of the democratic process. Some in fact regard the existence of an opposition party in a democracy as the most distinctive characteristic of democracy itself, and the absence of an opposition party is the evidence of its absence. In order to help democratise and constitutionalise governance, the opposition must effectively participate in the processes of governance, more especially during deliberations in the legislature where it will not only criticise policies but also propose better alternative policies and programmes. By this participation, the opposition gives legitimacy to the system and heightens political competitiveness and deepens democratic culture. All the same, the nature and tone of its criticism and opposition must be constitutional; because, while it opposes the government of the day, it remains loyal to the constitutional, democratic order of the state. In short, if democracy is to succeed, the opposition political parties must act as watchdog over the activities of government.

The opposition in Nigeria is infiltrated, fragmented and corrupted. With its control of economic and financial resources and the lure of lucrative appointments to dish out, government, in an unfortunate reversal of roles, keeps the opposition under a tight leash. And there is little likelihood that the situation will change anytime soon. But as the Americans say, "to suppress peaceful protest in the name of order is to invite repression; to permit uncontrolled violent protest is to invite anarchy". The task then becomes one of a need to balance the right of the people to protest peacefully against government's own need to function effectively. But even before this balance is achieved, we must accept that the fact of opposition in democratic electoral politics has come to stay and must be accepted as an integral part of the nation's democratic culture. And it is this fact of opposition that comes to the rescue when, in a democracy, the ruling party also happens to control the legislature.

For the opposition to survive it must be ready to fight to get this level playing field before it settles down to commence the substantive business of comprehensive opposition to the government.

In doing this, its effectiveness will be determined by the following considerations:

One, whether its power and strength are concentrated in one major organisation, or they are dispersed in several bodies and institutions; in other words, does the opposition have a single, united and strong platform?

Two, whether there is cooperation or competition between the opposition partners themselves. Are they concentrating their fighting power on the government or on each other? In other words, is there unity of purpose and clarity of goals among the opposition partners?

Three, whether there is demonstrable distinctiveness between the opposition and the government; the degree of this distinctiveness will determine how fiercely and how effectively the opposition conducts its business.

Four, is it the goal of opposition to replace the government or merely to make it change its philosophy of governance? Is the strategy of the opposition the right one for the goal at hand, and is every member aware and in support of it?

*Excerpts of address by Malam Adamu, Wazirin Fika, a former Head of Service of the Federation, at the 2010 Aminu Kano Memorial Lecture at Mambayya House of Bayero University, Kano.*

## SPORTS REPORT



MAYWEATHER has won all 40 of his professional fights

## I'm better than Ali - Mayweather

**F**loyd Mayweather has claimed he is better than Muhammad Ali and Sugar Ray Robinson ahead of his super-fight with Shane Mosley in Las Vegas on Saturday.

Mayweather, 33, is unbeaten in 40 fights but 38-year-old Mosley's WBA welterweight title

is not at stake.

"What makes them [Ali and Robinson] any better than I am?" said Mayweather.

"Muhammad Ali is one hell of a fighter but Floyd Mayweather is the best. Sugar Ray Robinson is one hell of a fighter but Floyd Mayweather is the best."



HAT trick hero....Olic scored thrice to send Bayern into Uefa Champions League final

## Bayern through to UCL final

**C**roatia striker Ilica Olic's superb hat-trick fired Bayern-Munich into their first Champions League final since 2001 after the German side demolished Olympique Lyon 3-0 away yesterday.

Three clinical finishes from Olic helped the four-times European champions complete a 4-0 aggregate semi-final success at Stade Gerland.

Olic netted his first after 26 minutes with a neat turn and shot, smashed in a pass from Hamit Altintop after 67 minutes and completed his hat-trick with a header 12 minutes from time.

Bayern will face either Inter Milan or Barcelona in the May 22 final at the Bernabeu in Madrid.

Lyon finished the game with 10 men after centre back Cris was sent off just before the hour. He was booked for a foul on Olic, then shown a second yellow card for mocking referee Massimo Busacca's decision.

