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## Umaru Musa Yar'adua 1951-2010

HE was an unlikely choice for president when he was elected in 2007 to lead Africa's most populous nation; when he died last Wednesday night, three months shy of his 59th birthday, Alhaji Umaru Musa Yar'adua, had become Nigeria's unlikely hero. In-between both milestones, the country vacillated from periods of uncertainty to anxious hopes for national stability.

Yar'adua made it clear from the day he took office in May 2007 that his was going to be a rule-of-law

administration. He elevated the due process principle to a national mantra. He not only pledged to live by the principle, he led by example. He declared his assets as required by law but went a step further to make it public, the first and only Nigerian president to have done so.

Yar'adua was aware of the infrastructure deficit that faced the country. His concerns were encapsulated in his administration's 7-point agenda by which he said the nation would be transformed from its present status to

one of the twenty leading economies by the year 2020. He was also acutely aware that attaining that objective would be an uphill task, given the simmering militancy in the Niger Delta region that was severely constraining crude oil production which is the country's main source of revenues.

Governance issues were also a problem, with electoral frauds at various level of the polity.

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## The last trip home



**President Umaru Musa Yar'adua** GCFR.  
(16 August 1951 - 5 May 2010)

We share the grief of Nigerians on the death of President Umaru Musa Yar'adua.  
May his soul rest in perfect peace.

Signed:  
The Board and Management of MTN Nigeria.



## Umaru Musa Yar'adua, 1951-2010

# Mourners throng Katsina for Yar'adua's burial

THOUSANDS of mourners thronged Katsina yesterday for the funeral of President Umaru Yar'adua, bringing its streets to a standstill as people paid their respects.

Chants of "Allahu Akbar" and a 21-gun salute rang out as Yar'adua's remains were lowered into the grave, less than a day after he died aged 58 following a heart ailment that kept him out of public view for five months.

Yar'adua's body was covered in a white burial shroud and a green

and white Nigerian flag, then laid in a wooden coffin for the burial at a public cemetery. Earlier, thousands of men dressed in brightly-coloured flowing robes and matching caps crammed into a small township stadium where funeral prayers were offered for the late leader. The body of Yar'adua was flown from Abuja on an air force plane. The military threw a tight security cordon around the grounds, forcing many mourners to perch on rooftops and even razor-wired stadium perimeter

walls.

New president Goodluck Jonathan, who was sworn in earlier yesterday, was absent from the funeral. However the prime minister of neighbouring Niger, Mahamadou Danda, was among the mourners. Members of Jonathan's new cabinet, state governors, lawmakers, ruling party senior officials, the clergy and Nigeria's top business magnates were also at the funeral. Yar'adua's wife Turai, battled to hold back tears as she stepped out of a presidential jet

that flew her and the her children to Katsina.

Elsewhere in the city, public offices and most businesses were shuttered. Yar'adua had been governor of Katsina State from 1999 to 2007 before winning the presidential election.

"I can't express how I feel inside. He means a lot to the people of Katsina for improving health, education and infrastructural development when he was governor. We will miss him dearly," Mohammed Sanni, a 43-year-old vendor at a

local market, told newsmen. Police cordoned off a one-kilometre (over half a mile) stretch of road leading to the neighbourhood where Yar'adua's family home is located. Select mourners were granted clearance to enter the single-storey yellow, zinc-roofed house, where dozens of relatives sat on a red carpet laid out on the veranda.

"We are grieving," muttered Yar'adua's younger brother, Jaafaru, as he took calls on his mobile phone and supervised last-minute preparations for the burial. AFP



REMAINS of late President Umaru Musa Yar'adua being carried to the burial ground in Katsina yesterday.

## Katsina Airport jam-packed

From Auwalu Umar & Lawan Ibrahim, Katsina

THE Katsina airport witnessed an unprecedented movement of flights yesterday as dignitaries from all over the country and beyond stormed Katsina to attend the funeral of the late President Umaru Musa Yar'adua.

The local airport, which is known for low flight operations, yesterday recorded huge flight turn out as after every at least 10 minutes, a plane would land and another would take off. Correspondents said at a point many planes had to hover in the air to allow others to park properly. Most of the planes were light ones.

Arik Air, a commercial airline, had a field day. Many state governors, especially those from southern Nigeria, arrived in the city on board private planes along with their aides. Billionaire businessman and president, Dangote Group of Companies, Alhaji Aliko Dangote, came aboard his private jet. Several other business tycoons went there on board chartered planes.

It was a hectic time for airport security operatives with assistance of armed military and police personnel who were busy preventing curious people from entering the airport tarmac because the obvious danger involved.

There was also a tight security around the whole airport as every entrance into it was guarded by armed security personnel who screened personalities before entry.

Several other sympathizers who could not gain entry were seen in large numbers hanging around the airport fence watching from afar.

## Jonathan, Obasanjo absent from funeral

From Auwalu Umar & Lawan Ibrahim, Katsina

GOODLUCK Jonathan who was sworn in yesterday as Nigeria's president following the death of President Umaru Musa Yar'adua did not attend yesterday's funeral of the late president. Former President Olusegun Obasanjo was also not in Katsina yesterday.

Jonathan's absence was noticed when the two presidential planes landed at the Katsina Airport without him on board. This was

contrary to the expectation of many dignitaries and people of the state in particular who waited for hours under the scorching sun at the airport to see the president's arrival for the funeral.

Neither the Katsina State government nor the Federal Government delegation led by Speaker House of Representatives Dimeji Bankole explained Jonathan's absence from Katsina yesterday.

However, Speaker Bankole led the Federal Government delegation that arrived at the airport on

board a presidential plane with registration number 5N-FGE. Other members of the delegation were the national chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Prince Vincent Ogbulafor (PDP) national deputy chairman Dr Bello Halliru, minister of defence Prince Kayode Tokumbo Kayode, minister of police affairs Alhaji Adamu Maina Waziri and minister of works Senator Sanusi Daggash.

Former President Olusegun Obasanjo was also conspicuously absent at the funeral. Nobody

was said to have represented the former president at the funeral. *Daily Trust* gathered that the former president shunned the funeral for fear of being booed by people of the state who were said to be unhappy with him over his recent uncomplimentary comments over Yar'adua's health. Some of the former president's close aides who turned up for the funeral said Obasanjo's absence could not be deliberate, saying there must be cogent reasons for his absence.

## Umaru Musa Yar'adua, 1951-2010

## He was unlike the others

He had a phrase that he coined for himself: the servant leader.

By Mahmud Jega

**N**IGERIAN heads of state are often known for their awesome presence, for their permanent frown, their uninviting miens, their ungainly walks and their expressed vanity, but Malam Umaru Yar'adua was different. He walked lightly; he spoke softly; he shook hands gently; he laughed weakly but cheerfully; he greeted visitors warmly, and he delivered his speeches ineloquently but earnestly.

From the day he was sworn-in as President of the federal Republic on May 29, 2007, Malam Umaru Yar'adua inherited the awesome powers vested in the office by Section—of the 1999 Constitution, which said “all executive powers of the federation shall be vested in the President who shall be the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.”

It was enough power to knock out a bull, but Yar'adua did not appear to be impressed, much less intoxicated, by it. He was not known to keep ministers and other officials on a tight leash; at one point, it was said that the President will also see a few key ministers regularly, while all others should report to the Secretary to the Government.

Not only that; by the time

**“In the end, his greatest achievement in office was not the one he promised.”**

Yar'adua rose to occupy the office, its powers had been expanded far beyond what the constitution envisaged due to the legacy of years of military rule and, in particular, eight years of its occupation by the expansive, authoritarian, know-all Chief Olusegun Obasanjo.

The office that Yar'adua inherited had acquired another awesome title: PDP Party Leader, one with the power to select and anoint party and elected officials at all levels according to his own whims. Yar'adua refused to inherit such powers; at the PDP's convention to select new working committee members in early 2008, he allowed the party's ambitious state governors to share the party positions among themselves and anoint their indi-



LATE President Umaru Yar'adua

vidual choices into the posts.

Yar'adua made no effort to reign in the rowdy National Assembly. At one point in late 2007, when the House of Representatives nearly dissolved in chaos over the Etteh house refurbishing affair, he resisted all calls to intervene, saying he won't interfere with other arms of government. State governors felt free to do their own things under Yar'adua; he made no state visits and did not imperiously commission projects done by others and then award pass or fail marks to them.

The Nigerian President was

also, by virtue of the federal Government's oil-drenched pockets, the unofficial leader of West Africa and the big bully on the African block. Within his first year in office, Yar'adua was made the ECOWAS chairman, but he made no effort to rise to regional or continental leadership, always content to allow others to overreach themselves in the crave for power and influence. He presented issues in their simplest terms; when the Ghanaian president visited and requested for more crude oil allocations to his country, Yar'adua said he granted

the request because “Nigeria and Ghana have the same interests.”

Yar'adua was media shy. In contrast to Obasanjo, who did several dozen live television chats during his tenure, Yar'adua did only two in nearly three years and granted few other interviews besides.

His 7-Point Agenda made little headway. Yar'adua rejected suggestions to cut the agenda to two or three items, and he on the whole failed to pursue any of its aspects vigorously. In the end, his greatest achievement in office was not the one he promised. His promise to declare a

state of emergency in the Niger Delta never materialised, but his amnesty program for Niger Delta militants succeeded beyond anyone's imagination and substantially brought peace to the restive Niger Delta region.

In the end, many Nigerians will remember will remember by the scandalous seclusion of his final weeks and the extreme measures taken to shield him from public view during and after his hospitalisation in Saudi Arabia from November to February. That one, though, was not the doing of Malam Umaru Yar'adua.

## Umaru Musa Yar'adua, 1951-2010

## Jonathan sworn-in as president

PHOTO: NAN



PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan (right) taking his oath of office, before Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Aloysius Katsina-Alu in Abuja, yesterday.

By Mohammed S. Shehu

ACTING President Goodluck Jonathan took over the mantle of leadership yesterday as President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in a solemn ceremony at the Council Chamber of the Presidential Villa, Abuja.

The Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN) Justice Aloysius Katsina-Alu administered the Oath of Office and Oath of Allegiance at about 9.20am. Jonathan's assumption of office followed the death of former President Umaru Musa Yar'adua Wednesday night from

a protracted heart disease called acute pericarditis. Yar'adua has not been seen in public since his return to Nigeria in February from an 82-day medical sojourn in Saudi Arabia. Until Yar'adua's death, Jonathan acted for three months following resolutions by the National Assembly on February 9, which elevated him to acting capacity from his former position of Vice President.

Earlier, Secretary to the Government of the Federation Mahmud Yayale Ahmed, who moderated the solemn ceremony, said Jonathan's assumption of office as President was in accordance with

Chapter VI, Section 146 (1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

In his acceptance speech immediately after taking over as president, Jonathan described the incident that brought him to power as "very sad and unusual circumstances," and pledged commitment to good governance, electoral reform and the fight against corruption.

"Having taken the oath of office in line with the Nigerian Constitution, under these very sad and unusual circumstances, I urge all fellow citizens to remain steadfast and committed to the

values and aspirations of our nation. While this is a major burden on me and indeed the entire nation, we must in the midst of such great adversity continue to garner our collective efforts towards upholding the values which our departed leader represented," Jonathan said.

He said one of the true tests of his government would be to ensure that all votes count in the upcoming general elections and ensure the sustenance of peace and development in the Niger Delta as well as the security of life and property around the country. Shortly after the speech, the

Chief Imam of Abuja National Mosque Ustaz Musa Mohammed offered prayer for the repose of the soul of the deceased and to God, to comfort the family of the late President and the entire nation.

Top government officials including the Speaker Dimeji Bankole, Deputy Speaker Bayero Nafada, Service and Security Chiefs, Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Mahmud Yayale Ahmed, Jonathan's wife Dame Patience, state governors, members of the Diplomatic Corps witnessed the swearing in ceremony.

## How Yar'adua's remains left Abuja airport

By Shehu Abubakar

THE remains of Nigeria's 13th President and Commander-in-Chief, late Alhaji Umaru Musa Yar'adua left the Presidential Villa yesterday in a State House ambulance with registration number SH 572 in a full Presidential convoy to the Nnamdi Azikwe International Airport, Abuja. A detachment of Soldiers from the Presidential Guards mounted a colourful parade as their last respect for the departing corpse. Soldiers from the Presidential Guard arrived at the airport earlier in a military bus with registration number NA 03 and formed up for the final parade at the Presidential wing.

The soldiers who were in their ceremonial uniforms wore sober mood as the corpse arrived the Presidential wing of the airport in company of top government offi-

cial and family members. No sooner than the presidential burial party made up of soldiers from the presidential guards brought out the corpse from the ambulance for laying in state at the tarmac for the last presidential salute, the mood of the Soldiers and other airport staff changed to a more sober one.

Immediately after the final guard of honour was mounted for the late president, the burial party in slow but calculated steps lowered the corpse into a waiting Air Force plane that departed the airport at 12.38 pm for Katsina where the president was buried. Several people in cars and buses trooped to the airport as early as 9am to have a glance at the corpse of the late president. There was high traffic of vehicular movement around the airport that attracted the presence of policemen and other security agencies.

## Yar'adua: Lamentation as body departs Villa

By Mohammed S. Shehu

THE grim realities of life and death yesterday starred residents and staff of the Presidential Villa, Abuja in the face as they helplessly watched the remains of the number one resident, former President Umaru Musa Yar'adua, being conveyed to the airport for final internment in his home town in Katsina.

Yar'adua died Wednesday night from a protracted heart disease called acute pericarditis.

The body, wrapped in green-white-green national colour, left the official residence at about 11:00 am to a waiting ambulance stationed at the entrance of the house.

The ambulance was later joined by a long motorcade with top government officials and some family members. Later, the

convey snails its way out of the residence through the presidential gate at about 11:00 and headed to the Presidential Wing of Nnamdi Azikwe International Airport, Abuja where the body was later transported to Katsina.

*Daily Trust* observed that some of the residents and security officials attached to the Villa, who couldn't gate into the residence, assembled along the way to catch glimpse of the departure.

Soon after the motorcade departed, the Villa was deserted except the barely discernible presence of security officials. Even the ever busy pilot gate that leads to the offices at the Villa, noticed the desertion. However, our report noticed low movement of vehicles at Akinola Aguda House, the official residence of President Goodluck Jonathan.

## Umaru Musa Yar'adua, 1951-2010

# Nigeria: Our Nation In Mourning

President Goodluck Jonathan

MY dear brothers and sisters, it is with deep sense of loss and profound sorrow that I received the news of the passing on of His Excellency, President Umaru Musa Yar'adua, Grand Commander of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Our President passed away peacefully in the Presidential villa in Abuja yesterday evening, the 5th day of May 2010. While we submit to the will of God as a people of faith, this sad event has placed our nation in deep mourning.

On behalf of the good people of our great Country Nigeria, I stand by our First Lady, Her Excellency-Hajia Turai Yar'adua, the Children, our Mother, Hajia Habiba Musa Yar'adua, and the entire Yar'adua family and offer our heartfelt condolences on the demise of our amiable leader.

President Yar'adua's contribution

to political development and good governance would never be forgotten. He will therefore always occupy a pride of place in the political history of our dear Nation. He was a man of great personal integrity, deep devotion to God and outstanding humility. In all his public service, he displayed uncommon commitment to the peace, progress and unity of our country. He has left for us a profound legacy that provides a firm foundation for Nigeria's future. His exit has therefore created a huge vacuum in his personal contributions to the political growth and development of our nation. I have lost not just a boss but a good friend and brother.

Having taken the oath of office in line with the Nigerian Constitution, under these very sad and unusual circumstances, I urge all fellow citizens to remain steadfast and committed to the values and

aspirations of our nation. While this is a major burden on me and indeed the entire nation, we must in the midst of such great adversity continue to garner our collective efforts towards upholding the values which our departed leader represented.

In this regard our total commitment to Good Governance, Electoral Reform and the fight against Corruption would be pursued with greater vigour. As I had stated time and again, we must enshrine the best standards in our democratic practice. One of the true tests would be to ensure that all votes count and are counted in the upcoming General Elections. Similarly the effort at ensuring the sustenance of peace and development in the Niger Delta as well as the security of life and property around the entire country would be of top most priority in the remaining period of this administration.

I want to reassure all Nigerians that the pledges which we had made to improve the socio-economic situation which we face through improved access to electricity, water, education, health facilities and other social amenities would continue to be given the needed emphasis. The welfare of our teeming workers and the unemployed youths would also be accorded a new impetus.

My brothers and sisters, I call on all Nigerians to pray for the repose of the soul of our departed President. May God, in his infinite mercy, and compassion grant him eternal peace.

God bless Nigeria.

*Being text of an address by President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, GCON, to the Nation on assumption of office as President, Commander-in-Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria yesterday.*



FLAGS flying at half mast at the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja, in honour of late President Umaru Musa Yar'adua yesterday. Pic: Felix Onigbinde

## Umaru Musa Yar'adua, 1951-2010

PIC: AFOLABI SOTUNDE



AN ambulance carrying the remains of President Umaru Yar'adua coming out of the Presidential Villa, Abuja, yesterday on its way to the Airport.

# Chronology of the Yar'adua presidency

By Habeeb I. Pindiga

**T**HE late President Umaru Yar'adua became the first civilian president to replace another since the country gained independence in 1960. He came in after a hotly contested election, marred by irregularities and violence.

Below is a time line of his nearly three years in power:

**-May 29, 2007:** He took office as president, promising to pursue electoral reforms and listing the seven-point agenda including improving power supply, boosting agriculture, reducing food insecurity, fighting corruption and raising education standards.

**-June 2007:** Yar'adua proposed a government of national unity, where two opposition parties, the ANPP and the PPA, agreed to join his government.

**-June 2007:** Yar'adua began untying Obasanjo's knots. He cancelled the sale of the Kaduna refinery to a company largely owned by business moguls Aliko Dangote and Femi Otedola.

**-June 28, 2007:** He publicly revealed his assets, becoming the first Nigerian president to do so. The declaration showed that he had N856,452,892 in assets, N19 million belonging to his wife,

and N88,793,269 in liabilities.

**-He sent a list of ministerial nominees to Senate in July.** The list featured four of former cabinet of his predecessor Olusegun Obasanjo. The composition of the new cabinet was seen as not representing much change from the previous government.

**-July 26, 2007:** Yar'adua swore in his new cabinet.

**-August 28, 2007:** He inaugurated the 22-member Muhammad Uwais-led electoral reform committee.

**-February 26, 2008:** Court dismissed the presidential election petitions of Muhammadu Buhari and Atiku Abubakar.

**-August 6, 2009:** Yar'adua announced amnesty for Niger Delta militants.

**-October 29, 2008:** He sacked 20 of his ministers, in what was seen as a purge of Obasanjo loyalists and an effort to detach himself from the past government.

**-December 17, 2008:** Yar'adua swore in new ministers to replace the 20 he sacked nearly two months earlier. The new cabinet had a number of former governors.

**-December 2008:** Uwais electoral reform committee submitted its report to the president.

**-23 November 2009:** President Yar'adua left Nigeria to Saudi Arabia to treat acute pericarditis, an inflammation of the membrane surrounding the heart.

**-December 2, 2009:** Federal Executive Council resolved that there was no evidence to indicate that Yar'adua is permanently incapacitated.

**-January 12, 2010:** In an apparent move to douse tension over his rumoured death, Yar'adua spoke on the BBC.

**-22 January, 2010:** A court ordered the Federal Executive Council to within 14 days to decide on a resolution about whether Yar'adua was incapable of discharging the functions of his office because of ill-health.

**-February 3, 2010:** Information Minister Dora Akunyili presented a memo to the Federal Executive Council, urging it to declare Yar'adua permanently inca-

pacitated. The memo generated acrimonious debate among ministers and split the cabinet into two camps of pro-Yar'adua and pro-Jonathan.

**-The National Assembly passed a resolution on February 9, making Dr. Goodluck Jonathan the acting president.**

**-Jonathan sacks Yar'adua's attorney-general Michale Aondoakaa on February 10, asserting his authority after the National Assembly resolution.**

**-February 22, 2010:** A team raised by the Federal Executive Council went to visit Yar'adua in his Saudi hospital bed.

**-February 24, 2010:** Yar'adua returned to Nigeria. His spokesman said he returned after his discharge by doctors from the hospital. He also said Jonathan would continue as acting president while Yar'adua continued to recuperate.

**-April 1, 2010:** Four Islamic clerics, led by Ustaz Musa Mohammed, met with Yar'adua at the villa. They were the first set of non-relations to publicly confirm seeing Yar'adua since his return.

**-April 4, 2010:** Three Christian clerics also met and prayed with the president.

**-May 5, 2010:** Yar'adua died at Aso Rock presidential villa, Abuja, ending months of speculations about the true state of his health.

**Jonathan sacks Yar'adua's attorney-general Michale Aondoakaa on February 10, asserting his authority after the National Assembly resolution."**

## Umaru Musa Yar'adua, 1951-2010

# What kind of President will Jonathan be?



By Mahmud-Jega

IF his record so far as Acting President for three months is anything to go by, answer to the question as to what kind of president Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan will be is, an impatient one. Never mind that he is a man who has benefitted immensely from patience and sheer good luck and the name of whose wife is, well, Patience.

President Umaru Yar'adua died at 9 o'clock on Wednesday evening and at 8 o'clock the following morning [11 hours later], Chief Justice Aloysius Katsina-Alu adminis-

tered the oath of office on the new President Goodluck Jonathan. As a record in presidential impatience it did not overtake Lyndon Baines Johnson, who took the oath of office as US President in Airforce One not quite two hours after the 1963 death of President John Kennedy in the hands of an assassin. But it was hurried all the same.

Jonathan has been a man in a hurry at least since February this year, when the National Assembly creatively sidestepped the 1999 Constitution and declared him as Acting President because Malam Umaru Yar'adua

was unwilling or unable to transmit a letter of medical vacation.

On the day he was installed, Jonathan hurriedly sat on Yar'adua's desolate chair at the Federal Executive Council meeting and soon afterwards, he sacked Yar'adua's controversial Attorney General and Justice Minister, Michael Aondoaka. Soon afterwards, Information Minister Mrs. Dora Akunyili sprung at a FEC meeting a memo seeking to "determine" Yar'adua's state of health, widely seen as an effort by Jonathan to throw out his boss and succeed to the presidency.

A few weeks later, he dissolved the entire FEC and remoulded it in his own image, throwing out everyone known to be close to Yar'adua in the process. He also appointed a Presidential Advisory Council [PAC] and gave it advisory responsibilities that overlapped those of at least a dozen Federal councils and commissions.

Even while the PAC was working out for him a comprehensive socio-economic program to guide his short tenure in office until the next elections, Dr. Jonathan showed impatience in another, more volatile area: politics.

Three times in five weeks, he invoked his prerogatives as PDP's extra constitutional Party Leader and stalled meetings of its National Executive Committee, which was billed to adopt guidelines and a time table for the party's primary elections. Simultaneously, he encouraged some senior members of the party to form a rebel group, PDP Reform Forum, that began a campaign to oust party chairman Vincent Ogbulafor. To boot, the Jonathan regime set the ICPC against Ogbulafor for an offence allegedly committed 10 years ago, and it is about to charge him to court.

The summary reason for these complex manoeuvres is that Jonathan wants to utilise the political ace he currently holds by seeking to grab the PDP presidential ticket and riding on it two full terms as President of the Federal Republic, a kind of political miracle for a man from a minority Niger Delta tribe. The biggest obstacle in his way is the PDP's policy of zoning the ticket to the North in 2011, as announced by Ogbulafor and the 28 PDP governors last February. Already, Jonathan's apparent desire has brought him into conflict with the PDP governors, who have stood resolutely behind Ogbulafor, for now.

Jonathan's tall aspirations have also brought him into alliances with some strange bedfellows. The three most notable

influences on him are former president Obasanjo, former Defence Minister General T.Y. Danjuma [who is Obasanjo's enemy] and, perhaps most influential, Ijaw community leader Chief Edwin Clark.

Under the latter's influence, Jonathan is already working feverishly to enhance advantages for Niger Delta folks in public service positions, such as in the oil industry, where men and women from the Niger Delta states were installed in the choicest positions in a recent reshuffle carried out by Petroleum Minister Diezani Alison-Madueke, herself a Bayelsan.

Apart from Obasanjo, Danjuma and Clark, Jonathan is also courting former Vice President Atiku Abubakar, the disparate members of the PDP Reform Forum, and in addition is courting former EFCC chairman Nuhu Ribadu and his friend, Nasiru el-Rufai, who are Obasanjo's men. It is an intricate juggling of ambitious men and causes that could explode in his presidential face somewhere down the road.

Already, members of his PAC have agreed among themselves that Jonathan cannot be serious with his ambitious socio-economic reform agenda if he decides to seek the presidency next year. As such, they resolved to resign en masse if and when that happens. The way things are going, it will not be very long before this collision comes.

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# Umaru Musa Yar'adua, 1951-2010

## Life and times of Yar'adua



PRESIDENT John Atta-Mills of Ghana (left) with President Umaru Musa Yar'adua during the visit of the Ghanaian president to State House, Abuja.



PRESIDENT Yar'adua (left) presents an award to Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Muhammadu Sa'ad Abubakar



FORMER President Shehu Shagari (left) presents a booklet on Aminu Kano Foundation to President Yar'adua.



PRESIDENT Umaru Musa Yar'adua addressing the 62nd session of the UN General Assembly in New York.



PRESIDENT Yar'adua decorating former Chief Justice Idris Kutigi (right) with a national honours.



PRESIDENT Yar'adua with students of Turkish International College during their visit to State House, Abuja.

# Umaru Musa Yar'adua, 1951-2010

## Life and times of Yar'adua



PRESIDENT Umaru Musa Yar'adua (second left) with some Niger Delta militants at State House, Abuja last year. With them was Vice President Goodluck Jonathan



PRESIDENT Yar'adua on his way to Saudi Arabia for a visit



PRESIDENT Umaru Musa Yar'adua with visiting Brazilian President Inacio Lula da Silva (left)



PRESIDENT Yar'adua (centre) cutting the Independence Day celebration cake in 2007. With him were Vice President Goodluck Jonathan (left) and Senate President David Mark



PRESIDENT Yar'adua with UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon



PRESIDENT Yar'adua commissioning a project during a visit to Ogun State. With him was former President Olusegun Obasanjo (second right).

## Umaru Musa Yar'adua, 1951-2010



HAJIYA Turai Yar'adua at the Presidential Villa in Abuja yesterday, just before she left for Katsina.

# A First Lady much misunderstood

By Habeeb I. Pindiga

NIGERIAN First Ladies have the common misfortune of being dubbed as inordinately ambitious women who lead their spouses off track. Hajiya Turai Yar'adua is perhaps the most unfortunate yet in this respect.

Coming to the national level after eight years as First Lady of Katsina State, Hajiya Turai was no stranger to plum positions when she became Nigeria's No. 1 Lady on May 29, 2007.

Over the past three years, Hajiya Turai Yar'adua came to be seen as the power-behind-the-throne in her husband's government. Like most first ladies before her, she was considered the closest adviser to her husband. Thus, many things were ascribed to her, from appointments to sacks and so on.

Because of President Umaru Yar'adua's taciturnity and rather sluggish approach to governance, Hajiya Turai's friendly, active and large-hearted appearance gained her the reputation of being ubiquitous, influential and, perhaps, ambitious. She ran a full First Lady office, with retinue of aides, and also makes occasional appearances at public events.

In line with the tradition of taking up pet projects by first ladies, Turai Yar'adua initiated a cancer eradication project. She launched a N10 billion appeal fund for the building of an international cancer treatment centre in Abuja, to which Nigeria's top businessmen donated.

Because of her determination in health matters, particularly affecting women and children, Hajiya Turai was honoured as the National Goodwill Ambassador for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) in Nigeria.

Since her husband slumped ill in November last year, Hajiya Turai was not seen in public again until yesterday. When she emerged veiled and tearful, Turai was emaciated and darker, an indication of how disturbed she had been by her husband's illness.

Yet, she was vilified during her six-month stay by her husband's sick bed. Sections of the media said she was virtually in charge of the country throughout the period her husband was in a Saudi Arabian hospital, and even in the first few days of his return. The presidency denied the allegations against her. "When you hear that Turai is in charge, Turai takes over, all those things are not correct," the then presidential spokesman Segun Adeniyi said.

Hajiya Turai, born 53 years ago, attended the Garama Primary School in Katsina, Government Secondary School, Kankia, in Katsina State, Katsina College of Arts, Science and Technology, and Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, where she got a bachelor's degree in languages in 1983.

She worked as a schoolteacher before she became Katsina State First Lady when Yar'adua was elected governor in 1999.

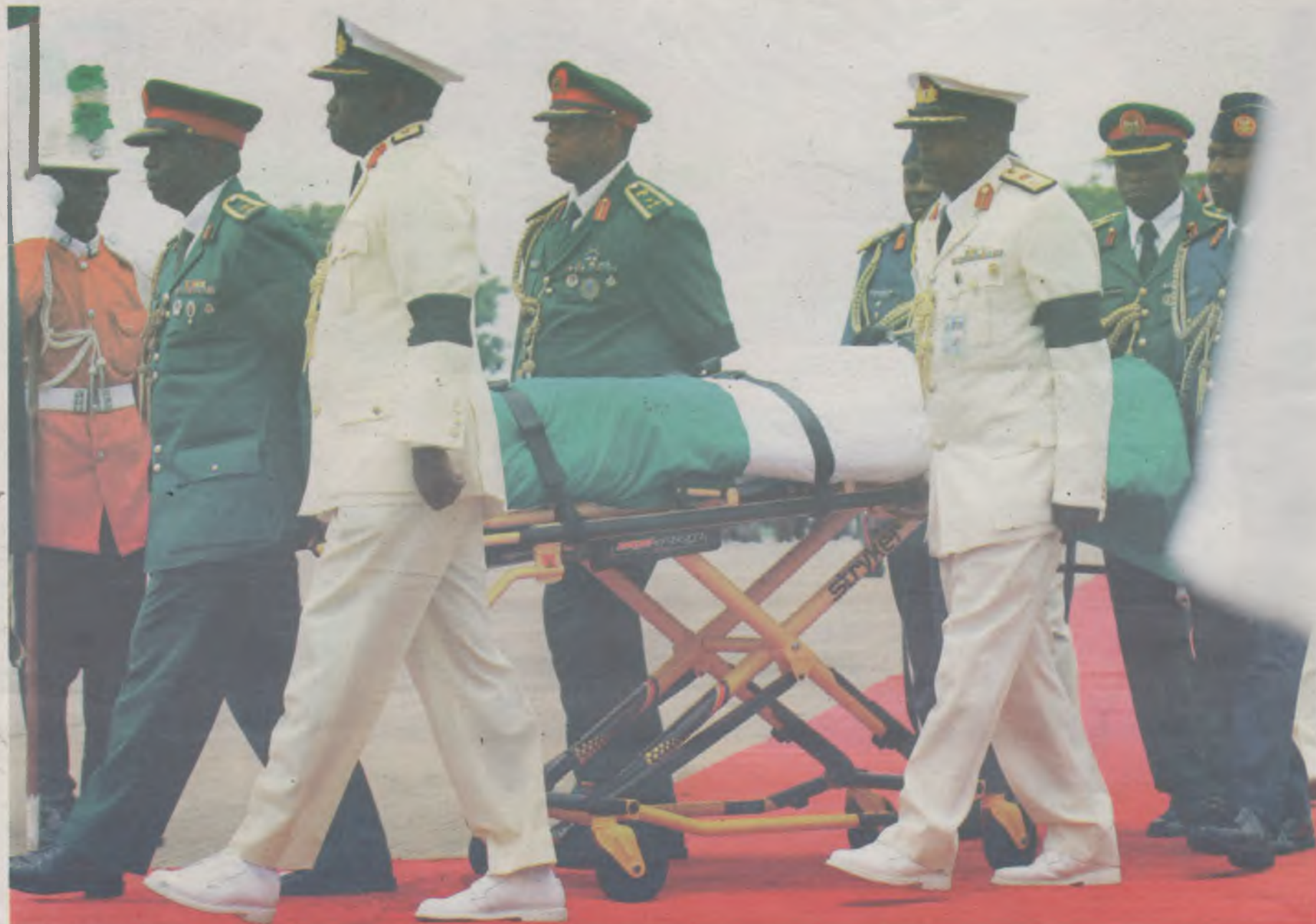
Turai and Umaru got married in 1975, and they had seven children—five daughters and two sons. Her daughter Zainab is married to Kebbi State governor Saidu Dakingari, and daughter Nafisat is married to Bauchi State governor Isa Yuguda.

She is a committed family life person, a philanthropist with a strong faith.

At the presidential lounge of the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport Abuja yesterday, Turai was seen trying to console her sons and daughters, who were crying over the death of the president. She was overheard reminding them that every soul must taste death, and also asking them to stop crying but continue instead praying for their late father.

## Umaru Musa Yar'adua, 1951-2010

# The many deaths at State House



MILITARY service chiefs escort the fallen Commander-in-Chief Umaru Yar'adua's remains at the Nnamdi Azikiwe Airport, Abuja yesterday.

By Austine Odo

**P**RESIDENT Umaru Musa Yar'adua is the fifth Nigerian leader and the second civilian to die while in office and the second to die in Aso Rock after General Sani Abacha. Yar'adua, who had a long history of kidney ailment and recently suffered from an inflamed heart, is also the second to die a natural death. While three, Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, a civilian, Thomas Umunakwe Aguyi-Ironsi and Murtala Ramat Mohammed, both of the military, died violently in military insurrections, Sani Abacha, also a military leader and Umaru Yar'adua, died peacefully.

### Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa

Abubakar Tafawa Balewa (December 1912 - January 15, 1966) was the only Prime Minister of Nigeria under the parliamentary system of government of the First Republic. A trained teacher, he became a vocal leader for Northern interest as one of the few educated Nigerians at that time. He was widely respected across Africa as one of the leaders who encouraged the formation of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and for creating cooperative relationship with French speaking Africa. He was also instrumental in negotiations in the bloody war of Congo between Moise Tshombe and the Congolese authorities during the crisis of 1960 to 1964. He led a vocal protest against the South African Sharpeville

Massacre of 1960 and aligned with Commonwealth ministers who wanted South Africa out of the Commonwealth in 1961. Abubakar Tafawa Balewa doubled as Foreign Minister and in 1961, relinquished the position for Jaja Wachukwu who from 1961 to 1965, became the first substantive Nigerian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Relations. Tafawa Balewa was overthrown and killed in a military coup on January 15, 1966 along with many other leaders, including Sir Ahmadu Bello, the Sardauna of Sokoto. Tafawa Balewa's body was discovered by a roadside near Lagos about six days after he was overthrown. He was buried in Bauchi.

### Major General Johnson Thomas Umunnakwe Aguiyi-Ironsi

Major General Aguiyi-Ironsi (March 1924 - July 1966) served as Nigeria's Head of State from January 16, 1966. He had military training at Eaton Hall, England and became a commissioned officer in June 1949. He returned to Nigeria to serve as the Aide de camp to John Macpherson, Governor General of Nigeria. Then a Lieutenant Colonel, Ironsi led the fifth battalion of the Nigerian Army to the Kivu and Leopoldville provinces of Congo in the heat of that country's crisis. His unit proved vital to the peacekeeping

effort, and he was later appointed the Commander of the Nigerian UN contingent in the Congo. On July 29, 1966, Ironsi was a guest at the Government House Ibadan as part of his nation-wide tour. The Government House in Ibadan was surrounded by mutinous soldiers. The bullet-riddled bodies of Ironsi and Fajuyi were later found in a nearby forest.

### General Murtala Ramat Mohammed

General Murtala Mohammed (November 1938-February 1976) was a military ruler who opposed the regime of Johnson Aguiyi-Ironsi. During the Nigerian civil war, Mohammed was the General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the Nigerian Army's 2nd Division. This division was responsible for beating back the Biafran Army from

the Mid-west region, as well as crossing the River Niger and linking up with the 1st Division, which was marching down from Nsukka and Enugu.

On July 29, 1975, Brigadier (later General) Mohammed became Head of State when General Gowon was overthrown while at an OAU summit in Kampala, Uganda. Shortly after, Murtala Moham-

med's policies gave him popular support. He became arguably Nigeria's most admired leader because of his decisiveness. Mohammad removed top federal and state officials to disconnect from the Gowon government and restore public confidence in the Federal Government. Murtala Mohammed was killed on February 13, 1976 in an abortive coup attempt led by Lt. Col Bukar Sukar Dimka. His car was ambushed in Ikoyi Lagos on his way to the office at Dodan Barracks, Lagos by coupists.

### General Sani Abacha

General Sani Abacha (September 1943 - June 1998) ruled Nigeria from 1993 to 1998. Abacha was commissioned in 1963 after attending the Mons Defence Officers cadet Training College in Aldershot, England. He had before then, attended the Nigerian Military Training College in Kaduna. When General Ibrahim Babangida became President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces in 1985, Abacha became the Chief of Army Staff. He later became the Minister of Defence in 1990.

Abacha took over power from the interim government of Chief Ernest Shonekan, who was installed by General Ibrahim Babangida after his annulment of the 12 June 1993 presidential election. General Abacha was said to have died of a heart attack in June 1998 while at the Presidential Villa in Abuja. He was 54 years old when he died. He was buried on the same day according to Islamic rites.

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SECRETARY to the Government of the Federation Mahmud Yayale Ahmed (right) with his predecessor Ambassador Babagana Kingibe at the State House, Abuja, yesterday.

# All the calculations have changed

By Mahmud Jega

NIGERIA'S wobbly political structure has 56 political parties, all of them indistinguishable with respect to any policy or program and often tied to the apron strings of regional groupings. The whole rickety edifice rests of a pedestal of several undemocratic, extra-constitutional "gentleman's agreements" that have now been upset by President Umaru Yar'adua's death.

The biggest political casualty of Wednesday night's sad event was geopolitical rotation of presidential power. A Southerner was president for 8 years and a Northerner is supposed to be the president for 8 years, but Malam Umaru Yar'adua fell sick after only 29 months in office and ultimately died. The gentleman's rotational agreements

being unknown to the Constitution, the Vice President had to step in to replace Yar'adua, a sudden power rotation back to the South.

Northerners would have been patient with this if, as the PDP announced, a Northerner will be selected as the party's candidate later this year to stand in the 2011 elections. However, the new president Dr. Goodluck Jonathan is set to upset this appellation with his barely concealed desire to grab the PDP's ticket for next year's polls, by foul means if necessary, including the forced removal of the party chairman through instigating a state agency, ICPC, to press criminal charges against him in court.

The unplanned shifting of the presidency has other consequences on the political terrain as well. The ruling PDP has zoned the Senate

President to the North Central zone, the House Speaker to the South West, the party chairman to the South East, the Secretary to the Government to the North East, etc.

Now, for one region (North or South) to get both President and Senate President, the No 1 and No 3 posts in the field, was a major departure from the zoning arrangement of the Second Republic. The new arrangement was forced by Obasanjo in 1999 who, after winning the presidential ticket, feared that his vanquished rival Dr. Alex Ekwueme could lead the Igbos to vote against PDP. He therefore convinced Northern leaders to agree to offer the Senate Presidency personally to Ekwueme, who rejected it for himself, but accepted it for the Igbos as a whole. During the Second Republic, when the North had the presidency, the

South had both Vice President and Senate President.

So when the presidency veered North in 2010, the Senate Presidency veered along with it and is now occupied by Mr. David Mark. With a Southerner now president once again, some Southern zone could demand Mark's chair. Not only Mark; Speaker Dimeji Bankole's chair may also have to veer North, as was the case in 1999-2007 when a Southern president held forth.

The most immediate political problem for Jonathan and the PDP is to appoint a Vice President. Jonathan is authorised by the constitution to nominate anyone he likes to the post, subject to Senate confirmation. Politically though, he must nominate a Northerner and most certainly a Muslim one as well.

But from which of the

three Northern zones? In 1999-2007, Atiku Abubakar from the North East was the vice president and openly campaigned to be president with the claim that the North West had marginalised the North East, both of them being predominantly Muslim notwithstanding. When Obasanjo decided to select a Northerner as his

successor in 2007, he chose Umaru Yar'adua from the North West, throwing overboard all of Atiku's arguments. Now, politicians from the North West are likely to insist that one of their own must replace the departed Umaru Yar'adua in the lesser role of vice president. But that argument may not necessarily wash.

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GENERAL Aliyu Gusau



MURTALA Yar'adua



DR. Muazu Babangida Aliyu



ALHAJI Sule Lamido

# Who will succeed 'Vice President' Jonathan?

By Suleiman M. Bisalla

EVER since indications emerged that Alhaji Umaru Yar'adua, then President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, may not make it back to the presidency in view of his critical health condition, many political big wigs from the north have been scheming to occupy the position of Vice President. Those who seemed to be in haste to see that a vacancy is created in the Vice President's wing of the State House, were known to have been covertly or overtly calling on the Federal Executive Council to invoke the provisions of section 144 of the Nigerian constitution to declare Yar'adua incapacitated for Jonathan to be sworn in as President. But death appeared to have done the work better and much easier for them when it knocked on the door of the former president two days ago.

However, much as many northern politicians wanted to be Vice President, a moral burden appeared to have reduced their scheming to the background. But even as they were hush-hush about their ambition, many names had been suggested in the media including state governors like Danjuma Goje of Gombe, Sule Lamido of Jigawa State and the Niger State governor Muazu Babangida Aliyu. Others who are thought to be wooing President Jonathan to consider them as he makes his

choice in the coming days are the Head of Service of the Federation Alhaji Yayale Ahmed and the National Security Adviser General Aliyu Gusau. Each of the above men is said to be scheming to outdo the other.

In the last few months when it became apparent that Dr. Jonathan might eventually mount the saddle, names like Nasiru el-Rufai, former Minister of the FCT and Nuhu Ribadu, former chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) also came up as possible contenders for the job of the Vice President. In fact reports also linked the return last week of El-Rufai from self exile to his quest

for the post. Though he is on his way to being arraigned before the court for corruption charges, the charges are likely to be dropped as in the case of Ribadu.

Few months ago, the G3, a pressure group within the PDP led by former Senate President Ken Nnamani and former Speaker of the House of Representatives Aminu Bello Masari had initiated a project towards the candidature of any of the two former henchmen of the Olusegun Obasanjo administration. Though Obasanjo is also said to be at home with the two men, Jonathan is believed to have been advised to have a second look at their likely effect on his political ambition. Though the two tech-

nocrats have been adjudged as achieves in some quarters, their political standing in the north is nothing to write home about.

At the moment, section 146 compels President Jonathan to nominate a Vice President and forward the nominee to the national assembly for confirmation. This, he will certainly do in consultation with top stakeholders within the PDP. Though the politicians appear to be mourning the departed president since Wednesday, feelers from the political space indicate that the aspirants are not leaving anything to chance as they play their cards.

Even before the demise of

Yar'adua, there had been several meetings in Kaduna and Abuja were the issue of the Vice Presidency was discussed. It was gathered that former President Obasanjo had met with some prominent northern elders over the issue. Also, his house in Otta is said to have become a Mecca of a sorts for some of his associates in the North who are counting on his perceived influence on the President.

But those considered as Obasanjo's protégés like El-Rufai, Governor Babangida Aliyu and Governor Lamido will have to contain with another protegee, Murtala Yar'adua, late President Umaru Yar'adua's nephew and presently the Minister of State for Defence, who is said to be discreetly lobbying for the post. Sources say the possibility of nominating Murtala has been high on Jonathan's agenda for two reasons. First is his desire to be seen to 'demonstrate his gratitude' to the Yar'adua family by choosing their son as his VP. But more importantly, those close to the powers that be said the President is more disposed to nominating a weakening that will not pose a threat to his 2011 ambition. For now, the issue is being kept close to the chase of the president, but political observers are of the view that he is likely to endorse a dark horse for the position bearing in mind his perceived ambition in 2011.

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# The race for 2011 presidency

By Suleiman M. Bisalla

IN spite of the problems that rocked the presidency since November 23, 2009 when former President Umaru Yar'adua departed to Saudi Arabia for treatment, the political space has been charging with events aiming at the presidential election next year. More than anything, the clear signal that Yar'adua could not have run for a second term even if his life had been spared to the end of his first tenure prompted many presidential aspirants within the ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to revive their ambition for the plum job.

Though not many have so far made public declaration of their aspiration for the presidency, a retinue of aspirants, especially those who lost out to Yar'adua in the primary election of the PDP in 2007 are known to be bracing up for the contest in 2011. Only recently, General Ibrahim Babangida, former military leader and one of the aspirants who fell to Obasanjo's political onslaught in 2007 seven declared that he would put up for the presidency. Others who are thought to be nursing presidential ambition, especially from the north include former Vice President Atiku Abubakar who rejoined the PDP recently, Professor Jerry Gana, Governor Danjuma Goje, Governor Bukola Saraki and National Security Adviser General Aliyu Gusau.

Yar'adua, from the northern state of Katsina, became presidential candidate of the PDP in 2007 by virtue of the zoning arrangement in the PDP which allows for rotation of the office of the president between the north and the south. But this political arithmetic now appears to be in great danger of being sustained with the death of Umaru Yar'adua. This is even as the national chairman of the PDP Prince Vincent Ogbulafor publicly said the party would respect the zoning arrangement so that the presidency remains in the north until 2015.

The question, however, is whether President Jonathan, with all the powers vested on the Nigerian President, and the sweeping powers he has to do and undo events in the party will simply agree to leave the presidency next year. He is already said to be bracing up for the race. Political observers have pointed accusing fingers at Jonathan for the current travails of the national chairman of the PDP Prince Ogbulafor who is battling with corruption allegations that may eventually push him out of office. Some reports insinuated that Jonathan, then Acting President, wanted to actually replace Ogbulafor with former Secretary of the party Chief Ben Eze in order to have a smooth way in the party's primaries.

Also, the attempt to remove the Speaker of the House of Representatives Dimeji Bankole recently had been linked to subterranean



PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan



IBRAHIM Babangida



ALIYU GUSAU



MUHAMMADU Buhari

moves from the presidency calculated to soften the road to 2011 for the president. Now Jonathan is president and many believe since the fear of the return of Yar'adua to power has been finally put to rest, he will certainly go all out for the presidential project.

But how far will he go in the project? Apart from the support from his mentor former president Obasanjo who himself has lost steam in the political space, many observers say the President will have to do a lot of work to realise his ambition. First he has the northern political establishment to contain with in respect of the

zoning arrangement on ground as well as insinuations that former President Obasanjo deliberately picked Umaru Yar'adua whom he knew to be very sick so that he would die along the way like it has happened.

Secondly, the bulk of Jonathan's problems may also come from his geo political zone, the South South, where top politicians having an eye on the presidency since 2007 do not appear to be comfortable with his project given the fact that if he [Jonathan] wins 2011, they may have to wait for him to serve two terms of eight years and another two terms of eight years

for a northern president in the arrangement of the PDP.

Politicians in the south east are also said to be thinking in the same line. At the moment, the president is said to be at loggerheads with many top politicians south south region including his state governor Timipre Silver. Former governor of Delta State James Ibori recent proceeded on exile to a yet to be known country and his supporters believe that President Jonathan is behind his fresh travails.

More serious, perhaps, is the battle to fight with the opposition in the event that he

[Jonathan] foists himself on the party.

Though the effort to put up a common front to fight the PDP suffered a lot of setback, the opposition politicians still believe they could take advantage of the emerging crisis in the PDP. Elsewhere out of the PDP, strong candidates like General Muhammadu Buhari of the CPC, Governor Ibrahim Shekarau of the ANPP and many others are currently pooling resources together ahead of 2011 and will certainly cash in on the emerging problem of the PDP.

Umaru Musa Yar'adua, 1951-2010

# Obasanjo: A mission fulfilled?



THE late President Umaru Yar'adua's remains being escorted into a Hercules military transport plane at Nnamdi Azikiwe Airport, Abuja yesterday.

By Habeeb I. Pindiga

WITH yesterday's swearing in of Dr. Goodluck Jonathan as President after the death of Alhaji Umaru Yar'adua, many people would be asking: is this mission accomplished for former president Olusegun Obasanjo?

CONSIDER this: Late in 2006, Obasanjo drafted Yar'adua into the presidential race with a southerner as vice president, knowing very well that Alhaji Umaru was too ill to govern for four years, let

dential campaigns, the rumour mill had it that Obasanjo first checked the medical records of Alhaji Umaru and one other frail-looking northern governor, and decided to pick on Yar'adua because the former Katsina governor was sicker and would not live to do his tenure. OBJ, according to critics, was not really interested in honouring the PDP's rotational presidency policy, which would give the North the chance to produce a president for the next eight years.

**Obasanjo was trying to install a supine, sickly person as his successor so that the new president would not be able to match the vigour with which OBJ governed**

alone to seek for a second term. The game plan was that Yar'adua would ultimately cave in to health challenges and leave the presidential seat for Jonathan, a southerner.

This has been a popular thinking, especially in the North.

During the 2006-2007 presi-

Some of the suggested motives for choosing Yar'adua, were milder, but still wicked. One went on like this: Obasanjo was trying to install a supine, sickly person as his successor so that the new president would not be able to match the vigour with which OBJ governed, and also would not

be strong enough to unravel the former president's shady legacies.

Yet, Obasanjo waxed his ears from all the accusations and went ahead to ensure Umaru became president.

After he assumed office on May 29, 2007, Yar'adua's low-level of presidential activity indicated that all was not well with him. Within the first three months in office, he went to Germany for a medical checkup. Then in August 2008, he went on a medical trip to Saudi Arabia, which was officially said to be a trip for lesser pilgrimage.

Yar'adua health kept deteriorating so that he became remarkably emaciated and participated in less and less public events outside the villa. Nearly two-and-a-half years after he took over power, on November 23 last year, he slumped out of public glare. He travelled for medical treatment overseas and sneaked back into the country exactly two months after, but was never to be seen again.

While Yar'adua faltered between poor health and not-so-good health, Obasanjo never said

a word publicly in reaction to the accusations against him until early this year.

In at least two public occasions since January, Obasanjo dismissed all the accusations of staging this. Just last week he told the Voice of American radio that when he drafted Umaru into the presidential race, he had examined his medical records and found that "he had a clean bill of report."

Earlier, Obasanjo, while responding to a question at the Trust Annual Dialogue in Abuja on whether he chose Yar'adua as his successor out of wickedness, said, "I think (this) is the height of insult." He took time to explain the circumstances and the criteria for choosing Yar'adua: "I was looking for somebody who will succeed me who has three important qualities. One, he has enough intellectual capacity to run the affairs of Nigeria.

Two, he has sufficient personal integrity to run the affairs of Nigeria. Three, he is sufficiently broad minded in knowledge, politically, religiously, socially, whatever to manage the affairs of

Nigeria...

"I know he had kidney problem and was under dialysis... I asked experts, who then told me that if you were under dialysis or you are on dialysis and you are no longer on dialysis, it means you have had a successful kidney transplant and that you can live for as long as God may wish you to live. Now, who am I and who are you not to accept that?"

Obasanjo concluded thus: "the fact is that nobody picked Yar'adua so that he will not perform. If I did that God will punish me."

Now that Alhaji Umaru is dead before completing his first tenure, many people would be on the lookout for God's punishment for OBJ—despite his denials.

Meanwhile, as condolences pour in over the death of the late president, Obasanjo yesterday while on his way to Beijing, China, said: "I received the news of Yar'adua's death with heartfelt sorrow."

Many people are bound to ask: Why, then, did OBJ in the first place foist a sick president on the country?

# FG finally withdraws case against Ribadu

By Atika Balal

THE Code of Conduct Tribunal (CCT) in Abuja has struck out a case of non declaration of assets instituted against former Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) Nuhu Ribadu.

Acting Chairman of the tribunal Murtala Sani (SAN) struck out the case yesterday at a sitting witnessed by Ribadu's coun-

sel Femi Falana, former FCT Minister Nasir el-Rufai and other associates of the former EFCC chairman.

Former Attorney General of the Federation (AGF) Michael Aondoakaa had filed the case against Ribadu at the tribunal for allegedly not declaring his assets, but the immediate past AGF Adetokumbo Kayode (SAN) ordered withdrawal of the case.

Counsel to Ribadu, Femi Falana, had tendered before the tribunal the asset dec-

laration forms submitted by Ribadu to the Code of Conduct Bureau on his assumption of duty in March 2003 and his exit from office in December 2008.

While striking out the case, Chairman of the tribunal Murtala Sani (SAN) also discharged the bench warrant earlier issued for Ribadu in November for not appearing before the tribunal.

He said the AGF has powers under Section 174 of the constitution to discontinue any liti-

gation relating to a federal offense at any time before judgment.

Speaking to newsmen, Falana said the withdrawal of the case was not a favor to his client as they had already tendered the assets declaration form submitted by Ribadu to the CCB and the tribunal in turn accepted same.

When asked if Ribadu will return now that the case has been struck out, Falana said the court case was never a reason for his client's absence from the country.



## Minister: W/Bank loan not sign of bankruptcy

By Mohammed S. Shehu

THE N1 billion loan recent obtained from the World Bank to finance an expected deficit in the 2010 budget was not an indication that Nigeria is bankrupt, Finance Minister Olusegun Aganga has said.

He said nothing will make Nigeria go bankrupt noting that the loan, which he described as "irregular" was obtained under concessionary terms with insignificant interest and, therefore, no cause for worry.

The loan has an interest

as low as 0.75 with a payment of between 30-40 years and a grace period (moratorium) of 10 years. Every nation would go for such a facility.

Aganga had told newsmen few weeks ago that the Federal Government intended to fund the expected budget deficit of about N1.53 trillion by selling government's assets and domestic borrowing.

Aganga who briefed newsmen along with Information Minister Dora Akunyili shortly after yesterday's weekly Federal Executive

Council (FEC) meeting at the Presidential Villa, Abuja, said the loan was interest free.

He said the loan is being guaranteed by the Federal Government on behalf of 13 states to meet up developmental challenges since the states cannot enter into an external engagement on their own.

"Nigeria is not broke to have borrowed the money because even developed countries like China, Britain, US also struggle to get the money which is almost interest free," he said.

## El-Rufai: Relationship with Jonathan won't affect my case

By Muideen Olaniyi

FORMER FCT Minister Mallam Nasir el-Rufai said Nigeria needs a new direction, a new political platform and new faces in politics and governance.

El-Rufai, who returned to Nigeria on Saturday after spending 23 months in exile, said Nigerians must end the rule of the class of 1966 who terminated the first republic.

Speaking at the formal launching of a charter packaged by Save Nigeria Group (SNG) for political class, el-Rufai said the constitutional crisis created by the health challenge of Presi-

dent Umaru Musa Yar'adua would have continued if not for the intervention of SNG.

He said he arrived at the venue of the meeting late because he had to witness the case between the federal government and his friend Nuhu Ribadu. "I felt very, very happy because the case against Nuhu Ribadu which was a fictitious case in the first place was withdrawn."

When asked to confirm if his relationship with Acting President Goodluck Jonathan would influence his case with EFCC, he replied: "That is nonsense. That is not how the system works. The legal system works in a different way"

## FCTA gets new secretaries

By Nasir Imam

THE Federal Capital Territory Executive Committee has been reconstituted with eight new secretaries appointed to oversee the affairs of the eight (8) mandate secretariats of the FCT.

The new secretaries are: Olusegun Awolowo Esq, Area Councils Secretariat; Mr. Hamza Adamu Buwai, Agriculture and Rural Development Secretariat; Mr. Hussaini Halilu Pai, Education Secretariat; and Mrs. Blessing

Onyeché Onuh, Social Development Secretariat.

Others are: Engr. Ivoke Jonathan Achara, Transportation Secretariat; Dr. (Mrs.) Precious K. Gbeneol, Health and Human Services; Mr. Maaji Mohammed Alkali, Legal Services Secretariat and Arc. Fatima Bintu Shettima, Coordinator, Abuja Municipal Management Council.

FCT Minister Senator Bala Muhammad dissolved the executive council last week.

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**President, Umaru Musa Yar'adua**

Our deepest sympathies go to you, Hajia Turai Yar'adua and your entire family on the demise of your dear husband, our President.

We remember with deep affection the uncommon elements that defined his remarkable life - integrity, courage, service, humility, justice...

Today, our hearts are heavy and it is difficult to see beyond the grief. We share in your pains and pray for the comfort of Allah at this most difficult time.

As you comprehend this profound loss, may every tear be a note of love rising to the heavens in fond memory of a great man, who gave up a great life to build a great nation.

Your Excellency, be strong and be comforted.

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**SENATOR BALA A. MOHAMMED**  
Hon. Minister of Federal Capital Territory  
6<sup>th</sup> May, 2010.

**W**ith total submission to the will of Allah (SWT), I, Senator Bala A. Mohammed on behalf of my family, the Federal Capital Territory Administration and the good people of FCT, express our heartfelt condolences to the President and the Commander-in-Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, former First Lady, Hajia Turai Umaru Yar'Adua, the Yar'Adua family, the people of Katsina State and indeed all Nigerians on the untimely transition of His Excellency, President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua.

It was with great shock and deep sorrow that we received the sad news of the big national loss. Nigeria, Africa and the whole world will greatly miss the qualitative contributions and sterling leadership qualities of President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua. The people of FCT with whom he lived and worked for nearly three years while presiding over the affairs of our beloved nation, Nigeria, will particularly miss him. As the entire nation and the world mourn this illustrious citizen and leader, I implore his family to take solace in the fact that he lived a good life worthy of emulation and left behind enduring legacies. Let us all bear in mind that Allah gives and Allah takes. President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua was a nationalist, a committed apostle of rule of law and a lover of peace. His name shall surely be written in gold in the history of our great country and her quest for democratic evolution.

May Almighty Allah grant his gentle soul eternal rest. Amen.

# Umaru Musa Yar'adua, 1951-2010

## Yar'adua family mourns



FIRST Lady Patience Jonathan (left) with former First Lady Turai Yar'adua at the Presidential Villa, Abuja, yesterday.



CHILDREN of late President Musa Yar'adua at the Presidential Villa, Abuja, yesterday.

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SOME members of the late President Yar'adua family in mourning at the Villa.



RELATIVES of the late President Yar'adua at the Nnamdi Azikiwe Airport, Abuja, yesterday.

PIC: AFOLABI SOTUNDE

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A pick-up truck moving from the Villa with some personal effects.



ANOTHER bus load of personal items being driven out of the Villa, Abuja, yesterday.

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## At the gate of the Villa

MAY his soul rest in perfect peace. He is the only politician who believed in the future of Nigeria. May almighty Allah grant him Al-jannah firdaus. Amen.

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## Umaru Musa Yar'adua, 1951-2010: The life of a president

MAY Allah (SWT) grant his soul eternal rest. President Umaru Musa Yar'adua has indeed contributed his quota towards the development of this country and most importantly towards the restoration of peace in the restive Niger Delta region.

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May his soul rest in a perfect resting place.

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## Now that Jonathan is president

MAY the soul of the late Umaru Musa Yar'adua rest in perfect peace. May Allah grant him Al-jannah Firdausi. May the new President continue with the legacies left by his predecessor. God bless Nigeria and Nigerians.

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To the late president, may his gentle nature and departed soul rest in peace. To the substantive president, may the good Lord inspire you and give you direction. Rely on God and not man.

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PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan

# President Yar'adua is dead



THE late President Umar Yar'adua

THE Brigade of Guards was transferred to Jaji and immediately after, the sick President died. Is this a coincidence?

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President Yar'adua had gentlemanly trait that Nigerians adored but was robbed by his greedy kitchen cabinet during his illness. Despite this, Nigerians were ready to give him all the time politics has allotted to him no matter what. Unfortunately, he has to answer a call from his creator. The man who feels this loss most is his former deputy and Acting President until this morning, Goodluck Jonathan, who in all measures had no grudge with his boss but was separated from him by the distrust that characterizes timid elementary politics in Aso Rock, Abuja.

There was no exchange of welcome back or goodbye between the two men who had ruled Africa's most populous country, Nigeria, together. President Umaru Yar'adua, may your soul rest in peace. Amen

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May almighty Allah forgive all his mistakes and give us a leader that will lead our country to a greater level regardless of his ethnicity or region. All we need is one who will lead us to a higher level. Amen.

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Inalil lahi wa inalil laihi rajaun. May his soul rest in peace and may Almighty Allah grant his soul eternal rest. Nigerians what next because this soap opera is becoming

more interesting since the lead actor has died!

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May Allah forgive his shortcomings, brighten his grave and lighten the burden for him.

This is a lesson for all of us especially those power hungry individuals parading themselves as leaders. The life of this world is temporary and we shall surely leave it someday and we must be held accountable for all our deeds. We are all shepherds and no single action or inaction will be left unaccounted for.

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"No soul will know what will happen tomorrow and no soul will know where it will die". Surely one day we must account for whatever we have done before the God Almighty whether one believes or not. May Allah forgive our beloved President and grant him Firdaus. Amin.

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In Yar'adua's death let us see lessons of how mortal we are, of how uncertain of when the hour cometh...of the chance our politicians have to start to respect the constitution...of how indivisible we are as a nation even if tribes and tongue differ...of how Nigeria as a country will move on irrespective of whoever dies. Yes, lessons and then we can begin to act rightly.

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Sincerely speaking, death is inevitable. Nobody ever wanted

him to die, at least not now, but we should all be praying for him so that others will pray for us after our demise. May he rest in peace.

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nna lillahi Wa Inna Ilaihi Rajiun.

May Allah (SWA) forgive his sins and may his gentle soul rest in perfect peace. May Allah reward him with Jannatul Firdaus. For those that are happy, they should not be happy because no living soul has come to stay in this world. May our great country remain in peace and harmony.

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The Holy Qur'an Says: "All souls shall taste Death". Despite the political rancor that has bedevilled the country over the last six months, one thing that all critics can't contest is the fact that Yar'adua will be remembered as a patriotic, selfless, incorruptible and humble leader...the best Nigeria ever had. He has achieved where his detractors have failed, peace in the Niger Delta among other numerous achievements. May Allah forgive him, accept his good deeds and honor him with firdaus (the most elevated abode of the Paradise). Amin!

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I join the family of late Umaru Musa Yar'adua, my brother, father and my leader, who died after a long and protracted illness. May his gentle soul rest in peace. Although it is hard to say goodbye to a transparent and dedicated leader and a teacher par

excellence like him, all the same until we meet again, good bye my brother.

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Inna Lillahi wa inna ilaihir-rajiun From God we come and to him we return. I was deeply shocked when I heard the news of the death of President Umaru Musa Yar'adua, the civilian governor of Katsina State from 1999 to 2007 and President and Commander-in-Chief from 2007 till yesterday. May his soul rest in perfect peace and may he be granted a good place in Jannatul Firdausi ameen. May Allah give fortitude to his family, friends, political associates and the entire peoples of Nigeria to bear this great loss. Ameen

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"Everyone that is thereon will pass away; there remaineth but the countenance of thy Lord of might and glory" Q55:26-27. May Almighty Allah count our late President Umar Musa Yar'adua among the righteous and grant him Al-jannah firdaus.

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We knew him as a very responsible man and may his soul rest in perfect peace. We needed him alive to fight justice for us.

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May your gentle soul rest in perfect peace. You truly demonstrated good leadership during your reign. Rest in perfect peace.

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...My condolences. I will use this opportunity to remind all Muslims that it is true that he is absent in the body, but the absence is to be present with Allah. I'm assuring you that he is in a far better place insha Allah. May Allah give all Muslims the fortitude to bear the loss.

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He was a very humble and decent person who brought these qualities to the Presidency. In government, as long as he was healthy, he always tried his best to do the right thing for all Nigerians and for Nigeria. May his soul rest in peace and may God welcome him into His bosom and count him among the righteous on That Day.

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May the Soul of our dear former President, Umaru Musa Yar'adua rest in perfect peace, amen.

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## Umaru Musa Yar'adua, 1951-2010

## Tributes



LATE President Umaru Yar'adua with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown

**U.S. President Barack Obama:** "We remember and honor President Yar'adua's profound personal decency and integrity, his deep commitment to public service, and his passionate belief in the vast potential and bright future of Nigeria's 150 million people. President Yar'adua worked to promote peace and stability in Africa through his support of Nigerian peacekeeping efforts as well as his strong criticism of undemocratic actions in the region. Under President Yar'adua's leadership, Nigeria and the United States took steps to deepen the strong bilateral relationship between our two nations and that work has continued even in recent months when President Yar'adua's illness forced him to step back from his governing duties."

**Russian President Dmitry Medvedev:** "I knew President Yar'adua as a great friend of Russia, a staunch supporter of cooperation between our nations, who did his best for broadening and deepening the Nigerian-Russian ties. In this trying moment, on behalf of the people of Russia and of myself, I would like to express our support, sincere sympathy and condolence to Your Excellency, the family of the President Yar'adua and to the people of friendly Nigeria."

**British Prime Minister Gordon Brown:** "On behalf of the people of the UK, I wish to extend my deepest sympathy to the Yar'adua family and the people of

Nigeria on the death of President Umaru Musa Yar'adua. He served his country with great dedication, decency and integrity. I was impressed by his willingness to tackle poverty, promote democracy, resolve conflict and defend the rule of law. He leaves a legacy of a peace initiative in the Niger Delta, and vital progress on economic reform."

**United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon:** "Mr Yar'adua's death is a great loss for Nigeria and its people. He will be remembered, among other things, for his efforts to bring peace and stability to the Niger Delta region and for his commitment to democratic governance and electoral reforms."

**France:** "We express our deepest condolences to the family of President Umaru Musa Yar'adua and to the Nigerian people at the occasion of this cruel mourning and fully shares the pain it has caused. France underlines with emphasis the work of the demised President in his quest for Peace, especially through the amnesty program targeting the militants in the Niger Delta."

**President Jacob Zuma of South Africa:** "It is South Africa's wish that the leadership of Nigeria will do everything in its power to ensure that this African country forges ahead with the vision of President Yar'adua to make Africa and the world a better place to live in."

**Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki:** "Although Yar'adua has

sadly left us, he has bequeathed upon the people of Nigeria and Africa at large a rich legacy of integrity."

**Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete:** "It's very sad, it's tragic, he is so young, he died too early. We join the people of Nigeria in mourning his death. Nigeria is strong enough, they will weather the storm."

**Zimbabwean Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai:** "It's a great loss for Nigeria at this time, he has been ill for some time and it's unfortunate that this is what has happened, I hope it provides the stability for the country to move forward."

**European Union (EU):** "Former President Umaru Musa Yar'adua made a great contribution to the political and democratic life of the nation, and the stability of the region. He leaves an enduring legacy which stands as an inspiration to his fellow citizens and the wider world."

**Israeli Embassy in Nigeria:** "Late Yar'adua was a great leader who meant well for this country by championing among them the rule of law principle which formed part of his vision for the attainment of the Seven Point Agenda of his administration."

**Senate President David Mark:** "The nation has lost an honest leader that meant well for all Nigerians. His record of prudence and administrative excellence, both as a governor and President, will remain evergreen

in our memories. Yar'adua was a selfless and committed nationalist who lived an exemplary life that is worthy of emulation. He was a rare kind, a patriot and a detribalised leader who was faithful to Nigeria and Nigerians."

**Speaker House of Reps Dimeji Bankole:** "Major landmarks that the nation would remember the late president for include the 7-point agenda, the amnesty programme for the Nigeria Delta militants that saw thousands of militants laying down their arms, the ongoing electoral reform and the cordial relation he maintained with the legislative arm of government in the interest of the nation."

**Deputy Senate President Ike Ekweremadu:** "Yar'adua's greatest strength lies in his love for peace in Nigeria and Africa. As President he chose dialogue and peace and worked to resolve the lingering crisis in the Niger Delta region, the same way he chose peaceful method in resolving other political crises that have erupted in parts of the West African sub region."

**Deputy Speaker House of Reps Usman Bawo Nafada:** "The late president instilled discipline and openness in governance and expressed hope that his virtues will outlive him and serve as a source of inspiration to future generations."

**Former Vice President Atiku Abubakar:** "The death of President Umaru Musa Yar'adua was a sad

and painful loss of a dear brother and patriot. The nation has lost a decent, humble and brilliant leader whose contributions to the development of Nigeria will be remembered by generations to come."

**Former President Olusegun Obasanjo:** "I received the news of Yar'adua's death with heartfelt sorrow. Our prayer is that God grants him repose and condole his family."

**Former military President Gen. Ibrahim Babangida:** "Yar'adua was great in death, just as he was graceful in his life time. It is pathetic and utterly painful; every death brings with it tears and pain and sorrow of grief and discomfiture. We salute his courage. May the Almighty Allah give the family and the nation the strength of mind and of heart to bear this sorrowful end."

**Information Minister Prof. Dora Akunyili:** "To me, he has left us behind to continue from where he stopped and we are going to work hard to make sure we don't let him down."

**FCT Minister Senator Bala Mohammed:** "Late President Umaru Yar'adua was a nationalist, a committed apostle of rule of law and a lover of peace. The entire nation and the world mourn this illustrious citizen and leader."

**Remi Babalola, Minister of State for Finance:** "It is a huge loss to everyone. President Yar'adua displayed unusual simplicity and uncommon humility with sincerity of purpose. He was exemplary."

## Umaru Musa Yar'adua, 1951-2010

# Tributes

**BAUCHI State Governor Isa Yuguda:** Former President Umaru Yar'adua's death is a great loss to Nigeria, the black race and the entire world.

**Former EFCC Chairman Nuhu Ribadu:** "I join all compatriots in offering prayers to the nation and the family of President Yar'adua; that Almighty Allah grant him eternal repose, and give his family and the nation the strength to bear this great loss. This can also be a significant message in this loss, which can provide us the opportunity of a needful national healing. If we use the opportunity of this passage to dedicate ourselves to the most challenging priorities of the moment: sincere electoral reform as well as a true national economic, political, and ethical rebirth, the president's stint in office, and his vision for a better nation would not be in vain.

**Yobe State Gov Ibrahim Gaidam:** His tenure as president was marked by a sense of renewal to national rebirth and development. Yar'adua did a lot to ensure peace especially in the Niger Delta. We mourn his passage and pray Almighty Allah to grant him eternal rest.

**Governor Ikedi Ohakim of Imo State:** Yar'adua's death is a calamity to the nation. He was a gentle, transparent and honest politician. The country has indeed lost a gem.

**Alhaji Balarabe Musa, second republic Governor of Kaduna State:** I commiserate with the nation, family and friends of the late president. Nigerians should learn from his death.

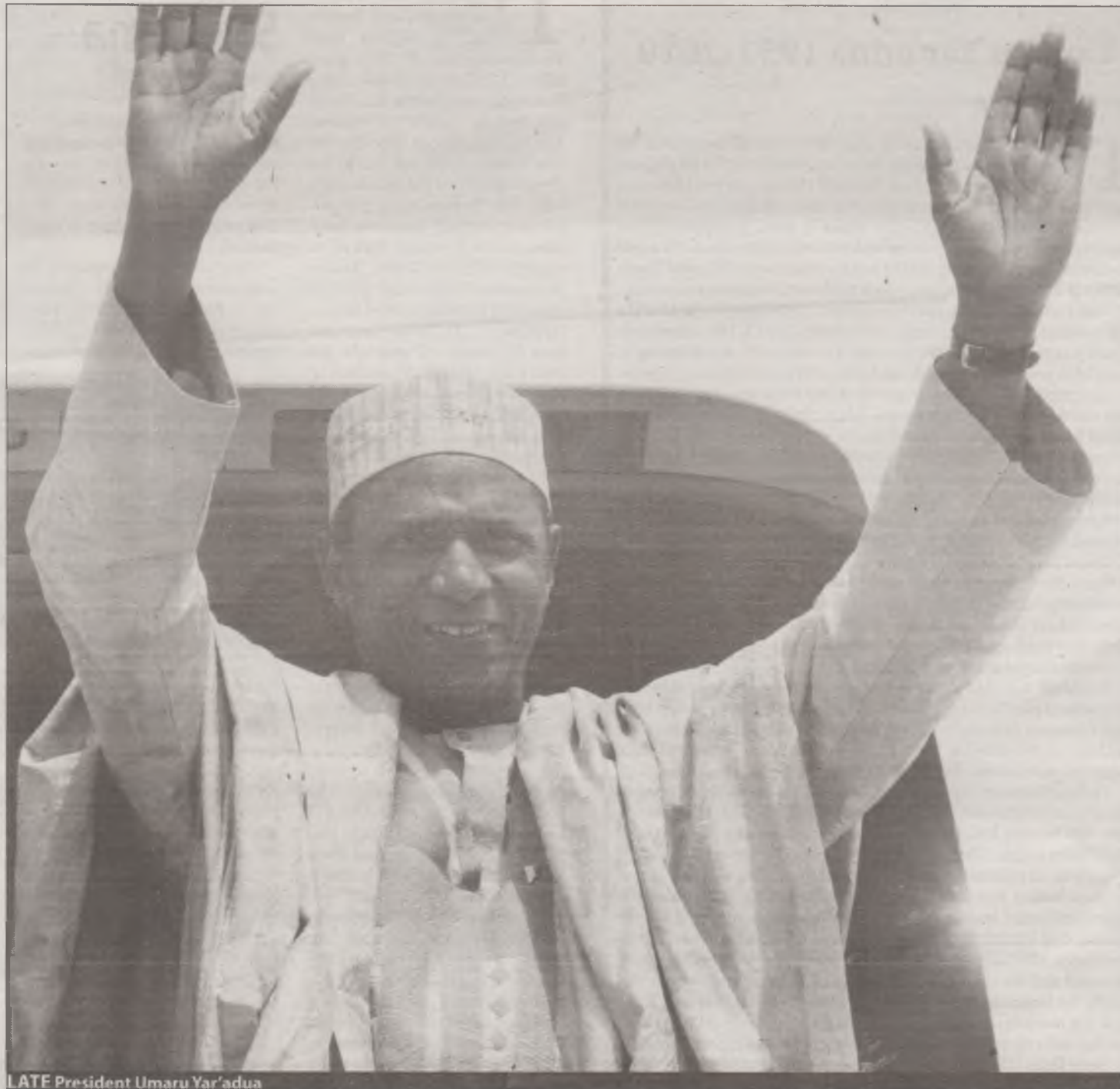
**Former Govs. Ahmed Bola Tinubu & Bisi Akande:** Late President Yar'adua tried his best for his country despite his serious health challenges and the difficult political setting in which he ruled. He loved Nigeria dearly and was passionately committed to doing his best for Nigerians.

**Former Deputy Senate President, Albert Legogie:** "President Umaru Musa Yar'adua was a patriotic and committed true servant of the people who believed strongly in peace and equity as key panacea for national development. Nigeria has lost a great motivator, a humane and patriotic leader."

**Ekiti State Governor Segun Oni:** Yar'adua's anti-corruption posture, respect for the rule of law, his firm commitment to transparency, humility and passionate commitment to the overall development of the country cannot be relegated to the background. He was a leader among leaders.

**Lagos State Governor Babatunde Fashola:** Late President Umar Yar'adua had passion for this country. He had an immense capacity to endure pain with dignity. He fought a stoic battle against ill-health.

**Chairman House Committee on Diaspora Rep. Abike Dabiri-Erewa:** "He was a sincere



LATE President Umaru Yar'adua

person, he shows sincerity in his leadership, he was not corrupt, he was God fearing but he could only do what he did within the limit of the capacity of his health I just wish that he lived to have accomplished his visions for the country."

**Senate Majority Leader Teslim Folarin:** "Yar'adua was an unusual enigma in Nigerian politics. He had a vision for a new Nigeria when he assumed the Presidency in 2007. He was also an uncommon Nigerian because he was a gentleman who accommodated all ideas on how to move the nation forward."

**Ondo State Governor Olusegun Mimiko:** I received with shock the passing away of our dear president and I commiserate with his immediate family and the entire people of Nigeria. Yar'adua was an apostle of democracy.

**Ogun State Governor Gbenga Daniel:** President Yar'adua was a humane and patriotic leader who in spite of the challenges of his health worked assiduously for the growth and development of Nigeria.

**Kogi State Governor Ibra-**

**him Idris:** Money and prayers would have saved President Umaru Musa Yar'adua if death was not inevitable. Nigerians have lost a leader who meant well for the country.

**Plateau State Governor David Jang:** Yar'adua will be remembered for his patriotism, humility, prudence and credibility in the conduct of government business. His commitment to the rule of law, Vision 2020-20, Niger-Delta amnesty and electoral reforms were all aimed at giving Nigeria a new lease of life.

**Former Minister Prof Jerry Gana:** "It is a very sad day for Nigeria but we accept the will of God. Following the constitution, a new president has just been sworn in; we pray that the Lord will give him wisdom, strength to continue with the good work started by former president Yar'adua. I will also take this opportunity to pray for the family that the good Lord will comfort them and the nation."

**Governor Danbaba Suntai of Taraba:** The late president was a servant-leader who provided selfless service to Nigeria. He will certainly be remembered

as a visionary leader of immense credibility whose approach to the rule of law remains legendary.

**Rivers State Governor Chibuike Amaechi:** Late President Umaru Musa Yar'adua was a friend of the Niger Delta region, especially Rivers State.

He made deliberate choices to change the situation in the region against all odds. His commitment to the amnesty programme will never be forgotten.

**Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS):** "During President Umaru Musa Yar'adua tenure as Chairman of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS between 2009 and 2010, he was very active in spearheading regional efforts towards ensuring that the goals of regional integration, in particular, peace and security, were achieved."

**Edo State Gov Adams Oshiohale:** We have lost a statesman with a deep sense of commitment to a more united and progressive Nigeria. In confronting the key challenges of the nation, he demonstrated great statesmanship, which helped to re-focus the nation. Yar'adua

brought stability to the polity by charting the cause for the defence of the rule of law.

**Attah Igala Alhaji Aliyu Obaie:** Looking back, I remember with nostalgia his late father's friendship candour, forthrightness in dealing with issues that conferred respect and honour on fellow human beings. No doubt, our late president imbibed these qualities and attributes in the course of his life and service to the good people of Nigeria.

**Kebbi State government:** Alhaji Umar Yar'adua was a true lover of Nigeria. He devoted his energies to restoring peace in the Niger Delta and entrenching the rule of Law, due process, transparency and accountability in the management of the affairs of the country.

**Osun State Gov Olagunsoye Ovinlola:** He was transparently natural and gave a new definition to the nation's polity as witnessed in the reforms and the rule of law.

**Kwara State Gov Bukola Saraki:** He gave the nation's polity an enhanced definition. No doubt, late President Yar'adua will be greatly missed by all.

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### Umaru Yar'adua 1951-2010

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The challenges are daunting even for the healthiest of men yet the late President bore his duties and frail health with dignity. Acknowledging that even his own election as president was through a process that was flawed, Yar'adua pledged to introduce reforms in the electoral system to make it more transparent as to inspire confidence in the process and outcome of elections. He made a brave attempt by setting up the Justice Muhammadu Lawal Uwais Electoral Reform Committee, which made wide-ranging recommendations, including changes in the process of appointing the head of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC). The committee's report is currently before the National Assembly, which is debating it, along with proposed amendments to the 1999 constitution of Nigeria.

Systematically, Yar'adua began to stamp his authority, beginning with election cases. Because he was able to create the environment for rule of law to prevail, unexpected upsets in the gubernatorial make up of some states were recorded. In both Ondo and Edo states, where members of Yar'adua's own ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) were governors, election petition tribunal's verdict upturning their elections were respected and opposition candidates in the 2007 elections, were declared winners by the tribunal and sworn in as governors.

Under his presidency, extensive banking reforms were introduced. In these reforms, spearheaded by the Central Bank of Nigeria, the rot in the industry became apparent. Big and powerful names in the industry found to have abused customer confidence and misused depositors' funds were axed; most of them are today being prosecuted for their role in various alleged scams of the industry.

President Yar'adua took a bold step in approving a long-standing government plan to dredge the River Niger. A significant project with huge economic potentials for the country, the plan to expand the river had been on the drawing boards of successive administrations since independence, but no concrete steps were taken to advance it forward.

Perhaps the most important legacy that Yar'adua would be remembered by is his painstaking, dogged effort, despite numerous provocative acts to sway him from his course, to bring peace to the restive Niger Delta region. His dramatic announcement offering government amnesty to all militants who surrendered their arms and renounced violence looked like straw-grabbing. Indeed, with so many of the region's militants' leaders talking at cross-purposes, it looked like the amnesty deal was in danger of unravelling even before the amnesty window closed. Mercifully, it has held. As a result, Nigeria's oil exports have increased and the country currently attains the output quota allotted to it by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

It is a mark of the success of that programme that various groups that formally operated under the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND), have issued statements expressing their regret at Yar'adua's demise and condolences to the government and members of Yar'adua's family.

There were also disappointments. While the administration was emphasising the rule of law, and no sacred cows in punishing those found to be corrupt, several members of his government were in fact involved in shady deals and evaded prosecution because of their perceived closeness to his presidency.

The failure of his administration to deliver on a pledge to increase the electricity generation to 6000mw was particularly disappointing. After he promised to declare a state of emergency in the power sector during his presidential electioneering campaigns, the 6000mw pledge by the end of December 2009 was perhaps one of the most eagerly awaited developments by virtually every segment of the Nigerian society. In the end, it was his deputy, the Vice President Goodluck Jonathan, who had to apologise to Nigerians for the failure to deliver on that. That was because the previous month, November 2009, Yar'adua was suddenly flown to Saudi Arabia. Officials later announced that he suffered from acute pericarditis, a heart condition. He was never seen in public until his death on Wednesday.

He won the presidential election in 2007 and died about 3 weeks to the Third anniversary of his Presidency. It may well be that history may consider the late President as one of those leaders who in spite of limiting circumstances did their best for their countries. For now we can only pray for the repose of his soul.

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## What next after Yar'adua's exit?

Finally, it has come to pass. Umaru Musa Yar'adua, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria until Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2010 is no more. Death, the inevitable visitor lurking in every home, has finally snatched the President of Nigeria's 150 million people. The Qur'an, that luminous eternal book, has already prepared the minds of the believers: "...Everything will perish save His Face. His is the Decision, and to Him you shall all be returned" (Qur'an 28:88). "And no person can ever die except by Allah's leave and at an appointed term..." (Qur'an 3: 145). "Wheresoever you may be, death will overtake you even if you are in fortresses built up strong and high!"... (Qur'an 4:78).

Yet, it is only expected that, as humans, we are bound to receive the death of the nation's President with extreme shock and anguish. This is particularly so because all through the late President's ill-health, irresponsible politicians from both sides of the divide (the so-called pro-Yar'adua and pro-Jonathan camps) were playing dirty politics with his agony. Those of us outside the polished and slippery corridors of power watched with disgust the brazen manner in which both sides struggled for the control of political power, even as he was going through dire pains that needed care and support from all and sundry. Now that he is dead, I hope that both sides will be responsible enough not to play politics with his grave, and allow him to rest in peace with his Lord.

While the late President was recuperating from the ailment that finally led to his death, his so-called supporters were behaving and acting as if all that matters in life was the control of political power and the ephemeral glitter that goes with it. From November 2009 when he was flown to Saudi Arabia for treatment until his death on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2010, this group was always evasive on the condition of the late President. Every piece of information about his health that could help the nation was either distorted or concealed. The ultimate objective was to keep the balance of political power in its favour as long as possible...the group finally lost out when Goodluck Jonathan was sworn in as the Acting President.

Similarly, the Pro-Jonathan group behaved so recklessly in its quest for power, and acted as if the former Vice-President and now the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria was elected on a different ticket with the late President. Indeed, the hurried manner in which the then Acting President dissolved the cabinet suggested as if there was a serious rift between him and the late President; as if all along, the cabinet was deeply divided. Beneath the surface, however, it was not a sign of any rift as such but the manifestation of an unrestrained desperation to take over the mantle of leadership while Yar'adua was still alive.

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All the while, President Jonathan was going about as if he was loyal and fully in support of Yar'adua but beneath his veneer of loyalty, there were manifest signs of a determined desperation to wrest control.

Now that God has passed his judgement and clearly exposed our human follies, both sides must have realised that all the bitterness and struggles were abso-

lutely unnecessary. Umaru Musa Yar'adua is dead. He has paid the ultimate debt every living being must eventually pay. *To be cont'd*

**In the final analysis, what next, what new and noble things can he do other than keep struggling to remain in power?**

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Goodluck Jonathan is now the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces. What was desperately sought after has come to pass through a natural decree. Now the journey has commenced in earnest for the new President. Even as the nation mourns the loss of its humble leader, President Jonathan and his camp must ponder very deeply: now that he is fully in control, what next?

Unfortunately, it is a troubling question, with no ready answer in sight. As soon as he settles down after the seven days of mourning, various groups will inundate him with solidarity and congratulatory calls. Many among the callers will complain of marginalisation and seek for a share of the national cake—politically and economically.

He might then be prodded to play ethnic, regional and religious cards particularly in key appointments. He might be tempted to sack the service chiefs and replace them with those who are 'loyal' to him—whatever loyalty means in Nigerian politics. He might be enticed to keep hunting and hacking real and imaginary enemies in all sectors, as he did recently in the NNPC. The trouble is vindictive changes in ministries and government departments and agencies have never taken the nation anywhere precisely because many of such changes were often made out of selfish interests rather than a patriotic drive for change.

The powerful corruption mafia in Nigeria, which is akin to the drug mafia in Columbia, might even prod him to reverse key progress made in the area of

banking reforms by the incorruptible Sanusi Lamido Sanusi. If he chooses to be guided by the whims and caprices of such groups, he might end up enmeshed in problems far deeper than where he took over from the late President.

Furthermore, addressing the Niger Delta conflict will no doubt prove quite challenging for President Jonathan. Even as son of the soil, I imagine what else President Jonathan can do for the restive youth of the region more than what the late President did, as evident, for example, in the amnesty programme and the establishment of a ministry for the Niger Delta.

Consider, also, the lingering problem in the power sector. With every passing day, the power supply situation in the country seems to be worsening. Right now, as I write this piece on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 2010, I haven't seen a blink of electricity supply from the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) for more than 48 hours! President Goodluck Jonathan must ask himself what he can do in the power sector to make a difference.

More than anything else, however, the new President might end up pre-occupied with the struggle for 2011. Rather than use the little time he has to work for the actualisation of even a one-point agenda such as electricity supply, he might be tempted to 'consolidate' his power, dabble with re-structuring the PDP to serve his purpose, to be precise, to ensure that he contests the 2011 elections notwithstanding the internal party arrangements to the contrary. The struggle for President Goodluck Jonathan has just started! Henceforth, things will no longer be left for 'luck' to decide. Some political scheming must go with the 'luck'.

Otherwise, the lucky road may not go beyond 2011. In the final analysis, what next, what new and noble things can he do other than keep struggling to remain in power?

To the family of the late President and a bereaved nation, I say, in accordance with the tradition of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, (peace be upon him): "Verily, to Allah belongs what He has taken and to Him belongs what He has given. For everything he has set a term. So be patient and be content".

May Allah forgive him and reward him with endless bliss; away from the world of sullied politics and its worthless troubles. *Ameen.*

# AFRICA REPORT

## Mozambique probes abandoned ship for toxic cargo

MOZAMBIQUE'S prime minister says experts have been brought in to determine whether toxic cargo was aboard a ship abandoned off the coast of the

southern African country.

Prime Minister Aires Aly said yesterday that the government was taking over the investigation following speculation the

ship was abandoned because its cargo was dangerous. Aly says it's unclear who abandoned the ship, or when.

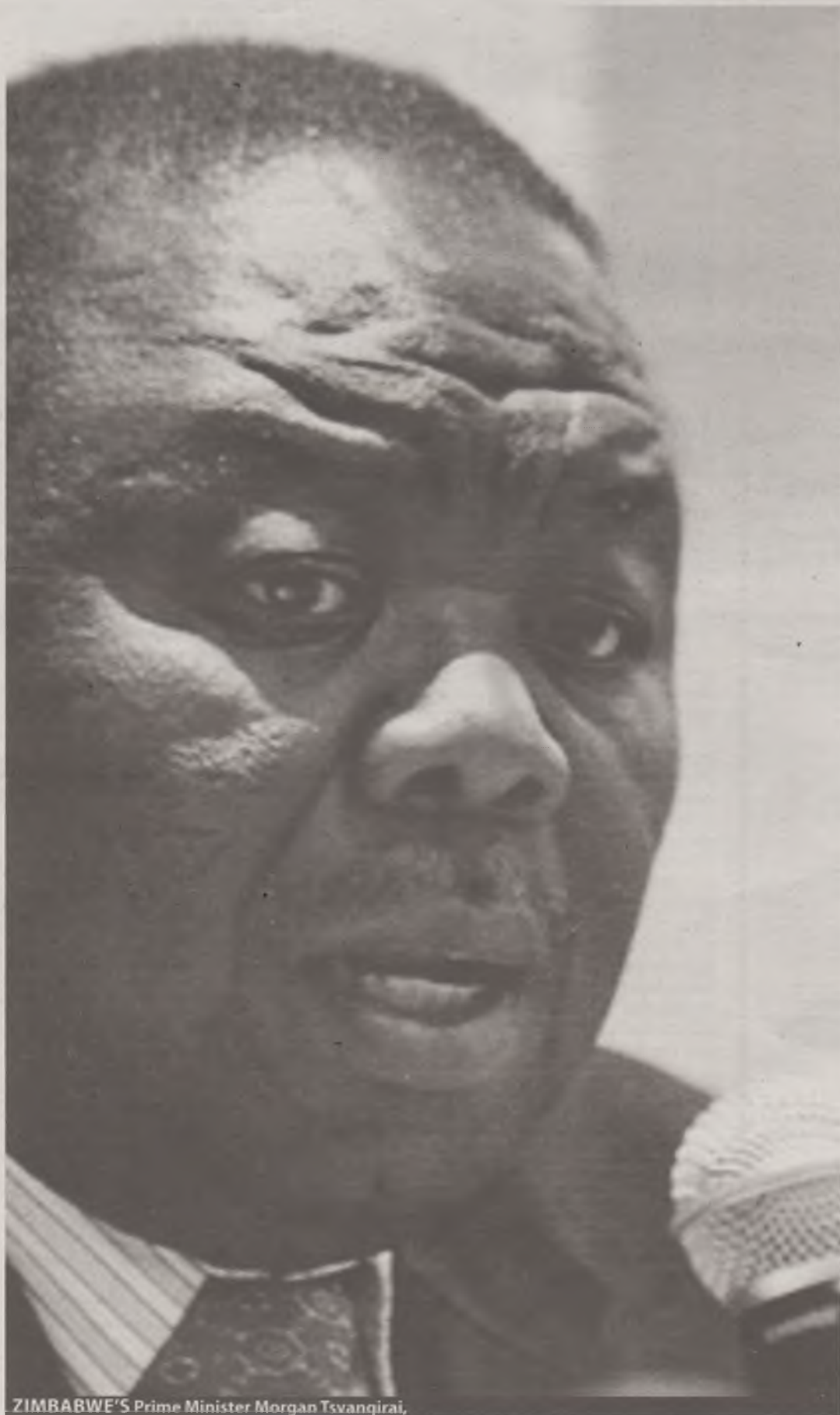
The ship was found off north-

ern Mozambique about 20 miles (30 kilometers) from the tourist town of Vilankulo.

Officials found 13 containers aboard, opening two that were

filled with hammers, nails and other building materials.

It was found last week, but authorities did not announce its discovery until this past weekend.



ZIMBABWE'S Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai,

### Zimbabwe no longer a risk to investors - PM

ZIMBABWE'S Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai said yesterday his country no longer posed a risk to investors and that the political crisis that destroyed the economy "no longer exists".

"The perceived risk on Zimbabwe does no longer exist... what country in Africa is risk-free?" Tsvangirai told reporters on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum on Africa.

"Zimbabwe is ready to do business. If Africa's time has come for investment then Zimbabwe cannot miss the boat. It must be part of that opportunity," he said.

The southern Africa country is still struggling to recover from economic collapse and a protracted political crisis that followed its disputed 2008 elections pitting then opposition chief Tsvangirai against President Robert Mugabe.

The two men formed a power-sharing government last year in which Tsvangirai became prime minister, but it has been beset by political differences.

"The political crisis... no longer exists. The country is making progress and it is time investors started looking at Zimbabwe from a different perspective," Tsvangirai said.

Tsvangirai said he would not enter a coalition government again, but saying it was "necessary" to work with Mugabe because the country had to undergo a transition after the disputed elections. But, he added, "I think it is a very painful exercise... It is painful in so far as every day you are negotiating".

"Would I do this again? I don't think so. I think it is a bad precedent."

"It would be unfortunate if the next election is conducted in an atmosphere of violence, in an atmosphere of undermining the mandate of the people," said the prime minister, who pulled out of the second round presidential run-off poll because of violence against his supporters.

### Egyptian anger at Islamist call to ban Arabian Nights

EGYPTIAN writers have condemned a call by a group of Islamic lawyers for the classic book Arabian Nights to be banned because it is "obscene".

The group, Lawyers without Shackles, filed a complaint with Egypt's prosecutor general after the collection of folk tales was republished. They called for the new edition to be pulped and the stories to be banned.

But the country's writers union has said it will fight the group in the courts if they try to proceed.

"I was shocked at the offensive phrases it contains," Ayman Abdul Hakim of Lawyers without Shackles was quoted by the TV station Al Arabiya.

They catalogued several references to sex in the book and said they were "calls to sin". But Writers' Union spokesman said the lawyers were behaving "like the Taliban".

"Those who want to destroy our heritage are taking the same path as the Taliban when they destroyed Buddha's statues," Mohammed Salmawy told the news agency AFP, referring to the destruction of the giant sculptures of Buddha in Bamiyan.

The books publishers, the state-run General Organisation Cultures Palaces, said the republishing had been very popular and the print run had sold out.

"Egyptians are avid readers and they will not be influenced by a bunch of people who take advantage of Islam in order to suppress freedom," Ahmed Megahed, Chairman of the GOCP was quoted by Al Arabiya.

Arabian Nights, also known as The 1,001 Nights, is a centuries-old collection of Arabic and south Asian folk tales. It includes the stories Sinbad the Sailor and Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves.



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## WORLD



IAEA Director General Yukiya Amano

## IAEA chief focuses on Israel

THE head of the UN atomic watchdog is asking for international input on an Arab-led push to have Israel join the Nonproliferation Treaty, in a move that adds to pressure on the Jewish state to disclose its unacknowledged nuclear arsenal.

Israel, in turn, is suggesting efforts should focus instead on giving teeth to the nuclear treaty to prevent signatories like Iran from acquiring such weapons.

The International Atomic Energy Agency chief Yukiya Amano had on Wednesday sent a letter soliciting proposals from the agency's 151 member states on how to persuade Israel to sign the treaty. And the world's five recognized nuclear-weapons powers — the US, Russia, Britain, France and China — reaffirmed the goal of a nuclear-free Middle East.

A string of Israeli officials, including a spokesman for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, the minister of atomic energy, the deputy minister of foreign affairs, the minister of strategic threats and the minister of communication, all

refused to comment on the recent developments.

The latest pressure is putting the Jewish state in an uncomfortable position. It wants the international community to take stern action to prevent Iran from getting atomic weapons but at the same time brushes off calls to come clean about its own nuclear capabilities.

In his letter, Amano asked foreign ministers of the IAEA's 151 member states to share views on how to implement a resolution demanding that Israel "accede" to the Nonproliferation Treaty and throw its nuclear facilities open to IAEA oversight.

In response yesterday, an Israeli government official noted that the treaty obligating nations to stop the spread of nuclear weapons didn't stop countries like Saddam Hussein's Iraq and now Iran from pursuing nuclear weapons programs.

Iran denies that accusation, which has also been made by the US and other world powers. The Israeli official spoke on condition of anonymity in keeping with his country's opaque nuclear policy.

## Severe weather kills 29 in central China

SEVERE wind and rain in southwest China killed at least 29 people and injured 190 others, the state-run Xinhua news agency reported yesterday.

Liangping County was hit by a tornado and hailstorm that left at least six people dead and another 34 injured, Xinhua reported.

An additional 17 people died and 127 people were injured in neighboring Dianjiang County due to gales, torrential rain and hail, the news agency said.

The severe weather struck around China's Chongqing municipality -- which encompasses both counties -- around 2 a.m. (2 p.m. ET Wednesday), Xinhua reported. Chongqing is about 1,900 km (1,181 miles) west of Shanghai.

In Dianjiang, the storms destroyed 980 residential buildings and damaged more than 10,000. Xinhua said. The damage was estimated at more than 120 million yuan (\$17.6 million), a spokesman for the county government told the news agency.

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND COMMISSIONER FOR JUSTICE ZAMFARA STATE**

The attention of the Office of the Zamfara State Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice has been drawn to the "Open Letter to the Acting President" titled *Help Prevent Anarchy in Zamfara State* published on page 36 of Daily Trust edition of May 3, 2010, pertaining to the dissolution of the Gummi Local Government Council of Zamfara State and related litigations.

Having previously issued a Press Statement on this matter in the Daily Trust edition of April 7, 2010 following a series of misleading publications sponsored by the former Chairman of Gummi Local Government Council, Alhaji Suleman Gyallange, we considered the issue closed and refused to be drawn into any further press debate, despite continued spurious publications. As a matter still pending before the law courts, it should not be the subject of press propaganda and our only response was to state the bare facts of the case. The latest attempt to carry the propaganda to the office of the Acting President necessitates this rejoinder for record purposes only. The following points should be noted:

1. The Gummi Local Government Council was dissolved in 2004 by the Yarima Administration leading to the removal of the said Alhaji Suleman Gyallange. This fundamental fact was deliberately concealed in the Open Letter in order to maliciously associate the present administration of His Excellency, Alhaji Mahmud Aliyu Shinkafi with the dissolution of Gummi Local Government Council. The reference to "state governor because of his disagreement with Alhaji Salisu Maibuhu Gummi proceeded to dissolve the democratically elected council led by the chairman Alhaji Suleman Gyallange" is in fact a reference to Ahmed Sani Yarima when he was Governor of Zamfara State AND NOT His Excellency, Alhaji Mahmud Aliyu Shinkafi.
2. It was also the Yarima Administration that the former LG Chairman sued before the Zamfara State High Court to contest the dissolution. The court's decision to nullify the dissolution was challenged by the Zamfara State Government under Ahmed Sani Yarima in an appeal before the Court of Appeal, Kaduna which issued an interim stay of execution against the High Court decision.
3. It was only in January 2010 that the appeal was dismissed for lack of diligent prosecution without

considering the merit of the appeal. The state government sought the re-listing of the matter before the Court of Appeal but this was refused. As a result, the state government thereafter appealed to the Supreme Court where the matter is currently pending.

4. While the interim stay of execution lasted, general elections were held and the tenure of the Yarima Administration lapsed. By the same token, the tenures of the local government councils under the Yarima Administration ended and new local government councils were constituted in April 2008 following elections and have been in place since then.
5. The former LG Chairman in apparent disregard of the judicial processes taking place applied to the Gummi High Court for execution of its 2004 order nullifying the dissolution of the Gummi Local Government Council, which is now the subject of an appeal pending before the Supreme Court.
6. Without recourse to the relevant provisions of the Sheriff and Civil Process Act 2004 Laws of the Federation, the former LG Chairman, accompanied by armed policemen, forcefully took possession of the Gummi Local Government Secretariat. Investigations have confirmed that the former LG Chairman trespassed into the Gummi Local Government Secretariat with the collusion of local policemen in the area and in the process vandalised property.
7. These unlawful activities took place without the knowledge of the Chief Executive and Chief Security Officer of the state, His Excellency, Alhaji Mahmud Aliyu Shinkafi or the Chief Law Officer and Attorney-General of the state. The state Attorney-General filed a direct complaint before the Higher Shari'a Court in Gummi against the former chairman and five others under Section 211 of the 1999 Constitution and Section 141 of the Shari'a Criminal Procedure Code Laws of Zamfara State 2002, accusing them of breaking into the Gummi Local Government Secretariat, vandalizing property worth millions of naira and stealing three million naira.
8. The court issued a warrant of arrest against them but only the former LG chairman was arrested, arraigned before the court and subsequently

remanded in prison custody. His five other accomplices evaded arrest and are still at large.

9. There was no arbitrariness or victimization whatsoever in the actions taken by the Attorney-General of Zamfara State in connection with this matter because all such actions were based on judicial process and executed lawfully.
10. It was in fact the actions of the former chairman which reeked of deliberate disregard of judicial process in a desperate effort to reverse the course of events which effectively overlook the cause he claims to be pursuing over a period of six years during which constitutional transition of governments at all tiers was effected.
11. It is pertinent to recall that the same former chairman Alhaji Suleman Gyallange abandoned the ANPP under which he was originally elected and decamped to the DPP to contest State Assembly election in 2007. He lost the election and his election appeal before resuscitating his interest in the case over the 2004 dissolution of the Gummi Local Government Council.
12. The Zamfara State Government under His Excellency, Alhaji Mahmud Aliyu Shinkafi has a binding duty and constitutional responsibility to uphold the rule of law and ensure peace and security in Zamfara State at all times, particularly when anarchy is imminent as demonstrated by the former chairman's attempted armed and unlawful take-over of a democratically-elected local government council.

The Office of the Zamfara State Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice once again advises the general public to disregard the continued press propaganda and baseless allegations being sponsored by the former LG Chairman. The Zamfara State Government will continue to uphold the principle of rule of law and due process without fear or favour as it has consistently demonstrated since the assumption of office of His Excellency, Alhaji Mahmud Aliyu Shinkafi as the Executive Governor of Zamfara State in 2007.

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## Yar'adua's death cripples business activities

By Jibrin Abubakar, with agency reports

OFFICES and shops in Abuja and Lagos were not opened as a result of public holiday following the death of President Umaru Yar'adua. BUILDINGS housing banks and other businesses were shut, Daily Trust reports.

The skeletal services offered by private businesses were disrupted following a heavy downpour recorded yesterday in Abuja.

Offices in the ever busy Lagos Central Business District were shut yesterday as a mark of respect for late President Umaru Yar'adua.

Yar'adua died on Wednesday in Abuja at the age of 58 after a protracted illness. At the headquarters of First Bank, UBA, Union Bank and Sterling Banks all located on Marina in central Lagos only security men were seen on duty.

The security men were busy supervising customers who came in large number to withdraw money through the automated teller machines (ATM) at the banks. The Lagos office of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) was also shut and some staff that came to work returned home at about 10.10 a.m.

At the branch offices of Union Bank Plc, First Bank Plc and Guaranty Trust Bank which are also in the district were also shut to customers.

The News Agency of Nigeria reports that Afribank Plc headquarters located on Broad Street, however, provided skeletal services to customers.

According to the bank's Head of the Corporate Affairs department, Mr. Moshood Isamotu, the opening of the bank was not a sign of disrespect to the government's directive.

Isamotu said that it was in recognition that there were people who might be stranded today because they might need over-the-counter services. "We are aware that there might be those that might need our services today because the Federal Government's directive that today is a public holiday came very late last night. "That is why we are providing skeletal services to customers, but mind you our flag is flying in half mast, which is a sign that we are mourning."

Isamotu said.

In the same vein, the management of the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) also suspended trading on stocks to enable stockbrokers mourn the passage of late President Yar'adua.

The NSE Assistant General Manager Corporate Affairs, Mr Sola Oni told NAN that the market was shut to honour the late President. All the formal businesses in central Lagos adhered to government orders that Nigerian flag should be hoisted at half mast. Our correspondents who went round the district report that the informal sector, however, opened for business.

At the Balogun market, Nnamdi Azikiwe, Martin and Broad Streets, traders and customers were seen doing business.

A trader at Broad Street, Mr Uche Nnamani, said that they were aware of the seven-day mourning period declared by government but "I cannot close shop completely." "We are not unmindful of the death of the former President and its implications to the nation but you know that we have to survive," Nnamani said.

According to him, what he did earlier in the morning was to collectively pray for the repose of the soul of Yar'adua and the stability of the nation.

Meanwhile, activities at the Apapa Ports were paralysed on Thursday due to the public holiday declared by the Federal Government over the death of the President Umaru Yar'adua.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that Government declared the public holiday and a seven-day mourning period, shortly after midnight in honour of the late President who died on Wednesday in Abuja, following a protracted illness.

The President died late in the night in his official residence where he was said to be recuperating from his illness.

In a visit to the Lagos ports, offices were shut, while workers were seen moving about and discussing issues concerning the health and death of the late president.

However, the security officials were seen trying to keep the ports secure.

A security official, who pleaded anonymity, described the death of Yar'adua as very shocking, owing to the fact that he was said to be recuperating.

He, however, said that the security official had to be on duty in spite of the work free day because security of lives and properties in the ports were essential.



LATE President Yar'adua

The official told NAN that mischievous persons normally use such opportunity to perpetrate evil, hence the need to be on duty. Mr James Obodo, a clearing agent, said that he was already at the port before hearing about the unfortunate incident.

Obodo said that the late President tried in his capacity as a leader, adding that it was just the will of God that had prevailed.

But in the long run, Yar'adua's death is unlikely to affect local financial markets or global oil prices, although a turbulent run-up to elections could revive investor nervousness.

Bonds, equities and currency markets in Nigeria have largely shrugged off concern over the past six months about Yar'adua's ill-health and the gravity of his condition meant his death came as little surprise.

Goodluck Jonathan, who was sworn in as substantive president yesterday, is a known quantity, having served as Yar'adua's vice president and run Nigeria as acting president over the past three months, and little change in policy direction is expected.

"Jonathan has been in office for months, so the death is not an issue. I don't see any controversy arising between now and the end of the administration," Bismarck Rewane, head of Lagos-based consultancy Financial Derivatives, told Reuters.

BRIEF

### Supreme Court judgement: First Bank pays off former MD

By Jibrin Abubakar

FORMER Managing Director of the First Bank Nigeria Plc Mr. Bernard Ojeifo Longe and the bank have agreed to a financial settlement, the bank told Daily Trust yesterday. It did not say how much was involved. The Supreme Court on March 5, 2010 nullified the removal of Longe as Managing Director of First Bank on June 13, 2002. The bank, in a publication early this week, said both parties have agreed to a settlement.

The bank said: "In the interest of the parties, both Mr. Longe and the Bank mutually agreed to settle and compromise all issues, claims, interests, rights, obligation arising from the judgement and have now reached an amicable settlement. This settlement has been endorsed and given legal affect accordingly." The statement was signed by both the counsel to the bank and the former MD- Chief Richard Akinjide and Professor S.A. Adesanya.

The court was of the opinion that Longe was sacked without notification and ruled that the board of directors was wrong to have held a meeting where he was sacked without letting him know.

### STOCK MARKET INDEX

Date:	Wednesday, May 5, 2010
Index:	27,095.20
Deals:	7,841
Volume:	508,259,647
Value:	N 4,652,449,587.18
Cap.:	N6,553,662,659,204.15

### TRUST INDEX

Inflation	11.8%
GDP	6.68%
Budget	N4.6tr
Ext. Reserves Acct	\$40.1bn
Excess Crude Acct	\$3.9bn
Poverty Ratio	54.4%
Monetary Policy Rate	6%
Banks	24
Oil Price	\$80 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%
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FOREIGN EXCHANGE	224.5443	225.3049	226.0655
RIYAL	39.3627	39.496	39.6293
SDR	222.3745	223.1278	223.881
SWISS FRANC	136.2093	136.6707	137.132
US DOLLAR	147.61	148.14	148.61
WUA	222.2943	223.0473	223.8003
YEN	1.5546	1.5599	1.5651

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Dollar	N151
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Dollar	N152
Euro	N206
Pound	N236

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



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## Business

# Stanbic IBTC earns N59.8bn in 2009

STORIES from Chris Agabi, Lagos

STANBIC IBTC Bank Plc full-year audited group results for the year ended 31 December 2009 indicated that the group earned

N59.8 billion.

The financial highlight indicates gross earnings of N59.8 billion, easing 2 percent, compared to the previous year of N61.2 billion.

The Bank's operating income stood at N43.8

billion, representing an increase of 3 percent out of the N42.5 billion recorded in December 2008.

It also recorded a 7.4 percent on net interest income of N25.1 bil-

lion, while impairment charges of N4.9 billion was achieved, representing a decrease of 3 percent (N5.0 billion December 2008). Other details of the bank's balance sheet include: A profit before

tax of N10.3 billion, representing a decrease of 29 percent of the N14.6 billion it recorded last year while profit after tax is N8.1 billion, a decrease of 32 percent of the N12.0 billion achieved in Decem-

ber 2008. Also, its total net loans & advances was up 17 percent to N119.9 billion as against N102.6 billion December 2008 while deposits and other accounts went up by 78 percent or N169.2 billion as against N95.3 billion in December 2008.

However, its total assets went down by 3 percent to N341.3 billion from N351.3 billion in December 2008 and total equity steadied at N80.5 billion as against N80.7 billion in December 2008.

## GTB grosses N162.6bn

GUARANTEE Trust Bank Plc and its subsidiaries have recorded gross earnings of N162.6 billion at the end of its 2009 financial year, representing a growth of 62 percent over the N100.6 billion recorded in ten months to December, 2008.

Giving the financial account of the Bank in Lagos at its 20th annual general meeting, the chairman of GT Bank Plc Owelle G.P.O Chikelu, said the bank's profit before taxation stood at N27.96 billion while total assets and contingencies of the group grew to N1.4 trillion.

However, he noted that with the strict guidelines on debt provisioning by the regulator, CBN, the bank had to set aside N29.71 billion as provisions on unperforming loans and this affected the bank's profit margin.

Thus the profit after tax of the group stood at N4.3 billion as against N7.01 billion recorded in 2008 and its corporate social responsibility expenses stood at 246.2 million.

The chairman also indicated that the Bank maintained a cost to lending ratio of 0.67 to 1.

"Also in the course of the year, the bank lending and capabilities were boosted by with a N200 billion bond programme approved by the Board in August. The successful completion of the first tranche, which raised N13.17 billion was issued to institutions and high net worth individuals," he said.

Based on its profits, the Board proposed a dividend, which was approved, of 75 kobo per share on the issued share capital of 18,653,748,613 shares of 50 kobo each and a bonus of one for four.



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## Travelogue

## Tracking the 800-year

RECENTLY, sons and daughters of the over - 800 year old Fika Emirate invited friends, well wishers and acquaintances from across Nigeria and beyond to Potiskum, where they witnessed the coronation and presentation of a 1st Class staff of office to **Alhaji (Dr) Muhammadu Abali Ibn Muhammadu Idrissa**, as the 43rd emir of Fika, and chairman of the Yobe State council of chiefs.

From Hamza Idris, who was in Potiskum

**T**HE new paramount ruler whose appointment was approved by Governor Ibrahim Gaidam, took over from his father late Moi Abali Muhammadu Ibn Idrissa who died in 2009.

The coronation of the new emir was such a moving ceremony because only few of those that attended, could remember the last time such an event was held in the emirate.

Palace sources said the simple reason is that God has blessed the Fika Moisi (emirs) with long life. "My mother told me that I was a toddler when the 42nd emir of Fika (the one before the latest emir) Moi Abali Ibn Muhammadu Idrissa was turbaned in 1976... precisely 34 years ago now", Mohammed Salihu, a practising journalist said.

"I was also told that his predecessor Moi Muhammadu Idrissa reigned from 1922 to 1976, which means he was on the throne for 54 years before he died. Personally, I feel witnessing an event like this is a rare privilege, and I am highly elated to be here," Salihu, who was visibly excited, said.

Thousands of people were present on Saturday 24th April, 2010 at the Federal College of Education (Technical) Potiskum, which was the venue of the event. The Convocation Square of the college was arrayed with beautiful canopies, green and white Nigeria flags, as well as flags of the emirate.

Dozens of traditional title

Dozens of traditional title holders in the emirate, princes and courtiers dressed in royal apparels mounted horses."

holders in the emirate, princes and courtiers dressed in royal apparels mounted horses, and stationed themselves in strategic locations, and therefore gave the whole festivity a royal touch.

The royal dais, where the new emir received his staff of office, was another sight to behold, as it was placed at the middle of the celebration arena, which afforded dignitaries and thousands of spectators to have a clear view of what transpired, as the new emir collected his revered stick.

Acting president Goodluck Jonathan was represented by the Secretary to the Government of the Federation Alhaji Mahmud Yayale Ahmed, who came with a large delegation, while the minister of police affairs Alhaji Adamu Maina Waziri, a son of the emirate, brought in the Inspector General of Police Mr. Ogbonna Onovo, and many prominent people in the country.

Other dignitaries at the occasion included Governors Ibrahim Gaidam (Yobe), Ali Modu Sheriff (Borno), Ibrahim Shekarau (Kano) and Danjuma Goje (Gombe), as well as former Director General of the NYSC Yusuf Bomai, former Chief of Army Staff General Alwali Kazir, former Yobe State governor Alhaji Bukar Abba Ibrahim, Senator Ahmed Lawan and many members of the national assembly and representa-



A warrior in a 'bullet proof' jacket heralds the commencement of the durbar.

tives of the diplomatic corps.

A delegation of over 120 emirs from all parts of the country was

led by the Sultan of Sokoto Alhaji Saad Abubakar III, the Shehu of Borno Alhaji Abubakar Garbai

El-Kanemi, Emir of Gombe Alhaji Shehu Abubakar, Emir of Ilorin Dr Abubakar Sulu Gambari, the Etsu Nupe Alhaji Yahaya Abubakar, emir of Hadejia Alhaji Adamu Abubakar Maje, emir of Lafiya Alhaji Mustapha Agwai, Tor Tiv Orchivirigh Alfred Akawe Torkula, Ochi Idoma Elias Obekpa, emirs of Kontagora, Suleja, Katagum, Dass, Misau and many others.

"What prompted the large turnout of people is the fame, novelty and historic antecedents of the emirates, which has touched the lives of so many people over time," Goni Fika, one time chairman of the Yobe State Independent Electoral Commission (YOSIEC) observed.

An interesting aspect of the coronation was that it served as home coming, continuation of history, bridge builder and peace maker, because many 1st class emirs, especially in the present Yobe State, whose territories were hitherto under the Fika Emirate, turned up with a large contingent of people, in solidarity with the new emir.

Available documents indicate that the defunct Fika Division, from which the origi-



HUNTERS were not left out at the show.

# Old Bolewa Dynasty

nal Fika Emirate under the reigns of the emir of Fika, originally stretched from Bade Emirate in the north, to Gombe Emirate in the south, and from Bauchi and Misau Emirates in the west and south, to Borno Emirate in the East.

The defunct Fika Emirate covering that region eventually gave rise to the present four emirates of Tikau, Potiskum, Gudi and Fika itself, and the emirate whose headquarters is now in Potiskum, has remained heterogeneous in population, comprising people from the Bolewa, the Karai-Karai, the Ngamo, the Ngizim, the Ngazar, the Hausa, the Fulani tribes, and most of the major ethnic groups of the country.

The emirate now has 13 districts including Fika, Potiskum Kara, Damboa, Goya, Ngalda, Lailai, Ari Kime, Maluri, Dumbulwa, Janga, Damazai, Godowoli and Chana.

"Authentic and reliable research documents complimented by oral traditions have it that the Bolewa tribe, and the other dominant ones that inhabit the emirate, appear to have eastern origin, tracing their westward movements from the Middle East," Goni Fika said.

Accordingly, the ruling Bolewa tribe in Fika Emirate are believed to have left Yemen in Southern Arabia, a little after 940 AD. They were said to be of Semitic origin, and historical collections relate them to have been one branch of the Kwararafa group. "They moved together with some thirty-five other groups of people, including the Bagirmi, the Kanuris, the Kanakurus and the Jukuns,"

Goni Fika, who read a short history of the dynamics of the emirate, said.

Between 1100 AD and 1500 AD, this group moved westwards to the shores of Lake Chad, and beyond the south-west in the direction of the present Fika town, which is situated some 60km along Potiskum-Gombe road.

The story has it that when the Bolewa left Yemen, their leader was a warlord called Magadi who had six lieutenants (councillors) including Tinja, Galadima, Ciroma, Tinja Fuya, Masaya and Tamana.

As they travelled westwards, intermittently breaking their journeys at various places, they became divided into sub branches as a result of petty hunting quarrels. Some of them proceeded to Babir area, and some to Biyri, Fika Geiri, Lariski and Kalam. They continued with their westward movement with their herd of cattle in search of a permanent home, until they reached the Plateau range of Daniski Hills in 1512, which was originally inhabited by the Ngamo people.

"The Bolewa group that arrived Daniski were able to establish a central form of administration after their displacement of the origi-

nal inhabitants", Goni Fika said. "By the first decade of the 19th Century, the administrative centre of Daniski was moved in 1805 to a centre which was then known as Lafiya Moi (meaning king's peace) and was later called Fika", he added.

In the present arrangement, the following persons are the most senior title holders as well as the king makers: Alhaji Adamu Ciroma, CFR (one time Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria and minister of many portfolios) as (Madakin Fika or Tinja), Alhaji Adamu Fika, CFR (Wazirin Fika), Alhaji Garba A. Daya (Galadiman

Fika), Alhaji Madu Bukar (Tamanan Fika) and Alhaji Muhammadu Alkali, CFR (Chief Imam of Fika).

Documents show that before the 1512 Daniski settlement period, there had already been other Moises (up to six) who ruled the Bolewa group at various times, through their westwards movements. These recorded six pre-Daniski Moises eventually linked up with the 24 other Moises, from Moi Idriss and others, who reigned from 1512 to 1805 in Daniski.

This list also joins the other 13 Moises from Moi Ibrahim Daraza (Buraimah) and others who reigned from 1805 to 1922 in

Fika, with Moi Muhammadu Ibn Idrissa who reigned from 1922 to 1976, as the 41st Moi, whose headquarters was moved to Potiskum in 1924.

Thereafter, Moi Abali Ibn Muhammadu (the father of the present emir) reigned as the 42nd Moi from 1976 to 2009.

It was stated that the movement of Fika Emirate headquarters by the colonial administration from Fika Town to Potiskum in 1924, followed the improvement of the Maiduguri-Jos Trunk 'A' road, and the central location of Potiskum itself, which

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made it accessible to colonial masters, who were out in search of raw materials for the growing industries in Europe.

Known for their hardwork, educational advantage and connections, the people of the Bolewa extraction can be found in virtually all the sectors of the Nigerian economy, including the public service.

Governor Ibrahim Gaidam, shortly before he presented the staff of office to the new emir said "the mammoth crowd at this occasion is a clear manifestation of the emir's acceptance by his people, and a demonstration that the traditional institution is highly respected and cherished. It is also an indication of the resilience and dynamism of the Institution.

"Like some parts of Nigeria, we have a rich history of organized central political authority under traditional rulers, long before the imposition of colonial rule. Consequently, the traditional institution has continued to partner with Government in the promotion of social harmony, peaceful co-existence and mobilization of the populace for development" the governor said.

Gaidam said with this in mind, "it is our conviction that if the traditional institution is properly repositioned, its contribution to good governance and communal peace would be more effective and beneficial. In this regard, the Yobe State Government in its submission to the National Assembly Committee on constitutional review, recommended the establishment of a National Council of Traditional Rulers, and a similar body at the State level", he said.

He said such a body could be charged with the responsibility of advising Government on traditional customs and usages, providing inputs for development plans from grassroots perspectives, mediating in religious, boundary and communal disputes, among others.

On his part, the new emir also appealed to appropriate authorities to carve out a constitutional role for traditional rulers in Nigeria, stressing that the functions of emirs and chiefs cannot be carried out effectively without constitutional backing.



THE new Emir (right) receiving his staff of office from Governor Gaidam.



ROYAL durbar at the event.

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As this darkness envelops the nation, Nigerians will not forget in a hurry the ideals of the rule of law, zero tolerance for corruption, fairness to all, electoral reform, economic recovery and purposeful leadership which the late President stood and died for. But our faith in Allah, as the only One who has the power of life and death, is unshakeable. We therefore pray that Allah will grant the first family and all Nigerians the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss.

Once again, may his gentle soul rest in peace.

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Former President and Commander-In-Chief of Armed Forces

*Signed*

**Alhaji Ibrahim Idris**  
Governor, Kogi State

# NUC lists 34 illegal universities

THE National Universities Commission (NUC) has said that 34 universities are operating illegally in the country.

The Executive Secretary, Prof. Julius Okojie, said this in the commission's news bulletin.

The list of the affected institutions showed that some foreign universities also operated in the country without the pre-requisite Federal Government approval.

Some of the institutions included campuses of universities in the U.K, such as Columbus, Tiu International Pebbles, Aston and London External studies as belonging to this category.

Also in the list are, study centres of the U.S. International University, Missouri, in Kano and Lagos or any of its campuses; the Volta University College, Ghana and all its campuses as well as the University of Applied Sciences and Management, Port Novo, Republic of Benin and its campuses.

St. Andrews University College, Abuja and its campuses, Halifax Gateway University, Ikeja; Blacksmith University, Awka; Samuel Ahmadu University, Markurdi and the UNESCO University, Ndoni, Rivers.

Okojie warned the public, especially parents and prospective undergraduates to steer clear of the institutions.

The NUC boss noted that the commission had already closed seven other illegal universities operating in the country while investigations and court cases were on nine others.

He warned that certificates obtained from these institutions would not be recognised for any purpose.

Okojie said the relevant law enforcement agencies had been informed for necessary action. (NAN)

## Judiciary workers suspend strike

By Francis Okeke

JUDICIAL Staff Union of Nigeria (JUSUN) last night suspended a strike action it started on Tuesday after an emergency meeting with government at the instance of Minister of Labour and Productivity Chief Emeka Wogu.

The meeting, which was presided over by Chief Wogu, had the ministry's Permanent Secretary Alex Anigbo in attendance as well as representatives of the National Salaries, Incomes and Wages Commission and Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation.

The suspension followed the minister's promise to pursue the implementation of the circular on the new condition of service for judicial workers that is yet to be implemented by the Federal Government for federal judiciary workers.

JUSUN's President Comrade Usamatu Amin who read the communiqué issued after the meeting said the parties noted that "the issue of the Consolidated Judiciary Salary Structure (CONJUS) has been protracted and that agreement had been reached on the issues of concern to JUSUN.

"That 22 states have already implemented the agreement and for Federal judicial workers, the Executive Chairman of National Salaries Incomes and Wages Commission had forwarded its recommendation on the report of the final committee on harmonisation of the three earlier reports on the demands of JUSUN to the SGF for necessary action on the issuance of a circular affecting Federal judiciary workers in that respect."

He said the meeting agreed that a copy of the recommendation forwarded to the Secretary to Government of the Federation should be made available to the labour and productivity minister to enable him drive the process.

"The strike action embarked upon by JUSUN is hereby suspended," he said.

## Bugaje berates PDP zoning arrangement

By Muideen Olaniyi

NATIONAL Secretary of the Action Congress (AC) Dr Usman Bugaje yesterday condemned the zoning arrangement of the ruling People's Democratic Party (PDP).

Speaking while reviewing a contractual document packaged by Save Nigeria Group (SNG) for the political class in Abuja, Dr Bugaje said what the country needed were people who could give hope and provide what Nigerians want irrespective of religious or political affiliations.

He said: "I think we have to begin to shift our mindset from this politics of power shift; from this politics of North taking their term and then the South taking its term. This is associated with politics of big men. What we need is not somebody from the North, South, and Centre or anywhere, we need somebody who will repair our roads, give us hope and provide what the people of this country deserve.

The AC scribe said the SNG charter was aimed at challenging Nigerians to be active in their participation in politics and called on Nigerians to organize themselves for positive change instead of agonizing on the sorry situation of the country.



CHAIRMAN, Axis Research Agency, organizers of Zazzau History Conference, Alhaji Aliyu Umar, during a visit to Media Trust Corporate Head Office, Abuja, Wednesday.

## Gowon, Sultan for Zazzau history conference

By Abdullahi M. Gulloma

FORMER Head of State General Yakubu Gowon and the Sultan of Sokoto Alhaji Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar are among the top dignitaries expected to make presentations at the forthcoming Zazzau History conference, chairman of Axis Research Agency Alhaji Aliyu Umar said yesterday.

Aliyu, who disclosed this when organizers of the event visited the corporate headquarters of Media Trust Limited in Abuja, said the conference, scheduled to take place from Tuesday May 11th to Thursday, May

13th would draw dignitaries from all over the country.

He said the theme of the conference is "Zazzau History: Pre-Jihad to present day," and will be chaired by Alhaji Abbas Sambo while Vice Chancellor of Gombe State University Professor Abdullahi Mahdi will delivered a keynote address.

He said the five sessions of the conference will be chaired by former Chief Justice of Nigeria justice Muhammadu lawal Uwais, the chief of Kagoro his Royal Highness chief Ufuwai Bonet, former governor of old Kaduna State Alhaji Abdulkadir Balarabe Musa, Justice Hadia Rahila

Cudjoe and Professor Ango Abdul-lahi.

He said several scholars and academics are billed to present papers on various aspects of the history of Zazzau. They include Professor Dahiru Yahaya, Professor Muhammad Sanni Abdulkadir, Professor I. A. Jaiyeoba, Mr Shuaibu Shehu, Mr Suleiman Shehu, Mr jibo Nura, mr M. S. Mohammed, Mr Usman Suleiman, Mr Salihu Zubairu Mustapha, dr I. M. Abbas, mr Richard Umaru, Mr Mohammed Buhari, Dr Hadiza Nuhu, Dr Hadiza Idris, Dr Ibrahim Lawal Yazid and Mr Yusuf Saleh, among others.

## Removal of Abuja speed breakers begins

By Nasir Imam

THE removal of speed breakers along some major roads as ordered by the new FCT minister commenced yesterday.

Flagging up the removal exercise in Wuse II, FCT Minister Senator Bala Mohammed said the removed speed breakers would be replaced by mild speed bumps of about 50mm high and 150mm width.

The minister said five intersections in the capital city have been

earmarked to be the pilot, adding that the whole speed breakers in the entire 22 intersections would gradually be removed in good record time.

The minister, who was represented at the occasion by the FCT Director of Road Traffic Services, retired Major Adamu Sule Argungu, said that traffic calming devices to warn motorists approaching such intersections would be installed.

He said road signs and road markings will be introduced and be

well illuminated to serve as countdown to the new bumps.

The minister also informed that Vehicle Inspection Officers (VIO) outriders would be positioned at the five pilot intersections to monitor the conduct of motorists.

"For the purpose of transparency and accountability, the speed breakers were donated by the Oceanic Bank at the cost of N40 million and the FCT Administration is now expending the sum of N16 million to get them replaced," he said.

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MINISTER of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Odein Ajumogobia, speaking at the 2010 Review Conference of the parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) on behalf of the African group at the UN headquarters in New York on Tuesday.

## Tribunal declares Oni winner of Ekiti guber re-run

From Adewale Giwa, Akure & Kayode Ekundayo, Lagos

GOVERNOR of Ekiti State Engineer Segun Oni was yesterday declared winner of the re-run governorship election by a tribunal sitting in Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State.

Though the decision of the tribunal was not unanimous, majority ruling declared Oni as winner with 109,000 against Dr. Kayode Fayemi's 106,000 after deductions of unlawful votes were made.

Three of the judges gave their verdict in favour of Governor Oni while the two others supported Fayemi.

The tribunal rejected most of Fayemi's claims in the petition including the well advertised res-

ignation of the then state electoral commission, Chairman, Mrs. Ayoka. The Justice Hama Barkale Tribunal ruled that the resignation of Mrs. Ayoka was not valid and that the claim merely represented an assertion of the petitioners. The majority ruling upheld results of all polling units in contested wards except for five polling units in Ipoti and four in Orin/Ora Ward.

The tribunal also nullified results from Ifaki unit 6, Ward 2, Ifaki Ward 1 while the results in Ido-Osi LGA being challenged by Fayemi were accepted.

The lead ruling noted that Segun Ajayi whose amputated leg was displayed in court did not provide enough evidence to substantiate his claims.

The minority ruling was supported by two judges on the tribunal as against the three judges that supported the majority ruling.

Though there was calm in the state, the Action Congress has signified the intention to challenge the ruling at the Appeal Court.

The party's state Chairman, Chief Jide Awe, said the ruling was not the reflection of the true position of things, and noted that the party would challenge the verdict.

Meanwhile, Governor Segun Oni has dedicated his victory to God and the people of Ekiti State, saying, "We thank God, the judiciary has once again lived up to expectations."

Governor Oni who went into the Government House chapel

with his Deputy, Dr. Sikiru Tai Lawal, State Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Bola Olu Ojo and other top government officials for a thanksgiving service immediately after the judgment said he bears no grudge against anyone.

Oni in a statement thanked the people of the state for their support and steadfastness.

"Ekiti is not a state to be captured by any external forces. Today, God has demonstrated His absolute power. He put to shame all the manipulations of evil forces that are bent on enslaving Ekiti State. God, in His infinite mercies proved that truth will always prevail over falsehood no matter how long it takes," he said.

## Lagos worries over increase in drug peddlers, beggars

From Femi Akinola, Lagos

THE Lagos State government Wednesday expressed concern over increase in the number of drug peddlers and beggars in the metropolis, saying it lacks the wherewithal to arrest the situation.

Permanent Secretary of the State Ministry of Sports, Youth and Social Development Mr. Junaid Kamal spoke during a news conference to commemorate the third anniversary of the Fashola administration.

Kamal who said there was increase in the number of beggars in the state, noting that the state cannot arrest the drug peddlers as it was the duty of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) and the police to arrest, giving areas where the drug peddlers carried out their nefarious business as Liverpool area in Apapa, Agege, Mushin and Ojuelegba.

Meanwhile, the Special Adviser to the governor in the ministry, Dr. Enitan Dolapo Badru, has reiterated the government's commitment towards ridding the streets of beggars and destitute, saying henceforth, "It is a criminal offence to engage in begging in Lagos."

According to Badru, an investigation by the state revealed that begging has been turned to one huge business in Lagos. He complained that the rehabilitation centre where the state used to take beggars to cannot take up to 4,000 people whereas his office picked dozens of beggars from roads across Lagos on daily basis.

## Kano LG chairmen shun Takai's rally

From Jaafar Jaafar, Kano

THIRTY three of the 44 local government chairmen in Kano State were absent from the rally of governorship aspirant on the platform of All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) Alhaji Salihu Sagir Takai yesterday.

Former Governor of the state Senator Kabiru Ibrahim Gaya had earlier in the week challenged the decision of the governor on a Freedom Radio programme, saying Takai was the least qualified of the contestants.

Addressing newsmen shortly after the rally, the leader of the group said only 11 council chairmen were present. Three local government chairmen who spoke to our correspondent on condition of anonymity said the governor's choice would jeopardise the party's chances in the 2011 election.

It was also gathered that commercial motorcyclists protested against Takai's choice yesterday.

## Another Aero flight disrupted

From Nahimah Ajikanle, Lagos

DAYS after a weather condition delayed an Abuja-Lagos bound flight operated by Aero Contractors on Sunday which made the pilot to stay for an extra 50 minutes in the air, one of the airline's aircraft suffered another flight disruption on its Lagos-Benin bound flight yesterday.

The aircraft which was due to depart Lagos for Benin at noon from the Murtala Muhammad Airport Two (MMA2) was discovered to have technical fault when the pilot tried to start the engine. Passengers were asked to disembark from the aircraft and booked for an alternative flight operated by the airline.

The aircraft was then kept at

Aero's hangar for engineers to carry out checks and assess the problem.

Aero in a statement said, "For over 50 years Aero has continued to operate to the highest safety standards in the aviation scene in Nigeria. On the 05 May 2010 at 14H20, Aero's flight AJ 161 was scheduled to depart from Lagos to Benin. On powering up the engines, the crew observed reduced power output on the number two engine. The captain immediately returned the aircraft to the terminal, customers were disembarked and the Boeing 737-500 was moved to the hangar for further investigation."

According to the statement, the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) was duly informed of the event. Customers were accommodated on alternative flights to their

destinations.

Earlier, they cleared the air on the Sunday incident involving an Aero Boeing 737 aircraft in which passengers on board traded blames over the anxiety that enveloped its flight, forcing the pilot to hover in the air for more than necessary.

The NCAA DG, Harold Demuren together with the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NIMET) attributed the delay in the aircraft's landing to a line of thick cloud that covered a large expanse in the atmosphere from the Bida end of the Nigerian airspace into Lagos.

Speaking to journalists after heads of aviation agencies met in Lagos with all domestic airline operators in Nigeria, Demuren along side his NIMET DG Dr.

Anthony Anoforum, explained that though there was nothing unusual about the flight, passengers on board had sufficient cause to be worried because it took more than the required time to get the aircraft on ground.

They explained that the pilot complied with the required standard of operating procedure in handling the turbulence, even as they affirmed that the pilot did not miss approach at landing the aircraft more than the required time.

Towards ensuring safety in the Nigerian airspace, they spoke of plans by government to take delivery of two sets of weather radar Doppler that will soon arrive the country while six other weather radar Dopplers will be delivered in the next few months.



JOS UNIVERSITY TEACHING HOSPITAL JOS, NIGERIA

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SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES FOR SENIOR POSITIONS

The underlisted applicants have been shortlisted for aptitude Tests for various positions in Jos University Teaching Hospital Jos. The Aptitude Test will hold as follows: Date: Saturday 15th May, 2010 Time: 8.00am Venue: Plateau State Polytechnic, Jos Campus

Candidates are required to pay a mandatory processing fee of One thousand Naira (N1,000.00) only, before 14th May, 2010 at any Diamond bank Branch Account No. 055-210000565. No cash will be at the venue. Candidates are also required to come along with: two passport size photographs, writing materials, originals of credentials, current practicing licenses (where applicable and bank teller being evidence of payment of the above stated fee.

Successful candidates at the aptitude test will be interviewed from 17th to 19th May, 2010 at Admin Block, JUTH Old Site, Murtala Mohammed Way, Jos NB: Shortlisted candidates/dates of interview for junior positions will be published later

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196 DERGIN SAMUEL	332 OGWU AMBROE A.	468 ONUH EMMANUEL ALADE	605 MIRI MIRIAM NANKO	741 NUHU GOIYA DENHAM	877 DRENKAT RAHILA
197 OFODILE CLARA N.	333 MAGAJI DAT CHRISTIANA	469 AMUZENMA O. ANNASTESIA	606 MOSES MAGIT MALLAM	742 OKPER JOE AGBO	878 ORBUNDE N. VIVIEN
198 DUNG MARK GYANG	334 GERSON ZAKKA C.	470 BOKKOS RUTH AUJU	607 DAVOU AUGUSTINE	743 LOHSA DADI	879 EZINWA I. IFEANYI
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205 GOTEP LOKRITHIMA DUGUL	341 SILAS MOSES TANZE	477 BAIKE YAHAYA ABDULLAH	614 OGBECHIE JAMES AUJU	750 NWOKORO O. CHARLES	886 JOB SUSGUYE DORIS
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208 OGDIN N. DORATHY	344 CHIRMAN DAVID ODGREY	480 BUNYAN KIM MARGARI	617 CHUWANG YOP PATIENCE	753 GONSUM AMOS DAVID	889 MUSA KAIKABA
209 DAUDA C. Ashley	345 MUSA ELSIE OGNNA	481 FOLARIN FEMI EMMANUEL	618 NDUKWE OLUCHI SUNDAY	754 BISAT G. MONDAY	890 ONUWA G. CHABJUTU
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274 AYUBA BELLO	410 GOTOM Y. GOKIR	546 IDZI ROTMWAISHATU	683 DAMTONG NANRET	819 KABIRU JOYCE JULCIT	955 LUKA PONZING
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In Today's Edition

## When last did you deworm?

By Akor Ojoma and Romoke Ahmad

**T**HE World Health Organization estimates that nearly 2 billion people worldwide are infected with soil transmitted helminthes (intestinal worms) or water borne trematode worms called schistosomes. Many of those affected by worms live in low income countries like Nigeria and do not have access to clean water and functional sanitation systems.

UNICEF report of "The state of the world's children 1998" says that about 1.5 billion people have roundworms, making it the third most common human infection in the world, whipworm infects 1 billion people, including nearly one third of all children in Africa and more than 1.3 billion people carry hookworm in their gut.

According to Dr Emeka Anene, the Medical Director, Jikwoyi Medical Centre "Worming or drenching popularly called deworming is the giving of an antihelminthic drug (a wormer, dewormer or drench) to a human to rid one of intestinal parasites."

Now the pertinent question arises; how often should I deworm myself and my family?

### Effects of not getting dewormed

Worm infestations often cause serious health problems and impact a child's ability to attend and perform well in school and another UNICEF report says researches have shown that regular deworming can substantially increase school attendance and significantly improve a child's ability to learn in school.

Eventually the growth rate and weight gain of children who are regularly de-wormed is pretty higher than who those who aren't. Hence regular deworming is the best solution for many of the childhood illnesses.

### Benefits of deworming

Deworming regularly would certainly result in a healthier and more productive community. The doctor said prominent health organizations and experts have promoted deworming in the developing world as a potentially effective public health and development strategy. In low income countries where deworming policies have been adopted, it has generally proven to be highly effective and eco-



“Eventually the growth rate and weight gain of children who are regularly dewormed is pretty higher than who those who aren't”

be done using drugs or herbs. Drugs such as mebendazole, Levamisole, combantrin, praziquantel are highly effective and easy to use. Some are readily available as over the counter medications.

Herbs on the other hand may be employed. Many of these herbs serve dual purposes: for eating and as medicine. They include wormwood, garlic, sage, thyme, ginger, castor oil, bitter lemon, pepper mint (herb not the packaged common ones); and the list goes on.

### How often should deworming be done?

Dr Anene said Deworming should be carried on periodically, at least twice in a year to reduce or prevent the disease burden.

Medical experts at Mthermal.com said deworming once every six months is sufficient. But, if you suspect or notice that your child is getting worms more frequently, then deworming your child or whole family more frequently as deemed appropriate by your primary physician may be necessary.

Except tapeworms (as in the case of pinworm or whipworm infection), a second dose may be necessary after two weeks or 73-75 days after the first dose to break the life cycle or to kill the migrating larval forms of these parasites. In any case, deworming the whole family twice a year is necessary.

nomically efficient public health intervention.

### How one gets worms

According to Dr Anene "Many of us have been infested our entire life, beginning from our childhood. The eggs can be found everywhere, from the soil, the playground, the restaurant, pets at home and so on. They are spread mostly by people not washing their hands after coming in contact with their anus, or from leftovers from some else's hands. Once swallowed, the parasites just keep on growing, thriving on sugar, carbohydrates, milk, meat and chemicals in our intestine."

These parasites love liver and intestines which is usually the number one organ where the majority may be found. However, they can live comfortably anywhere in the body, including the brain, eyes, lungs, heart and even joints.

### Symptoms

People with persistence parasite infestation tend to have blood problems, especially

anemia, muscle and joint complaints, mood problems, bloating, itchy anus at times, digestive complaints, heart and lung problems if it has spread or they may have no symptoms at all. Symptoms at night may include tooth grinding and clenching and lots of drooling. The latter may also be symptoms of stress whilst sleeping, but if they coincide with digestive complaints beware. People who are most prone to complications from worms are those living with chronic diseases, cancer, malnutrition, auto immune illness, drinking water of poor quality and HIV/AIDS.

### Diagnosis

**A**t the doctor's office the best investigations will include a stool analysis. Most parasites however, hang on tight and many will not pass their eggs at the time a stool check is made.

The best deworming drugs Deworming regularly thus seems imperative. This can

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## Advice by Dr Aminu Magashi

### My wife suffers Enuresis

**I have a wife who is 20 years old but still bed wets. Please what do I do to remedy the situation?**

KN

I will provide you with general information about adult bed wetting and I will expect you to take your young wife to a medical doctor for more examination and investigation.

Adult onset bed wetting, otherwise known as nocturnal enuresis, is relatively uncommon and can be caused by one or more of the following factors.

1. Problems with the urinary system

When the urinary tract is infected, or when there are stones there, the bladder gets irritated. The same applies to those who have bladder infection or cancer of the bladder.

As the condition worsens, the ability of the bladder to control the discharge of urine weakens, especially during sleep. Those who suffer from this condition are likely to face problems of incontinence during the day as well.

2. Chronic constipation

When the bowels cannot be discharged properly and the amount of fecal matters builds up, additional pressure is exerted on the bladder. This weakens the bladder, leading to involuntary discharge during sleep.

3. Diabetes

Bed wetting can be an indication of the onset of Type 2 diabetes, where the body does not produce sufficient insulin to bring glucose from the blood into the cells.

4. Sleep disorders

Obstructive sleep apnea (which arises from obstruction to the upper airway) and night seizures can trigger enuresis.

5. Neurological disorders

Bed wetting can be a symptom for acute anxiety or other emotional stress that the person is facing.

6. Psychological factors

For those who used to suffer from bed wetting in their childhood and had since ceased the habit, traumatic incidents (such as death in the family, or sexual and physical abuse) can trigger a return to bed wetting. Known as secondary nocturnal enuresis, it is treated as a symptom, rather than as a psychological condition in itself.

7. Stress

Stress is well-established medically as a cause of sec-

ondary nocturnal enuresis.

Research has shown that different forms of stress can contribute to a sense of insecurity, followed by a return to the habit of bed wetting. These include relocation to a new city, spousal conflict or divorce, arrival of a new baby, or loss of a loved one or a pet.

8. Caffeine

Caffeine is diuretic and causes the body to increase the production of urine. A person who has consumed a huge amount of coffee or other beverages containing high levels of caffeine prior to sleeping may experience one-off episodes of bed wetting.

9. Food allergies

Although not fully proven yet, food allergies may be part of the cause of enuresis for some patients.

Please take your wife to a medical doctor

### Worry over small male organ

**What is the implication of worrying too much about small male organ? My organ is too small and it is really embarrassing.**

WM

A lot of men are worried over small penis or what they perceive to be small. Many are carried away by what they observe in movies and/or magazines and from that make an assumption; they are small, while in the actual sense, they have a normal penis.

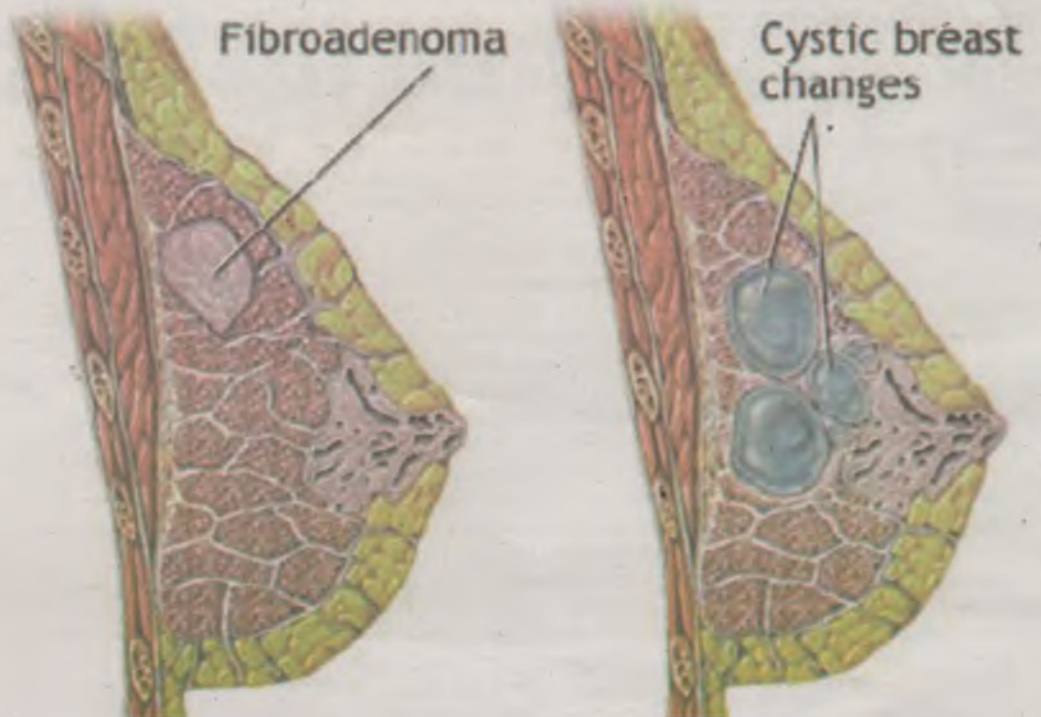
It is also good for you to be aware of the term "small penis syndrome" which has been proposed to describe men who have excessive anxiety about the size of their penis and who have a clinically average sized penis. Individuals who have been diagnosed with a micro penis would not be considered to have small penis syndrome.

The researchers who first coined small penis syndrome suggest that it could be part of obsessive thinking or a larger psychological problem called Psychosis.

They propose that psychological or counseling treatment should be the first course of action, with medications and surgery offering a less attractive option given the fact that there is nothing anatomically or clinically wrong with the penis.

Micropenis is a clinical term used to describe a very small penis. The generally accepted definition of a micropenis is a penis that is "more than 2.5 standard deviations" below the average penis length for the age of the individual.

## Common benign causes of breast lumps



This is just a statistical term that means a certain length away from average, based on the average penis size in the population.

Some of the potential implications to your worry are; It may lead to

1. Lack of quality sleep
2. Peptic ulcer
3. High Blood pressure
4. Temporary sexual impotency
5. Premature ejaculation
6. Feeling of 'I will be rejected by my potential partner'

You will benefit from sexual-ity counseling

### I discovered breast lump

**I need an advice from you. One day while bathing I discovered a lump in my breast. My family doctor after some tests said it is cancer. Please what are the causes and remedy?**

MM

Many factors can influence a woman's risk of getting breast cancer, but having one or more risk factors does not necessarily mean that a woman will get breast cancer.

Some women with one or more breast cancer risk factors never develop the disease, while the majority of women with breast cancer have no apparent risk factors. Even when a woman has a risk factor, there is no way to prove that it was the actual cause of breast cancer.

Risk Factors for Breast Cancer Include Both Those That Cannot Be Changed Such As Genetics and Age, and Those That Can Be Changed Such As Lifestyle:

1. Age: As a woman ages, her risk of breast cancer also increases
2. Genetics: Changes (or mutations) of certain genes may cause some cells to become cancerous. Recent studies have shown that up to 10% of breast cancer cases are hereditary
3. Personal history: Women who have had breast cancer in one breast are three to four times more likely to develop breast cancer in the opposite breast than women who have never had breast cancer.
4. Family history: If a woman's blood-related relatives on either her mother or father's side of the family have had breast cancer, then she is at increased risk for the disease. Having a first-degree relative (mother, sister, daughter) with breast cancer can double a woman's risk.
5. Previous breast biopsy showing benign conditions: Women who have previously had breast biopsies showing benign (non-cancerous) conditions such as lobular carcinoma in situ (LCIS) or atypical hyperplasia (AH) may have a slightly higher risk of developing breast cancer. These conditions are characterized by

a sharp increase in the number of breast cells.

6. Menstrual periods: Women who begin menstruating at an early age (before age 12) and those who reach menopause after age 55 have an increased risk of breast cancer.

7. Delayed childbirth: Women who have their first child after age 30 or who never have a child are at a slightly higher risk for developing breast cancer.

8. Alcohol: Most health-care providers agree that alcohol consumption can increase the risk of breast cancer.

9. Smoking: Smoking increases a woman's chance of developing several types of cancer, including breast cancer.

10. Diet: There is a much higher incidence of breast cancer in areas with high fat diets

11. Previous radiation therapy: Women whose breast/chest area have been exposed to radiation therapy during childhood are at higher risk of developing breast cancer

12. Hormone replacement therapy (HRT): Although studies have been inconsistent, there appears to be an emerging consensus that the use of hormone replacement therapy (HRT) increases the risk of breast cancer.

The treatment of your cancer and/or breast lump is based on a proper investigation and examination to determine the type and stage of the cancer.

# DIGEST

## High stress levels can make you fat, researchers claim

MOST people trying to lose weight know it's a case of eating less and moving more. But weight-watchers may also do well to cut down on the stress in their lives if they want to drop a few pounds. New research has found that high levels of anxiety can cause people to become obese.

The Israeli study found that stress activates a gene which affects the metabolism and contributes to our cravings for sweet, fatty foods. Dr Alon Chen, a neuro-endocrinologist at the Weizmann Institute, said: 'We showed that the actions of a single gene in just one part of the brain can have profound effects on the metabolism of the whole body'. Few people lead stress-free lives these days which may, say experts, account for the rise in obesity triggered by the stress gene. It starts with the pressure to fit in at school at five, pass exams, get into a good university, pay off student loans, meet mortgage payments - and before you know it, you're worrying about university fees for the children. 'Stress is definitely influencing every system in the body,' said Dr Chen. 'It's not just causing anxiety, depression and post-traumatic stress disorder but is influencing metabolic syndromes such as obesity.'

In the study, published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, the researchers discovered a 'stress switch' that can lead to both obesity and diabetes. The scientists created their own method for changing the activity of the gene on the brain, causing it to release varied amounts of a protein called Ucn3.

They discovered that increased levels of Ucn3 caused anxiety and changes in metabolism. With increased levels of Ucn3, the bodies of mice used more sugar and less fatty acids and metabolic rates increased, showing the first stages of type 2 diabetes. Dr Chen added: 'Until now, the lines drawn between stress, appetite and anxiety were pointed out, but never fully explained. 'This new research may be the important missing link that can help drug developers create drugs targeting stress that could have multiple side-benefits, like preventing diabetes, promoting heart health and keeping our weight down.'



**WEIGHT problem:** Stress activates a gene which affects the metabolism and contributes to our cravings for sweet, fatty foods, according to a new study

## I look younger now! Full of joy, one of world's first face transplant patients shows his new visage to the world

A Spaniard who had one of the world's first partial face transplants has spoken of his joy on seeing his new visage.

Speaking at a press conference at a hospital in Seville, the patient named only as Rafael said: 'I am full of joy and happiness. I want to thank the family of the donor and the medical team.'

And Dr Gonzalez Padilla said the patient 'recognised himself' when he first saw himself in a mirror after the surgery, adding: 'He didn't see himself as a monster, in fact he thought he looked younger.'

Rafael was the second person in Spain and the ninth in the world to receive a partial face transplant.

He appeared before the media at the Virgen del Rocio Hospital in the southern city, where he underwent a 30-hour operation on January 26 and 27.

Caption: New beginning: A nurse laughs next to Rafael, the first partial face transplant patient in Andalusia during a press conference they held after he was discharged from the Virgen del Rocio hospital in Seville, southern Spain, today

He has since been released from hospital, feels pain, heat and cold in his face, and has started shaving.

Rafael still has difficulty in talking clearly as he is not expected to regain complete control over his tongue for another three months. His face is still inflamed.

He told reporters he is a fan of Seville football team Real Betis and is looking forward to going back to their stadium to watch a match.

Rafael appeared at the press conference alongside his mother Juana and sister Belen, who held his hand throughout.

He asked for his privacy to be respected, saying: 'Please, after this press conference I want you to leave me, my family and my friends in peace.'

Shaving, swallowing and feeling hot and cold: Rafael poses with doctors during the press conference in Spain today

The doctors said the transplant involved the patient receiving donor tissue for the lower two-thirds of his face. The first part of the transplant involved removing the facial tissue, blood vessels and nerve endings from the donor. The second part involved

attaching them to the patient.

The doctors said receptors do not end up with the face of the donor, as the tissue adapts itself to the bone structure of the receptor.

Rafael spent five weeks in intensive care and a week in the burns unit before being moved to a regular hospital bed on 15 March.

Surgeon Tomas Gomez Cia, who lead the transplant team, described the patient as 'an incredibly brave person.'

Success: Rafael, who said he recognised himself in the mirror, is the second partial face transplant in Spain and the ninth in the world

He said: 'It is difficult enough for us to appear before all these cameras, so you can imagine how Rafael feels.'

The team of plastic surgeons spent a year practising for the operation on dead bodies and 3D computer simulators.

Juan David Gonzalez Padilla, director of maxillofacial surgery at the hospital, said: 'He has recovered his sensitivity in the lips, the cheeks, he can distinguish cold and heat, and he's even shaving, something

which he wasn't able to do before because of his illness.'

He added that Rafael 'is already swallowing normally', within three months he will have normal mobility in his face.

Rafael suffered since birth from the congenital disease neurofibromatosis type 1, formerly known as von Recklinghausen disease, a genetic problem which causes cells to grow abnormally. He had benign tumours on two thirds of his face as a result.

Dr Gomez Cia said for Rafael 'there was no reconstructive alternative except for a tissue transplant from a dead donor.'

Since Rafael's operation, surgeons in Barcelona have carried out the world's first full face transplant.

A farmer whose face was deformed in a shooting accident five years ago was the patient at the city's Vall d'Hebron Hospital.

A team of 30 took 24-hours to complete the operation in late March. The patient has not been identified.

Isabelle Dinoire was given the world's first facial transplant in November 2005 in France. Her original face had been ravaged by her pet dog.



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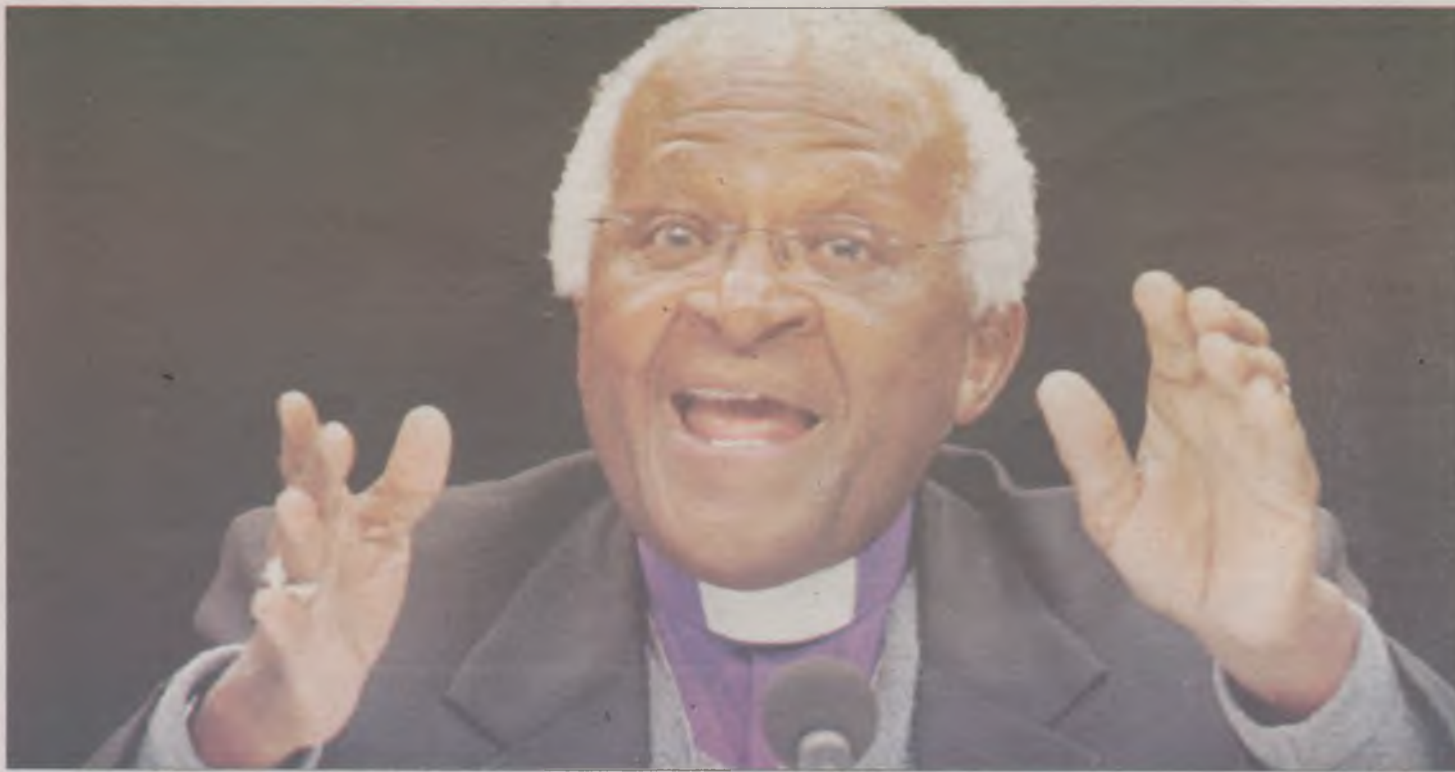
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## News Extra

# Desmond Tutu: 'South Africa has lost its pride'

Archbishop's condemnation of country's rampant crime and corruption comes little more than a month before the World Cup



ARCHBISHOP Desmond Tutu, often described as South Africa's 'moral conscience', has suggested that his country is still suffering from the legacy of apartheid. Photograph: Martin Meissner/AP

**D**esmond Tutu has delivered a withering verdict on the state of South Africa as the country prepares to host the continent's first football World Cup.

The archbishop emeritus, often described as South Africa's moral conscience, condemned rampant crime and corruption and said the legacy of racial apartheid was still being felt.

**N**elson Mandela, the country's first black president, now a frail 91 and deep in retirement, would be deeply saddened if he was aware of recent events, he added.

"Something happened to us," Tutu, 78, told South Africa's *Die Burger* newspaper. "It looks like we have lost our pride. And it is not because of poverty."

"I don't want to make apartheid the scapegoat, but it might be that we are unaware of the damage

**It looks like we have lost our pride. And it is not because of poverty.**

that was caused. To all of us South Africans. "The damage to people who implemented such an inhuman policy, as well as the damage done to the victims."

The Nobel peace laureate, a leading voice in the liberation struggle, remains a giant in South African public life and one of the most respected and trenchant critics of the African National Congress (ANC) government.

His attack comes as a blow little more than a month before South Africa invites global attention as proud host of the World Cup.

The government has staked immense political and financial capital in the tournament, with President Jacob Zuma declaring: "This is the single greatest opportunity we have ever had to showcase our diversity and potential to the world."

**B**ut the ANC has long been dogged by criticism from opposition politicians and the press for greed, corruption and cronyism.

Tutu said: "During the struggle, people were very idealistic; they were ready to make sacrifices. But now the things against which we thought we were fighting have become irresistible to some people."

"There is nothing wrong with becoming rich, except when it is a certain group of people, an elite, who is controlling it."

Violent crime is another post-apartheid scourge that sceptics warn could threaten the safety of fans at the World Cup, which kicks off on 11 June.

"Many of us feel more unsafe than before," said Tutu, chairman of The Elders group of world leaders. "We are prisoners in our homes. Look at what is happening to farmers."

"But it is not only the farmers. You read something horrific almost every day. We should ask ourselves: 'Hey, what is going on?'"

Last week marked 16 years since Mandela's victory in South Africa's first democratic election. But the spatial segregation of apartheid is still acute, with millions of black people living in impoverished townships outside big cities.

Tutu, who coined the phrase "rainbow nation", suggested that multiracial harmony remained elusive. "We have to ask ourselves whether we are completely healed," he continued.

"Every white person benefited from apartheid. And sometimes it is expected that Afrikaners should

carry most of the blame while every white person profited from apartheid.

"I think we as South Africans should sit down together and ask: 'Are we completely healed or are all of us deeply injured?' We may not be aware of it."

Tutu chaired the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in an attempt to deal with the consequences of white minority rule for both perpetrators and victims.

But he admitted there were failures: "We didn't manage to involve white people enough in the process. And we didn't get the big fish."

The fragility of race relations was exposed recently when the ANC's youth league president, Julius Malema, sang a liberation-era protest song containing the words "shoot the Boer", in defiance of a court order.

**S**ome groups blamed him for inciting racial hatred that led to the murder of white supremacist Eugene Terre'Blanche.

Malema is currently facing an ANC disciplinary hearing over the song, his vocal support of the Zimbabwean president, Robert Mugabe, and his verbal abuse of a BBC journalist at a press conference.

"There must be many ANC members who feel very sad," said Tutu, indicating that Mandela may not have heard about the saga. "I am in a way grateful that Madiba [Mandela's clan name] is not always as aware of what is going on, because I think it would sadden him deeply."



JULIUS Malema: Some blame him for inciting racial hatred.

## News Extra

# Six-year-old saved from certain death by his big ears



EMERGENCY services raced to save him, worried the weight of his body might pull him through the bars or cause him to suffocate.

A boy in China was saved from the certain death of an eight-storey fall when his head got stuck in the bars of a window after he fell through.

Ming Ming, aged six, was only prevented from plunging straight through the grate to his death by his ears.

Instead, he was left dangling high above the street, to the terror of passers-by below.

His screams, audible at street level, alerted them to his life-threatening predicament.

Emergency services raced to save him, worried the weight of his body might pull him through the bars or cause him to suffocate.

They used a hydraulic pressure expander to force the bars apart and pulled Ming Ming back into his family's flat. A large crowd gathered on the street below as they carried out the rescue.

He is believed to have wandered to the window while looking for his grandfather, who had left him sleeping to run an errand.

Fire service spokesman Wang Shen said it was a miraculous escape.

He said: 'He could have fallen to the ground - or have been suffocated - at any minute.'

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## 'New ministry will boost housing delivery'

By Nasir Imam

THE recent creation of the Federal Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development is a strong indication of government's desire to address the nation's housing challenges, Managing Director, Federal Housing Authority, Arc. Terver Gemade has said.

Gemade, who was receiving an award of excellence from

North Central States Students Association of Nigeria in Abuja, said government was expected to come out soon with a funding mechanism that would cater for the housing needs of low income earners. Describing the nation's estimated housing deficit of 16 million as challenging, Gemade expressed optimism that the challenge could be overcome and gave assurance that the FHA would do its best to reduce the number.

The FHA chief executive however expressed regret that

the Authority had not received government budgetary allocations for over eight years which he said had hamstrung the organisation in its determination to meet the housing needs of the poor and needy.

Earlier in his address, the National President of the Association, Comrade Ibrahim Alih said it was not possible to rebrand the country without showing appreciation for those who have distinguished themselves in their various fields.

### Kano govt to supervise reconstruction of razed market

From Ruqayyah Yusuf Aliyu, Kano

KANO State government under Kano State Urban Planning and Development Authority (KNUPDA) will supervise the reconstruction of razed shops during the fire incidence at Kano textiles market, Kantin Kwari which occurred last March.

Addressing newsmen on matters arising in relation to reconstruction of the burnt shop complexes, the Managing Director, KNUPDA Alhaji Hassan Sani Na'Abba said the supervision is to insure that the reconstruction is done in line with set standards by the authority.

Na'Abba said approval has been granted for reconstructing of gidan Gwamnan Maradi and gidan Bayajidda for a fee of N110,000 and N85,816 as approval fee respectively while the reconstruction plans of the remaining five damaged complexes in the market await approval of the authority.

He further debunked the rumour being spread that the authority is demanding millions of naira as approval fee for reconstruction of largest burnt complex, gidan Labaran which he said might not exceed the sum of N200,000 when the approval is being processed. Others awaiting approval are gidan Aliyu Bashari, gidan Bala Rabiu, gidan Alfa Wali and gidan Inuwa mai mai.

The MD emphasized that all complexes to be reconstructed must be approved by the authority before commencement warning that any illegal reconstruction will be demolished by the authority.



PIC: OLADIPUPO ODUNEWU

THE ever busy Marina Street in Lagos deserted yesterday as a result of public holiday in honour of the late President Umaru Yar'adua.

### Bank reforms cripple real estate - REDAN

By Mustapha Suleiman

THE Real Estate Developers Association of Nigeria, (REDAN), has raised the alarm that the on-going reforms in the banking industry have grounded developmental activities in the real estate sector in the country.

The National President of REDAN, Chief Olabode Afolayan said this when he visited Minister of Land, Housing and Urban Development, Mr. Nduse Essien in Abuja recently.

He lamented that the present reforms have

weakened abilities of banks to provide essential services, especially the real estate which requires huge capital injection.

"Sincerely, we had looked at the banking reform as a thing that would open up lots of opportunities for investors in the real estate sector, but honestly, in the last couple of months, it has been a very unfortunate situation. The Banks have not impacted on the real estate sector in the last six months. They have not been able to give funding. Even the bank guaranty they used to give in the past has also stopped. When the reform was put

in place, we had thought it would be a holistic approach at reforming all sectors of the economy.

Afolayan added, "But since it began, no meaningful service could be gotten from banks any more. The banks are now struggling to be in business, they are not investing any money. The reform has weakened abilities of the bank to provide essential services. Now, this has huge implication on the economy. The real estate sector is not just crippled; it is destroyed by this singular non-performance of these banks."

### Coy explains participation at Lagos architects forum

From Mohammed Shosanya, Lagos

EMEL Building Materials, one of the leading names in Nigerian construction and building materials industry has explained why it showcased its array of products at the Lagos Architects Forum and Exhibition 2010 which held in Lagos last week.

General Manager of the company, Vikram Mansukhani, said Emel displayed its product at the forum in line with its commitment to providing top-quality products with a view to developing the nation's construction industry.

The products displayed includes PVC Tiles, Gypsum

Tiles and Mineral Fibre Ceiling, Cladding materials, as well Security and Wooden doors.

According to a statement from the company, Mansukhani also explained that the exhibition was also used as a platform to enhance the reach of the Emel brand, take customer queries, market the products directly to them and offers avenue for new businesses.

Welcoming guests to the exhibition, Arc. Abimbola Ajayi, Chairman, Nigeria Institute of Architects, Lagos State Chapter, said that the expo was evidence of the growing sophistication of Nigeria for the high quality building and construction materials.

She called on professionals, stakeholders and the gen-

eral public to avail themselves of the networking opportunities and access to reputable manufacturers, vendors and service providers available at the forum.

Ajayi stated that the 3-day forum will focus on transforming the landscape of Lagos into a world class sustainable and vibrant city of cohesive communities.

"It is my hope that at the end of this event, we would have succeeded in achieving our advocacy role in sensitizing the various stakeholders in the Built Environment regarding their roles and responsibilities and eventually bring us to the desired and deserved status of the 1st World Eco-Sustainable Mega City which will rank as high among global indices in every sector."

## Trust Islamic Forum

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# Marriageable age for teenagers in Islam

By Dr. Husam Al-Din Ibn Musa 'Afana

THE issue of enacting laws specifying the minimum age of marriage is a subject of debate among Muslim scholars. Some of them say that the ruler cannot enact such a law, while others say the ruler is entitled to issue such laws as long as the public interest of the society is maintained.

There is much fuss about the issue of early marriage with many calls to delay the age of marriage. Here I wish to start with some texts that encourage Muslims to hasten marriage. Almighty Allah says: "And marry such of you as are solitary and the pious of your slaves and maid servants. If they be poor, Allah will enrich them of His bounty. Allah is of ample means, Aware." (An-Nur: 32) Almighty Allah also says: "marry of the women, who seem good to you, two or three or four" (An-Nisaa': 3) The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) is reported to have said: "O young people! Who of you is able to marry, let him marry, for this will help him lower his gaze and preserve his chastity. As for him who is unable to marry, let him fast for this will help him stop the (evil) desires." Also in a hadith, the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said: "...and I marry women. So, whoever abstains from following my example does not belong to me."

From all these texts, it is clear that as far as Islam is concerned, there is no specific minimum age for marriage. Muslim scholars even said that a minor boy and girl who are under the age of puberty can get married.

Scientifically and medically speaking, the real meaning of early marriage for a girl is that marriage that takes place before a girl starts to menstruate. As for branding marriages that take place before the age of 18 as early marriages, this has no scientific or legal basis. The whole issue of marriage depends on reaching the age of menstruation. Once the girl has reached the age of menstruation, she is no longer out of the scope of marriage.

According to a scientific study conducted by the Jordanian University, the age of the onset of menstruation world-wide is between 9 and 16 years of age, while in the Arab countries it is between 11 and 12 years.

I'd like to say to those who oppose early marriages that the Personal Status Act that prevents the marriage of minors is based on the juristic point of view which prevents that marriage.

The Act stipulates that girls not marry before they reach the age of 15 and that boys not marry before they reach the age of 16. These are the average ages of the onset of puberty for girls and boys that render them legally responsible. Hence, the call to delay the age of marriage of young people until they are 18 or over presumes that they are not responsible for their actions and prevents them from exercising their right of freedom.

According to trustworthy scholars, authentic reports proved that the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) married 'Aishah, Mother of the Faithful (may Allah be pleased with her) when she was nine years old. I have never come across a reference that contradicts that.

Based on the above mentioned, I conclude that it is not permitted to pass a law specifying the age of marriage to be 18 and above, for this causes great hardship.

Though I encourage young people to marry at an early age, yet I see also that they should wait until they are graduated. But this does not mean that I oppose marriages at an age earlier."

On the same subject, the prominent Muslim scholar Sheikh 'Atiyya Saqr, former Head of Al-Azhar Fatwa Committee, adds: "In the first volume of my Muslim Family Encyclopedia, I noted that early laws showed no care to determine the age of marriage. Roman Emperor Justinian was the first one to set the age of marriage for females at 12 years and 14 for males. After the advent of Christianity in Europe, such a law was no longer followed. Mary Stewart married Henry VIII when she was only six. Early marriages were predominant in some Eastern countries and are still carried out in places like India.

Islam does not specify a certain minimal age for marriage; rather, it placed a certain age for shouldering religious obligations in general. This age is the age of puberty, either by natural sign (the ability to ejaculate semen for a boy and menstruation for a girl) or by reaching the age of 15 lunar years. However, reaching this age is not necessary for validating the marriage contract, for it is up to the guardians to conduct marriages before [the bride or groom or both] have reached this age.

In spite of the fact that there is no specific age for marriage in Islam, it is preferred to make it early so as to protect young people, both males and females, from deviation. However, this may lead in certain cases to placing some hardship on the shoulders of the parties involved due to the financial and other responsibilities entailed by marriage. Based on this understanding, I think that enacting some laws to specify the age of marriage, as done by some governments, is a good step. However, these governments should take into consideration all the circumstances relating to the subject and specific to the society. Obeying the ruler in following such laws is surely an obligation so long as they bring about benefit to the whole society. Almighty Allah says: "O ye who believe! Obey Allah, and obey the Messenger and those of you who are in authority; and if ye have a dispute concerning any matter, refer it to Allah and the Messenger if ye are (in truth) believers in Allah and the Last Day. That is better and more seemly in the end." (An-Nisaa': 59)"

Based on the above fatwas, it can be said that the issue of enacting laws specifying the age of marriage is governed by the public interest of the Muslim society taking into consideration the Shari'ah-based objectives in this regard." Allah Almighty knows best.

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SEN. Yerima

## Yerima and his teenage wife

By Sheik Taofeek Miqdad

I was greeted with consternation at the bizarre and rather pugnacious attitude of some Nigerian women liberation groups who have been criticising Senator Ahmed Sani Yerima over his recent marriage to a 13-year old Egyptian girl.

One would wonder what exactly the problem is if I decide to give my daughter out in marriage having attained puberty as far as the codes of ethics in my country is concerned. For the purpose of emphasis let me make the fact straight and clear here that different countries of the world have various ages which by a way of subjective assessment have been agreed to as the age when a child could be said to have attained to puberty. While in Nigeria, the age is 18, in the UK it was 15 but now 12 (for girls), in Holland it is 12, in Indonesia it is 16 as well as in Egypt whereas different countries in the world have such subjective and parochial assessment. Having said this, it will be wrong for any women group to throw caution to the wind and impose their own conclusion on another person's decision.

But suffice it to say that these are mere rational but not natural yardsticks to measure maturity, let me state here that maturity in male is naturally discernible by appearances and developments such as: experience of wet dreams, growth of hair in the armpit, deepening of the voice, growth of mouths ache and beard etc. as to the female child, her maturity/adulthood starts with appearance of breast, commencement of menstrual cycle and others. According to [www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org) "puberty is the name for the time when your body begins to develop and change. Girls start developing breasts and get their periods signs that they are growing into women... these changes are between the ages of 8 and 13.

Generally speaking, there is no correlation between the subjective adoption of eighteen years as the age of maturity and the natural discernible signs of maturity whether in male or in female. There are only conceptual and desultory dilettante.

Now, a look at the Yerima vs women civil society groups. I see it as excessive and pusillanimous for women groups to seek legal redress on behalf of a girl whose parents have not made a plea to them to do that on their behalf. With due respect to public officers, I want to state here that a number of teenagers, some of whom are under graduates, are serving as their concubines in various hotels. Having affair with such girls provided they can use condoms is neither seen as anti child rights nor as infidelity. Pages of newspapers and magazines are replete with such incidents almost on a weekly basis. But where a senator chooses not to engage in concubinage or infidelity only for him to honorably get married, the 'mothers' see it as pedophilia. If you can walk in some areas in Abuja then your doubts will be answered because you will see these little girls with their sugar daddies who use them and change them at will like a man changes his apparel. To this the 'mothers' are not protesting.

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## CITY NEWS



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## Driver trapped for hours in auto crash

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

A driver, whose name was given as Malam Adamu Ya'u, was yesterday morning trapped for over two hours in a mangled vehicle after an accident that left three persons injured along the Abuja-Lokoja highway at Yangoji village.

Our reporter gathered from sources that the driver later died minutes after he was rushed to Kwali General Hospital by Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) officials.

An eyewitness said the accident occurred at about 5.30 am, when a truck driver lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a ditch, trapping the driver.

The Yangoji FRSC Unit Commander, Abdullahi Umar, while confirming the accident, attributed the cause to fatigue.

He said his men worked in the accident scene for over two hours with workers of RCC Construction Company, who volunteered to use their crane to remove the trapped driver.

According to him, the truck driver who was trapped from the waist down to his legs was rushed alive to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, while the three injured passengers admitted at Kwali General Hospital.

At the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital a nurse disclosed that the truck driver died few minutes after he was admitted in the hospital, adding that his corpse was moved from the Accident Emergency Unit of the hospital to the mortuary.

# Utako police rescue kidnapped Lebanese

By Ogechi Ohalee

POLICEMEN from Utako Police Station Wednesday night rescued a Lebanese man after he was kidnapped at Obaride Close, Utako, by a seven-man armed gang.

A witness told our reporter that the armed men, who held AK-47 rifles, accosted the Lebanese as he was driving into his house and forced him into a Toyota Corolla car, before shooting into the air to scare residents of the area as they fled.

The witness said police patrol vehicles dashed towards the sound of the gun shots and the robbers opened fire on them at S.O Williams Crescent, which made the

patrol cars give the robbers a hot chase.

"The policemen in the vehicles opened fire at four vehicles driven by the kidnapers and sprayed three of the vehicles while the third which had the kidnapped Lebanese was demobilized," the witness added.

Confirming the incident, the Divisional Police Officer of Utako, Mr Ogedegbe, a chief superintendent, said the seven-man armed gang trailed the Lebanese to his house at 8 pm in three cars and abducted him as he was entering his gate.

He explained that the suspected kidnapers dragged their victim from a silver Toyota Camry car and put him

into a black Toyota Corolla car, while one of their members drove off with the Lebanese car.

"As soon as they saw policemen, the armed men opened fire on them and the policemen fought back elegantly.

He said the policemen's firing power shattered the windscreens of the kidnapers' vehicles, while after 300 metres of the battle; they abandoned their black Corolla car and their victim close to Eterna Petrol Station in Utako.

"After the battle, the police recovered 29 live ammunitions and some AK 47 guns as well as rescued the Lebanese alive.

The divisional police officer assured that his men

are working round the clock to apprehend the kidnapers and advised Utako residents to be vigilant at all times. He also informed residents to be cautious while driving home by checking whether they are being trailed and informing the police on time.

When our reporter called at the residence of the released Lebanese, she was not allowed to enter but a voice from inside said the family was not in the mood to talk with the press.

Mallam Sule, a resident, praised the police for their efforts and said he was marvelled at the way they took accurate aims in a bid not to cause harm to the kidnapped Lebanese.

## FCTA removes speed breakers from roads

By Nasir Imam

THE FCT Administration has commenced the removal of speed breakers from along major intersections in the Federal Capital City, Abuja.

FCT Minister, Senator Bala Mohammed, who flagged-off the removal on Wednesday at Wuse II District, Abuja, reiterated that the removal is in consonance with the promise he made to the FCT residents.

The minister said five intersections in the Federal Capital City have been earmarked as pilot for the scheme; emphasising that the whole speed breakers in the entire 22 intersections earlier installed would be removed gradually in good record time.

According to him, the removed speed breakers would be replaced by mild speed humps of about 50mm high and 150mm wide.

The minister, who was represented at the occasion by the FCT Director of Road Traffic Services, Major Adamu Sule Argungu (Rtd), also revealed that traffic calming devices to warn motorists approaching such intersections would be installed.

Senator Mohammed disclosed that road signs and road markings that are well illuminated would be introduced to serve as countdown to the new humps.

He further disclosed that Vehicle Inspection Officers (VIO) outriders would be positioned at the five pilot intersections to monitor the conduct of motorists.

"For the purpose of transparency and accountability, the speed breakers were donated by Oceanic Bank International Plc at the cost of N40 million and the FCT Administration is now expending the sum of N16 million to get them replaced," he stressed.



FCTA officials removing road bumps in Abuja Wednesday.

## Robbed World Bank official dies at Gwagwalada

By Abubakar Yakubu

A World Bank official, whose house was robbed at Gwagwalada on May 2, died Wednesday afternoon of high blood pressure, arising from the incident, according to family sources.

Dare-devil robbers had on May

2 forced their way into Mr Sunday Achejenu's house at Phase 3 and brutalised his wife, who was the only one at home.

A family member said the robbers collected valuables from the apartment and forced the woman to lead them to their new house along FRCN road, where Mr

Achejenu was observing progress of the building.

"Immediately the robbers were sighted in the building, an alarm was raised by someone, which made Mr Achejenu scale over a fence and he sustained injury," the witness said.

He said the robbers left with

the World Bank official's vehicle, which was later recovered.

Our reporter learnt that Mr Achejenu had an history of hypertension, which aggravated after the robbery incident and kept him off work until Wednesday when he got to work and slumped.

The Gwagwalada Divisional

Police Officer, Charles Mozie, had earlier blamed the absence of a hotline in the division for the slow response of policemen in his division to distress calls.

"We actually need a hotline attached to the division so that we can document our information," the police officer told the press.

# Man struggles with suspected 'one-chance' operators

By Abdulkadir Badsha Mukhtar

A man Wednesday morning struggled with three 'one chance' operators (muggers in a vehicle) that tried to steal his money and handset in a vehicle he boarded along airport road.

A witness, Abdullahi Garba, said the incident happened after Kuje junction, on the way to Abuja.

"We noticed a cab veer from the road into a bush and rushed towards it to see a passenger fighting with the driver as well as accusing him of robbing him," he said.

He said the passenger told the mob that formed at the scene of how the driver with two other persons robbed him of his cell phone and money.

"On hearing the tale, the mob descended on the cab driver and beat him to a dazed state but he was saved

by policemen, who arrived quickly," he added.

The mob protested when the policemen tried to take the suspect away but the policemen with the help of other uniformed men took the suspect to a police station.



SECDA executives yesterday. At the centre is Chief Ugwu Kenneth Eze, national chairman.

## SECDA sends SOS to police

By Zainab Shehu

THE FCT Chairman of Self Employed Commercial Drivers' Association (SECDA), Mr Uche Victor Okorie, yesterday sent a 'Save our Soul' message to the FCT police commissioner over several harassments members of the association have been facing from the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) in Abuja without help

from the police.

Okorie recalled several incidents right from 2006 till date, where SECDA members were attacked by alleged NURTW members without response by the police.

He said early this year at Berger roundabout, SECDA officials who were carrying out humanitarian support to control traffic in the area, were attacked and few of their officials injured.

Okorie lamented further that the divisional police officer of Utako did nothing about the incident, while at Garki, the situation is almost similar as the NURTW members attack their members as well as vandalise their vehicles.

"Sir, I am beginning to be worried because there are indications that the worst is about to happen," the SECDA FCT chairman stated.

## FCT residents, associations mourn Yar'adua

By Romoke W. Ahmad, Usman A. Bello, Ogechi Ohalee & Hussein Yahaya

RESIDENTS and associations in Abuja, yesterday paid tribute to late President Umaru Yar'adua, who died on Wednesday night.

Mrs. Rashidat Yanusa, described the late president as a peaceful man and prayed that God will grant him eternal peace.

Mallam Alfaki, a residence of Mabushi, said the president will be missed because of his gentility. "Adieu my great president, for you fought a good fight for Nigeria," he declared.

Another resident, Johnson Emmanuel, said that the late president will be remembered for his strict adherence to the rule of law and prayed that God should grant him an eternal rest.

Mrs Abosede Ajayi, a civil servant, said the late president had a lofty programme that could have moved the nation forward but noted with regret that his poor health slow down the entire process and prayed that God will give his immediate family the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss.

Another civil servant, Saka Umoru, said the president's death has left another vacuum in the leadership of the country, adding that his leadership style was all encompassing as he tried to carry all sections of the country along.

"Definitely, we have lost another great leader who believed in the supremacy of law. May his soul rest in peace," he prayed.

Miss Rahmat Kikelomo Azeez, a student, commended President Goodluck Jonathan for declaring a work free day and seven-day national mourning for the departed former president, and urged him to continue with some of the late president's policies in order to bring succour to Nigerians.

Also mourning, SECDA's National Chairman, Chief Ugwu Kenneth Eze, said President Yar'adua's death is a loss to Nigeria and the entire member of his association.

"Yar'adua was a good man with a good vision and a promoter of the rule of law but his health did not make him implement to the fullest, his administrations 7-point agenda," he

stated.

Chief Eze also commended the new President, Goodluck Jonathan for his patience and advised him to continue with Yar'adua's policies as well as carry everyone along.

The Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) Abuja Council in a release, called on the political class to unite as a respect for late President Umaru Musa Yar'adua.

The union tasked President Goodluck Jonathan to focus more on issues that unite the country rather than playing politics over the death of Yar'adua.

The Council Chairman, Jacob Edi, described the death of President Yar'adua as sad and should serve as a rallying point for all Nigerians, especially on the eve of an election year.

Edi, who conveyed the condolences of the council to the family of the late president and Jonathan called on them to see the death as an act of God and prayed them to find the fortitude to bear the loss.

Edi said the late Yar'adua was an embodiment of humility, patriotism and goodness as he had the good of the country in his heart.

While he observed that the late president might not have accomplished all that he set out to achieve in his 7-point agenda, he would be remembered for bringing peace to the troubled Niger Delta region through the amnesty programme, and his adherence to the rule of law.

He charged President Jonathan not to allow these gains waste but to consolidate on them as well as ensure that electoral reforms is put in place before the 2011 elections.

Edi also appealed to the new president to tackle the issue of power generation as he observed that the energy situation in the country has grown more worrisome with most parts of the country without electricity supply for days.

According to him, the NUJ Abuja council would continue to work as partner with the government in the task of moving the nation forward while calling on security agencies to do more in bringing to book those that have made journalists targets of assassinations.

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## Inside Politics

# Kano LG chairmen shun Takai's rally

From Jaafar Jaafar, Kano

THIRTY three out of the 44 local government chairmen in Kano State have shunned the rally of the anointed Kano State governorship aspirant on the platform of All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP), Alhaji Salihu Sagir Takai.

Takai was endorsed by Governor Shekarau amid disquiet from most of the local government chairmen in the state. All the local governments but Kumbotso are controlled by the ANPP.

Former governor of Kano State, Senator Kabiru Ibrahim Gaya who is also a guber aspirant had challenged the decision of Shekarau on a Freedom Radio programme earlier this week. Alluding to the already-known endorsement of Takai, Gaya said Takai was least qualified among the aspirants.

It was gathered that the local government chiefs are opposing the governor's choice on the premise that he will be a hard sell to the electorate.

Addressing the press shortly after the 'show-of-strength' rally staged by the Takai camp and subsequent endorsement by Governor Shekarau at the Government House, leader of the group admitted that only 11 council chiefs were present at the rally.

"We have the support of 31 local government chairmen of Kano State. With me here are 11 chairmen," he told newsmen at the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) secretariat in Kano on Tuesday.

At least three local government chairmen who spoke to *Daily Trust* on the condition of anonymity said that the governor's decision to back Takai against all odds would jeopardise the party's chances of winning elections.

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FROM left: Deputy Senate President Ike Ekweremadu, Speaker House of Representatives Dimeji Bankole and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) National Chairman Vincent Ogbulafor at the swearing-in ceremony of President Goodluck Jonathan yesterday.

## Oyo political tussle: Ladoja, Adejojo unite against Akala

By Muideen Olaniyi

FORMER Governor Rashidi Ladoja of Oyo State, the former Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) National Vice Chairman (South West) Chief Yekeen Adejojo as well as another party bigwig in the state Senator Lekan Balogun on Wednesday met the national leadership of the party.

The three Oyo PDP stalwarts who are member of the Patriotic Elders Forum in the state, held a close-door meeting with PDP National Chairman Prince Vincent Ogbulafor and other members of the National Working Committee (NWC).

Speaking after the meeting that lasted for over an hour, Ladoja said: "we are here on a courtesy visit to our national chairman."

When asked if their visit had any link with the crisis in the Oyo State PDP, he queried: "is it only in Oyo state that PDP has crisis?"

The Oyo State PDP is already feeling

the heat of the 2011 election because of the interest of the Governor Adebayo Alao-Akala to recontest for second term. The alliance of Ladoja and Adejojo, who is one of the founding fathers of PDP in the state and a former governorship candidate of All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) may, however, threaten the incumbent governor's ambition.

The party's reconciliation committee led by General Ike Nwachukwu had recommended that each contending group in Oyo State should nominate individuals for a new party executive to be constituted in the state.

Already, Governor Alao Akala has failed to recognise the PDP caretaker committee led by Alhaji Yunus Akin-tunde and has continued to work with Alhaji Dejo Afolabi leadership. Akala has filed a case challenging the Caretaker Committee which was constituted following the recommendation of Nwachukwu committee.

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# Inside Politics

## Plateau congress: Ogbulafor wants caretaker office reopened

By Andrew Agbese, Jos

NATIONAL chairman of the PDP Prince Vincent Ogbulafor has waded into the stalemate in the Plateau state chapter of the party asking the Inspector General of police Ogbonna Onovo to allow the caretaker committee access to its office to conduct its affairs.

The police had last week asked the caretaker committee to halt the conduct of congresses in the state because of a court judgment that failed to recognize the caretaker committee.

Ogbulafor, in a letter requesting the IG to reopen office of the caretaker

committee, listed Plateau as one of the seven states in the country where the state chapters of the party did not hold any congress to elect its officials.

He said that was why a caretaker committee was

set up to conduct a congress for the party in the state.

Ogbulafor informed the IGP in respect of the judgment that since an appeal had been filed and a stay of execution to the

judgment applied for, it is incumbent on the police to allow the caretaker committee access to the party's secretariat for them to operate successfully.

In the letter dated 28th April 2010, the national

chairman confirmed to the IG that there was no congress in Plateau and the setting up of a caretaker committee was to conduct a legal and acceptable congress for the party.

"kindly ensure that

our party secretariat in Jos, Plateau state, is made accessible to the caretaker committee as well as provide the necessary environment for the committee to operate successfully," he wrote.

### PSP Chairman denounces impeachment

By Abdulmutallib A. Abubakar

NATIONAL Chairman of People's Salvation Party (PSP) Dr. Junaidu Muhammad yesterday denied that he was removed from office by some leaders of the led by Muhammad Danbaba Adamu. He said the leaders lacked the constitutional power to execute such action.


Adamu had said earlier that the PSP in its National Executives Committee (NEC) meeting in Kano last weekend passed a vote of no confidence on Dr Junaidu because of his failure to call meetings of the National Directorate contrary to the Article 16, Section 4 (1) (b) of the party's constitution.

Speaking on BBC Hausa Service, Dr. Muhammad insisted that he has is still the national chairman of the party because those who took the decision did not follow constitutional process, stressing that even the purported meeting was conducted at the premises of a different political party in Kano.

Dr. Muhammad said "the purported impeachment was sponsored by one candidate who lost to me in PSP convention in 2006 and he has left the party. Muhammad Danbaba Adamu acted on his behalf."

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## SPORT

Mikel to miss FA Cup final

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# 'Yar'adua's legacies immense despite short period'

By Ismaila Lere, with Agency reports

SPORTS stakeholders yesterday eulogised late President Umaru Yar'Adua who died on Wednesday in Abuja, saying he left indelible marks in spite of his relatively short period in office.

Yar'Adua, who had been ill since late last year, assumed leadership as president on May 29, 2007.

Speaking on the president's death, a former chairman of the then Nigeria Football Association (NFA), Alhaji Ibrahim Galadima, said it was a great loss to the entire country.

"It is our entire loss. The country has lost a leader, and we pray that his soul rests in perfect peace. But we have indeed lost a great lover of sports.

"He left behind great legacies in spite of the relatively short period he was in office, if we remember that he had been sick for a great part of the last one year," he said.

Galadima, who was a member of the Presidential Advisory Committee (PAC) on Sports set up by Yar'Adua, said the establishment of the body headed by retired Maj.-Gen. Ishola Williams was laudable.

"That was perhaps one of his best actions in sports. Through this, he attempted to get to the root of the problems in sports, even if most of the recommendations have not been implemented," he said.

Galadima also listed Nigeria's qualification for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa and the successful hosting of the 2009 FIFA U-17 World Cup in Nigeria as Yar'Adua's legacies.

"Our qualification to South Africa 2010 was due to him, because he made good decisions when necessary and even when he was down with illness, he was sending messages to the Super Eagles to remain focused and not to look back.

On his part, Dr Amos Adamu, a



LATE President Umaru Yar'Adua, left, and former Sports Minister Abdulrahman Gimba, during the civic reception to celebrate the Golden Eaglets triumph at the 2007 FIFA U-17 World Cup in Korea. Sports stakeholders said President Yar'Adua has left an indelible marks despite his relatively short period in office.

member of the executive committees of FIFA and CAF, described Yar'Adua's death as "very unfortunate and a loss to Nigeria".

"We can only pray to God for his soul to rest in perfect peace. However, we will all remember him for his efforts in helping sports to develop in the country.

"He also did a lot in ensuring that Nigeria hosted a successful FIFA U-17 World Cup last year. He did a lot in that regard," Adamu, a former Director-General of the National Sports Commission (NSC), said.

Meanwhile, activities scheduled in the sports sector in Abuja were hurriedly postponed yesterday as a mark of respect for the late presi-

dent.

A press conference earlier scheduled to be addressed by the Sports Minister, Alhaji Ibrahim Bio, on the Super Eagles' preparations for South Africa 2010 was postponed indefinitely.

Tony Ohaeri, the minister's spokesman, said that the event which was moved from last Tuesday had been put off.

"The minister is on his way to Katsina to attend the late president's burial," he added.

In his reaction, the former Sports Minister, Sani Ndanusa, described the late President as one who was passionate about the country's sports development.

Ndanusa said that Yar'Adua's determination to ensure that Nigeria qualified for the World Cup was unparalleled.

He said Yar'Adua was excited when the Super Eagles eventually secured the 2010 South Africa berth last November.

The President-General of the Nigeria Football Supporters Club (NFSC), Rafiu Ladipo, said that Yar'Adua's passion for football played a major role in Nigeria's qualification for the World Cup.

Ladipo said the late President's commitment to football development resulted in the establishment of the Presidential Task Force for the World Cup qualification.

He attributed Nigeria's Golden Eaglets' victory in the 2007 U-17 World Cup in Korea Republic to Yar'Adua's role, who spoke to the players during the campaign.

At the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF), the scheduled signing of an improved contract by the federation and sportswear company Adidas was postponed.

Tunde Aderibigbe, Special Assistant to NFF President, Sani Lulu, said that the day's activities had been suspended.

He said Lulu, who ordered the suspension, expressed his condolence to Nigerians and the country's football family on the death of Yar'Adua.

## FG earmarks N1.2b for World Cup

THE Federal Government has approved a total budget of 1.25 billion naira (over \$8 million) for the country's participation in next month's World Cup in South Africa.

According to MTNfootball-Xtra, the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) will receive 900 million naira, their supervising

government agency, the National Sports Commission (NSC), will get 350 million naira.

This expenditure will cover players' match bonuses and allowances as well as hotel accommodation during the tournament as world football governing body FIFA will only subsidise a player's boarding by \$400-a-night.

Nigeria will pay \$700-a-night for rooms at their new World Cup training base at four-star Waterfront Hotel at Richards Bay.

The Super Eagles will earn a total of \$9 million from FIFA for featuring in the first round of the championship and will receive more if they progress to the knockout stage.

A breakdown of this earning is a million dollars as training grant, which they have since received, and \$8 million for featuring in the group stage, which they will get after the tournament.

For the Africa Cup of Nations in Angola, government approved a budget of 500 million naira (over \$3 million) for the competition.

However, the NFF spent over 700 million naira (about \$4.6 million).

The NFF have since demanded a refund of 200 million naira from the Presidential Task Force (PTF), a committee set up to compliment the efforts of the football association leading to the World Cup.

## NPL election holds 'morrow

By Orkula Shaagee

FOLLOWING the vacation of court order the last court case on the NPL election, the electoral Committee for the election yesterday announced Saturday, May 8 as the new date for election into the new board of the Nigeria Premier League (NPL).

NPL Executive Secretary Al-Hassan Saleh Yakmut said the election would hold at Lamonde Hotel by 9:00 in the morning.

According to Yakmut, clearance of candidates for the election has been 95 percent completed, with only one case pending.

"Security reports on candidates have been confirmed to be 95% complete, except for the case of one candidate that is yet to be concluded.

"While the reports are being awaited, the elections for Zonal representatives, Chairman of Chairmen and Chairmanship shall be conducted on Saturday, the 8th of May in the year 2010 at Lamonde Hotel, Area 11 Abuja at 9:00am prompt, while new board will be inaugurated on Monday next week at the same venue," the statement said.

He explained that only club chairmen and genuinely authorized representatives shall be allowed to vote during the election that would usher in a new executive to replace the Chief Oyuki Obaseki-led board whose tenure expired last March.

## Obaseki welcomes court decision

NIGERIA Premier League former chairman, Chief Oyuki Obaseki has reacted to Tuesday's vacation order by Justice Okolo Arowolo of Abuja High Court against Dr Sam Sam Jaja's case, but said the former president of Nigeria Referees Association is not a loser.

While expressing delight at the development during an interview with *brilafm.net*, the Benin high chief also made a passionate appeal to Jaja to bury the hatchet and drop the case.

"I'm happy with the judgement and I am happy for the Nigeria Premier League. The case is still on but our election can go on.

"I use this to appeal to Jaja to bury hatchet and let peace reign. The judge wanted the election to go and we should follow the judgement and let the election hold," he stated.

But Jaja said in a chat with *brilafm.net* that he is not aware of the court order, which was announced during the renewed sitting of the court on Tuesday.

"I'm just in my village at the moment and there is no reaction I can give about what I am not aware of. I don't even know what they said in court about the case.

"I have to talk to those who were in court to know what happened before I can say anything. Basically, I'm just in the dark," he parried.



HENRIK Stenson of Sweden lines up a putt on the 11th hole during the first round of The Players Championship held at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, United States, yesterday.

# NOC Constitution is ridiculous -Iloh

From Adeolu Johnson, Lagos

FORMER Chairman of the Nigeria Cycling Federation and the Head of the Panel set up to settle the rift amongst aspirants gunning for elections into the Nigeria Olympic Committee (NOC), Rev. Moses Iloh has described the existing constitution of the body as ridiculous.

The Reverend also denied reports making rounds that two members eyeing the NOC top seat, outgoing President Habu Gumel and former Sports Minister, Sani Ndanusa were barred from contesting.

"There is no where in our report where we stated that some candidates should be banned from contesting, so I am amused with the report I am reading in the papers," he explained.

He disclosed that if not for the six month ultimatum given by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the panel would have called for the review of the constitution before the election.

This he however said should be the first task before the incoming board as the present constitution is described as scandalous.

"We the members of the panel have done our assignment faithfully, we gave them a date but the was altered by the NOC EXCO which it has right to do and with the absence of both the President and Secretary General everything was slowed down," Iloh told *Trustsports*.

He explained that there recommendations was expected to be a follow up to what happened in Dutse.

He said the NOC Exco caused the complication with the delay for calling for election.

"The mandate given to us is to settle and conduct a fresh election.

I also challenge to publish the report of the panel so as to make the world see that we are dignified people," he added.

He said the whole scenario is unfortunate as he expected the NOC to invite the members of the panel to let them treat the grey areas in the constitution.

"The Commonwealth Games is fast approaching and we are yet to put house in order I feel disappointed. I especially feel for the youth of this country who are going to participate at the Commonwealth Games," he said.

## Basketball: Pillars open title defense against AHIP

By Ismaila Lere

DSTV Premier League defending champion, Kano Pillars will Saturday open its title defense against city rival, Adolescent Health and Information Project (AHIP) in the Savannah conference of NBBF/DSTV Premier League.

Pillars winner in the last two edition of the nation's flagship league must be on guard to avoid

an upset in its quest for a third straight title ambition.

Other savannah conference pairing billed for this weekend includes the battle in Minna between host Niger Potters and visiting Tapgun Rockets; Yelwa Hawks will host Kada Stars in the newly refurbished National Sports Commission gymnasium while the Kaduna outfit will stay back to do battle against Bauchi Net in the Multi-purpose Hall in Bauchi on Sunday.

In the Atlantic conference Dodan Warriors and Union Bank will entertain Lagos crowd in a local derby at the sports hall of the National Stadium, Lagos at 15H00 on Saturday.

The game will be broadcast live on SuperSport and on Sunday Delta Force will play host to Royal Hooplers at the Asaba Township Stadium by 16H00 while Police Baton clash with last season first runner-up Lagos Islanders in Lagos at 16H00.

## EFCC avoids Huddle scam

RECENT bribery allegations made by football agent, John Ola Shittu against the panel that picked Lars Lagerback as Super Eagles manager in preference to his client, Glenn Huddle has hit the rock, as he failed to make any legal presentation.

This was revealed by Economic Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) spokesman, Femi Babafemi, who told *brilafm.net* that it would be difficult to investigate unless Shittu comes up with proper documents, before the accused would be arraigned.

"We were assured that when we needed Huddle the man who made the allegation, that is his agent, John Shittu, would need to back up his claims with documents.

"It is normal that he should be able to make a written statement on the matter at hand before we would move further and call in those who the allegations were made against.

"We have to settle with those who made the statement and they have to affirm in writing before we move from there," he expatiated.

## Ikpeba blasts Lagerback's trips

FORMER Super Eagles striker, Victor Nosa Ikpeba has analysed Nigeria's 2010 World Cup chances and says he cannot fathom how Lars Lagerback will succeed with his continuous tours of Europe.

Ikpeba wondered in a chat with *brilafm.net* why Lagerback would continue getting paid by Nigeria Football Federation to travel round the world to watch

matches, instead of keeping busy with fringe players.

"We need to settle down and start doing something about our preparations for the World Cup. Look at South Africa for instance, they have been on training tour.

We should also start doing something. Why not gather some of the players who are not playing regularly with their clubs and take them

for a training tour somewhere.

"Why not invite the players who are not active and take them to camp somewhere. We don't even have a friendly.

"Our coach should get busy. He is just collecting salary and not doing anything since he was appointed. Anyway, we don't have to blame him, it's the system that allows this to happen," he stated.



# FOCUS ON: ALGERIA



## Pride, hope looms for Algeria

By Ismaila Lere

ALGERIA are back on the world football stage. For the Desert Foxes, it's difficult to believe they are coming to South Africa. Twenty-four years after he led Les Fennecs to their last World Cup, Rabah Saadane inspired the team to do what few outside the country believed they could.

Drawn against the reigning African champions, Egypt, in the 3rd round of their qualifying group, they took an early lead in the group, but nearly let it slip in their final match of the qualifiers, losing 2-0 to the Pharaohs in Cairo.

The result left the teams deadlocked in all criteria, so for the first time in Africa's history, a play-off was arranged. Algeria grabbed their second bite of the cherry with both hands, Antar Yahia scoring with a tight angle volley to hand the Desert Foxes the final African World Cup berth.

At the 2010 Africa Cup of Nations in Angola the team put on a mixed performance in the tournament. Being drawn in Group A, with Angola, Malawi and Mali, Algeria started poorly by losing 3-0 to group outsiders Malawi. However, they improved in the following game against Mali, beating them 1-0 thanks to a Rafik Halliche header. In the last match, they drew 0-0 with Angola, which sent them to the second round, finishing with the same amount of points as Mali, but with a superior head-to-head record. Playing in Cabinda, Algeria faced Côte d'Ivoire in the quarterfinals, who were considered heavy favourites to qualify. But they got a historic win. After trailing 1-0, Karim Matmour equalized, but Keita

gave the Ivorians the lead in the 89th minute, a goal which seemed sure to seal their victory. However, the Algerians equalized with Madjid Bougherra just 2 minutes later in added time, and Hameur Bouazza gave the Fennecs the lead in extra time. Algeria faced Egypt in the semi-finals, Egypt, in their first meeting since the World Cup qualification play-off. Egypt won the game 4-0, which was the biggest defeat in the history of both teams meetings. Algeria then lost 1-0 to Nigeria in the 3rd place game and finished fourth in the competition.

Building up to the Mundial in South Africa, the Algerians seem to be the quietest of the six African teams in their preparations so far. Based on their performance in Angola, the Desert Foxes showed their potential by reaching semifinals and, on the other hand, the propensity to punch the self-destruct button as they were crushed by arch-foes Egypt in the semifinal. But even more significantly they seemed to lack penetration up front which have been giving Saadane sleepless nights.

He certainly has the raw materials to work with but Algeria will need plenty of fine-tuning in the weeks ahead.

### THE SQUAD

Germany-based Yahia though, should now be looking forward to facing his Bochum team-mate, Zlatko Dedic, in the opening match in Polokwane.

In Wolfsburg's Karim Ziani, Majhid Bougherra of Glasgow Rangers and Portsmouth's Nadir Belhadj, Algeria have a few genuine stars, capable of competing with the world's top teams, but they might not have a team to back them up.



SAADANE... Been there and done it with Algeria

When the North Africans fail to hit their stride, it can go horribly wrong. But counting in their favour is the fact that they play arguably their weakest group opponent first up. A win over Slovenia would give Algeria a three point advantage over the loser of the England vs USA match... with neither side wanting to play catch up.

But if they don't beat Slovenia in their opening match, I see Algeria's campaign ending without a win. That said, Algeria only qualified by causing a huge upset... don't be shocked if they manage another surprise by advancing past the group stages.

### THE COACH

This man Rabah Saadane really is the Dario Gradi of Algerian football.

Saadane, 63, has managed the national team on no fewer than five separate spells and incredibly, he was in charge when Algeria contested their last World Cup finals at Mexico '86. He probably thought he had seen most things in the game until the team bus came under attack from missiles thrown by Egyptian fans during the play-off. The debris caused three of his players to suffer injuries before the game.

He showed the kind of decision-making pedigree that might help Algeria make life tough for their opponents in South Africa when he took the controversial step of cancelling his side's training session before the crucial first leg. He feared his players were feeling nervous under the threat of further attacks and ordered them to go to their rooms and call their families. His experience could be a major asset to his side.

On his expectations in South Africa, Saadane said his players feel "a huge pride and huge responsibility" not only to Africa but to the Arab world as well.

Algeria is the only World Cup qualifier from an Arab nation.

"The whole Arab world will be looking at us," Saadane told Aassociated Press. "And this cup holds special symbolism, because it's being held on our own continent. We don't feel like the home team, but nearly."

### DANGER MEN:

Nadir Belhadj:- the utility man is one of only a handful of players in the Algeria squad with recent experience of a top level league in Europe.

Belhadj's knowhow could prove important wherever he is played on the pitch. He was a key figure in Portsmouth's late run which fended off relegation at the end of last season.

It was no surprise when Pompey opted to make his loan move to Fratton Park permanent when he completed his switch from Lens exactly a year ago for a fee close to £4million. At international level, he made his debut for Algeria five years ago and has since amassed 37 caps while playing in French title-winning sides at Lyon.

He looked like pledging his loyalty to France after making his debut for Les Bleus in an Under-18 international. He finally made his debut for Algeria against China in 2004.

Coach Saadane is wily enough to know that a good squad for a major tournament needs players who can cover a variety of positions and, in this regard, Belhadj, 27, scores highly. He has played in all positions on the left side, including as a defender, a wing-back and as an orthodox winger. Since his first call-up, he has played mostly as a left-back. But far from seeing any individuals stand out for their flair, expect Algeria to call on the mental strength gained over the two violent play-off legs against Egypt as they bid to cause an upset or two

in South Africa.

Karim Ziani:- Ziani currently plays as a creative midfielder for German Bundesliga club VfL Wolfsburg. He has the talent to play in different positions, although he is best known for being a midfielder.

Ziani made his debut for the Algerian national team in 2003 when he was called up by Belgian caretaker Georges Leekens for a friendly against Belgium. He was a member of the Algerian 2004 African Nations Cup team, who finished second in their group in the first round of competition before being defeated by Morocco in the quarter-finals. He was also named as the best player at his position in the 2004 African Nations Cup. Karim Ziani scored his first goal for Algeria against Gambia with a penalty in a 2008 African Nations Cup qualifier, Algeria won 1-0. Ziani then added two more goals to his tally in a 2010 World Cup against Liberia. Algeria won the game 3-0.

Ziani was also the artist behind the recent Algerian team performances during the final phase of the 2010 FIFA World Cup qualification together with 2010 African Cup of Nations.

### ROUTE TO SOUTH AFRICA:

Algeria beat fierce rivals Egypt in a play-off last month to guarantee a place at their third World Cup. The game was marred by fan violence in both legs. Algeria had earned second place in their CAF group with late wins over Zambia and Rwanda.

### WORLD CUP HISTORY:

1982: First round

1986: First round

### WORLD CUP HIGHLIGHT:

Beating West Germany 2-1 in Gijon in their first-ever World Cup match in 1982. They won two of their three group games but went out on goal difference.



ZIANI...ALGERIA'S world class talent.



A new record of 329 not out has been set in a 144-ball local cup match by Oliver Hardaker

## Teenager's world record one-day innings

A teenage cricketer has smashed the world record for the highest score ever recorded in a one-day match.

Eighteen-year-old Oliver Hardaker blasted 329 not out in a 40-over Sunday league match, recording 27 sixes and 29 fours as he raced to the incredible score from just 144 balls.

And it wasn't just his big-hitting that evoked memories of Ian Botham and Freddie Flintoff, because Hardaker admitted that he made his record score despite feeling the worse for wear having been out on the town just a few hours

earlier.

"I'd been celebrating a friend's birthday and hardly had any sleep the night before," said Hardaker.

"It was the best day of my life," said the schoolboy, whose innings provided nearly 80 per cent of his side's total of 419-5.

The player has a trial with Yorkshire U19s later this summer, and hopes that his record-breaking exploits will help him earn a professional contract.



## MY CONSTITUENCY LEGACY

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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## Lagos Asians outclass Warri Old Boys

From Adeolu Johnson, Lagos

LAGOS Asians Cricket Club defeated Federal Government College, Warri Old Boys Cricket Club by 68 runs to set up a Semi-final clash with defending champions Government College, Ibadan Old Boys Cricket Club at the on-going GTB Assurance 20/20 competition.

The Indians won the toss and decided to bat scoring 145 runs with all wickets lost in 20 overs.

Srinivas Somnani posted a quick 51 runs off 24 balls to emerge the top batsman for his side while Wicketkeeper Jai Changrani's 34 runs and Vice-Captain's Vivek Changani's 19 runs added to the total runs amassed by the newly promoted team to Division One.

Udoh Friday, batsman of the series at the just concluded 9th Express Discount Limited Knockout Series was responsible for 4 wickets, 16 runs in 4 overs.

Federal Government College, Warri Old Boys in the 2nd innings could not reach the target set by the Indians as they were bowled out in 16.3 overs for loss of all wickets and 77 runs.

Okunade recorded the highest runs of 20 for his side.

The stage is now set for this Saturday's Semi-final matches at Tafawa Balewa Cricket Oval with the first match being Lagos Asians and Government College Ibadan Old boys while the second match of the day pitches Ogun Rocks with Ibeju.



**President Umaru Musa Yar'adua** GCFR.  
(16 August 1951 - 5 May 2010)

We share the grief of Nigerians on the death of President Umaru Musa Yar'adua.  
May his soul rest in perfect peace.

Signed:  
The Board and Management of MTN Nigeria.



## THE FRIDAY COLUMN

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## The Yar'adua I knew

President Umaru Musa 'Yar'adua lived and let live in the ordinary course of life and in politics. He changed the texture of politics as much as he was changed by it. Thinking I knew him well, I predicted to friends that he would accept to be sworn in in 2007, but would declare the election null and void and have it repeated. That was how much I thought I knew him and of his straightforwardness and love for justice. But he never did anything of the sort. And while the court case over the election was going on, he was initially reported to have decided to allow justice to take its course before superior counsel made him change his mind.

But even if he had changed in politics, he remained a very decent person; and his choice of a servant-leader was a sincere reflection of what he thought of himself. And politics could never change what brought tears to his eyes.

'Yar'adua was once sitting with Hajiya Binta 'Yar'adua, wife of General Shehu 'Yar'adua, his late elder brother when I entered. She gave me a letter the general had written to me from prison; and after I had gone through it, I handed it to him to see, and after reading it he handed it back to me, trying to hide the tears that had welled up in his eyes. I never asked him what caused the tears—was it his remembering his brother in prison or was it the graciousness demonstrated in the letter?

General 'Yar'adua had written a reply to me about my decision to leave as managing director and editor-in-chief of the Sentinel Communications and become Special Assistant to General Muhammadu Buhari. In the letter, the general requested that I should devote my weekends to the new magazine, then under the editorship of Mahmud Jega, current editor of the *Daily Trust*. However, other influences prevailed and this arrangement did not work; and the late president himself took over after I had left.

And when I went to condole him in his Malali residence in 1997 over the death of General 'Yar'adua, he burst into tears as he recounted to me what happened; and he added that the family held someone, not general Sani Abacha, responsible for what happened to his brother.

Despite the trappings of power as president, he remained basically a very simple, humble and intensely private person who would not poke his nose into business that did not concern him; but who would not tolerate someone poking his into his. He was nevertheless personable in quite a pensive way; and, not possessed of great interpersonal skills, he was in fact at heart a loner, almost friendless in his introversion. He was a recluse who, like the plague, avoided the limelight but whom fate thrust into the vortex of the publicity of presidential spotlight.

The weight and pressure of presidential office and the unending crises of the Nigerian situation took their toll on a president who had already been greatly weakened by ill health. When he breathed his last on Wednesday, it was for him in almost all ways an end to suffering and pain. Unwell most of his adult life, he had throughout his political life battled against an array of painful, life-threatening ailments that were to finally prove terminal.

As the nation condoles the family, especially Her Excellency Hajiya Turai 'Yar'adua, she would be remembered as a strong, protective lady who never felt intimidated by a role seemingly beyond her ken into which circumstances had catapulted her. And to the president she remained a loyal, loving and possessive wife who couldn't quite learn to share her husband even with the state of which he was president. With great devotion and fierce loyalty that often outstripped the bounds and demands of state duties, she, as it were, kept him on a tight leash.

And in addition, his own reclusive style didn't allow him to see how he had become a willing hostage to his own close aides whose provincialism deprived his administration of the visionary dynamism that his capacity for organization could have given this nation. The nation never got the chance to see that 'Yar'adua Magic, a great family legacy indeed, with which even as a young student

he single-handedly initiated, revived and transformed the KSA in Katsina, a task in the midst of which he met and married Turai. The nation never saw any inkling of the relatively accountable style with which he had governed Katsina. It never saw anything of the vision with which he was greatly imbued. It never witnessed the unfolding of the great Seven-Point Agenda whose scope and unwieldiness could have overwhelmed even a properly-constituted presidential team. And this was a president without a presidential team.

The weight and pressure of presidential office and unending crises of the Nigerian situation took their toll on a president who had already been weakened by ill health. And he finally succumbed.

His last days were virtually mismanaged by those who, no doubt, must have meant well for him and perhaps for the nation too; but didn't know how to go about doing it, with the result that they turned a significant proportion of the nation against him at the very time he needed sympathy. This had the effect of casting a dark shadow over what could have been demonstrable achievements.

Perhaps were he made his greatest mark was in his handling of the crisis in the Niger Delta. He was able to make the guns fall silent—for some time. But his policy of buying off militants was perhaps not the right one for the problem; but it proved a workable solution for a dangerous situation he saw no hope of changing otherwise.

And one promise of his with which the nation identified but which he was to die without fulfilling was that of undertaking a reform of the nation's electoral system. But even this promised reform was to be belied by the many corruptly manipulated elections that took place under his very watch. And to the end, he resisted calls for the ouster of Professor Maurice Iwu, the helmsman at the electoral commission; because doing so would have again called into question the validity of his own election despite the court victory.

To be sure, 'Yar'adua never sought the office of the president; and perhaps that was why he got it. He was introverted and President Olusegun Obasanjo, who put him there bulldozing his choice over the head of the People's Democratic Party, PDP, and rigged him into office, thought he had found someone he could control. But no one who knew him could have possibly hoped he could control 'Yar'adua, who could be as obstinate and opinionated as they came. In the end, Obasanjo got only half of what he wanted: 'Yar'adua was kept in check by the *kara* of gratitude and was never able to put Obasanjo where he truly belonged—in prison.

By unceremoniously removing Nuhu Ribadu, erstwhile boss of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, the late president mishandled the Ribadu saga, appeared to have compromised his own anti-corruption drive, thereby creating sympathy for an operative clearly overdoing his mandate, and whose effectiveness was marred by the selectivity of his targets and often by a mind made up. Instead of appearing to fight corruption, 'Yar'adua appeared to be condoning it. But it was only a matter of time before Ribadu came back, because unknown to many, perhaps including 'Yar'adua, Ribadu was the one who made Goodluck Jonathan governor and vice-president behind the scene. Dropping charges against him now is therefore just a matter of course. 'Yar'adua lost the corruption battle; it was Jonathan who won.

Nigeria yearns for people of ambition, but as the career of 'Yar'adua's predecessor and the scramble by his successor showed, the nation would have to merely make do with men of ambitiousness.

But this nation would not remember 'Yar'adua for what he wasn't or what he didn't do or even for what he did wrongly; it would probably remember him only for what he was—a simple, humble president who tried to do his best, surrounded by the vultures who put him there. Now that he had left the scene, let's see what they make of it.

*May his soul rest in peace*

## SPORTS REPORT



MIKEL will miss the final two matches of Chelsea's season

## Mikel to miss FA Cup final

The Chelsea midfielder Mikel John Obi will miss the FA Cup final against Portsmouth on 15 May after undergoing minor knee surgery.

The Nigerian, who will also miss the final Premier League game of the season against Wigan on Sunday, has not played for three weeks because of the injury.

A Chelsea statement read: "Mikel John Obi has undergone minor knee surgery and will take no part in Sunday's final Premier League match nor the FA Cup final."

"The operation is due to an injury suffered when fouled by Bolton's Kevin Davies last month and subsequently led to Mikel's early substitution at Tottenham the following match."



AOGO may play for Germany in South Africa

## Germany pick Aogo

Germany have picked Dennis Aogo, who snubbed a chance to play for Nigeria's Super Eagles, in a 27-man provisional squad for the World Cup.

According to the official website of the German football federation, Hamburg defender cum midfielder Aogo, whose father hails from Ilesha, southwest Nigeria, will now battle for places in the final squad to South Africa 2010.

Last year, the left-sided defender or midfielder refused a Super Eagles call-up so as to play for the Germany full international team after he represented the country at Under-19 and Under-21 levels.

