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# Iwu refuses to hand over

By Abbas Jimoh & Mohammed S. Shehu

NIGERIANS have not heard the last from controversial former chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) Professor Maurice Iwu, who bluntly refused yesterday to handover the commission's affairs to another officer despite his sudden sack by Acting President Goodluck Jonathan on Wednesday evening. Later in the day, Iwu was also snubbed by Jonathan, who refused to see him when he appeared at the Acting President's office to protest the order for him to disengage from INEC five weeks before his tenure expired.

There was noticeable apprehension at INEC's headquarters yesterday as staffers wore anxious faces over the silent power struggle going on over its headship. Sources at the commission said Iwu complained about some "ambiguities" in the letter asking him to immediately proceed on leave.

Dr. Goodluck Jonathan had directed

that Iwu hand over to the most senior INEC National Commissioner, who will take charge until a substantive chairman is appointed. *Daily Trust* however learnt that the most senior commissioner that could have taken over, Barrister Victor Chukwuani from Enugu State, also received a letter on Wednesday evening directing him to proceed on pre-disengagement leave with immediate effect. Chukwuani's five-year tenure elapses in June.

**"Iwu was also snubbed by Jonathan, who refused to see him"**

However, there were indications that INEC's National Commissioner in charge of Information and Publicity, Barrister Phillip Etomike Umeadi (Jnr.) had assumed the headship of INEC, because six mobile policemen and three

other plain cloth security agents were seen guarding his once easily-accessible office at INEC headquarters.

Several INEC management staffers who spoke to our reporters yesterday also said they were not favourably disposed to

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PHOTO: NAN

FORMER INEC Chairman Prof. Maurice Iwu at the Presidential Villa, Abuja, yesterday.

## Sultan: ACF has done well but...

From Ibraheem Musa, Kaduna

THE Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF) has recorded a lot of achieve-

ments in the ten years since it was founded but issues of peaceful co-existence and the recurring crises in Jos as well as development

challenges still beset the North, Sultan of Sokoto Alhaji Muhammad Saad said in Kaduna yesterday. He spoke at the ceremony

to mark 10 years of ACF's founding at the Arewa House.

The Sultan, who asked several rhetorical ques-

tions, also said political and religious leaders bear the responsibility for the sustenance of peace and mutual coexistence in

the region. He said, "God Almighty and posterity will not forgive us if we fail to discharge this responsibility."

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## ACF 10th Anniversary

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SULTAN of Sokoto Alhaji Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar (left) with former Vice President, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar, at the 10th anniversary of Arewa Consultative Forum in Kaduna yesterday.

## How corruption underdeveloped Nigeria—Prof Akinyemi

From Ibraheem Musa, Kaduna

THE Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF) has spoken out forcefully on issues that affect the nation in the last 10 years with the clarity of thought and expression that leaves no one in doubt as to where it stands on issues of the day, Professor Bolaji Akinyemi, former minister of external affairs said yesterday.

Akinyemi who delivered a paper at the 10th anniversary of the ACF also said the forum's "definition of Arewa interests and national interests had shown a very high degree of positive convergence and compatibility. According to him, the ACF has shown a "determination to foster unity out of diversity, to

seek inclusivity out of disparity and to prove that being a good northerner is not anti-theftical to being a good Nigerian."

Speaking on the theme, "Fighting corruption and social conflict to achieve development", the professor of political science revealed that an estimated 400 billion dollars had been stolen from Nigeria between 1960 and 1999. "The 2009 corruption perception index released by Transparency International also ranged Nigeria as 130 out of 180 countries surveyed", he added.

According to Akinyemi, countries like Mozambique, Mauritania, Libya, Tanzania, Eritrea, Togo, Sao Tome and Principe and many others fared better than

Nigeria in that survey. The lecturer said there is a correlation between the level of corruption in the country and Nigeria's under development. He pointed out that Nigeria ranks lower than many developing countries in human development index.

The professor revealed that in Nigeria, "as of 2005, the life expectancy at birth is 46.5 years compared to Gabon at 56 years, Sao Tome and Principe at 65 years, Namibia at 52 years, Ghana at 59 years, Mauritania at 63 years, Congo at 54 years, Bangladesh at 63 years, Madagascar at 58 years, Haiti at 60 years, Togo at 58 years, Gambia at 59 years."

With an adult literacy rate of 69%, Nigeria trails behind Gabon

which has a literacy rate of 84%, Congo, Madagascar, Cameroun and Zimbabwe which have 85%, 51%, 68% and 89% respectively. "In the human poverty index, Nigeria is ranked at number 80 out of 177 below such countries as Eritrea, Tanzania, Rwanda, Malawi," he said, adding that 71% of Nigerians live on one dollar a day.

Quoting the "Failed States Index 2009 which was released by the "Fund for Peace", Akinyemi said that Nigeria ranked 15 out of the 177 nations that were surveyed, as states most likely to fail. He said that the 12 factors that determine the stability or failure status of a state, "Nigeria suffers a debilitating deficiency on all fronts."

## How ACF was formed—Sulu Gambari

From Ibraheem Musa, Kaduna

THE Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF) was the creation of Alhaji Muhammad Maccido, the late Sultan of Sokoto, who rallied round prominent northerners, including traditional rulers, politicians, legal luminaries and businessmen to form the pan Northern platform.

This revelation was made by the emir of Ilorin, Alhaji Ibrahim Sulu Gambari, at the 10th anniversary celebration of the ACF which held at Arewa House, Kaduna yesterday. He said the decision to form the forum came up after the sectarian crises that rocked Kaduna in the year 2000, adding that the then Sultan was touched by the level of carnage and loss of lives and property that ensued.

According to the emir, Sultan Maccido then called for a meeting in Kaduna where ex President Shehu Shagari, Chief Sunday Awoniyi, Alhaji Liman Ciroma,

Malam Yahaya Gusau, all of blessed memory as well as Dr Olusola Saraki, former Chief Justice Mohammed Bello and Justice Mamman Nasir, including Alhaji Aminu Dantata and a host of others were in attendance.

At that meeting, every participant decried the recurring ethno-religious crises that have been bedeviling the north. The sultan then mandated Shagari to coordinate the formation of a pan northern group to which the former president politely declined, Sulu Gambari further said. Shagari had argued that he had his own Turaki Committee which he was coordinating at that time.

Sultan Maccido, according to Sulu Gambari, then asked him to take the responsibility of forming the broad based group. The emir of Ilorin and other prominent northerners put heads together and conceived ACF. Sulu Gambari

expressed happiness that what they had started ten years ago has blossomed into a group which speaks for the north.

In his welcome address, retired General Yakubu Gowon who was the chairman of the occasion, also corroborated what the emir said. He said that it was the dreadful events and circumstances that prompted the founders of ACF to take action that finally culminated in its establishment. Towards the end of the last decade of the last century, at the return of democratic rule, conflicts and violence ravaged many communities in the north, he said.

Gowon, who is also ACF's board of patrons chairman, said that some of the hostilities broke out within communities that have hitherto lived in peace for centuries. "Strangely, northerners were increasingly becoming their brothers' killers and not their keepers, mistrust and animosity were growing, people were

getting divided along religious and ethnic lines," he said.

Gowon who was represented by Justice Muhammadu Lawal Uwais, said that northern leaders embarked on a number of creative measures in order to preserve the bond of unity and brotherhood among northerners, "one of which was the establishment of ACF." The objective of ACF is to have a forum for consultation and dialogue amongst representatives of the region's diverse communities.

In his remarks, Governor Namadi Sambo of Kaduna state said that the objectives of forming ACF are both novel and noble. He said that the brains behind ACF are people of proven integrity who have served the nation in various capacities. The governor said that the anniversary's theme, "fighting corruption and social conflict to achieve development" is very timely.

## Why we shunned "one man one vote" rally in Edo- AC stalwart

From Nahimah Ajikanle Nurudeen, Lagos

STALWARTS of the Action Congress (AC) yesterday shunned the political rally organised by the Edo state Governor Comrade Adams Oshiomhole to propagate the need for free and fair election in the country.

AC members comprising of the former governor of Lagos State, Asiwaju Bola Tinubu, the national chairman of the party, Chief Bisi Akande, the AC governorship candidate in Ekiti State in 2007, Chief Kayode Fayemi, his counterpart in Osun State, Alhaji Rauf Aregbesola, national publicity secretary, Alhaji Lai Mohammed and the national secretary of the party and Alhaji Usman Bugaje among others had all departed Lagos for the rally in Edo State early in the day.

But, few hours later, the entourage returned to the presidential wing of the Murtala Mohammed Airport (MMA), Lagos.

Speaking on behalf of others, Usman Bugaje said they hurriedly abandoned the venue of the rally when they saw the caliber of invitees, which he said was against the ideology of AC.

His words, "We went to Edo for a rally 'on one man one vote,' meaning a rally on electoral reform so that we can press home the point that we cannot afford to continue with the kind of electoral process that we have seen that we must have a fair, free and transparent and credible elections. But when we got there, we found out that the stage has been set for one of the presidential aspirants on a platform, which is not that of our party. And we thought our participation would mean some kind of endorsement, which we are not prepared to do."

According to him, people like the Senate president, David Mark and the former military president of the country, General Ibrahim Babangida contributed to the deplorable condition of democracy and were not supposed to be invited for such crucial rally, where voters are sensitised of importance of free and fair election.

Bugaje alleged that Mark was a major player in the truncating of the Justice Mohammed Uwais electoral reform panel, arguing that such people who benefited from the imbalance of electoral processes in the country should not be at the vanguard of such rallies.

He said, "The guest of honour as we saw in the plain of newspaper advert was the senate president, this was the same senate president who literally supervised the destruction of Uwais report that went through the national assembly, in other words, this was the man who supervised the mutilation and the destruction of the hope that this country have for a better electoral reforms."

# Buhari: Removal of Iwu not enough

By Misbahu Bashir

THE removal of Professor Maurice Iwu as the Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission cannot guarantee free and fair election in Nigeria, former head of state and two time presidential candidate Mohammed Buhari has said.

Buhari made the comment yesterday in Abuja during the launching of a book titled 'Police, Security and Democratic Governance in

Nigeria' by the Association of the Retired Police Officers of Nigeria (ARPON). He said: "The removal of Iwu as Chairman of INEC is the first step toward ensuring credible election; next is total reorganisation of the INEC as a whole."

Acting President Goodluck Jonathan has ordered the Chairman, whose 5 year term in office is ending on June 13, to commence pre-disengagement leave.

Buhari said the police and other security agencies have an

important role in all elections and should abide by the law.

But on the security situation in the country, Buhari said government must use the police very well in ensuring security. "The general insecurity in the country cannot be tolerated. The police are competent enough to address insecurity and should be encouraged to do so," he said.

Inspector General of Police Ogbonna Onovo said kidnap cases can reduce if GSM SIM

cards are registered and if victims of kidnap and their family abide by police instructions. He said banks must track monies released as ransom and there must be timely intervention of police in all kidnap cases.

ARPON President Mohammed Danmadami said the Association, formed in 1998, has offered support to the police and government on security issues and has united retired policemen and their families.

## Egypt embassy says Yarima's bride still in Egypt

THE Egyptian embassy in Nigeria said yesterday a girl at the centre of claims that Senator Ahmed Sani Yarima had taken as his fourth wife is still at school in Egypt.

"The girl is still in school in Egypt and nobody has complained to the embassy in respect of the girl," Egyptian embassy spokesman Mohammed Saber told AFP.

He said however that the embassy "will follow the issue" because it is illegal in Egypt to marry an underage girl.

The Senate on Wednesday ordered an inquiry into claims by rights groups that Yarima had paid a dowry of 100,000 dollars to marry the girl.

Women's groups protested outside parliament on Tuesday to urge the Senate to investigate the claims.

In a telephone interview from Egypt with the BBC's Hausa service yesterday, Yarima defended himself. "I don't care about the issue of age since I have not violated any rule as far as Islam is concerned," he said, describing those complaining as "detractors".

"History tells us that Prophet Muhammad did marry a young girl as well. Therefore I have not contravened any law. Even if she is 13, as it is being falsely peddled around."

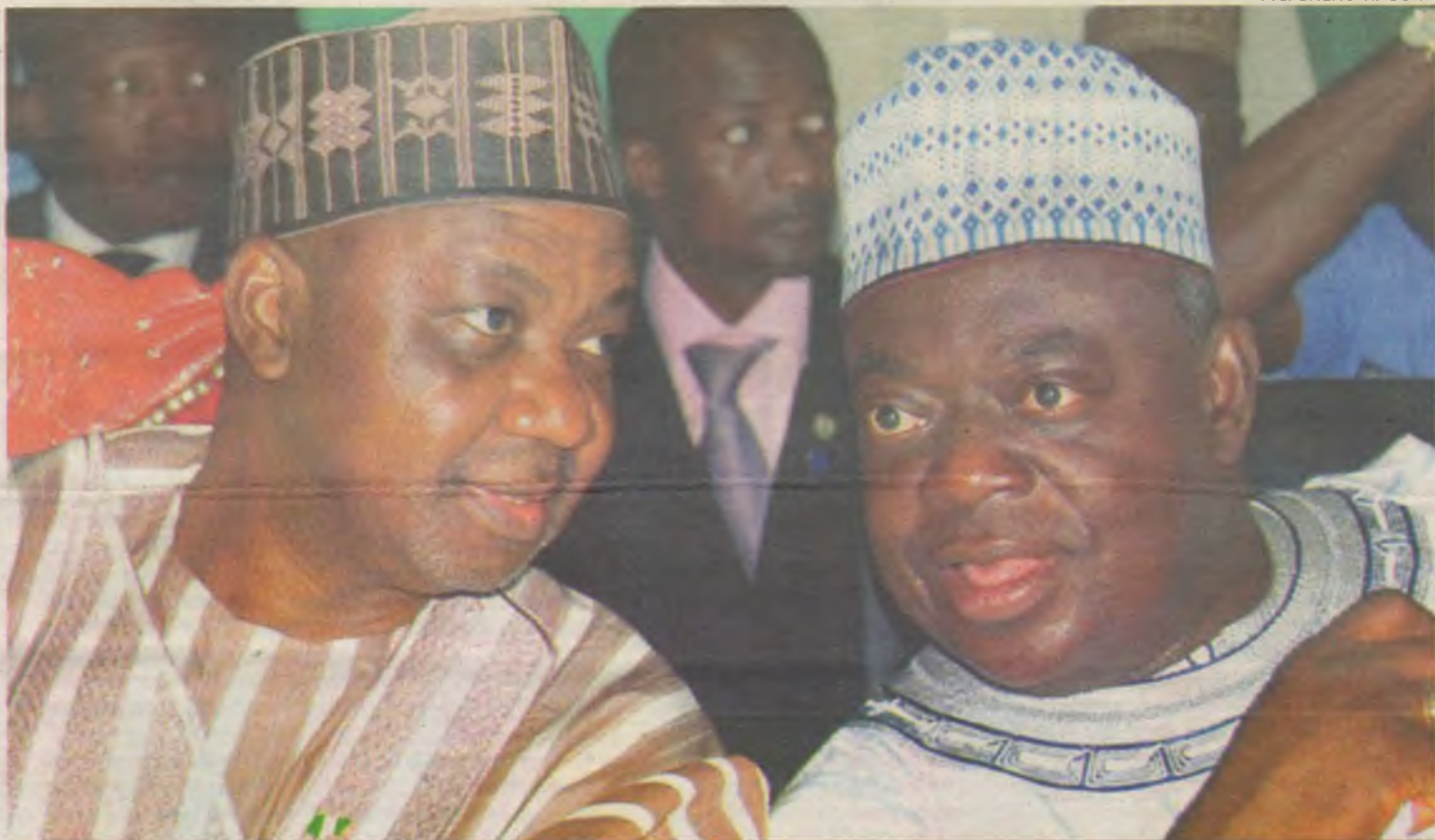
A petition delivered to the Senate by the rights groups said the marriage violated Nigeria's Child Rights Act of 2003 forbidding marriage with anyone under 18. Violators face up to five years in jail.

The petition urged the senate to investigate the allegations and to establish the name of the child-bride, her age and the circumstances of her entry into Nigeria.

Yarima was governor of the northwestern state of Zamfara when it became the first of 12 Muslim-dominated northern states to introduce *Shari'a* law in 2000.

The National Agency for Prohibition of Traffic in Persons on Wednesday ordered the senator to appear before it to answer the allegations. (AFP)

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GOVERNOR Namadi Sambo of Kaduna State (left) with Niger State Governor Muazu Babangida Aliyu, Chairman, Northern Governors Forum at the 10th anniversary of Arewa Consultative Forum in Kaduna yesterday.

## Sack all INEC resident commissioners... NBA tells Jonathan

By Adelanwa Bamgboye & Francis Okeke

THE Nigeria Bar Association (NBA) has charged the Acting President Dr. Goodluck Jonathan to sack the remaining three commissioners at the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).

NBA President Oluwarotimi Akeredolu spoke while reacting to what the association calls the long overdue impending departure of Maurice Iwu from INEC.

According to the NBA Presi-

dent, the heavily tainted and corrupt octopus called INEC should be overhauled. All Resident Commissioners should also be given the boot to break totally from this sorry pass.

Oluwarotimi Akeredolu said the current recruitment exercise embarked upon by the former Chairman should be halted until a reliable umpire is appointed.

"The Acting President should not be swayed by opportunists with no discernible means of livelihood.

Only men and women of proven integrity with cognate experience should be called upon to serve the country at this critical moment to enable the commission to achieve the desired objectives," he said.

Also, the Trade Union Congress of Nigeria (TUC) yesterday commended Jonathan for what they called his boldness and forthrightness in heeding to the voices of millions of Nigerians and members of the international community by "refusing to renew the tenure of

Prof Maurice Iwu as Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).

A press statement signed by TUC's President General Comrade Peter Esele said the "TUC is of the conviction that the exit of the former INEC boss will usher in an era of credible elections in the country, as who ever will take over from him will understand that the position of INEC chairman is not just for every Tom, Dick, and Harry."

## US: Nigeria among worst violators of freedom

NIGERIA has risen to the top tier of the world's worst violators of religious freedom, according to an annual report released yesterday by the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom.

The independent bipartisan governmental agency, whose report details abuse in 28 nations,

singled out Nigeria for not punishing religiously motivated violence, such as the internecine religious crisis in January Jos were.

Calling Nigeria "a tragic case," the USCIRF said its investigators visited Africa's largest country three times over the past year to find out why more than 12,000

Nigerians - Christians and Muslims alike - have died in sectarian violence since 1999.

"Not a single criminal, Muslim or Christian, has been convicted and sentenced in Nigeria's 10 years of religious violence," the report says. "The Nigerian government and judicial system have so far

been unwilling or unable to protect either side."

Other nations named by the commission - which makes policy recommendations to the State Department, Congress and the president - as among the worst violators are China, Iran, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Viet-

nam, Myanmar, Turkmenistan, North Korea, Eritrea, Iraq and Uzbekistan.

The following are "watch list" countries, which have only slightly better records: Afghanistan, Belarus, Cuba, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Laos, Russia, Somalia, Tajikistan, Turkey and Venezuela.



GUEST Lecturer Prof Attahiru Jega (second left), Labour Minister Chief Emeka Wogu (right), former Labour Minister, Comrade Paschal Bafiau (second right) and retired Federal Permanent Secretary, Dr. Timiebi Koripamo-Agary (left) during a one-day public lecture on 50 years of Nigeria's nationhood in Abuja yesterday.

## Pensioners complain of short payments

By Abdulkadir Badsha Mukhtar

MINISTER of state for Interior Humphrey Abah yesterday flagged off the payment of pension entitlements amidst complaints of shortages by the pensioners.

Two thousand six hundred pensioners of Customs, Immigration, and Prison Pension Office (CIPPO) were expected to be paid but some downsized prison pensioners told the Minister of state for Interior Mr. Humphrey Abah that they were being under paid.

This complain comes shortly after the Minister flag up the payment, at Kuje centre Abuja some says they filed complains before the (CIPPO) and yet to be

attended.

One complainant said, "I am level 8 officer, but they pay me as a level seven officer, which is N500,000." But when asked how much he was supposed to be paid, the complainant said "they know how they workam here."

A woman who complained on behalf of her crippled husband said, he was paid only once and had received nothing ever since.

Another woman said she written four times since 2006 about shortage in payment but that it had never been rectified.

Responding, the minister asked all of them to file their complain and submit to CIPPO for immediate amends.

# Bad leadership responsible for Nigeria's woes, says Jega

By Francis Okeke

VICE Chancellor of Bayero University Kano Professor Attahiru Jega said corrupt leadership was responsible for the problems bedevilling the nation in various aspects of national life.

Jega stated this yesterday in Abuja during a pre May Day lecture organised by the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) with the theme, "50 years of Nigeria's nationhood; challenges of national unity, credible elections and good democratic governance."

He called for the strengthening of the nation's anti-corruption agencies for credible elections and good governance.

According to him, "an acute poverty of leadership is primarily responsible for the catalogue of woes" crippling Nigeria and "thus, in the 50 years of Nigeria's nationhood, except for a brief period, if not isolated instances, credible, competent and

patriotic leadership that can direct and inspire good governance at the collective levels has eluded Nigeria.

"Instead, our country has been, in general, bedevilled by inept, corrupt, incompetent, egotistic and selfish personalities occupying critical positions of responsibility which they discharge irresponsibly."

On the fight against corruption, he said "the anti corruption agencies need to be strengthened. If people can get away with impunity as we are seeing in spite of the efforts of the EFCC and the ICPC, then obviously you cannot have a correction of the problems you have in the political terrain.

"Good examples are important; when many of us saw Tafa Balogun chained, it was a remarkable impact it had on the psyche of Nigerians that for the first time, those that we thought are untouchable can actually be touched because they have done something wrong."

On his part, the Minister of Labour and Productivity,

Chief Emeka Wogu, went down memory lane on the role labour unions have played in ensuring good governance and freedom for the Nigerian people over the years.

"The story of political freedom will, at best, be half truth without the labour movement in Nigeria. Our recent history is replete with labour in the forefront of agitations against military rule. Individual labour leaders have become jailbirds for no offence other than their belief in the dignity of labour.

Having made such huge sacrifices, including paying the supreme price by the blood of their comrades, the working class cannot afford the luxury of being non committal to the principles and practices of good governance for the unity of our dear country," he said.

The occasion was chaired by former NLC President Comrade Paschal Bafiau who called for more education for the Nigerian voters as well as electoral officials.

## Reps begin work on Electoral Act

By Turaki A. Hassan

TWO days after it passed the constitutional amendment bill, the House of Representatives yesterday began consideration of the new electoral Act ahead of the 2011 general elections.

Considering the report of their Ad-Hoc committee on the review of the 1999 Constitution, the lawmakers unanimously adopted the report of the committee which called for proper funding of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) ahead of the 2011 polls by putting it on the first line charge funding from the consolidated revenue fund of the federation.

The lower legislative

chamber also adopted the report of the 44-member committee which allotted that the maximum election expenses to be incurred by a presidential candidate shall be N1 billion while governorship candidates were not allowed to spend more than N200 million.

The House had also approved that INEC should conclude registration of voters, updating or revision of the voters' register not later than 120 days before election.

The bill stipulated that violation of registration rules by individuals should attract a jail term of one year or N100,000 fines. The House will continue with debate on the remaining parts of the bill next week.

## Senate passes anti-money laundering bill

By Abdul-Rahman Abubakar

A bill seeking to strengthen anti-money laundering law in the country yesterday passed second reading on the floor of the Senate.

Leading the debate on the bill, Senate Leader Teslim Folarin said the bill when passed into law will "Prohibit the laundering of the proceeds of a crime or an illegal act."

He said the bill has become inevitable because of "The inherent deficiencies and weaknesses in the existing law. There are ambiguities in the definition of money laundering and non designation of the 20 serious offences recognised by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)."

Folarin said the proposed law "Makes provisions for appropri-

ate penalties and expanded the scope of supervisory and regulatory authorities so as to address the challenges faced in the implementation of the anti-money laundering regime in Nigeria."

In her contribution during the debate, Senator Grace Folasade Bent (PDP, Adamawa South) expressed worry over the poor implementation of the existing anti-money laundering laws in the country.

She said "My problem with all these is the implementation. How many people have been prosecuted in the real sense of it for money laundering in this country?"

The anti-money laundering bill is linked to the anti-terrorism bill recently read a second time in the Senate and it has been committed to the Senate Committee on Narcotics and Anti-Corruption for further legislative action.

## Army officer declared wanted

By Misbahu Bashir

THE Army yesterday declared Major Adebowale Bashorun a wanted man over desertion.

A statement signed by Colonel Usman Abdul of the Directorate of Army Public Relations Abuja said Bashorun absconded from work without permission and was therefore

declared a deserter.

He had earlier challenged the attempt by the army to arrest him in a Lagos High Court sitting in Ikeja, but the statement said the court has ruled that there was no evidence to ascertain that he was properly discharged before his desertion and subsequently rejected his plea for the court to prevent his arrest.

The army thus declared him wanted.

PHOTO: KENNEDY EGBONODJE



AREWA youth: Leader of the delegation of Arewa Youths for Security, Alhaji Abdulganiyu Aminu, during the delegation's visit to Media Trust Corporate Head Office, Abuja, yesterday.

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bility seriously and equitably." Leaders at all levels "are protectors of all those who live under their car," the Sultan also said.

Alhaji Muhammad Sa'ad said "we cannot use the blood, honour and livelihood of the citizenry for political gain, which only translates into misery and continued insecurity of our people." He appealed to those in government and pan-Northern organisations such as ACF to redouble their efforts towards peace building in the Northern states. "We must as a people begin to practice what we preach and to accord a sense of belonging to all those who live under our care," he added.

Sultan Muhammad Sa'ad also expressed concern over the North's declining developmental indices. "Why is it that we are always classified as having the highest out-of-school children not only in the country but globally? How did we come to the point where our maternal and child mortality rate is one of the highest in the world? How did we allow our physical environment to deteriorate progressively to the verge of being classified as a desert?"

He said instead of dismissing these statistics, the North should regard them as a wakeup call to all northerners to face the challenges with all the seriousness they deserve. "We must mobilise all our stakeholders and embark with foresight and boldness in a new partnership for northern development," he added. The Sultan said local communities and the civil society should embrace these challenges, adding that there can be no progress without their involvement.

According to Sultan Sa'ad, Nigerians should go back to their cultural and religious values in order to tackle corruption. He said the nation should imbibе Sheikh Abdullahi Ibn Fodio's advice which he gave over 200 years ago, urging rulers to "rebuke anyone who fails in his duties. Remove anyone against whom complaints have been made. Whoever is found to have wealth over and above what he earns from his work, the ruler should confiscate and return it to the treasury."

### Correction: For the record

In the *Weekly Trust* of April 17th 2010 on page 11, a picture caption contained the following errors. The Chairman Airline Operators of Nigeria, Captain Mohammed Joji's name was spelt "Jaji," while "perm sec" was spelt "per sec" and the name of the Minister of Aviation Mrs Fidelia Njeze was spelt "Fidela". We apologise for all the errors.

## Fire guts biotechnology agency headquarters

By Hamisu Muhammad

A fire Wednesday night gutted the National Office of Biotechnology Development Agency in Abuja and destroyed sensitive materials.

The fire razed down the office of the Director General of the Agency and other sensitive departments, leaving very few offices

untouched, the Director General of the Agency Professor Bamidele O. Solomon said yesterday. "At the time when the fire started, majority of our staff had closed for the day. Only few of them that assisted the fire service men to put it out."

According to him, they have not yet ascertained the cause of

the incident, but that many people ascribed it to an electrical fault.

It was learnt that NABDA is building a befitting office in Lugbe along Airport road, Abuja but fund constraints had stalled the project. Professor Solomon said there will be an emergency management meeting today to ascertain the level of the damage and to

take a decision on what next to do.

In addition, the DG said he will set up a committee to investigate the incident that will count the loss incurred.

"We don't keep money in the office, but all I know is that most of the items affected were electronics, computers, records and other office equipments."

## Iwu refuses to hand over

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Umeadi's taking over of the leadership of INEC. They described Umeadi as "arrogant and someone who does not tolerate dissenting opinion."

Professor Iwu had arrived at INEC headquarters in the morning yesterday and summoned a close-door meeting with its top management staff, including Umeadi and the third national commissioner, Mr Solomon Adedeji Soyebi.

A senior INEC officer familiar with yesterday's events told our reporter that Iwu refused to hand over because there were some grey areas to be clarified.

He said, "Prof. Iwu cannot hand over. The statutes of the commission are not like that of the ministries. There is no seniority among the national commissioners, so the chairman (Iwu) went to see the Acting President on who to actually hand over to. Also Chukwuani's letter was not copied to Iwu as expected."

Professor Iwu's spokesman Andy Ezeani refused to speak to our reporter yesterday, saying he had nothing to say on any issue, but INEC's Director of Public Affairs Emmanuel Umenger told reporters that Iwu told them at the meeting that he was leaving the commission and that he was preparing his hand over notes.

"We met with Prof. Iwu; he appreciated and commended us for working with him. He told us he is leaving and preparing his handing over notes," Umenger said.

However, soon after that meeting, Iwu locked up his office, pocketed the keys and drove straight to the Aso Rock Villa. Asked to explain why Iwu locked up his office, the senior INEC official said "asking Iwu to go on leave is different from dismissing him. Iwu still has the constitutional mandate of his tenure till June."

Iwu's position was supported yesterday by the Rights Monitoring Group (RMG), which faulted the directive for Iwu to depart and said

Acting President Goodluck Jonathan's order was an abuse of the 1999 constitution.

RMG's National Coordinator Olufemi Aduwo told our reporter that "Prof. Iwu's appointment is guaranteed by the constitution like the governors and even the president. Why ask him to go on leave? We hope the Acting President will also proceed on terminal leave in April 2010."

Iwu arrived at the Presidential Villa at about 2pm yesterday, hoping to see with the acting president, but he was told to see the Principal Secretary to the acting president, Mike Ogiadomhe. *Daily Trust* gathered that Iwu presented a letter to Ogiadomhe for onward transmission to Jonathan. Though neither Iwu nor the Presidency revealed the contents of the letter he submitted to Ogiadomhe, a competent source said it protested the order for him to leave INEC before his tenure ends in early June.

The former chairman argued that his tenure was guaranteed by the constitution and that the Acting President's order was illegal.

Iwu, who looked unruffled in his well tailored suit, refused to speak to newsmen who ambushed him on his way out of the Presidential Villa. He entered his car and zoomed off. Reports had it that his travelling documents had been seized by security agencies with an instruction that he must not travel out of the country.

Professor Iwu was appointed to a five-year term by the Obasanjo regime in 2005. Under him, INEC conducted the 2007 general and presidential elections, unanimously condemned by local and foreign observers as the worst in the world's history. Last month, some youths alleged to be hired staged a demonstration in Abuja urging the government to reappoint Iwu, who they said is the best person to deliver credible polls in Nigeria.

However, the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) together with several human rights and civil society groups staged a large counter demonstration urging the government to quickly sack him.

# Ibori files fresh suit against EFCC

FORMER governor of Delta State Chief James Ibori has filed a fresh suit seeking to restrain the EFCC from arresting him over alleged fraud involving the shares of some companies.

Joined in the suit are the Attorney-General of the Federation, the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, the Inspector General of Police and the Director, State Security Service (SSS).

In the suit number FHC/ASB/CS/34/2010 filed at the Federal High Court, Asaba, Ibori wants the court to stop

the respondents from arresting him.

It was filed after Justice Ibrahim Buba adjourned proceedings in the substantive suit to May 10.

Buba had on Wednesday refused to grant Ibori's oral application to restrain the EFCC from arresting him.

The suit is entitled "The Matter of an Application by Chief James Onanefe Ibori for the Enforcement of his Fundamental Rights to Fair Hearing and Personal Liberty under the Fundamental Rights Enforcement Procedure Rules 2009".

Ibori's counsel, Mr Joseph Daudu (SAN) is specifically asking for an order of injunction restraining the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th respondents from arresting Ibori.

He also wants the court to restrain the respondent's officers, agents, privies and assigns from arresting, harassing and intimidating Ibori in any manner pending the hearing and determination of the motion.

Daudu also asked the court to make any other orders that it might deem fit to make in the circumstances. (NAN)

## Zhawa asks court to quash fraud charges

By Boco Edet

AN FCT High Court presided by Justice Oniyangi has adjourned until June 22 the ruling on the application filed by Aboki Zhawa, former permanent secretary of the Federal Ministry of Education, and 3 others to quash the charges against them by the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC).

Counsel to the accused filed an application to quash the charges and challenged the validity of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act 2000, which the counsel said had been repealed. The defence counsel also objected to the appearance of the lead defence on the ground that he was not given a direct fiat by the attorney-general to prosecute the case.

The prosecution counsel filed counter affidavits and written addresses in reply to the defence's application and also replied on the issue of the validity of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act.

Zhawa and 3 others were arraigned on March 16 on a nine-count charge by the ICPC for among others transferring and spending funds from the ministry's overhead account to the Education Reform Programme, thereby violating provisions of sections 22(5), 19, 16 and 25 of the corrupt practices law.

Mr Stanley Amadi Brown and Dr Okey Ikechukwu, officers in the ministry, were also accused of furnishing false receipts obtained from Cattigan Communications Limited totalling N26.3million.

## Israel to give free eye treatment in Nigeria

By Aisha Umar Agaie

THE Embassy of Israel in Nigeria has invited top Israeli ophthalmologists and eye surgeons to give free eye treatment in Nigeria and to share their expertise from 5 to 11 May. The doctors are expected to open new windows for medical collaboration with leading institutions in the country, a statement from Israel's deputy head of mission in Abuja George Deek said.

They are also expected to conduct free eye screening, treatment and surgery in Abuja and the surrounding villages; hold classes, lectures and discussions with local doctors; and build a sustainable exchange of knowledge between Israel and Nigeria in medical systems.

Health minister Prof. Christian Onyebuchi is expected to flag off the event at National Hospital Abuja on May 6.

## Reps propose N100bn grant for Customs

By Turaki A. Hassan

THE House of Representatives Committee on Customs and Excise has called for the provision of a special N100 billion naira annual grant to the Nigeria Customs Service to improve its operations.

The recommendation was contained in the report of the committee which investigated the state of the customs, tabled before the House yesterday by committee chairman Yakubu Dogara (PDP, Bauchi) after months of public hearings and interaction with stakeholders.

The committee said the grant would enable the customs provide modern offices, conducive working environment for staff, procure modern combat tools and aircraft, all of which would lead to higher revenue for the government. He said the customs is the second largest revenue generation agency of the federal government.

The committee recommended that government should review the welfare package of customs staff in line with that of NNPC as a revenue collector agency.



FROM left: Representative of the Acting President, Dr. Akilu Indabawa (Special Adviser Political), Governor Danjuma Goje of Gombe State and FCT Minister, Bala Mohammed, during a one-day conference on "Developing local governments through Microfinance Banks" held in Abuja yesterday.

## Witness: How Musa defrauded art gallery

By Atika Balal

A witness in a suit filed against former Director-General of the National Gallery of Arts and three other officials by the EFCC told an Abuja High Court yesterday that the accused siphoned monies belonging to the agency through the use of fake receipts.

The former director-general Joe Musa, director of finance Olusegun Ogunba, director of research and education Dr. Kweku Tandoh and deputy director (administration) Oparagu Elizabeth are facing trial over a 12-count charge of fraudulently diverting N1.1 billion belonging to the agency for their personal use.

A senior research officer of the agency Dubem Egbunike said Musa during his tenure set a policy whereby

heads of department who retired money using fake receipts would have a share of 10 per cent.

He also told the court that some time in 2006, Musa instructed a driver who works with the agency to clear the store where computers, refrigerators, air conditioning systems and televisions bought in the name of the gallery were kept and taken to an unknown destination.

He said the accused persons had at different times in 2008 retired a total of about N118 million meant for trainings and programmes that never took place instead of returning the money to the treasury. He also said staff's personal allowances were inflated from N15.5 million to N19.27 million and even after about 100 people were retrenched, the same

N19.27 remained.

However, when asked during cross examination by counsel to Musa, Wemimo Ogunde, whether there was employment after the retrenchment he said he did not know. He said most of what he stated as facts was gotten from documents and information given to him by schedule officers.

Ogunde also asked whether the witness was aware that N30.72m was refunded to the treasury as salary for the retrenched staff and whether he knew that the Federal Government between 2006 and 2007 mopped the gallery's account, but he said he was not aware.

Justice Ade Adeniyi adjourned till June 9 and 10 for continuation of trial.

## S/Court to rule July 16 on Niger guber tussle

By Adelanwa Bamgboye

THE Supreme Court has fixed July 16 for judgment in the case of unlawful withdrawal from governorship race instituted by People's Democratic Party (PDP) chieftain Jibril Bala Gunna against Niger State governor Mu'azu Babangida Aliyu.

Presiding justice Mohammed Mahmoud fixed the date after hearing arguments canvassed by Gunna, Aliyu, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and the People's Democratic Party (PDP).

Gunna is demanding for the removal of the governor on the ground that he was not the lawful PDP governorship candidate in the April 14, 2007 election. He claimed that after winning a primary election in the state capital Minna his name was forwarded to INEC as the governorship candidate.

He said to his surprise, his name was unlawfully removed from INEC list on the allegation that he had voluntarily withdrawn from the governorship race.

Gunna, who lost at the Federal

High Court and also at the Court of Appeal in Kaduna, denied ever withdrawing from the race, saying he never signed any documents to that effect.

He urged the court to declare him the PDP candidate in the 2007 election.

However, Aliyu, PDP and INEC urged the apex court to dismiss the suit on the ground that it had no jurisdiction to hear it.

They said the case was filed eight months after the contentious substitution and as such the case has become statute barred.

PIC: KENNEDY EGBONODJE.

# Parties must imbibe internal democracy — Jonathan

From Vincent Egunyanga, Benin

POLITICAL parties have been advised to ensure internal democracy in choosing their candidates for the next general elections.

The advice was given by the Acting President Goodluck Jonathan at the One Man One Vote rally in Benin yesterday.

While acknowledging the desire for electoral reforms in our body politics, he said reforms should go beyond assuring that votes count during elections.

"We will not have electoral contests in which political parties present candidates through

fraudulent processes. Party elections and nominations too should rise to the same level of credibility as the general elections. It will be unfair for candidates to emerge from undemocratic and fraudulent party nomination exercises to contest general elections and win mainly based on strength of their political parties", he said.

The Acting President who was represented by the Bayelsa State Governor Timipre Sylva said no political party in Nigeria had been able to score high marks in nominating candidates based on classical democratic principles.

He said, "I therefore urge all

political parties in this country to commence the process of opening up to their members, real power must be in the hands of the membership. This is the norm everywhere good governance reigns. It is frustrating, disempowering and deflating for members to stand by and watch parties function in small groups with minuscule command structures".

He stressed that this is the basis of violence and apathy in the country. The Acting President is of the view that if we have free and fair elections most of what we refer to as religious and ethnic violence would have no place in the country, stressing that the

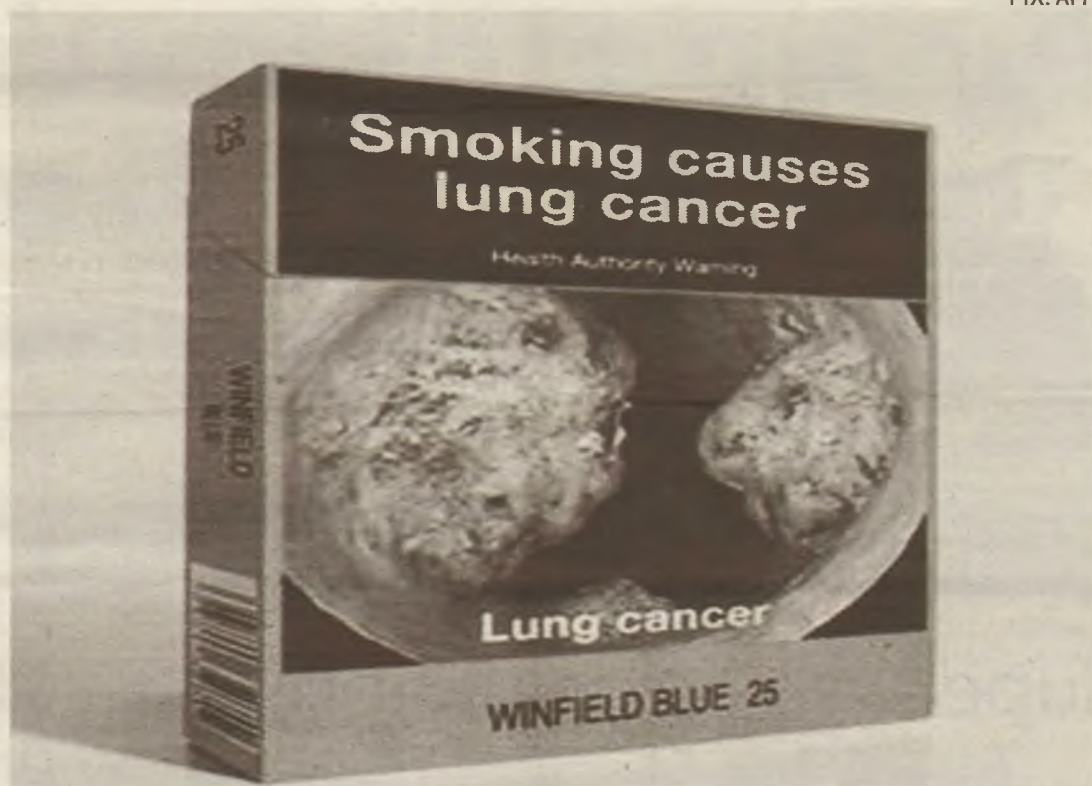
quickest route towards strengthening the unity of the country lies not in the undemocratic balancing of sectional agenda but in the liberation of all Nigerians through transparent, free and fair elections.

Edo State Governor Adams Oshiomhole said the One Man One Vote campaign was not a partisan project. He said it was a forum of Nigerians who appreciate that the future of the country depends on genuine democracy. The governor called on all Nigerians to always defend their votes. He also called on security agents, especially the police, not to give preferential treatment to a president who seeks re-election.

Two speakers, Barrister Festus Keyamu and the Coordinator of Campaign for Democracy Joe Odumakin wanted a former military President Ibrahim Babangida who was present at the rally to apologise to Nigerians for annulling the June 12 1993 presidential election. Keyamu even went a step further to lambast the organisers of the rally for inviting Babangida in the first place.

All the governors of the South-south states were present at the rally. Others present were former governor of Kaduna State Balarabe Musa, former Speaker, House of Representatives Aminu Masari, Rev. Fr Hassan Kukah and Prof. Pat Utomi among others.

PIX: AFP



A handout image released by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing yesterday shows a new generic cigarette packaging with health warnings taking up 85 per cent of the pack and a minimal border. Australia yesterday said it would become the world's first country to ban logos and branding of cigarette packets, sparking a furious response from the tobacco industry.

## Kano names TV station after Rimi

From Jaafar Jaafar, Kano

THE Kano State government has renamed the state-owned television station, City Television (CTV), after the late first civilian governor of the state, Alhaji Muhammadu Abubakar Rimi. The station is now Abubakar Rimi Television (ARTV).

Speaking to newsmen yesterday in Kano, the state Commissioner for Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives Alhaji Ahmed Ibrahim Yakasai said the state government found it imperative to name the station after late Rimi as it was established during his administration.

"Late Rimi built the TV station during his administration and he contributed immensely to the development of the state. So the state government decided to name the station after him," said Yakasai. The commissioner noted that it was Governor Shekarau that first brought the idea to the executive

council and all the council members supported the idea.

According to him, the council also noted that the mosque and Islamic school project the late former governor initiated in Rimi village of Sumaila Local Government should be completed by the state government.

Daily Trust learnt that the renaming of the TV station was with immediate effect as the management of the station was directed to change its logo and other documents to reflect the name of the late political icon. The state Ministry of Works was also directed to assess the level of work at the site.

The Deputy Governor of the state, Engineer Abdullahi Tijjani Gwarzo, had dropped a hint penultimate week that the state government would honour the late former governor because of his contributions to the development of the state.

## Guber aspirant promises a new Nasarawa

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

ALHAJI Umaru Tanko Al-Makura yesterday became the first governorship aspirant in Nasarawa State to declare on the platform of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) after he was given the nod by the state party executive promising a positive break from the past and present.

Al-Makura declared before a large crowd of supporters at his campaign secretariat in Lafia, seeking votes from the people.

The party chairman in the state, Yunana Ilya, had earlier commended Al-Makura for his peaceful disposition in the political development of the state, as he urged him to continue in that manner to build on the fortunes of the PDP in the state. The chairman promised Al-Makura a "level playing ground", where all aspirants are players on an

equal scale.

The aspirant who was accompanied by the Director General of his campaign organization in the state, Musa Illi Mohammed who introduced him to the crowd, had also visited the Emir of Lafia, Alhaji Mustapha Agwai at his palace. The emir who was accompanied by his council of chiefs bestowed his blessings on Al-Makura, and promised him royal support. Al-Makura sought for the support of all stakeholders in his aspiration as he promised his administration, if voted into office, will carry everybody including civil societies, along.

His campaign DG, Musa Illu urged the people to disregard what he called "the antics of idle and undemocratic elements", who, according to him, "are packaging and selling endorsements for those aspirants who care to buy".

## Iwu's removal illegal — Yakasai

From Lawan Danjuma Adamu, Kano

THE directive by Acting President Goodluck Jonathan to Chairman Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) Professor Maurice Iwu, to proceed on "pre-disengagement leave" some weeks ahead of the expiration of his tenure is illegal and unconstitutional, says former Special Adviser to Second Republic President on National Assembly Matters, Alhaji Tanko Yakasai.

Professor Iwu has been instructed by Goodluck Jonathan to hand over the affairs of the electoral commission to the most senior Federal Commissioner at INEC.

Reacting to the development in an interview yesterday, Yakasai said the directive should not have come

from the Acting President because the INEC chairman was not an employee of the Federal Government. He said the appointment, tenure and removal of the head of the electoral commission were covered by the constitution, adding that "the constitution is clear that the INEC chief should not be subjected to directives from any quarters."

Yakasai further said there could be no cogent reason for the decision by Goodluck Jonathan when Iwu's tenure was due to end in a matter of days, adding that unless he was doing it to just to play to the gallery or to prepare ground for appointing people who will do his biddings in the event of a decision on his part to run for presidency early next year.

The veteran politician also told Daily Trust that he shunned an invitation by the Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF) to its 10th anniversary event. He said his decision to stay away from the meeting was for the fact that the organization had since derailed from the objectives of its founding fathers.

"I decided not to attend, not only because I'm no longer a member of the organization, but also because I'm not satisfied that the organization is pursuing the original objectives for which it was established," he said.

He said as long as the ideals of the formation of ACF were not adhered to, there would be no reason for the body to continue to claim that it is operating in the interest of the north and its people.

# Boko Haram: Man requests for son's release

From Sharafa Dauda & Yahaya Ibrahim, Maiduguri

AN aged man yesterday interrupted the ongoing trial of the Boko Haram suspects at the Borno State High Court in Maiduguri, when he stood up and demanded for the release of his son, who is one of the 77 suspects. Shortly after the prosecution counsel and the defence counsel announced their appearances, the man stood up and told court that his son was not a member of the sect, but a blacksmith and that he was only implicated. He pleaded with the judge to have mercy on his son and release him.

"My son is married with children and at my old age, I am

now the one taking care of the children. Due to my age, I cannot see very well anymore and as such had to stop my work, which was blacksmith. I now beg on the streets to feed the children. Please release my son because he is innocent," he said.

The court officials had to stop the old man, who spoke for some minutes so that the proceedings could continue. Four witnesses testified against the suspects. Among the witnesses was the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of the Railway Police Station in Maiduguri, ASP Danladi Yamishi. According to Yamishi, he received a distress call on July 26, 2009 at 8.30pm, that members of the Muhammed Yusuf led

Islamic sect had attacked the police station which was close to the headquarters of the group. He told the court that the sect members seized a police man attached to the station and tied him to a tree before killing him. He added that they burnt down the station and carted away ammunitions and burnt down his house and looted his property, including food items and livestock. During cross examination by the defence counsel, the DPO was asked if any

of the 77 accused persons took part in the mayhem, but he said he could not recognize any of the suspects because he took cover in a shed around the area during the operation. The case has been adjourned to May 26, 2010.



PIC: FELIX ONIGBINDE

FORMER Head of State General Muhammadu Buhari (left) with former chairman, Interim National Government Chief Ernest Shonekan, during a book launch and investiture of Grand Patrons of Association of Retired Police Officers of Nigeria (ARPON) in Abuja, yesterday.

## Borno emirs get official, utility cars

From Sharafa Dauda, Maiduguri

ALL the eight emirs in the Borno State Council of Chiefs were on Wednesday presented with official and utility cars by the state government.

Presenting the cars in Maiduguri, Governor Ali Modu Sheriff said the vehicles were in recognition of the emirs roles in the state and to enable them discharge their social and cultural responsibilities effectively.

The Chairman of the Borno State Council Council of Chiefs and the Shehu of Borno Alhaji Abubakar ibn Umar Garbai Al-amin

El-Kanemi was given a Lexus jeep, one Toyota Hilux truck to serve as pilot car and a Mercedes Benz salon while the Shehu of Dikwa, the emirs of Askira, Bama, Biu, Gwoza, Shani and Uba were given one Toyota Land cruiser jeep each and Toyota Hilux trucks as pilot cars.

The Shehu of Dikwa also got a Mercedes Benz salon in addition to the Toyota jeep while the other emirs were promised additional vehicles.

The Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs Alhaji Abdulrahman Terab said the cars would enhance the status of the traditional rulers.

## Kogi exco members supervise examination

From Isiaka Wakili, Lokoja

MEMBERS of the Kogi State Executive Council yesterday supervised examination written by senior secondary school students preparing for the WAEC in their respective local government areas.

The council had on Wednesday resolved that members, including Governor Ibrahim Idris, Deputy Governor Philip Salawu, Secretary to the State Government Musa Ahmadu and the 16 commissioners should monitor the

English Language examination in their local government areas yesterday.

This according to the Commissioner for Information Tom Ohikere is to reduce the rate of examination malpractice and correct the negative impression that the state was top in examination malpractices. The Secretary to the State Government said candidates and invigilators were orderly in all the examination centres he visited at Koto-Karfe, the headquarters of the Kogi Local Government Area.

The Commissioner for Education Sylvester Onoja noted

that apart from one secondary school in Igalamela/Odolu Local Government Area, where the candidates, who registered for the examination outnumbered the school's population, the conduct of the examination was satisfactory in most of the centres he visited.

Meanwhile, the state's Chairman of the Academic Staff Union of Secondary Schools (ASUSS) Mr. Ranti Ojo commended the officials for their efforts and urged the government to recruit more teachers and pay those whose salaries had not been paid since last year's staff audit.

## Ibori files fresh suit against EFCC

CHIEF James Ibori's counsel has filed a fresh suit to restrain the EFCC from arresting him over alleged fraud involving the shares of some companies.

Joined in the suit are the Attorney-General of the Federation, the EFCC, the Inspec-

tor General of Police and the Director, State Security Service (SSS). In the suit number FHC/ASB/CS/34/2010 filed in the Federal High Court, Asaba, Ibori wants the court to stop the respondents from arresting him.

It was filed after Justice Ibrahim Buba adjourned proceedings in the substantive suit to May 10. Buba had on Wednesday refused to grant Ibori's oral application to restrain the EFCC from arresting him.

The suit is entitled "The Matter of an Application by Chief James Onanefe Ibori

for the Enforcement of his Fundamental Rights to Fair Hearing and Personal Liberty under the Fundamental Rights Enforcement Procedure Rules 2009".

Ibori's counsel, Mr Joseph Daudu, is asking for an order of injunction restraining the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th respondents from arresting Ibori. He also wants the court to restrain the respondent's officers, agents, privies and assigns from arresting, harassing and intimidating Ibori in any manner pending the hearing and determination of the motion. (NAN)

## Soyinka commends Jonathan over Iwu

From Nahimah A. Nurudeen, Lagos

AS reactions continue to trail the removal of the Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (IN-EC) Professor Maurice Iwu, Nobel Laureate Professor Wole Soyinka yesterday commended the action, saying it would help in repositioning the commission ahead of the 2011 general elections.

Soyinka, who spoke with journalists at the Lagos airport, described Iwu as, "A bad driver in charge of a rickety vehicle". He said the Justice Mohammed Uwais report should be

taken seriously by the Federal Government if the country

wants to experience free and fair elections.

### CORRIGENDUM

This is to inform the general public that, the classified adverts placed in the Daily Trust (page 59) of April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 and Leadership (page 10) of April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 is hereby amended as follows:

Name of the Association is Government Secondary School, Damaturu Old Students Association, while the names of the Board of Trustees given as Mr. Wutama B. Samba, Professor Musa Alabe, Dr. Abubakar G. Iliya, Alhaji Abdulkadir Ayuba, Ibrahim Muhammad Lawolom, Jibrin Haruna Jakusko, Ahmad Kangadi Mustapha, Mrs Hauwa A. Gaji, and Alhaji Bukar Kime are hereby expunged and replaced with these names:

Mr. Wutama B. Samba	Chairman	Alhaji Muhammad Lamin	Member
Alhaji Hassan Yusuf	Member	Alhaji Mohammad Gombe	Member
Mrs. Laraba Aji Malah	Member	Mallam Ibn Musa	Secretary

Please take note.

Thanks.

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**Ibori wants the court to stop the respondents from arresting him.**



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FROM left: Minister of Women Affairs Mrs. Josephine Anenih, National Coordinator, Coalition for Change (C4C), Hajiya Amina Saliu and Prof. Bolanle Awe, during the C4C lesson sharing event in Abuja yesterday.

## Group holds pro- IBB rally

From Ayegba Israel Ebije, Minna

A pro-Ibrahim Babangida group known as, 'IBB Legacy Forum' yesterday stormed his residence in Minna, Niger State pledging their support for his ambition to run for presidency in the 2011 election. The national leader of the group, Barrister Oyelekan Akingbade, speaking with journalists during the rally, said the group had representatives from the 774 local governments area of Nigeria. He assured former President Babangida of the support of youths in the country, adding that Nigeria needed his experience to wriggle out of the present political lock jam.

Though, Babangida was not around to receive the youths, they chanted songs of praises at the gate to his residence.

The youths, who had posters with inscriptions such as, 'IBB please take us to the promised land', 'lead us IBB', 'IBB, you have the quality to rule us' later, matched round major areas of Minna town. A source close to Babangida said the general would have received the group, but was in Edo State for an engagement.

## DIG pledges improved logistics for police

From Johnkennedy Uzoma, Owerri

OFFICERS and men of the Nigeria Police have been assured of adequate logistics to enable them carry out their duties. The Deputy Inspector General of Police in charge of training Sir. Declan Uzoma gave the assurance during a visit to Owerri, Imo State yesterday. Uzoma told newsmen that with what he saw, the officers were ready to work to ensure a crime free society. He identified lack of logistics as parts of the problems facing the police in the state, but assured of efforts by the Inspector General of Police to address the issue.

The DIG said with the introduction of a new scheme for police across the country, the problem of logistics would soon be a thing of the past. He said the scheme unlike before, is being sponsored by the three tiers of government.

He urged them to continue with the good work they were doing. On the issue of kidnapping in the country, Sir Uzoma said it was worrisome, but added that if the public could give police information, it would assist them to track down the kidnappers.

# Vigilante group asks court to restrain faction

From Andrew Agbese, Jos

THE Registered Trustees of the Vigilante Group of Nigeria has asked the High Court in Jos, Plateau State to stop Mallam Usman Ahmed Jahun from parading himself as the commandant general of the group in Nigeria.

The group also wants the courts to restrain Capt. Bitrus Golen from functioning as the commandant of the Plateau State chapter of the group. The national as well as the Plateau State chapter of the vigilante group have been factionalised since December last year, following the inauguration

of a new leadership for the group as another group led by Mallam Yau Ali and Ali Sokoto is claiming the leadership of the group. In a motion exparte filed by the vigilante group and two others, they are asking the court for an injunction restraining Usman Muhammed, from parading himself as the commandant general of the group and a declaration that the Golen faction, which was inaugurated on the 11th of December last year is null and void.

They are also asking the court to stop them from representing the vigilante group. Hearing has been fixed for May 13, 2010.

## Two in police net over bank fraud

From Isiaka Wakili, Lokoja

THE Kogi State Police Command has arrested two suspects for allegedly attempting to defraud some banks in Lokoja. The state's Commissioner of Police Alhaji Abdullahi Magaji told our correspondent yesterday that the suspects were separately arrested while trying to cash

some cheques at the banks. Sixty four year old Olanrewaju Akanni, who was arrested for allegedly attempting to cash N300, 000 from a customers' account at one of the banks said he did it to pay his rent. Advising the public to secure their cheque books, the commissioner said, "We are seeing fraud in different dimensions here. I wonder how

someone from Kaduna managed to get the Union Bank's cheque book belonging to one Yekini Bakare in Lagos and came to Lokoja to cash it. Today, another suspect has been caught doing the same thing. People should be weary of those close to them, especially those working with them. On our part, we are doing our best to frustrate their efforts."

## Kogi Assembly decries non-payment of workers' salaries

From Isiaka Wakili, Lokoja

THE Kogi State House of Assembly has expressed concerns over the non-payment of salaries to some civil servants screened in the last staff audit in the state. This followed Wednesday's adoption of a motion by the member representing Olamaboro Constituency, Ohieme Zakari, in the state House of Assembly asking that the state's Com-

missioner for Finance, the Head of Civil Service and the Accountant-General of the state be asked to appear before it. The lawmaker said the invitation became necessary in lieu of the hardship being experienced by the affected civil servants. In their contributions, members decried the delay by the committee set up to review the report of the staff audit. The Commissioner for Finance Stephen

Olorunfemi, the Head of Civil Service Isa Ichaba and the Accountant-General Michael Ajaha, appearing before the House yesterday assured that the committee's report would be ready by next month, adding that all the complaints were being looked into. The House asked the officials to report back within 14 days and that the salaries of the affected workers should be paid within one month.

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**INVITATION FOR  
PRE-QUALIFICATION**

Ministry of Education Gombe State intends to execute the following projects approved under the ETF 2009 Normal and 2009 ETF Special-BOT interventions as follows: -

**A. 2009 ETF NORMAL INTERVENTION.**

- i. Construction of a block of 3-Classrooms at GDSS Akkoyel and GCDSS Kaltungo
- ii. Construction of a block of 3-Classrooms Cum Exams hall at GSTC Deba, GSTC Tula and GSTC Amada.
- iii. Construction of a block of 6-Classrooms (Storey building) at GDSS Bolari-East and GSS Kashere.
- iv. Procurement of 1065 Sets of 3 Rows of 3-Seater Student Desk (9No Sitting) to MOE Hqtrs.
- v. Procurement of 4710 Volumes of 36 Titles to the Six Selected Senior Secondary Schools

**B. 2009 ETF SPECIAL - BOT INTERVENTION AT GSSS BILLIRI & GCSS PINDIGA**

- i. Construction of 2Nos blocks of Male/Female Student's Hostel & 6-Compartment VIP Toilet each at GSSS Billiri and GCSS Pindiga.
- ii. Procurement of 46 Nos Sets of 3-Rows of 3-Seater, Student Desk (9No Sitting) to MOE Hqtrs.

All interested and reputable contractors/suppliers are hereby invited to submit the following documents for the pre-qualification exercise:-

1. Evidence of registration with Corporate Affairs Commission
2. Registration with Gombe State Ministry of Education.
3. Evidence of tax clearance for the past three (3) years.
4. Value Added Tax (VAT) registration.
5. Company profile.
6. Evidence of financial capability to handle the job.

Pre-qualification documents should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked at the top left hand corner with the name (s) of the project(s) applied for. Applications should reach the office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education not later than two weeks from the date of advertisement.

All submitted applications shall be publicly opened on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 2:30pm at MOE headquarters. Only successful candidates will be invited for bidding.

Signed  
Dr. Garba Saidu mni  
Permanent Secretary  
29<sup>th</sup> April 2010



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  - (5) Financial status of the company which should include:
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  - (6) Any other relevant document that will enhance the potentials of the company
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    - \* Dams      \* Irrigation
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    - \* Swashi      \* Tungan Kawo      \* Likarbu
  4. **DRILLING OF BOREHOLES:**
    - \* Motorized      \* hand Pumps      \* Solar Powered
  5. **REHABILITATION OF OFFICE BUILDING**
    - \* Rehabilitation of M.D's House
    - \* Rehabilitation of Types 2 Building at Minna.
  6. **HEADQUARTERS/AREA OFFICE DEVELOPMENT**
    - \* Rehabilitation of Guest House at Pambegua
    - \* Rehabilitation of Generator House at Minna
    - \* Rehabilitation of Likarbu Office Block
    - \* Rehabilitation of NYSC Lodge, Minna.
  7. **SETTLEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL FEES**
  8. **PURCHASE OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT**
  9. **PRODUCTION OF ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT**
  10. **ADMIN COST ON BUDGET PREPARATION AND DUE PROCESS ACTIVITIES.**
  11. **OFFICE COMPLEX/ESTATE CLEANING**
  12. **IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN:-**
    - \* Kajuru (Buda Site)      \* Chikun (Chikuru Site)
    - \* Igabi (Garji Site)      \* Igabi (Tabarau Site)
    - \* Giwa (Wazata Site)      \* B/Gwari (Yelwa Site)
  13. **SMALL IRRIGATION SCHEMES - 8NO. AT:-**
    - \* Sakadadi (Sabon Gari Local Government)
    - \* Sayen Tankarau (Zaria Local Government)
    - \* Zabin Kudan (Kudan Local Government)
    - \* Gangara (Makarfi Local Government)
    - \* Saya-Saya (Ikara Local Government)
    - \* Itayin Mal. Mamman (Kubau Local Government)
    - \* Dinya/Kwasallo (Soba Local Government) and.
    - \* Sabon Birni (Lere Local Government).
  14. **IRRIGATION SCHEME AT DANWATA**
  15. **SMALL SCALE PROCESSING PLANT FOR GROUNDNUT AND VEGETABLES IN MAKARFI AND KUDAN**
  16. **E.U. BAGO EARTH DAM AND IRRIGATION SCHEME**
  17. **PROVISION OF 2NO. LOW LIFT PUMP (IMPRESIT) AT MINNA**
  18. **PROVISION OF 1NO. HIGH LIFT PUMP AT MINNA.**
  19. **EXPANSION OF WATER PIPES IN MINNA**
  20. **PROVISION OF HIGH LIFT PUMP (110KWA) AT KONTAGORADAM**
  21. **KUTA WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.**
- D. Submission of pre-qualification Documents:**
1. The pre-qualification documents should be submitted in three (3) copies with the original clearly marked "Original" and three copies enclosed in a big envelop.
  2. The sealed envelop should be clearly marked at the top right hand corner "**PRE-QUALIFICATION 2010**" with the title of work and address to:  
**The Managing Director,**  
**Upper Niger River Basin Development Authority**  
**P.M.B. 68,**  
**KMS, Minna - Zungeru Road, Minna, Niger State.**
  3. Name, Address and Telephone (GSM) number of the contractor/company should also be clearly indicated at the back of sealed envelop.
- E. Important Information:**
- i. This is not an invitation to Tender
  - ii. Only pre-qualified contractors/companies shall be invited to participate in the financial tendering processing.
  - iii. No late submission shall be entertained after two (2) weeks from the date of this advertisement.
  - iv. Pre-qualification documents shall be opened in public in the Authority's Board Room at the end of the two (2) weeks.
  - v. This advertisement for Pre-qualification shall not be taken to be a commitment on the part of the Authority to award any form of contract to any respondent nor shall it entitle the submitting contractor/company to make claims whatsoever from Upper Niger River Basin Development Authority.
  - vi. The Authority is not bound to give explanation for unsuccessful applications.

**Tabir D. Mahmud**  
Ag. Executive Director  
(Operation)  
For: Managing Director.

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## Yar'adua: Case against N/Assembly for mention June 3

I am of the opinion that our president, Alhaji Umaru Yar'adua, should go and rest seeing that

he is not capable of continuing as president of this country anymore.

Please I plead with the legislators to kindly confirm the vice president, as our president. I

want to ask: who can truthfully say that he/she has seen the president since his return from Saudi

Arabia after his treatment?  
**Chibs**  
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ACF Chairman IBM Haruna

### ACF leaders meet with Jonathan

THE leaders of the north and the south must come to terms with the reality that nobody or persons could drive away any tribe from his country. Everyone was brought here to stay and not to be chased out. It has therefore become necessary for the leaders to strike a harmonious working relationship for the good of their people.

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I hope that after this he will consult with the south-south, then it will be the turn of Ohaneze and Afenifere and then Emirs, Obis, Obas before he announces his intention to run for the presidency.

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Going to the Villa 'to thank the acting president for holding the country together'? That's serious and a dangerous signal to us. I hope next time the visit won't be to encourage the Acting President to contest in 2011. Although such actions are not new, we are more than prepared to respond.

**Adzu Midlu**  
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Let there be light, jobs, security of lives and property, good road and hospital plus medicine... enough of these visits. Let this man do his work for God's sake.

**Yahaya Akor**  
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SENATE President David Mark

### Mark spends N40m on 2000 Benue students

I really appreciate his contribution. I urged all privileged Nigerians to go back to their wards and emulate the distinguished Senate President's gesture. I wish you all the best.

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# Iwu kicked out of INEC

DID the man commit any offence? Why do Nigerian leaders always want to show power? The man was kicked out of office even before the expiration of his tenure. Was this in line with constitutional provisions?

**Lamara Garba Azare**  
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I am one of the numerous Nigerians who scored Maurice Iwu's tenure as INEC chairman low in terms of conducting free and fair elections as our agonies continue to appreciate daily as a result of his mal-administration.

**Abubkr Badru Jkamshi**  
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You have done what Obasanjo and Yar'adua did not have the balls to do. We are now waiting for the next shoe to drop. We will not settle for tokenism. We want Col. Umar, Nuhu Ribadu, or Wole Soyinka for that job. An honest umpire is not negotiable. If we get a God fearing umpire, we will accept the result of the 2011 election regardless of where the winner comes from. We as Nigerians must stop this nonsense about east and west, or north and south. Nigerians want one thing. They want a winning team that will lead the whole country. We want power, good roads, employ-



FORMER INEC Chairman Maurice Iwu

ment, and health care. I don't care about where the leader comes from. We are all tired of corruption and graft and of looting. We just want someone that will look out for the ordinary Adamu, Okoro, Adebayo, and Okon.

**Johnnie A.**  
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Prof. Iwu's tenure as the national chairman of INEC had been bedeviled with a lot of controversies. Most of the elections conducted by INEC led by Prof. Iwu had not been free and fair. It was in realization of this that President Yar'adua set up the Uwais committee with the man-

date, among other things, of looking at how elections are conducted in the country. Iwu's tenure should be investigated.

The president should not be in a haste to appoint a new chairman. He should consult widely. He should make sure that the next chairman is somebody who is credible and upright and who has the fear of God in mind.

**Abdullahi Ibrahim**  
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To me sacking Iwu does not mean anything. What about other state commissioners of INEC? Iwu he is at fault but others contributed.

Let the Acting President appoint respectable people so that we can have credible elections in Nigeria. Sacking Iwu is a way out and appointing a respected person with honest track records is the solution.

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The timely removal of Maurice Iwu as INEC boss sounds good but it is only a step out of tens for sanitary steps our electoral system in Nigeria needs to undergo because Iwu was not the only responsible figure for election fraud in the country. The main problem is that the whole system is polluted so much that anybody that leads the commission must be left with only two options out of which he can choose one; he should either follow Iwu's footsteps or resign from the office. Therefore, Nigerian should wait to see new concrete policies that will assure them that their votes will count in the forth coming national elections and not just the removal of Iwu who was strictly answerable to powers above him. With the present status of INEC, anybody who replaces him will turn out to be another Iwu or even worse.

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## Yarima: My wife is not 13

PLEASE those behind all this ought to know that this pious Muslim is only practicing the injunctions of his religion.

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It is a shame that the Nigerian Senate would commit the blunder of entertaining this matter in the chamber and interfering with one's personal life. His religion allows that and therefore I see no reason why they will be allowed to be used for political reasons.

**Abubkr Badru Jkamshi**  
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In some traditions, marriage is not equivalent to sex. By the way, how many 13 year old Nigerians are sexually active?

**Awwal**

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I don't know why these NGOs and others are leaving the substance and chasing shadows. Have they made any comment about sodomy and prostitution in high places, the use of women for prostitution in the banking industry, indecent dressing by students in higher institutions etc? Yarima has done nothing wrong. Let them fight the use of female folks for indecent advertisement and other forms of vices. These NGOs have even convicted Yarima in the media.

**Maiiam Yahya Ishola**  
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In Nigeria we always blame others for our mistakes. Senator Yerima should own up to his guilt and take



SENATOR Ahmad Sani

responsibility for his action.

**Chris Ene**  
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It is very unfortunate if those overzealous enemies of Yarima can go to the extent of spreading rumors about his marriage just to smear his name. Nobody has seen her picture or birth certificate.

**Tumbido**  
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What is wrong with our dear country? A personal issue has turned into a national issue. Yarima as a Muslim has the right to marry a lady of his choosing provided it is in accordance with Islamic injunctions. Do those that are agitating against Yarima have any Islamic backing against Yarima's marriage? I believe in what he said that "it is the Zamfara State government that is sponsoring the newspaper reports and the NGOs who are making noise on this matter. They think that if they can destroy Yarima's image, they would destroy the ANPP in Zamfara State which he leads." Sen. Ahmad Sani you have done it as prescribed by Allah and the Holy Prophet, those against you are just wasting their time.

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## National minimum wage pegged at N18,500

FOR a long time the NLC has been agitating for a living wage for civil servants. This is cheering news, at least. State governments should follow suit. I hope this

wage increment would not lead to downsizing.

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Workers still need a living wage going by the present dispensation in the country where other sectors earn more than the civil servant. Government should put a mech-

anism in place for increasing the civil servants wages after every three years.

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## In the life of a woman

**O**n a Friday afternoon, Hajo and I arrived at the Hussainis' for the naming ceremony of their new baby. Greeted with friends and relatives, some of whom due to today's lifestyle, it has become increasingly difficult to visit. We apologised to each other and re-established contacts. After seeing 'majego' we took the new baby, which had just been fed, to sit in the living room. I put him on my shoulder to burp him; he gave a loud one, with little of the milk coming back. I anticipated that and thus placed a towel on my shoulder. He began to cry. I put him down to clean him. 'Haba an baby! I sang, patting him gently. Hajo then commented 'aikin mata! This is one of the moments that make me glad I've retired'!

Good topic for conversation, being all women, everyone had something to contribute over the numerous 'ayyukan mata'. Along the line something struck me, how people do not want to have large families now.

**W**hy this fear for large family? I asked. What happened to us, a generation who grew up in homes filled with children from all sides of the family? When did we become so selfish that trending now is 'daga ni sai yaya na'? I looked around and apart from yours truly no one has more than four children. 'Lallai', I

What if she finds herself in another marriage, where the husband desperately wants children?

thought to myself, if in our generation people choose to have not more than four children, I hated to think how small it could shrink to at the time of our children.

I thought with the advent of diapers, caring for children became less tedious. 'But diaper also increased the cost of living that has gone up through the years'. Adda Kulci commented that 'the cost of living is so high that the men folk discourage having children to the extent of harassing or even divorcing any woman that thinks 'gwanne' is worth practicing'.

These men would rather have the 'play pen' not the 'nursery'. 'Kamb! Maimu interjected, 'I will not take that, 'divorce? Did she go with it in the 'gara'? 'I'd rather have my daughter sent back home, than endure heartaches as she is traumatized emotionally, psychologically, verbally and physically as she's more often than not forced to abort'. 'Tabdi! Hajo exclaimed, 'abortion a gidan aure?' 'I thought having children was one of the essentials of marriage'. 'It is', Adda Kulci answered. She told us how she had nursed her young neighbour after an abortion. This girl cried her heart out as her husband packed out of their room on breaking her news. 'Sannu, aphrodite, daga an tabaki sai ciki', he threw back at her. He became Mr. Nice Guy the moment he was informed due to a mistake, she

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wouldn't have more children.

Only 'Yarinta' (childishness) would make a woman succumb to this. What if she finds herself in another marriage, where the husband desperately wants children? Truly, this guy has killed both she and her baby! She's in for regrets, when he needs more children, that being the basis for a new wife. Pregnant Saliha rubbed her tummy as she said 'maza ai sai da dubara' (one has to be witty with men!). With her biological clock ticking away, she wanted another child. 'But I knew Alhaji wouldn't let me, so I switched my family planning pills with multivitamins, when this came along I only pretended to be as shocked as he who witnessed me take my pills religiously!'.

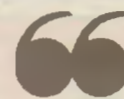
We laughed over her mischief, as more family, friends dropped in and being fellow Venusians, they had much to add with Baraka stating, 'one of the reasons people don't want large families is because a lot of us women work and the stress that comes with it is huge'. Once home, you wear the gown of wife and mother which is not easy if you have a large brood. Hajo lent support, saying, 'school fees alone are a burden and this selfish life style we've chosen, where we hardly tolerate any other person in our homes'. Before, neighbours, 'dangi' whether 'na miji' or 'na mata' helped with the 'ayyukan mata', and raising kids.

Those dangin miji are something else', Kande chipped in. Surprisingly, this is someone who'd always be a 'dangin miji', being an only girl among boys. This has always amazed me and I voiced it. 'Are we not all 'dangin miji' in a place or another?' Perhaps that is why men laugh, when we say 'ciwon 'ya mace, na 'ya mace ne'. The adage is applied only when one is personally affected. 'Selfishly!' exclaimed Falmata who was pissed off when her neighbour gave a daughter where another neighbour's had been driven out. 'Even if it's halal, it's disdainful'.

For Nana, every woman has a problem, be it 'dangin miji' who forget, that marriage 'ibada ne' and shouldn't contribute to its failure, to uwar miji who feels this child whose devotion and love she's had all along now shares with someone else, to 'ya'yan'miji who can be downright rude, except where you find a firm father/God fearing mother, to miji himself, who can be like the ogre mentioned above, basically one has to be patient otherwise, 'ayi ta kirga maka aure'. When I see some injustices, I feel if only, divorce was in the hands of women, 'kai! da wasu mazan dubu za'a basu'!

That's for you that are married! Rufaida, a spinster at 33 said. Lack of miji is another problem women have to contend with. 'Anytime I lose my temper, everyone thinks I'm venting out my frustrations'. 'I hate those looks of pity I get from my family or the ones exchanged by my male colleagues'.

I pray that women would realize that at times, we are the architects of our problems.



By Chinedum Odenyi

## Thou art mortal, Big Man

**O**n April 26, 2010, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), organised an aptitude test and interview session for applicants for vacancies the Commission wanted to fill. It provided a 600-capacity hall for the exercise, but over ten thousand applicants showed up. In exasperation, INEC cancelled the session, promising to provide bigger space for all applicants to be accommodated. For all they say, the positions might already have been filled and the public show on display as aptitude test, a formality. Such scenarios have become recurring scenes in our national life; young and old unemployed people roaming the streets, in search of means of livelihood, frustration written all over their faces.

The economic condition of Nigerian people is getting all the more depressing. In a country which is the seventh largest producer of crude oil in the world, and the second biggest in Africa, it is difficult to reconcile potential with reality. Hope seems to be in dissonance with expectation. Actual and possibility seem to have eternal differences. A country that has just passed a budget of 4.7 trillion naira cannot provide the basic necessities of life, something must be very wrong somewhere.

That wrong thing is that we have not got our leadership right. And we have a chance in the next general elections to redeem ourselves. If we are lucky the independent candidacy provision of the constitution amendment process goes through, we would have more, and possibly better choices should the political parties persist in throwing up dispirit-

The Nigerian big man perpetrates all he does without a wink of conscience or consideration for others

ing candidates. Every nation worth its name sometime in its life realises that it is travelling on a path that cannot be sustained and draw itself back for the edge of the cliff, re-calibrate and bridge the gap between their potential and the reality of their existence. China, beginning with Mao Tse Tung, and later Deng Xiaoping knew they had to re-engage on different terms with the rest of the world. Today, China is an indisputable economic power. Hitherto cocky powers now cringe at the sight of China. Japan, after World War II, realised they had to recondition. The results are there for all to see. Germany, in spite of the devastations of the war, itself the price of its foolery, still re-launched itself and being the strongest economy in Europe today is the just recompense of its exertions. With all the mind-blowing success America achieved, like every other empire, it came close to disintegration following the rash exploits of George W. Bush whose policies alienated America from the world,

drove a hole through its treasury, got mired in some needless wars and was on the road to bubble burst. But keeping ideological differences apart and ignoring historical prejudices, Americans elected its first black president, a historical feat but who was the best candidate among those on parade. It was a lucid appreciation of the multifarious threats that faced America and today, America is reclaiming its place in world esteem. The habit of alienation and unilateralism has shifted to the norm of multilateralism and inclusion: a realisation by a nation that it needed the scissors of the surgeon to uproot debilitating growth.

The gap between the haves and the have-nots in Nigeria needs bold surgical action to bridge. The Nigerian big man perpetrates all he does without a wink of conscience or consideration for others. They invade the common till, rapaciously decimate it and throw in the face of the poor, co-owners of the till manifested in the nauseating ostentation all around. Beware, Nigeria's big man, thou art mortal.

Penultimate week, when Acting President Goodluck Jonathan inaugurated his cabinet, he enjoined its members to hit the road running and show verifiable evidence of performance. He told them that they should realise that what they take for granted - food, shelter, peacock clothes, their children's school fees, cars to ferry them to wherever they wish to go - are life dreams of a greater number of our compatriots. Does the Nigerian politician or influence peddler, who controls the levers of power and patronage; who sees the gruesome state of the Nigerian masses, does he feel a whack of conscience and skew policy in favour of the greater good of the greater number? Beware, Nigeria's Big Man, thou art mortal.

In his well-regarded poem 'An Elegy written in a Country Churchyard', Thomas Gray spoke directly to Nigeria's big man who is unimpressed with the plight of the common man when he wrote:

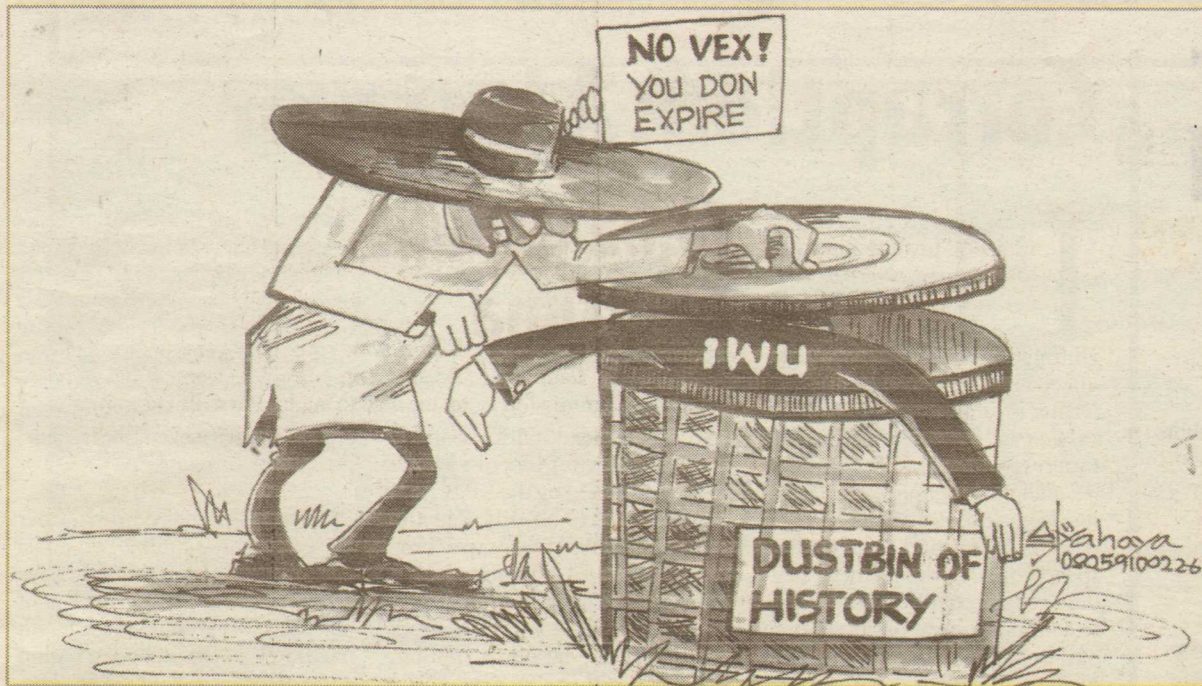
"Let not ambition mock their useful toil,  
Their homely joys, and their destiny  
obscure;  
Nor Grandeur hear with a disdainful  
smile

The short and simple annals of the  
poor,  
The boast of heraldry, the pomp of  
power,

And all that beauty, all that wealth  
ever gave,  
Await alike th'inevitable hour:  
The paths of glory lead but to the  
grave."

Nigeria's big man, beware. Do not get enthralled in your wealth and treat with disdain the hankering of the poor. The recent sad departure of some members of the political class should bring home to every person that we can never run away from our mortality and that the best testament we can leave behind are in the lives of others. During the valedictory session held in honour of their departed colleagues in the Senate, Senate President David Mark bewailed the loss of Senators Tawa Wada and Peto Dukku, and then he said something very important:

Odenyi wrote from Abuja.



## Your Letters

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### Signed 2010 budget: What next?

The annual budget of any nation is the engine that powers its social, economic and other developmental priorities and secures adequate standard of living for the people. This premise brings to the fore the necessity to enrich the budget with well articulated popular input and for early passage of the budget even before the commencement of the new financial year to enhance its implementation. The Financial Year Act which has not been amended prescribes Nigeria's financial year as the period between 1st January to the 31st of December and it is intention of the law that budget implementation starts on the 1st of January every year.

However, the 2010 Appropriation Bill was belatedly presented to the National Assembly on November 24, 2010 contrary to the spirit of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007 which requires early processing and passage of the annual budget anchored on the Medium Term Expenditure Framework. Since all the employers of labour, business men and women, contractors especially those engaged in capital project execution, service providers and all other facets of the society depend largely on the budget for fiscal direction, effective functioning and optimum service delivery, late processing of the national budget is not a healthy development for the advancement of the fortunes of our dear country, Nigeria.

Now that the 2010 Federal has been passed by the National Assembly and assented to by the Acting President, it will be in the best interest of the nation for the Ministries, Departments, Agencies (MDAs) and all other

relevant bodies to take immediate practical steps towards the implementation of the budget especially the capital component in line with the visions of the Public Procurement Act, the Fiscal Responsibility Act and all other transparency, accountability, due process, value for money, probity and good governance legislations.

The syndrome of allowing budgeted funds to idle away for a whole financial year only to be returned to the treasury thereafter even in the face of infrastructural deficit, dwindling national fortunes, chronic and perennial unemployment, deteriorating educational standard, high rate of child and maternal mortality and grossly inadequate living standard is against the principles of social justice. It poses a deadly threat to national development and must therefore be abhorred in the implementation of the budget.

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### On PDP 'scorpions'

ASK Atiku and co. They should know that PDP's grip is sweeter than a scorpion's sting! One pain is cured by another. One fire is lessened by another. Call it garrison or *la Costa nostra* method! We will work harder, PDP is always right!  
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08033246464.

### On national minimum wage

THE Federal Government policy on a national minimum wage is appreciated; it has been long in coming. But the problem is how to make states and local governments implement it, as they will always claim they don't have enough funds. There must be a means of forcing them to do so.  
LINUS Ndong, Kaduna,  
08057972326.

### Scapegoating Iwu

WHY blame Iwu for our collec-

tive failure to conduct a credible election in the country? I advise Emeka Anyaoku, Dangwa Umar, and others not to allow their integrity to be dragged in the mud.

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08021367527.

### He has never been the problem

ALL Nigerians not just Iwu, are involved in election rigging in Nigeria; even the Minority Parties. We should allow INEC to be Independent like the Judiciary. This will reduce election rigging, in the country.

PAUL Amachigh, Makurdi,  
08030723197.

### Who influenced it anyway?

IWU'S ouster never gave me the least excitement; after all it came as a result of America's pressure, not because of the interest and

yearnings of Nigerians.

MUHAMMAD Tukur Mujaya,  
Sokoto, 08065327829.

### Will it guarantee free elections?

2011 electoral reforms and removal of Iwu will not guarantee free and fair elections in 2011. Mr Acting President should help Nigeria by not contesting, surest way to free and fair election in 2011.

08058171123.

### Idang, I'll scream with you too

MY British college teacher taught me that what belongs to everybody belongs to nobody. But in Nigeria, our money is for a few. Nobody talks. It is, in fact, a conspiracy of silence that has enslaved us to eternal poverty. How soon can the masses reject the injustice?

DRISU, 08035760568.



By Tunji Ajibade

## Britain's election: Heading towards 'hung' parliament?

Outcome of the May 6 general election in Britain is difficult to predict. That compares well with the 1992 elections. Opinion polls, at the time, predicted one thing, but election result showed another. Now analysts say the 2010 election is too close to call. Its likely outcome is the reason, and the polls are behind it. The outlook shows it may produce a 'hung' parliament. It means no single party wins clear majority. Two parties, in the event, will jointly form the government. The implications of this are serious. The electorates don't like it. Polls have found them hoping for a clear majority government to emerge after May 6. Yet they, the electorates, contribute to the present situation. That is because nothing is settled in their reactions to questions posed as to their intentions on Election Day.

What the opinion polls said way back in December 2009 compared to what they say now is interesting. Some thirty four percent of those polled had said Conservative's David William Duncan Cameron, a former public relations executive, born in London on October 9, 1966, would make the best Prime Minister then. Twenty two percent said Labour's Gordon Brown, born February 20, 1951 in Scotland would; and ten percent were for Liberal Democrat's Nicholas William Peter Clegg, born January 7, 1967 and since 18 December 2007, leader of the Liberal Democrats. All of that had since gone on its head from the Prime Ministerial debate became the best soap on TV in Britain. Lately, the TV debate among the would-be prime ministers is better watched than 'Doctor Who', 'Britain's Got Talent' and 'Coronation Street'. TV watchers, in the event, are for Clegg, behind whom Cameron and Brown queue up. Why Clegg? He is perceived as less arrogant than the other two co-debaters, and he is said to be honest on most of the issues debated. And the issues? They are largely centred on the economy.

Brown is the most unlucky, the fall guy in the global economic meltdown. Though largely not anything of his party's making, it happened on his watch. And the effect hit voters most, the main reason he and his Labour colleagues face such serious a challenge to their stay in power. Yes, the economy is the number one issue, but the aftermath of the expenses scandal still scars the political landscape. Tax payers don't forget such things easily. Members of House of Commons were caught asking for refunds, just a touch higher than they actually spent. The offence cut across party line. One female MP had made the public pay for home movies her husband watched. A male MP asked for expenses incurred on his dog. The entire parliament that the Queen gave Brown her consent to dissolve days back was the culprit. But it is not impossible that more Labour MPs than from other parties will suffer the consequences during election.

Incidentally, Brown and Labour have not been much of a bag for opposition punches concerning the economic meltdown. Even the electorates, in most polls, agree that a level of recovery has been recorded. Then why is Labour fighting so hard for votes? How to manage an economy slowly emerging from the worst recession since World War Two is. And that is entangled with issues that include how to manage public services on tight budgets. Issues in recent TV debates, where Clegg gets his shine, have been essentially on this. But there are several reasons the matter of who occupies Downing Street next is not yet settled, and why a party may not win enough votes to form government after May 6.

One, the line of differences between the two major parties are not so clear on policy issues. The 'how to do it' of the main issue - the economy - has become blurred. Among several issues to raise, "you (the electorates) don't have to put up with another five years of Gordon Brown," was the main line of attack by Cameron when the date for election was announced. For example, his party only promised to cut the deficit harder and faster than Labour, and it wants to exempt most workers from a payroll tax rise Labour plans for next year.

"Britain is on the road to recovery and nothing we do should put that recovery at risk," Brown, who replaced Tony Blair as prime minister in mid-term in 2007, said as his election campaign kicked off. That recovery, he argued, was too fragile to be entrusted to the Conservatives. The Prime Minister continues to sell Labour as a steady hand that the British tax payers need. As for Clegg, he wants the electorates to leave the old parties and try him and his Liberal Democrats.

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## EDITORIAL

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## Breaking the impasse in Cote d'Ivoire

**T**he civil war that broke out in 2002 in Cote d'Ivoire that was once the model of stability in West Africa farther polarised an already divided country. The failure to organise fresh elections since 2005 to bridge the geopolitical divide has not helped matters either. Those elections have been repeatedly postponed; they were last rescheduled from November 2009 to early this year. To this day those elections are yet to take place.

President Laurent Gbagbo's tenure ended in 2005, and the country's ruling party has found one excuse or another to postpone elections for a new parliament and president, adding to the crisis. This was exacerbated in 2005 when Mr Gbagbo dismissed the government and dissolved the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC). As a result, a stalemate has subsisted in that country, with a de facto division between the rebel-held north and the government-controlled south. Both sides are being held apart by a mediation of the Economic Commission of West African States (ECOWAS) team led by Burkina Faso's President Blaise Compaore on the one hand and a United Nations Mission in Cote d'Ivoire (UNOC) on the other.

Those mediation efforts yielded some dividends when Mr Gbagbo bowed to pressure and appointed someone that both sides appeared to accept to head a reconstituted IEC, Mr Issouf Bekayoko. At the centre of the continuing impasse is Mr Gbagbo's desire to continue with a controversial plan laid out by his predecessors to deny some classes of Cote d'Ivoire society, which has a sharp Muslim/Christian divides, from taking part in the country's electoral process. To try to address the rift caused by that policy, Mr Gbagbo was forced to appoint the former rebel New Forces (NF) leader, Mr Guillaume Soro, as prime minister as part of the peace process brokered by the mediators in 2008 that brought the civil war to an end.

However, Mr Gbagbo has so far resisted pressure to announce fresh election dates, even though the IEC claimed it has concluded the voter registration exercise. Last month, Mr Gbagbo said that part of the reasons he had not done so was because the NF militia was yet to disarm its members. But Mr Soro has responded that disarmament was never made a condition for the presidential election to be held; according to officials close to Gbagbo, the election had been scheduled to take place in "late April or May" this year.

**G**bagbo has been in power for ten years, but his mandate expired in 2005, and successive internationally mediated efforts to organize an election have been unsuccessful six times. We are already at the end of April; there are no indications that the election would take place. Indications therefore are that it may not be possible to organize one by the latest planned date. Prime Minister Soro has said he wants the poll to take place in June.

Nigeria has an important role to play in nudging its fellow ECOWAS member towards democracy. Sharing similar demographics with Nigeria, Cote d'Ivoire has a lot to learn about how to harness ethnic divisions to enhance national cohesion.

To deny political participation on the ground that one's forefathers were not "pure blood" Ivoirians, as Mr Gbagbo misguided diktat sought to do, can only lead to more strife that the country, and indeed the continent, cannot afford.

As Cote d'Ivoire prepares to mark its 50th independence anniversary in August this year, it is vitally important that Mr Gbagbo steps aside, and that the event is organized by and takes place under a democratically elected administration. We hope that message was conveyed to Mr Gbagbo's special envoy, Mr Bahi Seri, when he met Nigeria's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Odein Ajumogobia, during a courtesy call in Abuja penultimate week.

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## Corruption: A lost war

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**I**n his inauguration speech in 1999, former President Obasanjo resolved to tackle corruption in the country, thereby giving us a glimmer of hope after decades of unaccountable military rule. The former President argued that, 'corruption will be tackled head-on. No society can achieve its full potential if it allows corruption to become the full-blown cancer it has in Nigeria'. Also, in his second inauguration speech in 2003 the former President reiterated his determination to continue the war on corruption, and even claimed some triumph in the battle, promising that 'we are determined to fight this evil to a standstill'. Obasanjo's successor, Umaru Musa Yar'adua, now recuperating from a debilitating ailment and temporarily off the political scene, also promised, shortly after he was sworn in as president in May 2007 'to intensify the war against corruption, more so because corruption is itself central to the spread of poverty'.

Unfortunately, after a decade of the so-called 'war on corruption', the PDP-led federal government has failed to walk through the corruption morass. The decade of anti-corruption rhetoric has produced maximum fuss and minimum achievement. While one must acknowledge some of the laudable achievements of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) in tackling the menace of corruption, a lot still needs to be done. As a matter of fact, the war on corruption already appears to be a lost one for many reasons.

**O**ne of the fundamental reasons why the war on corruption has so far not yielded any positive outcome is the fact that, contrary to the frequent promises made by the top echelon of the country's leadership, many sacred cows have been allowed to get away with corruption. In the 1999 inauguration speech, former President Obasanjo promised that in the war against corruption, "There will be no sacred cows. Nobody, no matter where, will be allowed to get away with the breach of the law or the perpetration of corruption and evil". Similarly, President Yar'adua also pledged that there will be no sacred cows in his administration's anti-corruption fight, declaring that even if any person close to him like his son were found to be corrupt, he will not be spared.

But all this is simple political talk, as events since 1999 has clearly shown that the war on corruption has been a selective one. Rather than allow the EFCC to independently fight the war on corruption, the political leadership has often used the powers of the anti-graft agency for political witch-hunt. For example, it's an open secret that Yar'adua's election was facilitated by some of the most corrupt politicians such as James Ibori, former governor of Delta State. So long as Yar'adua was in control, Ibori had no problem and was actually considered one of the most powerful people

around. Now that Yar'adua has temporarily lost political control due to ill-health, Ibori has been declared wanted by the EFCC and alleged to have already fled the country. Yesterday's power broker has become a fugitive today. Ibori's case clearly demonstrates the inconsistency and dishonesty shrouding the war on corruption. Sadly, this is the more reason why the present set of corrupt political class is the wrong army to wage the war on corruption.

**I**f the government's war on corruption is based on the whims and caprices of those at the helm of affairs, the citizens are not helping matters either.

supply and left in a cloud of darkness; indeed, they have stolen our dreams for a better Nigeria and left us stranded like some caravans lost in an unforgiving desert. Despite all this, why and how should some young people garner the audacity to stage demonstrations and even engage in physical combat in support of the corrupt?

**I**do not totally agree with former President Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida that the youth have generally failed but it is not out of place to say that some of the youth have been a disgrace to the nation and especially to their social class. The youth should be vanguards of positive social change and not some ignominious band in support of all manner of criminality including corruption.

In Nigeria, almost every evil, including corruption, often wears virtuous ethnic and religious masks, and simply disappears

Despite all this, why and how should some young people garner the audacity to stage demonstrations and even engage in physical combat in support of the corrupt?

Daily, there are reports of rented crowds besieging the premises of the EFCC demonstrating for and against some corrupt politicians. As someone rightly observed in a personal communication, if care is not taken, we may wake up one day to see all the chairmen of the 774 local government councils in the country renting crowds to demonstrate against the EFCC. One cannot fathom the level of docility and even cold complicity exhibited by such unpatriotic bunch of Nigerians, particularly the youth, who demonstrate in support of corrupt politicians. When the police recently attempted to arrest James Ibori in his hometown of Oghara, a group of some 1,000 heavily armed youth engaged in a fire fight with the law enforcement agents, thereby providing the necessary cover for Ibori to escape. While the shoot-out lasted, some of the armed youths seized the Benin-Warri expressway and prevented free flow of traffic on the busy road. Extremely bizarre things are happening in this country and no one seems to bother.

**C**orruption has done a great deal of havoc on this nation and yet some of the staunchest defenders of the corrupt are ordinary Nigerians—the frontline victims of the ravages of corruption. Over the years, politicians and bureaucrats have stolen money from agriculture and left us yawning with hunger; they have pilfered money meant for water supply and left us thirsty; they have diverted funds voted for power

from our view once it is committed by one of us. And it doesn't matter even if as a result of corruption, a state Governor fails to pay his workers' salaries on a regular basis; the hospitals are converted into mere consulting clinics; and as Ben Okri crafted in his *The Famished Road*, the schools become avenues 'to teach illiteracy' and the rains 'turn the roads into gutters'. What is more, it matters less even if as a result of the monumental thievery in the land, electricity is provided only from time to time—only when the politicians want to 'see better how to rob us'.

**A**s things stand now, the present war on corruptions is already a lost one. The nation has a clear choice to make. Either we assiduously and sincerely re-launch the war on corruption or we forget about it altogether. The current climate of pretence will not take the nation anywhere. The war on corruption is not going to be an easy one and it's everybody's business, with the exception of the corrupt, of course. Every patriotic Nigerian has a stake in this war. Every Nigerian is either with this war or against it, because there is no neutral fence where anybody can comfortably sit and watch. Fighting corruption in Nigeria is akin to staging a bloody but necessary revolution, and as Mao Zedong reminded us way back in 1927, 'a revolution is not a dinner party... or doing embroidery; it cannot be so refined, so leisurely.'




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# INTERNATIONAL

## Central Africa president postpones elections

THE president of the Central African Republic yesterday scrapped plans to hold polls May 16 after the elections commission told him it would be unable to organise them in time.

Francois Bozize Enlarge photo It was the second time in as many months that President Francois Bozize has been forced to postpone the presidential and legislative elections in the cash-strapped country.

This time he set no new date, warning that failure to hold elections soon would mean him remaining president beyond the formal end of his mandate on June 11.

"The elections will not be held on May 16. We will go to the polls when all the parties involved in these elections, including the international community, will be ready," said Bozize after a meeting with the electoral commission and political parties.

"We will leave the rest to the national assembly, because it could be that June 11 will be overtaken," he added. The Independent Electoral Commission (CEI) told Bozize at the start of the meeting that it would be unable to organise the mid-May polls, even though Bozize had previously ordered them put back from April 25.

The CEI "is obliged to say that it cannot technically organise the elections within the scheduled timeframe," spokesman Rigobert Vondo said. He said the commission would not even have time to complete new voting lists in time for the elections.

The opposition Forces of Change Collective has already announced it was boycotting the polls on the ground they were being held in "conditions that do not guarantee credibility, reliability and transparency."

The CEI said it needed 5.3 million euros (7.0 million dollars) to organise the polls. Chairman Joseph Binguimale said more than one million euros alone was needed to print voting cards "a sum we don't have".

Decades of insurgency and unrest have hampered the country's economy and it remains one of the world's poorest.

Armed groups remain active, including the Lord's Resistance Army from neighbouring Uganda, which has sent its troops into the country to track down the rebels. Tens of thousands of refugees from the CAR have fled to neighbouring Chad to escape the violence.



PRESIDENT Francois Bozize

### US gives \$7.5M to pay for Taylor war crimes trial

THE United States is giving an additional \$7.5 million to help pay for Charles Taylor's war crimes trial.

The US Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues Stephen Rapp made the announcement yesterday in Sierra Leone's capital.

Taylor, the former president of neighboring Liberia, is accused of funding Sierra Leonean rebels infamous for hacking off the lips, ears and limbs of their victims. Taylor has denied the allegations.

### Chadian army clashes with rebels

CHAD'S government says its army killed more than 100 rebels and lost nine soldiers in two gun battles in eastern Chad this week, but the rebels say they inflicted heavy losses on the government forces. The renewed violence in the east of oil-producing Chad comes amid N'Djamena's efforts to see United Nations peacekeepers leave the country ahead of elections, and improving ties with Sudan, which it previously accused of backing the rebels.

"Our security forces ... completely control the entire zone," Chad's Information Minister Kedallah Younous said. The army also took 80 wounded rebels prisoner in the clash, which took place around Tamassi, near Chad's eastern border with Sudan, he said in a statement on state radio late on Wednesday. The rebels involved in the fighting on April 24 and April 28 were from Adam Yacoub's FPRN rebel group, which is part of a coalition of insurgents that have been fighting against Chadian President Idriss Deby's government. The UFR rebel coalition issued a statement after the April 24 clash, claiming the FPRN had defeated the army, inflicted heavy losses on government soldiers and recuperated weapons.

### Scuffle breaks out among Ethiopian opposition

ETHIOPIAN police detained a dozen opposition party members after a scuffle broke out at the party's headquarters.

Yeshiwas Assefa said yesterday that his splinter group went to the Unity for Democracy and Justice-Andinet (UDJ) party's offices to take over the headquarters and then a fight broke out.

Members of the UDJ's senior leadership could not be reached for comment.

Police confirmed to The Associated Press that 12 people were detained following the incident Wednesday but they declined to comment further. One person was later released on bail.

Ethiopia is due to hold national elections next month. Prime Minister Zenawi Meles and his party first came to power in 1991 when they ousted a Marxist dictator after a 17-year insurgency.

## International

# Hamas slams Egypt for tunnel deaths

THE Hamas movement has criticised Egyptian security forces after four Palestinians were killed when a smuggling tunnel from the country's Sinai desert region into the Gaza Strip was destroyed.

Al Jazeera's Ayman Mohyeddin said Egyptian authorities had warned the Palestinians that the tunnel would be destroyed, before using gas canisters and dynamite to blow it up on Wednesday.

"Every few weeks, every few months, there are these incidents where the Egyptian authorities drop gas canisters followed by dynamite or explosives into the tunnels in trying to collapse them," he said.

"The Egyptians often warn the Palestinians [before the attacks]. Whether or not that warning is heeded though is really dependent on who is there at the specific time.

He said that the tunnels are poorly constructed. "Many of them collapse. In fact, more than 45 Palestinians have died in cave-ins. More than 40 has died as a result of direct attacks by the Egyptians in these attempts to stop [smuggling]. The 1.5 million population of Gaza has relied on the vast network of tunnels from Egypt for vital supplies since Israel put the territory under siege after Hamas came to power there in June 2007.

The interior ministry of the Hamas government said the tunnel workers had been killed by toxic gas pumped into the tunnel.

"The interior ministry confirms that the citizens' cause of death was the Egyptian security forces spraying poison gasses into one of the tunnels," it said in a statement. A Palestinian police official said three people died of smoke inhalation and a fourth from flying debris caused by explosives being detonated in the tunnel.

Another three tunnel workers were admitted with injuries to a hospital in the Egyptian town of Rafah, he said. Medics said as many as 10 people had been injured when the tunnel collapsed.

A Hamas official demanded an explanation for the incident. "This is a terrible crime committed by Egyptian security against simple Palestinian workers who were trying to earn their daily bread," Fawzi Barhoum, a Hamas spokesman, told The Associated Press.

"We demand that Egypt explain its position about what is happening and investigate the circumstances of this terrible crime and show the truth to the entire world and hold those responsible accountable," he said.



ISRAELI soldiers opened fire as protesters gathered close to the border with Israel

## Israeli troops kill Gaza protester

ISRAELI soldiers have shot and killed a 19-year-old Palestinian during a protest against a buffer zone being built between the eastern Gaza Strip and Israel, Gaza medical officials have said.

Moaweya Hassanein, was shot in the abdomen, the head of Gaza's emergency services, told reporters.

He was evacuated to hospital in critical condition, where he later died of his wounds.

An Israeli human rights group, B'Tselem,

released video footage shot by one of its Palestinian field workers, which showed a relative peaceful crowd of several dozen demonstrators being taken by surprise by a gunshot apparently fired by an Israeli soldier on the other side of the nearby security fence on the Gaza-Israel border.

The Palestinian teenager who was shot is then seen being carried away on a stretcher. No armed protesters could immediately be noticed in the unsteady video footage.



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## International

# Indian and Pakistani PMs meet

THE prime ministers of India and Pakistan have agreed that the two countries relations should be normalised after months of diplomatic deadlock prompted by the attacks on the Indian city of Mumbai in 2008, according to officials.

India's Manmohan Singh met Yusuf Reza Gilani, his Pakistani counterpart, on the sidelines of a summit of South Asian leaders in Bhutan's capital, Thimpu, yesterday.

The meeting in Bhutan was the first time the two men had sat

down together in nine months.

Nirupama Rao, India's foreign secretary, said that the two men had "very good talks".

"Foreign ministers and foreign secretaries should meet as soon as possible," Rao told reporters after the meeting.

India broke off a peace dialogue with Pakistan after 166 people were killed as armed men rampaged through Mumbai in November 2008.

Since then, New Delhi has repeatedly rejected Islamabad's calls for a resumption, insisting

that not enough has been done enough to bring members of the Pakistan-based group that India blames for the attacks to justice.

The two men last met on the sidelines of a summit of the Non-Aligned Movement in Egypt, where agreed with a joint statement that action on terrorism "should not be linked" to peace talks.

Kalim Bahadur, a retired professor of South Asian studies, from Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi, said the talks in Bhutan were a "positive devel-

opment".

"But we shouldn't have too many expectations.

We could perhaps expect the two leaders to open the door for further dialogue between the foreign secretaries," he told the AFP news agency.

Some observers suggested that the meeting was, in part, forced by other leaders of the eight-nation South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation, who were tired of the dispute overshadowing their efforts at co-operation.

Mohammed Nasheed, the

president of the Maldives, voiced his frustration at the situation on Tuesday.

"I hope neighbours can find ways to compartmentalise their differences while finding ways to move forward," he said in his speech at summit's opening.

"I am of course referring to India and Pakistan. I hope this summit will lead to greater dialogue between them."

The nuclear-armed South Asian neighbours have fought three wars since independence from Britain in 1947.



THAI soldiers pass along a road near fortified camp of Red-shirt anti-government protesters in central Bangkok

## Thai protesters ask EU for help in bloody crisis

A day after violent clashes on Bangkok's streets between demonstrators and troops left one soldier dead and 18 people injured, the Reds asked the European Union delegation in Bangkok for help in the crisis.

"Faced with the threat of tanks and impending bloodshed, we are appealing for your help in averting a human rights catastrophe," said a letter the Reds submitted at the EU delegation's office.

"Therefore, we beg you to condemn and stop this government's crackdown so that innocent lives will not be lost."

The Reds -- who want immediate elections to replace Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva's government -- sent the letter to EU ambassador David Lipman with an "urgent request" to send monitors to Bangkok to prevent another crackdown.

The ambassador met the protesters briefly and called for a peaceful, negotiated solution to the crisis, said an EU statement.

The meeting followed last week's invitation by Red leaders to Bangkok's dip-

lomatic community to visit their protest site, but Thai Foreign Minister Kasit Piromya dismissed the idea of foreign assistance.

"There is no need for international intervention at this point in time," Kasit told a news conference during a visit to Jakarta.

"We're very much in control of the situation and it's still very much an internal affair of Thailand," he said, adding the government was "concerned" that some diplomats had visited protesters.

Thailand is reeling from the worst political violence in almost two decades in its capital, where 27 people have died and almost 1,000 have been injured this month in a series of bloody confrontations.

Many of the Reds come from Thailand's rural poor and urban working classes and seek the return of former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra, who was ousted in a 2006 coup and now lives overseas to avoid a jail term for corruption.

## France admits killing Afghans

FRENCH troops admitted firing a missile that killed four civilians in Afghanistan. The French army has admitted killing four civilians with a missile strike in a Taliban-controlled area of Afghanistan.

The group of civilians died on April 6 when French soldiers fired a missile from a military base in Kapisa province after it

came under attack from the Taliban.

A French military spokesman confirmed on Thursday that deaths occurred when the troops returned fire.

The spokesman said the troops had not realised that there were civilians in the area. Four civilians died and one was taken to the French military hospital for treatment.

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## International

## NASA balloon crashes in Australia



GIANT NASA science balloon being inflated at the launch site near Alice Springs in Australia. The same balloon crashed during take-off, smashing its multi-million dollar payload

A giant NASA science balloon crashed during take-off in Australia yesterday, destroying its multi-million-dollar payload, toppling a large car and narrowly missing frightened observers.

Dramatic footage of the incident showed the balloon's large undercarriage coming loose from its moorings, smashing through a fence and knocking a four-wheel-drive car on its side before coming to rest. "We were sitting in our car and preparing to move it out of the

way and we actually were within a foot (30 centimetres) of being wiped out," a relieved bystander said, on footage relayed by public broadcaster ABC.

"If it hadn't been for the other gentleman's car being there, we'd be somewhere else by now, I think." The balloon, the size of a football field when inflated and designed to float up to 40 kilometres (25 miles) high, deep in the stratosphere, fluttered back down to the Alice Springs launch

site after it came loose.

Witnesses said they were asked to move out of the way before the payload, containing expensive scientific instruments, was suddenly dragged across the launch site.

"We started moving the cars and just barely made it out without getting smashed," one witness said. "(There was) debris flying through the air everywhere," said another. "That was it, just an instance of chaos outside."

Scientists last week completed a similar balloon flight to measure X-rays and gamma rays sent out by various stars and galaxies from deep in the Earth's atmosphere.

Ravi Sood, director of the Alice Springs Balloon Launching Centre, said scientists involved in the NASA-sponsored project were extremely disappointed.

"Ballooning, that's the way it happens on occasions but it is very, very disappointing. Gut-wrenching actually," he told ABC.

## Chavez foes fielding unified lineup for election

FOES of President Hugo Chavez have largely put their differences aside and come up with a unified lineup of candidates, hoping to win control of a congress that has done the socialist leader's bidding for years.

Pro-democracy activists, jailed government opponents, journalists, businessmen and union leaders are among the diverse cast of opposition candidates who hope to increase their influence in the Sept. 26 voting for 165 seats in the National Assembly.

The legislature has been dominated by Chavez supporters since opposition parties boycotted the last congressional elections in 2005, alleging irregularities in the run-up to the ballot.

This time a coalition of anti-Chavez groups reached agreements on 143 candidates to represent the opposition and then held primaries last weekend to pick the remaining 22 slots in their election slate.

It's still possible some government foes not included on the coalition's list could run independently, potentially splitting the opposition vote in several districts. But analysts don't expect many Chavez opponents to break ranks because they would run the risk of being ostracized by like-minded allies.

## Australia overhauls cigarette packs

AUSTRALIA is set to ban branding, logos, promotional text and colourful images from all packets of cigarettes in attempt to dramatically cut the number of smokers in the country.

From 2012, all packets of cigarettes will look almost identical, carrying prominent, graphic health warnings while the brand will be relegated to a small, generic font at the bottom.

"Cigarettes are not cool. Cigarettes kill people. Therefore, the government makes no apology whatsoever for what it's doing," Kevin Rudd, the prime minister, told reporters yesterday.

"The cigarette tobacco companies will hate this measure, they will oppose it. Nonetheless, we believe, this and other measures help to reduce smoking."

Canberra has said that it wants one million fewer Australians to smoke by 2020.

## 'US seeks deal' in Guantanamo case

OMAR Khadr was 15 when he was arrested in Afghanistan for allegedly killing a US soldier. Prosecutors and defence lawyers have been discussing a possible plea bargain for a young Canadian held on terrorism charges at the US military detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, a defence lawyer has said.

As pre-trial hearings in Omar Khadr's case began, a defence lawyer said there had been negotiations over a deal that would allow Khadr to plead guilty to reduced charges in exchange for leniency.

Barry Coburn said on Tuesday evening that plea discussions were ongoing with prosecutors.

"As of right now there is no deal. We are always open to discussion and we're hopeful of reaching a resolution," Coburn told reporters at Guantanamo Bay.

The Toronto Star newspaper, citing unidentified sources, said Khadr had rejected an offer that would have limited his sentence to five more years in custody at Guantanamo or a US prison.

Khadr could be jailed for life if convicted of all five charges against him, which include murder and conspiring with al-Qaeda.

Al Jazeera's Monica Villamizar, reporting from Guantanamo, said the prosecution appeared to be seeking to avoid a controversial trial as Khadr is classified as a "child soldier" under international law and subject to certain protections.

## Rights activists killed in Mexico

TWO human rights activists have been killed in a paramilitary attack on an aid convoy travelling to a breakaway region of southern Mexico, the convoy's organisers have said.

A Finn and a Mexican were confirmed dead and several others are missing after gunmen opened fire on the convoy as it was carrying food and water to a blockaded indigenous community in Oaxaca state.

The attack which took place en route to the San Juan Copala municipality, which has declared itself independent of government control, the convoy's organisers told Al Jazeera.

The dead have been identified as Jyri Antero Jaakkola, a 33-year old Finn, and Beatriz Carino Trujillo, a local human rights activist.

VOCAL, a human rights group involved in organising the convoy, released a statement on Wednesday stating that the two activists had been shot dead by gunmen who oppose the San Juan's Copala's autonomy.

"Regrettably, as information is coming in, we know that two comrades lost their lives in this paramilitary attack," the statement said. "This armed attack is a product of the conditions of institutional violence and impunity that paramilitary groups enjoy in this region."

"This attack occurred in the context of the isolation and state of siege that the municipality of San Juan Copala lives under, where since January the children have not had classes, where the community does not have electricity, water, doctors, and lives under permanent paramilitary harassment as a result of the blockade they have established there."

The organisation said one of the dead was a Finnish national who was travelling with the convoy as an international observer.

## APPEAL COURT AND ANAMBRA NORTH SENATORIAL SEAT: A CALL FOR NJC'S URGENT INTERVENTION!

The Coalition of Anambrarians for Democracy and Justice (CADAJ) has noted with serious discontent the reign of perfidy in the handling of the Anambra North Senatorial District appeal cases by the Court of Appeal, Enugu. We are peeved by the double judgments, avoidable confusion, and disregard for the principle of fair hearing in the whole process. We therefore wish to call the attention of *the National Judicial Council (NCJ), the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and the public* to following facts of the matter:

### THE COURT OF APPEAL'S DOUBLE JUDGEMENTS:

In his speech published in *Thisday Lawyer*, page 5, (Thisday, April 20, 2010), the NBA President expressed worries over the trend of double and conflicting judgments reigning in the Court of Appeal of Nigeria. He said: *"The Court of Appeal has found itself in an embarrassing quagmire arising from the disparate pronouncements on matters which are, as lawyer will say, "on all fours" with earlier decisions reached by the same court."*

In the case of **Hon. Jessie Balonwu V. Senator Joy Emodi**, the issues for determination were:

(i). *Whether the election of 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2007 in the Anambra North Senatorial District was conducted in substantial compliance with the Electoral Act, 2006.*

(ii). *Whether the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent (i.e. Senator Joy Emodi) was duly returned as the winner of the said election.*

**The Judgment:** In their judgment, the Appeal Court held that the election was valid and properly conducted in substantial compliance with 2006 Electoral Law, and also declared Senator Joy Emodi the winner of Anambra North Senatorial seat. It ruled unequivocally that "Yes, the Court Below was right to uphold the election of the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent." (Senator Emodi).

Curiously, in the case of **Hon. Alphonsus Igbeke V. Senator Joy Emodi**, two out of the three judges (Hon Justices M.L Tsamiya and Olu Ariwola) of the Appeal Court who sat in the earlier case were also in the panel. In fact, Hon. Justice Ariwola delivered the judgment. Six issues considered in this case were all resolved in favour of the Appellant who was also declared the winner of the election.

At the moment, there are two standing and conflicting decisions of the Court of Appeal on the same matter and two persons were declared winners respectively. The problem is that the Court of Appeal neither made reference to nor overruled/set-aside its earlier decision returning Emodi as the Senator for Anambra North Senatorial District. The Appeal Court therefore created the avoidable confusion in the first place by making double returns on the same Senatorial seat. **It is trite law that between two equities, the first in time prevails.** The Court of Appeal applied this in *Hon Agbakoba V. Linda Ikpeazu*. This needs further interpretation for certainty of judicial pronouncements. This is the thrust of Senator Emodi's case.

### THE SENATE'S POSITION

This "subsisting court processes" instituted by Emodi has been served on the Senate. Rule 53 (5) of Senate Standing Rules, restricts the Senate from discussing and taking action on any matter pending in court. This is a well known rule and tradition in the Senate in order for it not to interfere with a matter before the court in a manner that will prejudice the party in court and affect the outcome of the judicial processes. Therefore, the sponsored blackmail and attempt to stampede the Senate to the contrary are devious and mischievous.

### NO FAITH IN THE PANEL TO BE FAIR

While we extol Emodi's recourse to the Appeal Court to clear seek justice, we absolutely have not faith that any justice would come her way from this panel as constituted. Not when the appellate court willfully jettisoned the genuine request to it by Emodi's counsel and the clamour by well meaning Anambrarians for a fresh panel of Justices to hear the suit brought before it by Senator Emodi. The Court of Appeal

instead constituted a 5-man panel made up of 3 of the Justices (Justices Ladan Tsamiya, Amiru Sanusi, and Olu Ariwola) who were part of the earlier panels that created the current confusion in the first place. The eventual hostility of the panel to Emodi's counsel was also very predictable. Beside this, and more importantly, how could they be expected to overrule themselves?

### IGBEKE'S FRESHLY "OVEN-BAKED" ELECTION RESULTS: CRIMINAL CASE OF PERJURY AND FORGERY

But beyond the contestations for who occupies the seat of Anambra North Senatorial District, is the serious allegation of forgery and perjury against Hon. Alphonsus Igbeke. Not only were the results he tendered at the Tribunal described by the judges as "oven-baked" and less than authentic, the identities and testimonies of his so-called polling agents were questionable, laughable, and fake in virtually all instances. These are serious criminal cases!

For instance, Chief Igbeke in his testimony claimed he received the results he tendered as exhibits to the Tribunal as duplicates from other party agents. Concerning this, the Lower Tribunal in its judgment said: *"PW8 (Igbeke) even gave evidence that some unnamed agents of some unnamed parties gave him some of the duplicate results he tendered as part of exhibits p4 and p4A and told him they were given the polling unit results at the polling units. This to our mind is most offensive to the truth...."* Yet the Appellate Court relied on result sheets rightly described as "freshly oven-baked" and less than authentic by judges to award ANPP (Igbeke) 175,765 votes and PDP (Emodi) 29,237 votes. This is preposterous!

Preposterous because every Anambrarian knows that of all parties and candidates, ANPP and Igbeke, are not strong in Anambra. For instance, of the 10 State Assembly seats in Anambra North Senatorial District, ANPP has none. Preposterous because we as Anambrarians only learnt about Chief Igbeke's candidature in the said Election when he surfaced at the Tribunal and claimed he was ANPP's candidate. There was no single poster, jingle, or the slightest signs announcing him as a candidate.

This is outrageously absurd because Igbeke, backed by a judicial cabal, is addicted to reaping where he never sowed. After contesting for the Anambra East/Anambra West Federal Constituency seat on the platform of the AD in the 2003 general elections which the PDP's candidate (Hon Ralph Okeke) won, Chief Igbeke issued press statements condemning PDP's victory, but only for him to sneak to court to claim to everyone's surprise that he was the validly elected PDP candidate. He disclaimed his AD campaign posters and bill boards as well as his press statements condemning PDP's victory as the handiwork of his enemies. Yet by some judicial magic wands, he successfully dislodged Hon. Ralph Okeke as the validly elected PDP candidate.

In view of the above, therefore, the Coalition:

- (1) Calls on His Lordship the Chief Justice of Nigeria and the NJC to urgently take over this case as there seems to be an apparent gang-up by some judicial and political interests against Emodi in this matter;
- (2) Calls on the NJC to institute total investigation into of the handling of the Anambra North appeal cases in question.
- (3) Calls on the Inspector-General of Police and INEC to immediately initiate and accelerate the investigation, apprehension, and trial of all those behind the allegedly forged results tendered in this legal tussle and ensure that those found culpable cool their heels in jails soonest;
- (4) Warns against the emerging political tradition being propagated by Hon. Igbeke and his accomplices whereby the courts, rather than the people via the ballot boxes become the source of elective offices.

SIGNED:

Dr. Ikediora Obike

COALITION OF ANAMBRARIANS FOR DEMOCRACY AND JUSTICE (CADAJ)



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**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2010**  
**WEST AFRICAN SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION**  
**(WASSCE) FOR PRIVATE CANDIDATES**

**1. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION**

Intending candidates for the November/ December 2010 West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) for private candidates are hereby informed that the registration will be online.

**2. MODE OF PAYMENT**

Candidates are expected to pay by cash a registration fee of **five thousand, four hundred and fifty naira (N5,450.00)** made up of examination fee, administrative charges, e-learning fee and information VCD fee in any of the approved banks nearest to them or to accredited selling agents and collect two different scratch cards for the examination. One scratch card is for online registration and the other is for checking of results. Scratch cards will be available for sale by bank draft only in all the WAEC offices. Late registration will attract the payment of **five thousand naira only (N5,000.00)** as penalty fee. Candidates should note that banks and other selling agents are allowed to charge **two hundred naira (N200.00)** as commission.

The following banks have been approved by the Council for the sale of the online registration scratch cards for the November/ December 2010 WASSCE (P):

Access Bank Plc	AfriBank Plc	Diamond Bank	First City Monument Bank Plc
Ecobank Plc	Fidelity Bank Plc	First Bank of Nig. Plc	Union Bank Plc
Guaranty Trust Bank Plc	Intercontinental Bank Plc	United Bank for Africa Plc	Standard Chartered Bank Plc
Oceanic Bank Plc	Stanbic IBTC Bank Plc	Skye Bank Plc	Zenith Bank Plc
Sterling Bank Plc			

**3. REGISTRATION PERIOD**

The normal registration period is from **23rd April to 18th June, 2010**. Late registration period is from **21st June to 16th July, 2010**.

**4. REGISTRATION**

Candidates must conclude registration within two weeks of first access to the website during the registration period before the submission of entries. Also candidates should confirm that their names, sex, disability, photograph, date of birth and subjects to be taken are correct. They are also to print the admission notice/photocard as evidence of successful registration. This will serve as their photocard during the examination.

**5. BLIND CANDIDATES**

Blind candidates will also register online like sighted candidates *but must clearly state their disability*.

**6. GENERAL INFORMATION**

- (1) Candidates should note that examination fees are not refundable.
- (2) Entries must be submitted with **good quality black and white photographs**, (not "wait and get" or coloured passport size). **The background of such photographs MUST NOT BE BLUE OR RED**. The size should be 275 by 314 pixel.
- (3) **Candidates should study carefully, the information on the scratch cards** before registration.
- (4) Candidates should study the Regulations and Syllabuses as well as the timetable for the examination which they can download using their registration scratch cards.
- (5) Candidates who lose their scratch cards will purchase another card.
- (6) All candidates must go to their examination hall in mufti and without arms. No professional uniform of any kind will be allowed in the examination hall.
- (7) The entire results of candidates who make more than one entry will be cancelled.
- (8) Smoking is not allowed in the examination hall.
- (9) Any candidate that comes into the examination hall with mobile phone and/or electronic organizer will have his or her entire results cancelled.
- (10) **All candidates must ensure that their entries are correctly uploaded, as the Council will not be held responsible for errors in candidates' particulars. No request for correction will be entertained on any information which a candidate voluntarily gives at the point of registration as soon as the examination commences.**
- (11) Candidates must come into the examination hall with their original photocards.
- (12) Candidates who engage in examination malpractice will not only have their results cancelled but may be prosecuted.

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# FEDERAL ROAD SAFETY CORPS



## DRIVING SCHOOL STANDARDIZATION PROGRAMME: LIST OF APPROVED DRIVING SCHOOLS

The Driving School Standardization Programme is aimed at ensuring the reduction of deaths and injuries resulting from incidences of Road Traffic Crashes through involvement of minimum uniform standards in the establishment, mode of operations, curriculum, facilities, instructors, curriculum, monitoring and evaluation of the driving schools in conformity with safety guidelines before certification and Licensing in granted.

### 2. LEGAL INSTRUMENT

As part of its statutory responsibilities, as contained in the FRSC (Establishment Act, 2007, section 5 (f) as well as Regulation 20 and 22 (2) of the National Road Traffic Regulations 2004, FRSC is mandated to:

- Make regulations relating to the establishment, investigation and certification of driving schools in Nigeria.
- Establish Model Driving Schools in each state of the Federation and FCT.
- Regulate the establishment and registration of private and government owned driving schools and set guidelines for the establishment of such driving schools.
- Compel all fresh applicants for Drivers' License to undergo prescribed Drivers' Training Programme in an approved Driving School, before driving test, and issuance of Drivers' License.

It is in pursuant of the above laws and regulations that FRSC established the Driving School Standardization Programme (DSSP)

3. Sequel to the registration, inspection and assessment of driving schools throughout the country, the following schools listed below have met the required minimum technical and safety standards and have therefore been approved to operate as Certified Driving Schools in Nigeria.

4. Please note that Provisional Certified Schools have a period of six (6) months to one (1) year grace, to come up to Full Certification or have their certificates suspended.

### 5. COMMENCEMENT OF FULL IMPLEMENTATION

With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2010, any Driving School not listed in this publication shall cease to operate as a Driving School, until after further reassessment.

Consequently, it becomes mandatory that fresh applicants of Driver's License patronize only Certified Driving Schools before issuance of Drivers' License.

Presentation of Certificates will be done at New Chelsea Hotel, Plot 123, Mohammed Buhari Way, opp. Diamond Bank Central Business District, Abuja on Thursday 6th of May, 2010.

6. Only the Proprietors of the approved schools are to attend, not the Instructors.

Find below the list of approved Driving Schools

### RS 1.1 KADUNA STATE: CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	CDN Ltd. (CORPOATED DRIVERS)	1A Makera Rd. Kakuri Kaduna	MK Usman	MK Usman	08033142076
2	UNITY COLLEGE OF DRIVING AND MAINTAINANCE	Shop No. 3 Somalia Rd. Barnawa Shopping Complex Kaduna	Kabirat Yohanna S	Yohanna S. Kabirat	08024333001
3	O.A. MOTORS DRIVING SCHOOL	Behind NEPA Station Kaduna South	Ogwuche A Jacob	Ogwuche A Jacob	08039573983
4	EUREKA DRIVING SCHOOL	Shop E4 Behind Godek Pharmacy, Narayi High Court, Kaduna	Oliver Obiem	Oliver Obiem	08036617895
5	EUBOMENS DRIVING SCHOOL	35A Borno Rd. Marafa Estate Kaduna	Idiakhoa F Joel	Idiakhoa Jerry	08058106188
6	1 <sup>st</sup> CONTINENTAL DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 8 Sakota Rd. Kwangila Zaria	Eto Austin	Austin Eto	08080660408

### RS1.1KADUNA STATE: PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	SAUKI DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 5B Bayejida Road U/Rimi GRA, Kaduna	Param Bala	Bala P	0806553982
2	MODEL DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 98 Opp. Garage kachia rd. Sabon Tasha, Kaduna	Ogbaji Denis	Ogbaji Dennis	08063182312
3	VISION DRIVING SCHOOL	A08 Keffi Road Kaduna	Odoukoni Augustine Adezi	Augustine Okonkoni Adezi	08059451038
4	UNITY DRIVING SCHOOL	Barnawa No 7 Somalia Rd Kaduna	Akpeese Joseph	Akpeese Joseph O	08024333001
5	A.A. DRIVING SCHOOL	C P4 Construction Rd. B7 ASD Motors Kaduna	Diepreye N	Diepreye N	08050802085
6	CANDID DRIVING SCHOOL	No 19 Candidus U/Boro behind Gen Hospital Kaduna	Ochogwu Candidus Omale	Candidus O	08028705248

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## DSSP CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME: LIST OF APPROVED DRIVING SCHOOLS

## RS 1.2 KANO STATE: CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	HAVILAH DRIVING SCHOOL	Plt 12 Gudu Abdullahi Rd T Arm Cebtre Kano	Engr. Sajo Opeyemi Samuel	Engr. Sajo S. O	07031352358

## RS 1.2 KANO STATE: PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	A.A. RESCUE DRIVING SCHOOL	4C Zainab Howe m/m way Kano	Ibikunlo A olukunle	Ibikunlo A olukunle	08036420632

## RS 1.3 KATSINA STATE: PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1.	HAKALI DRIVING SCHOOL	TBB Way Katsina	Alhaji Lawal Na Alkali	Suleiman makano	08036420632

## RS 2.1 LAGOS STATE: CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	ADE-ADEDOKUN DRIVING SCHOOL	23 Akinyemi Way, Randle Ave Suru - Iere Lagos	Adedokun Samson Adekunle	Adedokun Samson Adedokun	08033469473
2	PROFESSIONAL DRIVING SCHOOL AND SAFETY	314, Lagos rd. Majidun Ikorodu, Lagos State, Nigeria	Owatunmise Jide Samuel	Lazarus Ozuzu	08034714801
3	ADE-IMPERIAL DRIVING SCHOOL	10 Ogunoloko Rd. Moforuku Oshodi Lagos	Akintade Adedayo Johnson	Akintade J.A	08098903434
4	OLA'S ROYAL DRIVING SCHOOL	18, Adejumbi Street Oshodi - Lagos	Animashaun wasiu Ayinla	Wasiu Ayinla Anashaun	08023027626
5	OTUNAGORO DRIVING SCHOOL	26, Raja Abayami street Ogunoloko Mafoluku	Ajadi Adebayo	Alh. Ajadi Adebayo	08023027626
6	UNIK DRIVING SCHOOL	14 Agodaba Avenue Parkview State	Ugwu Patrick	Ugwu Patrick	08037150497
7	ULTIMATE DRIVING SCHOOL Ltd.	Ultimate driving School 17 Fajumobi Street off Akaomjo St. Egbeda lagos	Dieseruwwe Stephen	Opinike Oyetunde	07062932809
8	BABINGTON DRIVING SCHOOL	5 Jonathan Coker Street Fagba Iju Lagos	Babalola Rafiu Olanrewaju	Babalola Rafiu Olanrewaju	08055187888
9.	WALE DRIVING SCHOOL	82 Bode Thomas Street Surulere Lagos	Fomuyide Adewale Julius	Fomuyide Adewale	08058339698

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
10.	COBEN ROAD SAFETY CONSULT	1 Abeni Bakari Mafoloku Oshodi, Lagos	Fred Omonso	Fred Omonso	08033596822
11.	TOYIN DRIVING SCHOOL	125, Akowonjo Rd Akowonjo, Lagos	Chief Mrs. Toyin Sola Kassim	Chief Mrs. Toyin Sola Kassim	08023150373
12.	ULTIMATE DRIVING SCHOOL	Lagos State Ikeja	Thomas T Olabode	Akinfe Samuel Babatunde	08058149501
13	AUTO TRAXX DRIVING SCHOOL	1A Olusola Olude close Gbagada, Lagos	Awosugba S Oluwashola	Yemi Soyibo	08023653941
14.	OMOKOGBO DRIVING SCHOOL	89 Ago palace way Okoto Isolo Lagos State	Samuel Theophilus	Samuel Theophilus	08028458426
15.	SCHOOL OF MONITORING	Lagos State		Akintan kayoed chief	
16.	SAINCHUTECK DRIVING SCHOOL	Shop 25, block 26 Abesan Estate, Ipaja, lagos	Okwusi Odinma Samuel	Okwusi Odinma Samuel	07086900811
17	NIGERIAN SCHOOL OF MONITORING	Lagos/Nigeria School of Monitoring	Olusesan Kadiri	Olusesan Kadiri	Nil
18	ADEZ VENTURES DRIVING SCHOOL	12 <sup>TH</sup> Rd. Gowon Estate Ipaja	Anthony Eze	Anthony Eze	08056053803
19	GEECEEVEE DRIVING SCHOOL	Km 5 Lasu- Isheri Rd, College B/stop Igando, Lagos	Nwokobia AN	Nwokobia AN	08032401411
20	AKUNLEYAN DRIVING SCHOOL	Km 3 Lasu Isheri Rd Igando Lagos	Sosanya N. Olukorde	Sosanya N. Olukorde	07026390601 08023573176
21	DOLA DRIVING SCHOOL	7 Lasu igondoro Isher olofin Lagos State	Azzez Madamidola	Azzez Madamidola	08023093733
22	AGBOOLA DRIVING SCHOOL	Lagos State	Agboola Lasisi	Agboola Lasisi	08028549075
23.	BOLONJO DRIVING SCHOOL	Iweju Shopping Centre Iyawa Iba Lagos	Oyefeso SO	Oyefeso SO	08023797762 08064173655
24.	B ALLI DRIVING SCHOOL	Oke-Afa Isolo, Lagos	Alli Basaru Owolabi	Alli Basaru Owolabi	08023063944 07028659802
25	BIMAN DRIVING SCHOOL	Km 11 Lasu Isheri Rd, Akesan B/stop	Mrs. Alabi Adenike M	Mrs. Alabi Adenike M	08033041416
26	KARIEM DRIVING SCHOOL	Shop 041 Ogba Retail Market Ogba Ikeja Lagos	Abdul Kareem Abdul Raheem Atanda	Abdul Kareem Abdulraheem	08039771768
27	FASH & FASH DRIVING SCHOOL	282 Ijegun road Papa major Bus	Fashanu F Adebimpe	Fashanu F Adebimpe	07035798101
28	HOPE JOHN DRIVING SCHOOL	28 Iju Rd Agege Lagos	Oyekanmi John	Oyekanmi John	08062336711*
29	ANIZ DRIVING SCHOOL	Lagos/Agip Bus stop oja Brks	Norman Henry	Norman Henry	08037140951

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DSSP CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME: LIST OF APPROVED DRIVING SCHOOLS

RS 2.1 LAGOS STATE: PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	TANZIL DRIVING SCHOOL	Suite I block 4, Shagunro, Estate Ijaye Rd. Ogba Lagos	Adebiyi A Ganiyu	Adebiyi A Ganiyu	08033821281
2	EBENEZER OLUWOLE DRIVING SCHOOL	Lagos State	Larumsi Oluwole	Larumsi Oluwole	08052268611
3	GENERAL SAFETY DRIVING SCHOOL	282 Ijegun Rd Papa Mayor B/stop Ikotun, Lagos	Alebiosu Ade	Alebiosu Ade	08135121960
4	EXCEL DRIVING SCHOOL	32 Ajasa Rd. of Meuran Rd. Lagos	Olunloyo Samuel Olulere	Olunloyo Samuel Olulere	08033803800
5	SUNNY ADE DRIVING SCHOOL	Abesan Estate Ipaja Lagos	Odubajo Sunday Oladimeji	Odubajo Sunday Oladimeji	08026574082
6	LAD FREEDOM DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 66 Ogudu Rd. Ojoja Lagos	Oladipupon Surajedeem Yusuf	Oladipupon Surajedeem Yusuf	08055306954
7	NEW STAR DRIVING SCHOOL	7 Agidi Street Osagun Bus Stop Ketu Lagos	Alh. Olafiranaye O. Olas	Alh. Olafiranaye O. Olas	08038119535
8	REMINNO DRIVING SCHOOL	20 Saint Finbarrs Lagos College Rd. Akoka Yaba	Nzeanoche C Innocent	Nzeanoche C Innocent	08033353333
9	IWUAGWU INNOCENT & DRIVING SCHOOL	Plaza 2 Shoopng complex 699 Lagos - Abk - Express	Iwuagwu Innocent	Iwuagwu Innocent	08033214893

RS2.2 OGUN STATE: CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	SHOTECH INTERNATIONAL DRIVING SCHOOL	Obafemi Awolowo Way, Molipa Ijebu-Ode, Ogun State	Eng Shola Sunday E	Eng. Shola Sunday E	08055455137
2	SOUND AUTOMOBILE SCHOOL	80 Ibadan Rd. Ijebu-Ode Ogun State	Oni Solomon	Oni Solomon	08058188042
3	TANIMONO DRIVING SCHOOL	98/100 Adata Rd car wash premises Abeokuta	Oluwa muyiwa Olamileka	Oluwa muyiwa Olamileka	Nil

RS2.2 OGUN STATE: PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	HALLELUYAH DRIVING SCHOOL	9 Onuikoloba Rd. Beside Oyewole Abeokuta Twins House Abeoluta	Ojedokun modele Olufemi	Ojedokun M Olufemi	07039707246 08033426998

RS 3.1 ADAMAWA STATE: CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	CITIMAX DRIVING SCHOOL	Blk 2B sute 2D Shopping Complex Jimeta, Adamawa	Ijiga Sunday	Alafin Nimma Ruth (Mrs)	08025522111 08032406724

RS 3.2 GOMBE STATE: CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	SMART DRIVING SCHOOL	Federal Low cost Gombe	Fayomi Adepeju P	Fayomi Adepeju P & Wife	08060086483 08035660609

RS 3.3 TARABA STATE: CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE DRIVING SCHOOL	Hamma Runa Way Opp. Bank PHB Imuri Hotel Taraba State	Ejembi Fancis Agoh	Ejembi Francis Kurungu Julius and Ahmadu B.	08020767936 07055205893
2	CITY LINK DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 33 Place way Jalingo Taraba State	Ocheme Simon	Ocheme Offikwu Simon	08034599240

RS 4.1 PLATEAUS STATE: CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	TIN CITY DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 10 Rwang pam Street, Jos	Ezeudiji Ifeanyi Chiweike	Ezeudiji Ifeanyi Chiweike	08035868278
2	GRADAN DRIVING ACADEMY	Opp. Hill College Of Education Bauchi Ring Rd. Jos	Idakwo Daniel	Onuche Ben	08036573860

RS 4.1 PLATEAUS STATE: PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	A.A. RESCUE DRIVING SCHOOL	603 Hiapang Driving, Off Joseph Gomwalk Rd., Jos	Agatha Nwaocha	Olawale Solomon P	08052564073 07091011579
2	KINGDOM WAY DRIVING SCHOOL	Off Beight Way Junction Rukuba Barracks Rd. Jos	Evang. Abah Sunday	Evang. Abah Sunday	08036020373

RS 4.2 BENUE STATE: PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	OK REOFSSIONAL DRIVING SCHOOL	College Road katsina Ala	Fidelis Onoja Okoh	Kaaka stephen ter and okah	07031245734
2	GOOD LUCK DRIVING SCHOOL	No53 capt dawnson street aboko	Dankor Aondohemba	Dankor Aondohemba	07066935443

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## RS 4.2 BENUE STATE: CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	ADOTSE AND OTSE (AZO) DRIVING INSTITUTE	Igumale Ado L.G.C Benue.	Otsapa A Ogaba	Otsapa A Ogaba	07059672999
2	ONOGWU DRIVING INSTITUTE	63 Anikpa Rd Makurdi, Benue State	Onugwu Gabriel	Otache Simon	08069176299
3	ALEX INTERNATIONAL DRIVING SCHOOL	3 Prince Eno Crescent Eupi Enugu Rd. Otukpa	Alex I Ameh	Alex I Ameh	08058089728
4	ADB DRIVING INSTITUTE	10 Atiku Abubakar Rd. Makurdi	Asuguo Okon	Otsapa A. Ogaba	07056561570 08036081999

## RS 4.3 NASARAWA STATE: CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1.	LUCKY STAR DRIVING SCHOOL	New Karu	Nnebedum O. Mark David	Nnebedum O. Mark David	07030302608
2.	SURVIVAL FOR REAL DRIVING SCHOOL	Opp. UBA - Mararaba, along Abuja-Keffi Rd	Atabo Survival Emmanuel	Atabo Survival Emmanuel	08056680406 07025099626

## RS 4.3 NASARAWA STATE: PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	TRIUMPH DRIVING SCHOOL	Off. Transformer Bus Stop Abuja/Keffi Exp Way Masaka	Edward Irooya	Anih Jonas O  Anih Thomas	08036789510
2	PERFECT DRIVING SCHOOL	Kurudu One Man village Nasarawa State	Yinusa Wasiu Adebanjo	Yinusa Wasiu Adebanjo	07040034085 08068344734
3	ZEEK DRIVING SCHOOL	Double Pole Shopping Complex New Nyanya karu L.G.A Nasarawa State	Temidayo Babatunde J	Ogwuche Ojo Isaac	07055591330 08066876746
4	RHEMA DRIVING SCHOOL	Delight international school behind NTA Keffi		Registration form not sighted	08065319205

## RS 5.1 EDO STATE: CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	A.A. RESCUE DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 1 Ediale Street Off Boundary Road GRA Benin City	Ozolua Alexanda	Ozolua Alexander O	08055508102
2	HAWARD SCHOOL OF DRIVING	23 Ezoti St. Off Airport Rd. Benin City, Edo State	Aigbekaen Howard Imetinyan	Aigbekaen Howard Imuetinyan	08037371597

## RS 5.1 EDO STATE: PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1.	EMHOATA DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 4 1 <sup>st</sup> gate Army Barracks Ipoba Hill Benin City	Asuclimen Isaac Emboala	Asuelimen I Emhuata	08037222957
2	STICON DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 4 Ipoba Slope Benin City	Odese Sylva	Sylva Ode	08024675441
3	VESTER VAN DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 31 poly Rd. Auchi, Edo State	Imanvan Sylvester Eniobawi	Imanvan Sylvester Eniobawi	08051522763 08063317051

## RS 5.2 DELTA STATE: CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	FREE TEX DRIVING SCHOOL	No 142 PTI rd Effurum	Ebong Green Obot	Obot Friday Green	0806545505*
2	SAFE DRIVING SCHOOL	No 14 Udu Rd. Beside Udu market Ovwiam Delta State	Jonhbull Oghaneovo	Jonhbull Oghaneovo	08073200497
3	PRECIOUS O DRIVING SCHOOL	116 Jakpa Rd. Effurun - Warri	Nwankwo Osita Emmanuel	Nwankwo Osita Emmanuel	08033533677
4	KENTLOIS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF DRIVING	No. 69 Ekpan Street Ajamimogha Warri Delta State	Ebigbeyi Kennedy	Ebigbeyi Kennedy	08034972021
5	IKECHUKWU YAD DRIVING SCHOOL	52 Dennis Jasadebe Rd. opp. Bishop Court Asaba Delta State.		Ikechukwu Monyelu	08034227867

## RS 5.2 DELTA STATE: PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1.	MILLENNIA GLOBAL DRIVING SCHOOL	Km. 5 D.S.C express Rd. Ekete, Udu LGA.	Dr Oputu Sherick Ediri	Oputa Sherick Ediri	07040180978
2	YENIKAS DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 189 Jakpa Rd. Effuru Delta State	Deacon Yinka Ayeni	Sedu Momodu	07033564505
3	NOVO JAMES DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 66 okumagba Avenue, Warri, Delta State	Iyede Philip Oniovoghaye	Iyede Philip Oniovoghaye	08023154956
4	DIVINE FAVOUR DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 42 AKA Avenue Off Jakpa Rd. Effurun Delta State	Odache Diji Happy	Odakhe Diji Happy	07025915491

## RS 5.3 ANAMBRA STATE: CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	TRINITAS DRIVING SCHOOL	Basilical of Most Holy trinity Onisha	Obiagwu Manus	Emmanuel Ezinkwo	08066663777
2	DEFENSIVE DRIVING SCHOOL	National Metallurgical Training Institute Onitsha Anambra State	Fadairo Ade	Eze Emmanuel Chukwuma	08064484370
3	NORBLE DRIVING SCHOOL	No 8 Orjiji street Umudioka village Awka	Obu I Anthony	Ifeanyi Obu Anthony	0803422799
4	JONNY INTENATINAL SCHOOL	No 8 Mission Rd Awka	Nwobu N John	Nwobu N John	08068293537

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RS 6.1 RIVERS STATE: CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	AA RESCUE DRIVING SCHOOL	96/98 Olu Obasanjo Road P/Harcourt Rivers.	Allen Victor	Allen Victor	07040438620
2	CERTOMILE LIMITED DRIVING SCHOOL	26 Isiokpo street D-line P/H	Kio-Lawson Minabo David	Kio-Lawson Minabo David	08022364989
3	ACE Centre Ltd	No 1 Govt House Drive, old GRA P/H	Ejah Nduka	Ejah Nduka	0803606977
4	ZEBRA SAFETY LTD	70 Waji Rd. GRA II P/Harcourt Rivers state	Okafor Ogonna Johnson	Oeere Faith Okafor Ogonna Johnson	08033500235
5	GESCHENK LTD	No 17 Ohiamini road P/Harcourt River St	Tito George	Tito George	08051129172
6	PREMIER DRIVING SCHOOL	750 Kwerre Rd. Omechi junction, Rumu Odamaya, P/Harcourt	Olusola D Agidi	Olusola D Agidi	08037110109
7	TEEROSS INTERNATIONAL DRIVING SCHOOL	64 Location Rd. Oyingbo, P/H	Tony Emeruwa	Tony Emeruwa	08033350645
8	TANAT DEFENSIVE DRIVING SCHOOL	(TCL) Plot 9 Fiat 2A FHE Peter Odili Rd. Amadi-Ama Rivers State	Olutunji Tom Wright	Babatunde Ayinde Tairu Mr. George Frank	08023572360 08037581173
9	LEVI MODEL DRIVING SCHOOL	138 Post Office road, off Estate road, Waji	Onwujuruba Levi Kaycee	Onwujuruba Levi Kaycee	08038655424
10	BESTWAY INTERNATIONAL DRIVING SCHOOL	Elikahia Housing Estate P/Harcourt Rivers State	Babalola Elyan Oladele	Babalola Elyan Oladele	08036818063
11	EASYWAY INTERNATIONAL DRIVING SCHOOL	3 Isiokpo Street, Rumuomasi, P/H	Onunkun Oluwale	Onunkun Oluwale	08037300563

RS 6.1 RIVERS STATE: PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1.	RIVERS STATE TRANSPORT (RST)	RTS P/Harcourt Olubasanjo Rd	Uche Eke	Borile Nwiala	08064231260 07084803449
2.	ROIS DRIVING SCHOOL	196 Bonny Street P/Harcourt	Ojuroye Rotimi Ismail	Abubakar Musa Inamuna	08035502199 08030453539
3	PEE VEE DEFENSIVE DRIVING SCHOOL	8 Ahoadia Street Rumu bekwe H/Estate P/Harcourt	Mrs Janet Esiemokumoh	Ugoala Onyedikachi	08063666591
4	EASY DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 76 Harohd Wihson Driver Bosikiri P/Harcourt	Thomas Nnanna Stephen	Thomas Nnanna Stephen	08036670485
5	GOD'S TIME DRIVING SCHOOL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue Block 16 Elekahia House Estate P/Harcourt	Anyanwu Ambrose	Anyanwu Ambrose	08057952471
6	MIRACLE DRIVING SCHOOL	Rd. 2 Junc. Rd 24 & No 11 Ogueme Off Isiah Agip Obinwali Road	Okechukwu Theresa	Okechukwu Theresa	08065225303
7	FIRST CLASS DRIVING SCHOOL	No.2 Christ Avenue aginigba trans Amadi P/Harcourt river St	Uyor Shulamite	Uyor Shulamite	08037397716
8	SEBA WATCH DRIVING SCHOOL RIVER STATE	31 B Evo Rd, GRA Phase II P/Harcourt	Mr Cliton Fubara	Chigbu C.Chigbu FeliAkporuere Ozero Umah David Chukwuemeka	08053256106 08059419001 08037590671
9	EASY DRIVING SCHOOL	No 28 Shell Location Rd. Mgbauba P/Harcourt River State	Okwelle Fyne Face Francis Lawrence	Okwelle Fyne Face Francis Lawrence	08063338991
10	BEST WAY DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 21 Odagbolo Street, off Bari - Camp Rumuokoro.	Udeme Nyakwo Sunday	Udeme Nyakwo Sunday	08036818063 08080635144
11	NASO DRIVING SCHOOL	Abacha Rd. by Agip Junction Mile 4 P/Harcourt Rivers State	Editor A Ayake	Editor A Ayake	08075514776
12	OMEGA DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 234 Okporo Rd. Elihoani town P/H	Adelokiki Tolulope	Adelokiki Tolulope	08037564475

RS 6.2 CROSS RIVER STATE: CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	BETA DRIVING SCHOOL	173 murtala Mohammed Highway Calaba	Ekefre Meni	Effiong Eyibio Eyibio	08033131978 08059800909 07038981114
2	ACE CENWATER LIMITED	59 Ekpo-Abasi street, Calabar	Ejah Nduka	Efem Dickson	0803964006
3	SHEPHERD DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 190 Old Odukpan Rd. Calabar Cross River State.	Paulinus Effioong	Paulinus Effioong	08080250265

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S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	KING DRIVING SCHOOL	NPA/EPZ Rd. Habour junction, Calaba	Etim Solomon Anthony	Etim Solomon Anthony	08068397607 08023574598
2	VICTOR DRIVING SCHOOL	No 20 Atekong Drive Calaba	Godwin Victor	Okon Etim Nkpinen	08038407360
3	AKAH DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 23 Calabar Street Igoli Ogoja Cross River State.	Ushie Anthony Akah	Ushie Anthony Akah	08062116320
4	ZEBRA SAFETY LTD	9 Abasi Obori street, Calabar	Gabriel Augustine	Gabriel pst. Augustine	08036670485
5	EXECELENCE DRIVING SCHOOL	E44, shopping center, Obudu rd, Ikom Ikom Cross River State	Etta Alfred	Etta Paul Okim	08037243559 08063181700
6	NESLY DRIVING SCHOOL	Goldie Street Calaba	Nsunu Kingsley J	Ngunu Joseph Kingley	Nil
7	DANIELS DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 189 old. Odukpanu Rd. Ikot Ansa Calabar C/ R	Effiang Daniel Ephraim	Effiong Daniel Ephraim	08068859499
8	FAITH DRIVING SCHOOL	11 Ekong Etta Street Calaba	Johnson E Okom	Okpodiog Edet Johnson	08066093097
9	STEPHEN DRIVING SCH	No Apasi Obori street, Calabar	Umo Jonathan	Umo Jonathan	08035900662

RS 6.3 AKWA IBOM STATE: CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	VICTORY DRIVING SCHOOL	No 56 Aba Rd. Ibiakpan Ikot Expene Akwa Ibom State	Adorer E Etuk	Adorer E Etuk Ekuk, Aorar A.	08032515964
2	CODE WAY DRIVERS TRAINIG CENTREL	No 15 Iyah Street Abak rd. A/Ibom State	Essien, Sunday Sam.	Essien, Sunday Sam.	08068259302
3	ID DRIVING SCHOOL	No 76 Nwaniba Rd. Uyo A/Ibom State	Idorenyim Effiong	Idorenyim Effiong	08037963756
4	JEKAS INTERNATIONAL DRIVING SCHOOL	5 Sanni Ogun Rd, Ikot, Ekpene - Aks	Ekanemm Joseph.Udo	Ekanem Joseph U	08033597536 08076774422
5	MIDDLESEX DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 19 Urwan Street Uyo Akwa Ibom State	Euphraim Samson	Ikpeti, Okokon. Samuel	08080847460 08064132050

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S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	GODWILL GENDER/MECHANICAL DRIVING SCHOOL	No 151 Eket Oron rd. Eket A/Ibom State	Helen Emmanuel Robert	Helen Emmanuel Robert
2	DRIVE FAVOUR DRIVING SCHOOL	No 24 Umoren lane Uyo A/Ibom State	EngrChukwu Emeka Eze	Engr. Chukwu Emeka Eze
3	KOKO DRIVING SCHOOL	68 Aka Obot idim Rd Uyo Akwa-Ibom,	Eking JEking	Eking Jimmy Eking
4	UNIMESCO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL	No 25Nwaniba Road idu-uruan LGA Akwa ibom State	Unmana Ime Moses	Unmana Ime Moses
5	UDUAK ABASI DRIVING SCHOOL	No 230 Idoro Rd. Uyo Akwa Ibom State.	Elder Paul William Akpan	Elder Paul William Akpan
6	JJ DRIVING SCHOOL	No 12 Aatiku Abubakar Aveu.- 10Akwa Ibom State	James Joe	Ezekiel Nicholas Edem,

## RS 6.4 BAYELSA STATE: CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	NENGSOBIN DRIVING SCHOOL	Atlanta Filling Station mbiana yenuqoa Rd Amarata Yenagoo Bayelsa State	AYERITE NENGI	Gbolo Frank Isaiah Ogoniba Asela	08034844248 07030402326
2	CYNCHRIS DRIVING SCHOOL	Melford Okiko rd. Edepie, opp. AP filling station Bayelsa State	Christy Uchenna Okere	Christian Cythia Ifenyinwa	08068200630
3	DE PEACEMAKER DRIVING SCHOOL	IVC House, Chief Okilo Melfored Yenagoo	Ogini Chidimma P	Ogini Chidimma P	08033885970

## RS 7.1 ABUJA FCT: CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	HALMARK DRIVING SCHOOL	Plot 547 Cadastral Zone Behind ICPC Abuja	Opediran J Adebajo	Opediran J Adebajo Peter Ngbede	08025354737 08052221916
2	FLEME DRIVING SCHOOL	Suite A42 MIB Plaza Gwarinpa Abuja	France Joshua	Francis Joshua	08065680961
3	ASO SAFETY DRIVING SCHOOL	Plot 8540 Suite B 36 Danbiyou plaza, Olusegun Obasanjo way, Mega station	Sunday Nehemia	Barnabas Sunday	08033148336

## RS 7.1 ABUJA FCT: PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	SUCCESS DRIVING SCHOOL	Opp. Ship House Garki Abuja.	Akporom Moses Ngutor	Atime Moses Tersoo	07034716919
2	MIRACLE DRIVING SCHOOL	Ajegunle Rd. Mpape FCT Abuja	Friday Okon Enusi	Friday Okon Enusi	08065762566
3	OLABISI DRIVING SCHOOL	First Avenue Gwarinpa by Kado Binko Abuja	Olabisi Omoniyi	Olabisi Omoniyi	08065550111
4	ASS DRIVING SCHOOL	Apo Zone A Abuja	Amedu Samson	Amedu Samson	08065274373
5	MASTER DRIVING ACADEMY	Area 10 Garki Opp. Conoil Abuja	Chukwuemeka Amuchie	Chukwuemeka Amuchie	08036461676
6	ROYAL DRIVING SCHOOL	3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue Gwarinpa Abuja	Makama B Lazarus	Makama B Lazarus/Suleiman O Abubakar	08050397222
7	PIONEER DRIVING SCHOOL	Opp. Mallam Shehu Plaza jabi Abuja	Ebekut Ndi Freke S	Ebekut Ndi Freke S	08054045751 07032644359
8	STANDARD DRIVING SCHOOL	1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue, opp. AINL Filling	Ege Sunday	Eze Sunday	08084113936
9	UNITY & PEACE DRIVING SCHOOL	Opp. Ebony Hospital Gwarinpa Abuja.	Obiyeama Nwachukwu M	Obiyeama Nwachukwu M	08056896076

## RS 7.2 NIGER STATE: CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	EPMMICS DRIVING SCHOOL	Old NEPA Building Emir Junction Basso Minna Niger State	Obakpeg Samson	Ibrahim A. G	07035535790

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S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	EMINET DRIVING SCHOOL	Plot 2947 Azikwe Way Western Bye pass opp. WECCO Minna Niger State	Sohomba Ebenezer	Olukotun Damilare	08076738482
2	DRIVING MLE DRIVING SCHOOL	Opp. Past Aliyu memoria Stadium Bida Ndayako Niger State	Sani Y Sani	Sani Y Sani	08065314268
3	DOMINION DRIVING SCHOOL	Old Barracks Along Rafin Sanyi Rd. Sweje Niger State	Gideon A	Ifeanyi C	08056035967
4	GBOZE DRIVING SCHOOL	Suleja Stadium, Suleja Niger State	Mike O. A	John K O Adame	08036142477
5	HAMDASA DRIVING COLLEGE	No. 1 IBB Rd. opp. Paiko Rd. Police Station Minna Niger State	Musa M Nda	Ayodele Emmanuel	07033177811
6	MUKING DRIVING SCHOOL	Keteiren - Gwari Rd. Minna, Niger State	Akiniyi Murtala	Akiniyi Murtala	08055843263

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RS 8.1 KWARA STATE: CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1.	BETA DRIVING SCHOOL	16 Zulu Gaboro rd GRA Ilorin	Prince Adeyemi	Prince Adeyemi O.A	08036512888

RS 8.2 KOGI STATE: CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	JUKOLS DRIVING SCHOOL	Ganaza Plaza junc Lokoja			08033781886

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S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1.	STEVE DRIVING SCHOOL	Opp. Police Barracks Lokoja	Durojaye Stephen	Ahmed Sanusi	08068330966
2.	PATDY TECHNICAL DRIVING SCHOOL	No 30 lokongoma Village Lokoja	Patrick Adurogboye	Patrick Adurogboye	08062196491

RS 8.3 EKITI STATE: CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1.	EKITI JASPAT TECH. & DRIVING SCHOOL	Blk 146 Ilogbe qtrs Ifaki - Ekiti State	Pastor Ajayi oluwasola	Pastor Ajayi Aluwasola	08030458265

RS 9.1 ENUGU STATE: CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	ZEBRA SAFETY SERVICE LIMITED	No. 37 Ishielu Ave. Ind. Layout, Enugu	Augustine Okobi	Augustine Okobi	08033500235 07085899191
2	MEST INSTITUTE FOR CREATIVE DRIVING SCH	No 13/14 onuiyi Link Rd.	Bro. Udonsi david Kalu	Bro. Udonsi david Kalu	08039632625
3	JIU NOGRO DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 15 Obiagu Rd. Ogies New layout Enugu	Jonah N Ugwu	Jonah N Ugwu	08034166923
4	OKENWA INTL DRIVING SCHOOL	80 Agbani Rd. by Eso Bus Stop Enugu	Chief Micheal M Okenna	Chief Micheal M Okenna	08033714069
5	UZU DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 16 Ogurugu Rd. Odenigbo Nsukka	Okoye Uzu Nnaemeila	Okoye Uzu Nnaemeila	08037755083
6	IDEAL DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 7, Odenigbo Rd Opp. Saint Therisa's College Nsukka	Leonard A Awogu	Leonard A Awogu	08037500791

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S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	JAMANTHY DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 20/22 Osadebe St. Ogun New layout Enugu	Anthony Orji	Anthony Orji	08033207756
2	N & N DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 13 New Anglican Rd. Odenigbo Nsuka Enugu State	Igu Nnaemeka C	Igu Nnaemeka C	08037887308
3	PARAGON DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 10 Anyaegunani Str Uwani Enugu	Chukwu Patrick Chijioko	Patrick Chukwu (MR)	08037508472
4	CHI-BROS DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 17 Chime Avenue New haven Enugu	Chibros Chukwuwa Olieari	Christy Ohiaeri	08034266562

9.2 EBONYI STATE: CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	EXCELLENT DRIVING SCHOOL	C/O Sam Egwu Cooperative Centre Kilo 3 Aba Kalili - High Way.	Ogbonna A Ngwuoke	Ogbonna A Ngwuoke	0808353329 0808353329
2	UGWOKE STEPHEN EZE	No 10 Ogoja Rd Abakaliki Ebonyi State	Ugwoke Stephen Eze	Ugwoke Stephen Eze	08032642540

RS 9.2 EBONYI STATE: PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1.	PACIS DRIVING SCHOOL	LGA Ebonyi State	Romans	Romans	08036697682

RS 9.3 ABIA STATE: CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1.	INTERNATIONAL DRIVING SCHOOL	2 Mechanics Layout off Club Rd Umuahia	Ukagbu J Ejikeme	Ukagbu J Ejikeme	08038956797

RS 9.4 IMO STATE: CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1	PUBLIC DRIVING SCHOOL	166 Amaigbo Rd. Orlu Imo State	Okprara egeonu Solomon	Okprara egeonu Solomon	08037852728
2	EDOLSON DRIVING SCHOOL	No 5 lock up store Afor Enyigogu Aboh Mboise	Dikeacha Edwine Chijundu	Dikeacha Ifeanyi	08058592192
3	A.B.C. TRANSPORT DRIVERS TRAINING ACADEMY	Km 2 Egbu Rd near Total filling station Owerri, Imo state	Frank Nweji	Uboh Ambrose Inechi Uwazie Boniface Inechi Uwazie B	08036713296 08036713296

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S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1.	ROAD LINK DRIVING CENTRE	35 Ekwema Crescent Ikenegbu Owerri Imo State	Okorofo Lawrence	Lucy Iwuoma Okorofo Lawrence	07035707063 08130536708
2	EBECHERE GLOBAL ENTERPRISES	101 Douglas Rd. Owerri imo State	Nnadi Innocent Chinonyeren	Nnadi Innocent Chinonyeren	08082556677
3	ST. SAMUEL PERFECT DRIVING SCHOOL	No. 1 awka Street Okigwe Imo State	Ordu Samuel Obinna	Ordu Samuel Obinna	08066585651

## RS 10.1 SOKOTO STATE: CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

S/N	Name of Driving School	Address	Proprietor	Instructor/s	Telephone No.
1.	WORKS DRIVING SCHOOL	Works school konwoni, Sokoto	Bello Fadaig	Muhtari Muhammed Bello Fadaig	08069172162

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## Kidnap, oil theft plague Nigeria as amnesty falters

FORMER militants fed up with a Nigerian government amnesty programme are regrouping and are behind a renewed wave of kidnappings, robberies and oil theft, security officials say.

A group of former rebels are believed to be responsible for a "major attack" on an oil pipeline in Brass River that forced Italian oil firm Agip to declare a force majeure on its exports on Wednesday, industry and security sources said.

"They were former militants looking for an easy way to make money," said a security source working in the oil industry.

Nigeria's plan to rehabilitate, educate and employ thousands of former rebels has stalled since ailing President Umaru Yar'Adua left last November for medical treatment for a heart ailment. He has since returned but remains too sick to rule. Acting President Goodluck Jonathan, who assumed executive powers in February, has made security in the oil-producing Niger Delta one of his top priorities but has yet to get the amnesty programme back on track.

"The fear is that if the amnesty programme is not fully implemented, most of them will easily return back to crime," said Bestman Woka, amnesty coordinator for Rivers state.

One industry source said a recent flight over the creeks of the delta revealed many of the waterways polluted by spillages caused by oil thieves, indicating a sharp rise in bunkering. Columns of smoke also suggested a plethora of illegal refineries where the stolen crude was being processed.

Kidnapping particularly of prominent local Nigerians has also risen in recent weeks, including in Abia state on the fringe of the Niger Delta, where two German men were also seized by gunmen this month and held for almost a week.

Police shot dead four gunmen trying to kidnap a Nigerian oil worker in Port Harcourt on Tuesday, while a local government official was abducted the same day.

Hundreds of former rebels surrendered arms last year to participate in Yar'Adua's amnesty programme, the most serious attempt yet to resolve years of unrest which has prevented Nigeria from pumping more than two thirds of its oil capacity. But the government has been slow in fulfilling its promises of a better life in the impoverished Niger Delta.

Amnesty centres in Rivers state, which housed dozens of former rebels, have been shut down since February but those responsible for the programme say they remain in close contact with ex-militants and that stipends are being paid.

Security officials say the crime wave mainly involves small gangs rather than the large, organised militant groups responsible for years of attacks on oil industry infrastructure.

Rebel leaders have accepted the amnesty offer in return for huge payouts, but many of their followers have not reaped similar rewards, forcing them to fend for themselves.

"Who do you think is carrying out these kidnappings and armed robberies all over the place? The former militants are the ones doing it," said Suleiman Abba, police commissioner for Rivers state.

Fewer major attacks have allowed oil companies such as Royal Dutch Shell to ramp up production in the Niger Delta.

Shell said it had pumped 80,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day more in the first quarter than the same period last year because of the improving security situation. *Reuters.*



SANUSI Lamido Sanusi, CBN Governor

## Naira falls against dollar

THE Nigerian naira NGN=D1 weakened to 150.85 against the U.S dollar in the interbank market on Thursday, from 150.50 the previous day, on strong corporate demand for the greenback, traders said.

The naira had also fallen at the central bank auction on Wednesday after the regulator sold \$250 million at 148.61 naira a dollar, far short of the \$381 million demanded, and compared to the \$250 million it sold at 148.51 naira a dollar on Monday.

"The naira fell in the inter-bank (market) basically because the market was trying to cover for the huge unmet demand at the central bank auction," one dealer said.

Traders said an inflow of about \$414 million from four

energy firms during the week was not enough to cover the shortfall at the official auction, while demand in the interbank market had also risen, weakening the naira.

State energy company NNPC sold about \$300 million to some banks, while Mobil sold \$100 million, and Total and Addax sold \$7 million each. "Banks are under pressure to deliver figures, so they have started opening credit lines for some credible customers. This is also one of the factors aiding increased forex demand," another dealer said.

Traders said the naira could trade within the 150.09-150.60 range until the next auction on Monday if the NNPC sells an additional \$150 million on Friday as was being speculated.

### BRIEF

## Diamond Bank posts N12.4bn loss

From Kayode Ekundayo

DIAMOND Bank has recorded a pretax loss of 12.4 billion naira for the eight months to December, compared with a profit of 17.3 billion in the same period a year earlier. Turnover was broadly flat at 67.7 billion naira, compared with 67.8 billion in the comparable eight-month period of 2008, the bank said. Diamond Bank is switching its financial year to the calendar year.

## Access Bank losses N3.5bn in Dec

ACCESS Bank said on Thursday its pre-tax profit rose to 5.2 billion naira for the first three months of the year, while turnover rose to 27.8 billion naira. The bank, which is switching its financial year to the calendar year, said it made a pre-tax loss of 3.5 billion naira for the preceding nine months to December.

### STOCK MARKET INDEX

Date:	Thursday, April 29, 2010
Index:	25,607.30
Deals:	8,486
Volume:	457,732,125
Value:	N 3,548,430,648.21
Cap.:	N6,193,777,996,549.57

### TRUST INDEX

Inflation	11.8%
GDP	6.68%
Budget	N4.6tr
Ext. Reserves Acct	\$40.3bn
Excess Crude Acct	\$3.9bn
Poverty Ratio	54.4%
Monetary Policy Rate	6%
Banks	24
Oil Price (Bonny light)	\$85.9 a barrel
Power Supply	3,700MW
Oil output per day	2.6mbd
Broad Money Supply	N11,010,063.6m
Credit to Private Sector	N10,037,422.5m
Inter-Bank Rate	1.2000%
Treasury Bills	2.02%
Deposit Rate	7.51%
Prime Lending Rate	78.06%

### CBN EXCHANGE RATES

26/4/2010	Buying (NGN)	Central (NGN)	Selling (NGN)
CFA	0.2802	0.2902	0.3002
DANISH KRONER	26.4331	26.5227	26.6123
EURO	196.8078	197.4749	198.142
GERMAN MARK	228.2422	229.0159	229.7895
RIYAL	39.3336	39.4694	39.6027
SDR	223.1679	223.9244	224.6808
SWISS FRANC	137.1293	137.5941	138.0589
US DOLLAR	147.51	148.01	148.51
WUA	222.2933	223.0468	223.8003
YEN	1.3661	1.3714	1.3767

### Bureau de Change Rates

BUYING	
Dollar	N151
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While it is not possible to mention the names of all those that commiserated with us, it is worthy to mention few, among whom are:

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2. His Excellency, the Senate President, David B.A Mark.
3. Former Military President, Gen. Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida (rtd.) *GCFR*
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5. Deputy Senate President, Ike Ekwereamadu
6. The Deputy Speaker, House of Representatives, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Alh. Usman Nafada Bayero
7. Chief Vincent Ogbulafor, the National Chairman, Peoples Democratic Party, PDP and his National Working Committee, NWC members.
8. National Assembly Members.
9. All Serving and former Governors, who came in person or through representation.
10. The Secretary to the Government of Federation, SGF, Alh. Yahayle Ahmed
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Signed

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**The Project Manager**  
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The deadline for submissions of the prequalification proposals is 1200hrs, 28th May, 2010 (For NIGCOMSAT 2 Project Consultancy 1200hrs, 11th May, 2010 for DTH).

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## Business/Agric

# States don't redeem their 12.5% premium subsidy obligation - NAIC MD

BY Yunus Abdulhamid & Tina A. Hassan

**H**OW much of your objectives have you been able to achieve?

The Corporation has, within the resources available to it, been able to achieve all its set objectives.

This is mostly seen from our achievements which include the extension of cover from four items initially to almost all crops and livestock items in the country.

Successful implementation of the Premium Subsidy regime of the Scheme payment of over N1 billion worth of claims to date, coverage of an average of N20 billion worth of investments on annual basis from the modest hundreds of million Naira that were obtainable at inception.

Due to the insistence of the Corporation, farmers have continued to adopt new production (farming) strategies rather than the traditional type formerly adopted by them.

**I**n concrete terms, what are the big ticket farms you have provided insurance for?

Some of the big ticket farms we cover include PAMOL (Nig.) Ltd, Calabar, Integrated Dairy Farm (IDF) Ltd, Vom, ECWA Farms, Jos, Fol-Hope Farms Nig. Ltd, Ibadan, Frontline Farms Ltd, Lagos.

**H**ave there been positive responses and participation from the Nigeria farmers?

There has continued to be positive responses from farmers throughout the nation.

As you must be aware, we maintain branches in each of the 36 states of the Nigerian federation, so as to be able to reach every available farmer.

This spread has enabled us to further improve our monitoring visits to them.

Also, those who have been covered by the Scheme in the past kept on passing the information to others.

We have also continued to receive enquiries through our website, through which we have continued to direct our numerous potential clients to our various branch offices.

The Nigerian Agricultural Insurance Corporation (NAIC) is statutorily mandated to give insurance cover to farmers in Nigeria. In this interview, the Managing Director of the corporation, Kwatri Kwagga Yusuf says it is meeting its set target.



KWATRI Kwagga Yusuf

**D**o you have any statistics to that effect?

For example, the Volume of Risk in 2008 was N20.624 billion covering about 48,002 policies. Note that a policy of Cooperative society can cover an average of 150 people.

In 2009, the Volume of Risk rose to N28, 070 billion covering about 52,993 policies. Also, claims paid in 2008 were N250.119 million while N327.540 million was paid out as claims to various claimants in 2009.

This shows that more and more farmers are embracing the Scheme and things are still going to get better.

**“**The major challenges NAIC faces include general lukewarm attitude of the populace towards insurance and Lack of commitment from the various State Governments, especially with respect to redeeming their 12.5% premium subsidy obligation. It is expected that states have data base of all farmers. The federal government is subsidizing agriculture to the tune of 50 per cent. The state governments have not been supportive. So it is for us to sensitize the governments on the need to pay their own.

**A**part from providing insurance cover for livestock and crops, what other insurance businesses are you into?

Our enabling decree, with the exception of life insurance, empowers us to underwrite all classes of insurance businesses such as Motor, Workmen Compensation, Fire, Burglary, Oil and Gas, etc.

All of which we are doing in competition with other insurance companies in the country.

**I**n Nigeria, most farmers are peasants living far away from the reality of government workings. How do you reduce this gap?

That is why we maintain presence in all the state capitals of the federation.

Our branch managers and the entire staff of each branch office are deployed to meeting farmers, especially on their project or farm sites.

We also organize free workshops (extension services) in state capitals for all farmers and extension workers to enlighten them about our activities.

**M**ost Nigerian farmers are poor and uneducated. Perhaps their major preoccupation is how to fill their belly and not taking insurance. What is your take on this?

You have an obvious point there. There are farmers who are essentially subsistent.

They only plant to make ends meet with their families. However, there are farmers who really have farming as their sole business. The beauty of the Scheme is that we cover all categories of them.

The subsistent ones, that is the ones you mentioned in your question, are beginning to see reasons in making real money on their farming activities and so, are being organized into Cooperative Societies, through which we give them adequate coverage and other risk management advices.

There have been disasters of different magnitude in Nigeria's recent past, like flood, pest, even drought. What was the level of your intervention in these cases?

We have continued to intervene as securely as possible. What I mean by that is that, only the projects covered by us can attract any intervention from us.

Those projects not covered by us, as we say in Nigeria, are "ON THEIR OWN". In any case, there are statutory agencies whose mandates take care of such emergencies. However, we are, and shall continue to try and reach out to potential clients towards achieving superlative targets on our mandate.

At our own instance, media

organizations also help us to educate and enlighten farmers and agro-allied investors on the Scheme.

**W**hat are your biggest challenges?

The major challenges NAIC faces include general lukewarm attitude of the populace towards insurance and Lack of commitment from the various State Governments, especially with respect to redeeming their 12.5% premium subsidy obligation. It is expected that states have data base of all farmers. The federal government is subsidizing agriculture to the tune of 50 per cent. The state governments have not been supportive. So it is for us to sensitize the governments on the need to pay their own.

We are advocating for a policy that will allow us deduce from source as it would have been easier. Once there is an agric disaster we automatically compensate the farmers.

**C**an you set an agenda for the new minister of agric?

We can only advise the Honourable Minister to appreciate the popular maxim that "No farmer, no nation". Everything that will aid development of agriculture should be vigorously pursued.

He should see Agricultural Insurance as an indispensable INPUT in planning any agro-allied project.

He should ensure credit facilities get to the right and deserving beneficiaries and that such credits are well covered by our insurance Scheme, especially, the long awaited billions of Naira being injected into Agricultural production by the Federal Government.

He should also see to the full implementation of the 2010 Federal budget on Agriculture. Above all, he must set targets for all his Departments and Agencies and monitor the achievement or otherwise of such targets.

## Institute produces 15.6 tonnes of improved rice seeds

THE National Cereals Research Institute (NCRI), Badeggi, has produced 15.6 tonnes of improved seeds worth N3 million, according to the Executive Director, Dr. Anthony Ochigbo. Ochigbo told said on Thurs-

day in Bida, Niger, that the seeds would be distributed to farmers through the various Agricultural Development Projects (ADP) and the National Seed Council of Nigeria.

"We produced a variety of

foundation rice seed worth 9.1 tonnes for the ADPs and large-scale farmers and sent breeder seed worth 6.5 tonnes to the National Seed Council," he explained.

The executive director fur-

ther said that the institute had in addition, also produced 800 kgs of soya beans seed ready for distribution to farmers.

He advised farmers in the country to always avail themselves of the services of the insti-

tution all year round as it had the mandate was to offer reliable services to the farmers and assist in ensuring food security.

He also urged farmers to visit the institute for advise on the right type of seed to plant.

## Business

# 941 micro banks to take CBN examination yearly

By Idris Ahmed

ALL the approved 941 Microfinance Banks (MFBs) in the country would now be subjected to the Central Bank of Nigeria's examination at least once in a year to identify

and correct problems with them.

CBN Governor Sanusi Lamido Sanusi said this yesterday at a Leadership conference on "Developing Local Governments through Microfinance Banks" in Abuja.

The sub-sector has been faced with several challenges which include incidences of unethical practices, improper orientation, inadequate human and institutional capacity and uneven distribution of the banks.

Many Nigerians are losing confidence in the sub-sector because of difficulties in accessing credit facilities and sometimes even their deposits.

To correct these problems, Sanusi who was represented by Olufemi

Fabamwo, CBN's acting director on Other Financial Institutions and Supervision Department, said CBN has engaged 25 training service providers to conduct capacity building programmes for the operators of MFBs

He said: "Let me use this opportunity to disclose that we have commenced a systemic review of the policy and the regulatory guidelines to microfinance banking. In 2009, the Bank obtained preliminary information from stakeholders as input to the policy review process.

"A revised blue print in the policy would be presented at a larger forum of stakeholders to make final contributions hopefully by May or June 2010.

"We are also working toward ensuring that the revised policy is made public by the end of the second quarter of this year. This will likely address the key issues in the sector to create public confidence and ensure effective and efficient service delivery."

CBN has also prepared an operational template which defined standard of acceptable practices by microfinance banks. This would be used as a guide along with the revised microfinance policy when published.

The governor said that CBN is working with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to develop a national microfinance development strategy that would spell out among other things, the detail roles and responsibilities of stakeholder in the industry.

He said the microfinance certification programme which is for operators would also commence in May.

"In this regard, the CBN has engaged the service of 25 training service providers to conduct capacity building programmes for the operators of microfinance banks.

"They shall be examined to determine whether they are fit to manage the banks after the training. The programme which is ongoing also has components for members of the boards of MFBs as well as the regulators", Sanusi said.

He maintained that supervision of microfinance banks is the responsibility of the CBN which issues minimum operation standard for the sector.

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## MY CONSTITUENCY LEGACY

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## Business

### FG to cut N450bn on food importation

From Mustafa Abubakar, Ilorin

MINISTER of Agriculture Professor Sheikh Ahmed Abdullah has said that the Federal Government will cut down the 3 billion dollars spent annually on food importation.

The Minister revealed this in Ilorin at the 30th annual lecture of Agricultural and Rural Management Training Institute (ARMTI).

He said the country could not continue to rely on food imports because of its substantial arable agricultural land as well as the favourable ecological and climate conditions.

He said promoting local agriculture is critical to enhancing food security.

He stated that food security could be achieved through public private partnership.

The Minister explained that in order to attain food sufficiency, frantic efforts must make to increase production through viable and sustainable commercial farming.

### Collecting taxes through road blocks is illegal – JTB

By Idris Ahmed

THE Joint Tax Board (JTB) has described road blocks by some tax collecting officials for the purpose of collecting any tax or levy as "illegal."

This was contained in a communiqué issued after the 122nd meeting of the JTB that end in Abuja on Wednesday.

The communiqué signed by the chairman of JTB Ifueko Omoigui Okauru and its secretary Femi Edgal stated that any tax or levy is rendered illegal if the means of collecting them is illegal.

The communiqué read: "The Joint Tax Board noted the ongoing deliberations and dialogue with key stakeholders and joins the National Economic Council in condemning this illegal act.

"The Board also reiterated that in accordance with the Taxes and Levies Act Cap T2 LFN 2004, it is illegal to mount road blocks for the purpose of collecting any tax or levy."

The tax board urged the taxpayers to comply fully with the provisions of the existing tax laws by paying their taxes, saying there is no new tax regime in the country.

## Islamic finance growing at 15% globally

By Sunday Williams

ISLAMIC finance has over 1 trillion dollars asset with over 300 institutions in 75 countries across the world growing at 15 percent per year, the Head, Financial Sector Spe-

cialist, World Bank, Ismail Radwan has said.

Speaking in Abuja on the 'Modalities and Regulatory Framework for Islamic Finance' at the Perchtone & Graeys 4th Annual law series, the Head, Financial

Sector Specialist, said Africa has witnessed an expansion of Islamic banks.

He said Islamic banks are currently operating in Botswana, Djibouti, the Gambia, Guinea, Kenya, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, S/Africa and

Sudan.

He said the major Islamic finance products and their counterparts are *Murabaha* (buying and selling), *Ijara* (leasing), *Istisna* (contracts of works), *Salam* (future sale), *Musharaka* (partnerships) among others.

He said the growth of Islamic banking is driven by the appeal of a 'faith based banking system' that is based on the principles of Shariah, distrust of conventional banking following numerous scandals and frauds.

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## Business/Finance

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COMPANY Name	No of Deals	Quot. (N)	Quantity Traded	Value of Shares (N)				
<b>2ND-TIER SECURITIES</b>								
ADSWITCH PLC	6	1.99	231,146	459,980.54				
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>18</b>		<b>802,187</b>	<b>608,585.74</b>				
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>								
FTN COCOA PROC. PLC	44	0.88	1,383,141	1,245,805.36				
LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC	13	0.83	786,600	657,792.00				
OKOMU OIL P/COY PLC	3	18.55	100,100	1,856,855.00				
PRESCO PLC	3	7.79	7,200	53,352.00				
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>63</b>		<b>2,277,041</b>	<b>3,813,804.36</b>				
<b>AIR SERVICES</b>								
AIR/SERVICES & LOG. PLC	5	4.33	29,500	121,540.00				
NIG. AV. HAND. COY PLC	134	11.48	1,985,214	22,661,600.84				
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>139</b>		<b>2,014,714</b>	<b>22,783,140.84</b>				
<b>AUTOMOBILE &amp; TYRE</b>								
DN TYRE & RUBBER PLC	2	0.50	158,832	79,416.00				
R. T. BRISCOE (NIG.) PLC	4	5.99	26,100	148,770.00				
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>184,932</b>	<b>228,186.00</b>				
<b>BANKING</b>								
ACCESS BANK PLC	182	8.78	14,010,384	125,182,850.23				
AFRIBANK NIGERIA PLC	67	2.19	5,557,410	12,236,293.16				
DIAMOND BANK PLC	199	7.70	25,643,714	207,074,632.20				
ECOBANK NIGERIA PLC	60	5.50	1,017,022	5,657,915.84				
FIR/CITY MON. BANK PLC	80	7.37	6,736,754	51,101,877.20				
FIDELITY BANK PLC	165	2.71	12,612,899	33,551,109.13				
FIRST BANK OF NIG. PLC	1,521	15.50	46,214,168	712,638,737.35				
FINBANK PLC	69	0.59	5,960,324	3,287,248.68				
GTBANK PLC	545	18.41	20,753,138	378,161,844.46				
STANBIC IBTC BANK PLC	65	8.57	1,252,795	10,771,384.28				
INT/CONTINENTAL BANK PLC	74	1.63	8,830,660	13,579,364.70				
OCEANIC BANK INT. PLC	4	1.72	2,998,717	5,160,280.74				
BANK PHB PLC	56	1.30	5,629,330	7,318,129.00				
SKYE BANK PLC	171	7.38	25,545,951	183,137,009.73				
SPRING BANK PLC	17	1.02	208,578	207,956.36				
STERLING BANK PLC	37	1.85	991,726	1,834,693.10				
UNT. BNK FOR AFR. PLC	81	11.21	16,523,111	185,224,074.31				
UN/BANK OF NIG. PLC	142	5.69	1,988,972	11,275,861.02				
UNITYBANK PLC	32	0.99	1,617,404	1,611,486.48				
WEMA BANK PLC	32	1.11	3,684,297	4,156,284.08				
ZENITH BANK PLC	320	14.70	7,444,602	108,202,557.44				
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>4,009</b>		<b>215,221,956</b>	<b>2,061,371,589.49</b>				
<b>BUILDING MATERIALS</b>								
ASHAKA CEMENT PLC	109	20.00	1,717,369	32,596,179.05				
BEN/CEMENT COY PLC	62	63.85	340,344	21,799,119.85				
CEM. CO. OF N/NIGERIA PLC	99	18.31	3,572,450	65,892,441.96				
LAFARGE WAPCO PLC	107	39.86	3,869,640	154,480,048.70				
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>377</b>		<b>9,499,803</b>	<b>274,767,789.56</b>				
<b>CHEMICAL &amp; PAINTS</b>								
BERGER PAINTS NIG. PLC	1	8.33	1,200	9,504.00				
CHEM. & ALL. PROD. PLC	4	31.15	13,067	427,290.90				
DN MEYER PLC	17	5.02	278,629	1,394,275.66				
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>22</b>		<b>292,896</b>	<b>1,831,070.56</b>				
<b>CONGLOMERATES</b>								
A. G. LEV. (NIG.) PLC	11	3.85	145,854	541,192.76				
JOHN HOLT PLC	1	9.28	20,000	176,400.00				
PZ CUSSONS NIG. PLC	46	29.38	295,666	8,655,380.58				
TRANS. CORP. OF NIG. PLC	34	0.52	1,361,381	691,427.48				
UAC OF NIGERIA PLC	65	50.31	662,164	32,621,746.56				
UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC	121	26.00	1,011,747	25,942,945.92				
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>278</b>		<b>3,496,812</b>	<b>68,629,093.30</b>				
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>								
COSTAIN (WA) PLC	166	7.98	3,520,130	26,910,116.56				
JULIUS BERGER NIG. PLC	67	53.01	983,069	52,558,481.40				
MULTIVERSE RES. PLC	6	0.50	1,144,601	572,300.50				
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>239</b>		<b>5,647,800</b>	<b>80,040,898.46</b>				
<b>FOOD/BEVERAGES &amp; TOB.</b>								
7-UP BOTTLING CO. PLC	33	42.42	285,481	12,110,154.02				
<b>BIG TREAT PLC</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>626,420</b>	<b>519,928.60</b>				
CADBURY NIGERIA PLC	222	22.49	3,482,695	73,239,184.42				
DANG. FLOUR MILLS PLC	371	20.71	4,908,246	100,167,821.93				
DANGOTE SUGAR REF. PLC	127	17.78	4,002,409	70,549,144.89				
FLOUR MILLS NIGERIA PLC	116	70.80	1,770,506	120,866,720.72				
HO/WELL FLOUR MILL PLC	45	8.15	559,161	4,505,013.29				
NAT. SALT COY NIGERIA PLC	82	8.06	2,376,333	18,965,779.78				
NIG. BOTTLING COY PLC	19	32.59	125,324	4,056,790.87				
NESTLE NIGERIA PLC	52	314.00	86,047	27,921,559.31				
N/NIG. FLOUR MILLS PLC	2	41.20	10,700	418,798.00				
TANTALIZERS PLC	41	1.08	1,869,582	1,912,219.28				
UTC NIGERIA PLC	5	1.33	62,361	82,940.13				
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>1,131</b>		<b>20,165,265</b>	<b>435,316,055.24</b>				
<b>HEALTHCARE</b>								
EVANS MEDICAL PLC	44	1.49	641,542	925,236.17				
FIDSON HEALTHCARE PLC	69	2.73	3,671,566	10,150,122.46				
GLAXOSM. CONS. NIG. PLC	34	21.60	1,881,052	40,818,399.50				
<b>MAY &amp; BAKER NIGERIA PLC</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>7.60</b>	<b>1,608,168</b>	<b>11,411,578.17</b>				
NEIMETH INT. PHARM. PLC	11	3.24	57,415	176,838.20				
PHARMA-DEKO PLC	1	4.73	120	540.00				
UN/DIAG. & CLIN. SERV. PLC	30	0.69	1,571,415	1,088,136.35				
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>245</b>		<b>9,431,478</b>	<b>64,570,850.80</b>				
<b>HOTEL &amp; TOURISM</b>								
IKEJA HOTEL PLC	7	2.58	473,474	1,221,562.92				
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>473,474</b>	<b>1,221,562.92</b>				
<b>IND/DOMESTIC PROD.</b>								
B. O. C. GASES NIGERIA PLC	9	10.22	33,500	325,285.00				
<b>NIG. ENAMELWARE PLC</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>67.70</b>	<b>6,940</b>	<b>314,520.80</b>				
FIRST ALUM. NIGERIA PLC	2	0.51	70,000	35,660.00				
VITAFOAM NIGERIA PLC	21	6.50	578,214	3,729,170.79				
VONO PRODUCTS PLC	2	0.54	201,250	108,675.00				
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>35</b>		<b>889,904</b>	<b>4,513,311.59</b>				
<b>INF. &amp; COMM. TECH.</b>								
<b>CHAMS PLC</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>3,568,284</b>	<b>2,218,261.68</b>				
STARCOMMS PLC	15	2.05	860,775	1,744,828.75				
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>52</b>		<b>4,429,059</b>	<b>4,463,090.43</b>				
<b>INSURANCE</b>								
AIICO INSURANCE PLC.	32	1.34	1,232,084	1,650,992.56				
CONTINENTAL REINS. PLC	42	1.30	9,474,090	12,095,837.00				
C/STONE INSUR. CO. PLC.	59	0.73	15,448,894	11,163,466.01				
<b>CUST/ALLIED INSUR. PLC</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3.51</b>	<b>1,179,310</b>	<b>4,133,167.80</b>				
EQUITY ASSURANCE PLC	9	0.50	1,236,450	618,225.00				
GOLDLINK INSURANCE PLC	23	0.79	1,319,500	1,033,930.00				
GUAR. TRUST ASSUR. PLC	65	2.50	6,133,974	15,320,976.60				
CONS. HALLMARK INS. PLC	12	0.50	2,804,791	1,402,395.50				
INT. ENERGY INS. COY PLC	30	0.57	4,908,617	2,797,911.69				
LASACO ASSURANCE PLC.	36	0.51	2,786,302	1,428,154.49				
L/UNION & ROCK INS. PLC.	25	0.59	26,339,211	15,549,404.49				
MUT. BEN. ASSURANCE PLC	36	0.52	5,110,272	2,642,882.22				
N.E.M. INS. CO. (NIG.) PLC.	57	0.58	7,138,482	4,230,416.56				
NIGER INSURANCE CO. PLC	20	1.26	765,505	965,709.45				
PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC	3	3.81	127,927	488,256.87				
REG. ALLIANCE INS. COY PLC	1	0.50	800	400.00				
STACO INSURANCE PLC	14	0.52	1,138,624	592,084.48				
STAND. ALLIANCE INS. PLC	22	0.55	4,445,194	2,438,656.70				
UNIC INSURANCE PLC.	10	0.74	107,980	78,306.60				
UNITY CAPITAL ASS. PLC	1	0.60	2,350	1,410.00				
UNIV. INSURANCE COY PLC	1	0.50	176,000	88,000.00				
INTERC. WAPIC INS. PLC	7	0.93	280,000	260,708.52				
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>521</b>		<b>92,156,357</b>	<b>78,981,292.54</b>				
<b>LEASING</b>								
C&I LEASING PLC	50	3.45	1,857,671	6,391,820.61				
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>50</b>		<b>1,857,671</b>	<b>6,391,820.61</b>				
<b>MARITIME</b>								
JAP/OIL & MAR/SERV. PLC.	148	1.48	7,837,996	10,867,912.94				
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>148</b>		<b>7,837,996</b>	<b>10,867,912.94</b>				
<b>MEDIA</b>								
DAAR COMM. PLC	3	1.14	19,000	20,710.00				
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>19,000</b>	<b>20,710.00</b>				
<b>MORTGAGE COMPANIES</b>								
ABBEY BUILD. SOCIETY PLC	1	1.61	1,400	2,142.00				
ASO SAV/LOANS PLC	97	0.50	40,200,267	20,286,928.50				
RES/SAVINGS & LOANS PLC	4	0.50	280,000	140,000.00				
UN/HOMES SAV/LOANS PLC	49	0.92	1,514,378	1,394,227.76				
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>151</b>							

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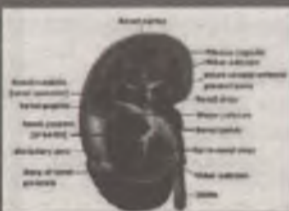
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**FEATURE**



## Difference between Cardiac arrest and heart attack

By Akor Ojoma

CONTRARY to popular belief, heart attack and cardiac arrest are not the same thing. We often hear in news reports that some well-known person has died of a "heart attack" or a "cardiac arrest." Or worse, after the sudden death of a loved one, a doctor might use one of these two terms to describe the cause of death. Unfortunately, these terms often seem to be used almost interchangeably by news reporters, members of the public and even disturbingly, by some doctors. They are two different things.

According to Dr. Gordon Ewy M.D, Professor and Chief of Cardiology, and Director, University of Arizona Sarver Heart Center United State of America, "There's an important difference between a heart attack and cardiac arrest. A cardiac arrest is a sudden collapse in an individual who is non-responsive, who has abnormal breathing.

Abnormal breathing is either agonal respiration, or gasping, or not breathing at all. A heart attack is when the arteries supplying the heart get blocked up. Even though the heart is full of blood at all times, and pumps a hundred-thousand times each day, it doesn't get any of the blood it needs from the inside.

Richard N. Fogoros, M.D, of About.com Guide also said "A heart attack, or myocardial infarction, occurs when the blood supply to the heart is reduced or stopped entirely. This is often caused by a build up of plaque in the arteries supplying the heart. If the blood supply is reduced long enough, permanent damage to the heart muscle can result. A cardiac arrest, in contrast, is caused by a sudden heart arrhythmia called ventricular fibrillation. In ventricular fibrillation, the electrical signals within the heart suddenly become completely chaotic. Because these electrical signals control the timing and the organization of the heart-beat, when those signals degenerate to total chaos, the heart suddenly stops beating. That is, it goes into "cardiac arrest." The most common outcome of a cardiac arrest is sudden death."

The two diseases are discussed below.

**Cardiac arrest Causes**

Cardiac arrest tends to be much



more common in people who have various types of underlying heart disease -- most commonly, a prior heart attack or any condition that produces heart failure. Other causes of cardiac arrest include certain inherited heart abnormalities that tend to increase the risk of ventricular fibrillation (the most common of these being hypertrophic cardiomyopathy) and the use of various illicit drugs (especially cocaine).

If a close relative has died, especially if suddenly, it is important to try to learn the precise cause of death. Your risk of heart attack, and of some types of cardiac arrest, may be higher if a close relative has experienced these events.

**Signs of cardiac arrest**

The www.americanheart.org said cardiac arrest strikes immediately and without warning. Here are the signs: Sudden loss of responsiveness (no response to tapping on shoulders) and no normal breathing (the victim does not take a normal breath when you tilt the head up and check for at least five seconds).

**Treatment**

The treatment for a cardiac arrest is to begin immediate CPR to support the victim's circulation, and, as soon as possible, to deliver a large electrical shock to the heart with a device called a "defibrillator." The large shock allows the heart's electrical signal to reorgan-

ize itself, and the heart starts beating again. Unfortunately, because death occurs within a few minutes of cardiac arrest unless expert help is available, the large majority of individuals who suffer cardiac arrest are not successfully resuscitated.

**Heart attack Signs and Symptoms**

Heart attacks often have numerous warning signs, including: chest discomfort, feelings of pressure, squeezing, fullness, or pain, pain radiating down one or both arms, jaw pain, toothache or headache, heartburn or indigestion, shortness of breath, nausea, light-headedness and sweating.

While many patients experience the warning signs of a heart attack, some heart attacks occur with no symptoms at all. These heart attacks are known as silent heart attacks. Although no symptoms are felt by the patient, damage can still occur to the heart muscle.

Learn the signs, but remember this: Even if you're not sure it's a heart attack, have it checked out by a doctor. Minutes matter! Fast action can save lives — maybe your own. Don't wait more than five minutes to call a doctor or go to the hospital.

**Causes**

According to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, USA. "Most heart attacks are caused by a blood clot that blocks

one of the coronary arteries (the blood vessels that bring blood and oxygen to the heart muscle). When blood cannot reach part of your heart, that area starves for oxygen. If the blockage continues long enough, cells in the affected area die. Coronary artery disease (CAD) is the most common underlying cause of a heart attack.

A less common cause of heart attacks is a severe spasm (tightening) of the coronary artery that cuts off blood flow to the heart. These spasms can occur in persons with or without CAD. Artery spasm can sometimes be caused by: taking certain drugs, such as cocaine, emotional stress, exposure to cold and cigarette smoking.

Diagnosis of a heart attack may include the following tests: EKG (electrocardiogram), blood tests. These tests are often repeated at intervals to check for changes. The specific blood tests are: Troponin test, CK or CK-MB test, Nuclear heart scan and Cardiac catheterization.

**Treatment**

Effective treatments for heart attack are available that can decrease the chances of sudden death and long-term complications. To be most effective, these treatments must be given fast—within 1 hour of the start of heart attack symptoms. Acting fast can save your life and limit damage to your heart.



Managing Director of Sagif Fire Prevention Company, Mr Sam Ayadi displaying a fire and smoke seal for doors to participants at a presentation in Abuja last Saturday.

## How to prevent fire outbreak in the home

By Abubakar Yakubu

**F**IRE outbreaks are normally frequent at residential apartments due to the carelessness of parents to watch over their children.

A mother (names withheld) during an interactive session of parents, said she perceived the odour of smoke one day and on a quick investigation noticed her under-aged son of seven-year old lighting a paper and getting the kick from the smoke he was inhaling.

"I heard my son seriously coughing and when I got close to his room, the bed sheet as well as mattress was on fire as he tried to hide the burning paper," the mother said.

Other mothers have talked about fire spreading from generating sets like what was experienced at Nyanya last year.

An example was a case in which fuel was poured into a running generating set that later exploded and consumed the entire building, destroying property worth millions of naira.

Fire experts have advised that the installation of passive fire prevention products in residential apartments is now commonplace in the construction of new buildings and the maintenance of existing property.

Sagif's Ventures Managing Director, Mr Sam Ayadi, said having a fire extinguisher strategically placed in a building is not the only answer to preventing fire but to have a in-built fire protection in

the fabric of the building.

He argued that regulations and their enforcement of fire preventive devices play a vital role in reducing injury and deaths, but many more lives could be saved if common sense was to prevail.

"With stricter regulations, many developers and contractors would be more accountable for the work they undertake as for too long, projects have been completed quickly, at the expense of fire safety and when tragedy strikes, blame is sometimes difficult to prove," Ayadi stated.

He said simple passive fire prevention precautions, like fire protection for electrical fittings, fire and smoke door seals, fire barriers, protection for timber, steel, walls and ceilings can make the difference between life and death as well as avoid very expensive fire damage claims.

He disclosed that further that every hole in your apartment cut to pass a service through, is potentially a fast route for a fire and lethal smoke to spread, therefore it is essential to provide comprehensive protection at the source.

According to him, sealing and fire stopping products come in a variety of options to suit a diversity of applications.

Sagif's boss suggested that compartmentalisation of buildings can dramatically reduce the spread of fire from one section to another, adding that flexibility is the key to ensure that every large or small opening is protected.

He cautioned that some electrical fittings can cause fire, warn-

ing that without fire protective gaskets, electrical units are an accident waiting to happen.

"Electrical fire protection is vital because each socket or switch has interconnecting cabling, which intensifies the risk of a fire spreading to other sections of the building. If recessed light fittings are used without fire protective covers, the fittings will fall out of a ceiling within 4 minutes of a fire outbreak, which will leave upper floors vulnerable and at tremendous risk," he added.

Mr Ayadi also called on parents as well as business centers that use computers to be aware of the 'FM 200 Fire Suppression systems.

He lamented that some businesses don't invest in adequate fire protection for their electronics and high-end equipment, based on the assumption that fires just don't occur in these areas.

"Fire often occur in data centers, telecommunications and key electronic areas and it is highly important that mindsets are changed to address urgent fire safety needs for such apartments or establishments," he enlightened.

He said the 'FM 200 fire suppression system' can guarantee business continuity in the likelihood of fire attack, adding that it has the advantages of zero ozone depleting potential, low global warming potential, short atmospheric lifetime, safe for occupied areas, best warranty in the fire protection industry, extensive line of fire protection accessories, simplified Installation among others.

## FRAGMENTS

By Safiya I. Dantiye  
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### The futility of threatening children with dangerous weapons

**I**T is indeed one of the greatest tragedies in life for parents to see their child become a thief, a prostitute or involved in other vices that will humiliate and put a permanent ache in their hearts, thus apparently out of great desire to stop the child from such criminal tendencies, the parents take drastic actions that may prove fatal.

The recent case of eleven-year old Usman in Kano, who stabbed his mother to death, is a clear example. According to the story, (Weekly Trust, April 10, 2010), the mother called Yaya had been scolding young Usman for stealing, but he refused to stop. Then he came home with a sun glasses that did not belong to him, she queried him and threatened to kill him with a knife. He grabbed the knife and stabbed her to death.

This is a lesson for all parents, because from all indications some children, nowadays are not afraid of their parents unlike children of the olden days. Now with hard drugs almost everywhere and several young children indulging in it, it will be foolhardy to threaten such a child with a weapon as dangerous as a knife. My suspicion is that Usman might have acted under the influence of drugs for him to have had the strength and hatred to kill his own mother. This is because a mother is comparable to none, adults love their mothers very much, let alone small children that are attached to them.

Another aspect is that unlike before, some children are used to watching violence in films and how to overpower attackers with all kinds of tricks that were unheard of. While in those days, a mere threat to kill you by your mother if you do something wrong is enough to prevent you from doing it for ever, now the very person you try to frighten may turn the threat against you.

However, it may not always be the case where children overpower their parents to use the weapon against them, but the threat and action against the children may also become another tragedy. For example, the case of one young girl which happened about a year ago, the girl was said to be stealing from neighbors and the parents in their anger and in order to stop her from stealing burnt her hands.

Anger can make you to commit a heinous crime, such as murder, because in dealing with such wayward children if one does not exercise patience one may kill the child, so to avoid doing something that you may regret later (*aikin da na sani*) it is better in all your confrontation with them not to use a weapon, fire and even pepper.

Some women use pepper on their children or their husbands' children for bedwetting, which is not a crime, by the way. In the case of their husbands' children, the children's mother may no longer be in the house, and the step mother may be the one to wash the bed sheets, which makes her annoyed. In a particular case, the step mother was young and newly married, and her first quarrel with the husband was that she put pepper in his three daughter's private part for bedwetting. And the youngest is as young as four years.

Parents should find other ways to deal with their children, so that they will not injure them by burning or even killing them, or have the children kill the parents in self defense as claimed by young Usman. All forms of murder are despicable, but none equals the murder of a mother by her own child; the child she carried in her womb, nursed and nurtured.

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## Advice by Dr Aminu Magashi

### I am suffering from kidney stones

I suffered lots of abdominal pain especially on both sides; at times it prevented me from sleeping. I have visited many specialists who confirmed that I have kidney stones. They were removed and I got some relief. Lately the pain has been frequent, although not as severe as before. I need details on Kidney stones.

Joseph H

A kidney stone is a solid piece of material that forms in the kidney out of substances in the urine. A stone may stay in the kidney or break loose and travel down the urinary tract. A small stone may pass all the way out of the body without causing too much pain. A larger stone may get stuck in the ureter, the bladder, or the urethra. A problematic stone can block the flow of urine and cause great pain.

Some of the symptoms of Kidney stones are:

1. extreme pain in your back or side that will not go away
2. blood in your urine
3. fever and chills
4. vomiting
5. urine that smells bad or looks cloudy
6. a burning feeling when you urinate

There are four major types of kidney stones.

1. The most common type of stone contains Calcium. The chemical agent is a normal part of a healthy diet.
2. A Struvite stone may form after an infection in the urinary system. These stones contain the mineral magnesium and the waste product ammonia.
3. A Uric acid stone may form when there is too much acid in the urine.
4. Cystine stones are rare. Cystine is one of the building blocks that make up muscles, nerves, and other parts of the body. Cystine can build up in the urine to form a stone. The disease that causes cystine stones runs in families

Some Treatment measures are

1. Shock Waves (Is the use of a machine that sends shock waves directly to the kidney stone). The shock waves break a large stone into small stones that will pass through your urinary system with your urine.
2. Tunnel Surgery (In this method, the doctor makes a small cut into the patient's back and makes a narrow tunnel through the skin to the stone inside the kidney. With a special instrument that goes through the tunnel, the doctor can find the stone and remove it. The technical name for this method is percutaneous neph-

rolithotomy)

3. Ureteroscope (A Ureteroscope looks like a long wire. It is inserted into the patient's urethra, passed up through the bladder, and directs it to the ureter where the stone is located. The ureteroscope has a camera that views the stone. A cage is used to catch the stone and pull it out, or the doctor may destroy it with a device inserted through the ureteroscope.

How to avoid kidney stones

1. Drinking a lot of water when eating and between the meals. Drinking lots of water helps to flush away the substances that form stones in the kidneys.
2. Also drink ginger, lemon-lime sodas and fruit juices. Limiting intake of coffee, tea, and cola
3. Cut down on some foods For example, if the kidney stone is a uric acid stone, one should cut down on meat.

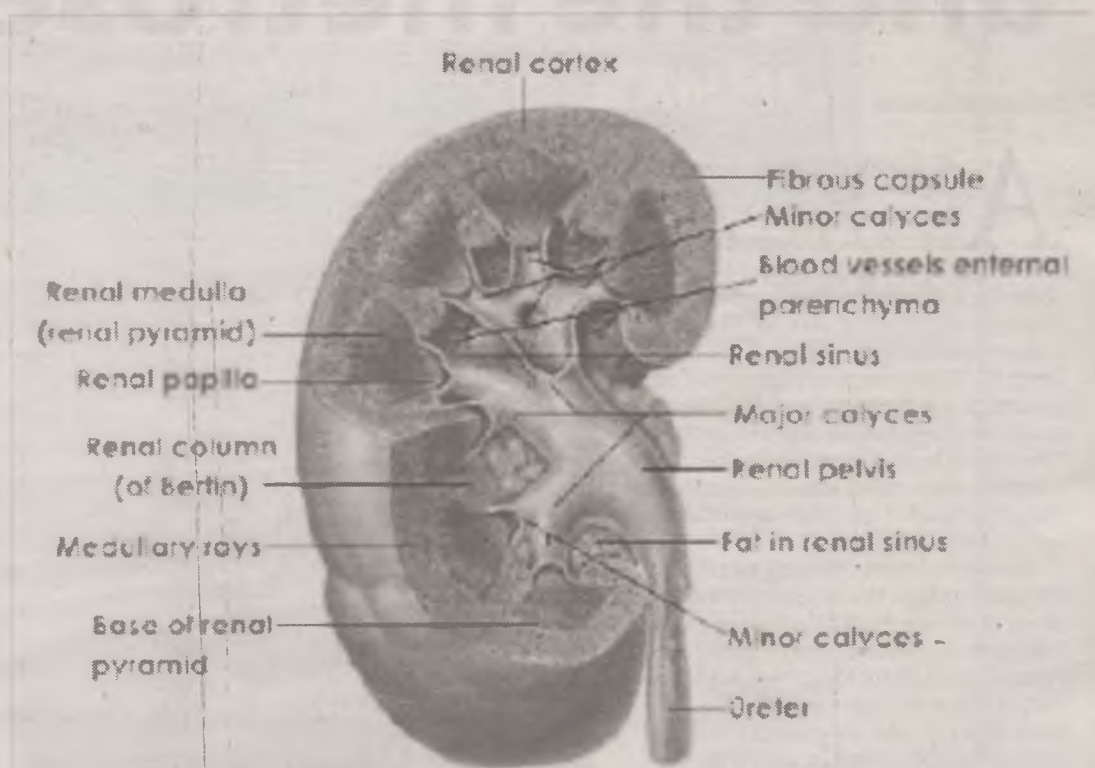
### Relationship between sex and abdominal pain

Any time I have intercourse, I experience some kind of abdominal pain. This has been happening over the last couple of months. It is making me to lose interest in sex and I don't like that. What could be the problem?

Asabe .S.

Abdominal pain during sexual intercourse is not normal. Among the issues surrounding pain are;

1. Sometimes during penetration, a penis can bump the cervix, which may be painful. Talking to your partner about any discomfort as well as trying a different sexual position can help.
2. If sexual intercourse is painful, then you may want to spend more time on foreplay to make sure that your vaginal canal is fully expanded; the more sexually aroused a woman is the more expansion occurs in the vagina. Women vary in terms of the depth of their vagina, Some only have 3 or 4 inches from their vaginal opening to the top of their cervix Others have as much as 7 inches long.
3. Pain during and after sex can also be related to ovarian cysts - which can be found during an ultrasound. Other symptoms also include stomach swelling, particularly on one side - which may also look lumpy. Other symptoms may be irregular periods, or irregular spotting, sometimes feeling of sickness, lower back pain, hip pain, and pain even in thighs. If this is the case, and the pain is experienced during sex, usually you can determine the side of the cyst. Sometimes asking your partner to push more toward the opposite side can



relieve some of the discomfort felt.

I advise you visit your gynecologist

### Lack of sexual enjoyment, my dilemma

I have been in a relationship for over 2 years and have never enjoyed sexual intercourse, never reached orgasm.

Bahijja, Lagos and Co

In the last two weeks, I have had 7 related questions via SMS and 3 via emails. They are treated as one, since the issue under discourse is the same.

A lot of people understand Orgasm to mean different things. Some relate orgasm to what they view in a movie or what they read. I will have a general discussion with the hope that you will assess your situation and improve your situation.

What you should be watching out for in sexual intercourse is feeling satisfied, neither you nor your partner should feel that you have in any way failed. Sexual intercourse should provide you with pleasure, not to pass some examination or keep up with what others tell you or what you view in a movie, which at times is not the reality.

Orgasm in a simple term is filling satisfied which is associated with extreme pleasure and involuntary contractions of perineal muscles. Women's problems over orgasm vary.

Some women have never experienced an orgasm at all. This is often because they were brought up to think of sex as something not quite nice, taboo or it is just for procreation.

Parents at times worry

about daughters getting pregnant, so may keep impressing on them that they mustn't get carried away. So at times for some women who have specific partners, they can't suddenly undo all those lessons they were taught or learnt over the years.

Before a woman who has never experienced an orgasm can help her partner to help her to climax, she has to learn for herself what pleases her. Intercourse is a positive pleasure, and there is nothing wrong with you enjoying it.

One needs to let her partner explore her body to help her know what makes her happy. At times it's not stimulation of the vagina but of the clitoris that leads to orgasm for most women - the clitoris is the little peak you can feel in the front of the vagina.

When you have an orgasm it feels like an internal throbbing. The intensity varies widely. It can be fierce and wild; it may be quiet and sensuous. The common denominator is that one should feel pleasurable.

Some women are unable to reach a climax with their partner, even if he stimulates them. The most likely cause of that are the inhibited feelings mentioned before. Their sub-conscious will not let them admit to anyone else that they are enjoying sex.

Also partners hardly communicate physically, verbally and sexually before, during and after intercourse

Your partner should try using little cream or oil, massage and you can inform your partner what feels good and what is not-so-good.

The only rule is that you should both enjoy it. Most women can reach orgasm through stimulation alone. It

really doesn't matter how or when a woman reaches her climax, as long as she enjoys it, couples during intercourse, may change position.

Of course, it is important for the man to be sure that the woman is really aroused before he attempts intercourse, so they must share lots of loving foreplay first.

Also the man has to be able to sustain intercourse for a reasonable length of time, since it is important to keep stimulating a woman right up to and during orgasm.

If Premature Ejaculation is a problem, the man should talk to a Sexuality counsellor or therapist. At times one needs to have at least half an hour of foreplay to be sure the woman is fully aroused.

However, some couples experiment with different positions and techniques and still draw a blank.

Too much alcohol can dry up the vaginal secretions and reduce the blood flow to the sex organs. This in turn can make sex more painful and will affect a woman's ability to have an orgasm.

Loss of orgasm can also be linked with major changes in a woman's life such as childbirth or menopause.

Depression can severely dampen sexual feelings. It could be that she's had a bad sexual experience in the past or that there's some problem in her relationship with her partner.

The ten ladies that sent this question need to do a self evaluation as well as their relationship with their partners and improve on some of the issues highlighted above. If all measures fail, you need to see a Sexuality Therapist and/or Counsellor.

# The independent woman and the metrosexual man

By Dalphin Alexandra

A lot of people are starting to wonder why dating in the big city has suddenly become such a perplexing and complicated experience. And when, exactly, did this happen? The dating scene has always been a little troublesome for some people and could even feel like more of a chore than what should be a fun time. But lately the single jungle of Nigeria and other countries are changing and evolving into more complex designs of mass confusion. We seem to be moving faster and faster into complete chaos rather than assimilating into the well preserved roles that our mothers and fathers laid out for us.

Gender roles are changing and this is the basic concept that is generally holding many of us back from entering successful relationships. More and more people are remaining single for longer periods of time. Part of this is because we are finding it difficult to accept and understand the new gender roles of our mates, even if we, ourselves, are holding to those new standards.

The roles of women have gone through the most dramatic changes. They have changed more in the last two generations than in the last two millenniums. Due to mass media, urbanization and politics, women have achieved equality to men

**“The metrosexual is completely in touch with his feminine side but there is just one thing: he is straight**

in education and the workplace and everywhere else you look. And thanks to the sexual revolution, we have freed our minds.

Women are now able to support themselves and raise their own children without the help of a man, thus escaping the traditional role of mother and wife. Our new found independence is something we fear giving back. The independent woman does not want to be controlled or told what to do. She will never again be the docile little lamb once sought after for marrying purposes.

This change in the lives of women in large cities has led to a second major change, this one in men. Men have moved from being the gruff, rugged males to becoming metrosexual (a term coined by gay journalist Mark Simpson). Men have started to take over some of the duties that women had always controlled. There are women working alongside these men in the office. And thanks to sexually homog-



enous advertising, the metrosexual has been created. This new male breed has matching ensembles for every occasion, never has a bad hair day, loves manicures and smells like roses. He has no problem shopping, attending the opera and buying new shoes. The metrosexual is completely in touch with his feminine side but there is just one thing: he is straight.

Suddenly, the roles that we are used to having our mates fill are no longer being filled. The metrosexual is now asking why he has to pay for every date, open

doors and pick a woman up at her door since the women are now so independent and financially equal. Yet these men still secretly yearn for that woman who will do the housework and raise the children just like mom did. The independent woman has become too afraid to give back that independence she worked so hard for only to begin relying more on a man than herself.

Why should she when the danger still lies of being tossed aside one day. Yet, in her heart, she also desires the manly man

who will sweep her off of her feet and take away all of her problems, just like her daddy once did.

We have now entered what appears to be a never ending cycle that can only be broken by trust. The once praised nuclear family with the hard working father and stay at home mother is slowly dissipating. From now on, men and women will be taking on more equal roles in relationships and families. The question is: when will we become comfortable enough to let it happen.



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## News Extra

# Wole Soyinka attacks BBC portrayal of Lagos 'pit of degradation'

Nigerian playwright derides *Welcome to Lagos*, shot in teeming slums, as colonialist and patronising

A BBC documentary series set in slum areas of Lagos has been branded "condescending" and "colonialist" by Wole Soyinka, the Nobel laureate and one of Nigeria's most famous living writers.

Speaking to the *Guardian*, Professor Soyinka said that *Welcome to Lagos*, the BBC2 observational documentary which follows various people in poor areas of the city, was "the most tendentious and lopsided programme" he had ever seen.

The series of three programmes, which concludes tomorrow, follows groups of people living in three impoverished areas: a rubbish dump, the Lagos lagoon and the city's beach area. The narration from the black British actor David Harewood overtly praises their resourceful resilience.

Soyinka, a world respected writer and activist who won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1986, said the programme displayed "the worst aspects of colonialist and patronising" attitudes to Africa.

The 75-year-old, who splits his time between the US and his home outside Lagos, added: "There was no sense of Lagos as what it is - a modern African state. What we had was jaundiced and extremely patronising. It was saying 'Oh, look at these people who can make a living from the pit of degradation'."

"There was this colonialist idea of the noble savage which motivated the programme. It was patronising and condescending.



A scene from *Welcome to Lagos*. Wole Soyinka says the series is patronising. "It was saying, 'Oh, look at these people who can make a living from the pit of degradation.'"

It surprised me because it came from the BBC which is supposed to have some sort of reputation. It was not worthy of the BBC."

His remarks were echoed by the government of Lagos, one of 36 states in Nigeria's federation. Opeyemi Bamidele, the city's commissioner for information and strategy, has submitted a formal complaint to the BBC calling on the corporation to commission an alternative series to "repair the damage we believe this series has caused to our image".

Soyinka's work includes *Death and the King's Horseman*, the celebrated 1976 play about colonialist attitudes, and *King Baabu*, a 2001 satire on African dictatorships.

He has been an outspoken

critic of how his own country is run, most notably in 1967 when he was arrested for trying to broker peace during the Nigerian civil war. He has also been an implacable opponent of corruption, was sentenced to death by General Sani Abacha, the late Nigerian leader, in the early 1990s, and has spoken out against the regime of Zimbabwe's Robert Mugabe.

Of the BBC series, he said he "did not have any beef with any government" but was speaking as a concerned citizen. "I am talking about Lagos as a place where human beings live and work and which is a place I know intimately," Soyinka added. "It is a pulsing city - in

many ways too pulsing for me, which is why I live a little way out of it. But it is such a rich city, and it is deeply frustrating to see it given such a negative and reductionist overview.

"What I saw I found very unjust and sensationalist. What I saw was not an honest reportage. The problem is the title - it programmes the mind of the viewer in advance and sets the overall context.

"One could do a similar programme about London in which you go to a poor council estate and speaking of poverty and knifings. Or you could follow a hobo selling iron on the streets of London. But you wouldn't call it *Welcome to London* because that would give

the viewer the impression that that is all London is about."

Soyinka has close associations with the BBC. He has written many plays for the corporation and recently judged a BBC World Service playwriting competition and recorded a series for the international network about post-apartheid South African writing, to be broadcast in May and June.

He told the *Guardian* he will continue to work for the BBC and plans to write an essay about the series: "What I think the BBC needs to commission is a remedial series which takes a proper look at Lagos as it is today."

The BBC did not comment directly on Soyinka's comments but sought to defend the programme, which was made by KEO Films, an independent producer.

A BBC spokeswoman said: "*Welcome to Lagos* explores the impact of the massive rate of global urbanisation in one of the fastest growing mega-cities in the world. Its aim was to give a voice to those living at the sharp end of this ever-expanding population and highlight the resourcefulness, determination and creativity of those adapting to life in this most extreme of urban environments.

"The series has generated a broad range of comment, but it has been well received by both viewers and media commentators, many of whom have specifically highlighted the positive and unsterotypical portrayals within the film."

Culled from [guardian.co.uk](http://guardian.co.uk)



ON the Olusosun dump, people live on top of the rubbish in houses built from scrap



JOSEPH is a trader who works to provide for his wife and small children. He does not live on the dump but has filled his house with things he has found there

News Extra

# George Bush 'poisoned' at G8 summit in 2007

## ... Claims former First Lady Laura in memoirs

**G**eorge W Bush's wife Laura has claimed that she and her husband were poisoned during a G8 meeting of world leaders.

Mrs Bush said the couple and several members of their staff fell ill under mysterious circumstances at the summit in Germany in 2007.

Her husband was bedridden for part of the trip but an investigation by the Secret Service was inconclusive and doctors concluded that they could have contracted a virus.

The former First Lady made the poisoning claim in her book *Spoken From The Heart*, which is due out in the U.S. in May.

She has also used the book to speak in detail for the first time of how she crashed her car at the age of 17, killing a schoolmate.

She tells vividly how the death has haunted her for most of her adult life and caused her to lose her faith in God.

The supposed poisoning took place at the 33rd G8 meeting in Mecklenburg in Germany which included Prime Minister Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, who was then still Chancellor, among the attendees.

**O**ther world leaders present were German chancellor Angela Merkel, Russian president Vladimir Putin and French president Nicolas Sarkozy.

The summit's big achievement, a non-binding communique on climate change, was overshadowed by a video of President Sarkozy apparently drunk.

But Mrs Bush's claims point to potentially more serious events going on behind closed doors.

The morning after sharing a laugh and a beer with Mr Blair, the then President was forced to miss a session on Africa because he was ill.

**M**rs Bush had noted several high profile staff becoming ill and asked White House security to look into the matter, but investigations did not turn up evidence of a plot.

In her book Mrs Bush writes: 'We never learned if any other delegations became ill, or if ours, mysteriously, was the only one.'

At the time of the incident Dan Bartlett, the White House counselor, said Mr Bush was



**GEORGE Bush and his wife Laura during their tour of Europe in 2007 including the G8 summit in Germany where the First Lady believes they were poisoned**

dressed and ready for the meeting when he began to feel sick and that his condition was likely a 'stomach virus, a light touch of food poisoning or something else'.

Mr Bush carried out a much-anticipated first meeting with Mr Sarkozy, but it was behind closed

**The supposed poisoning took place at the 33rd G8 meeting in Mecklenburg in Germany**

doors. Memories of what happened to his father may have been one of the reasons he stayed out of sight.

In 1992 on a visit to Japan, President George HW Bush was filmed by TV crews collapsing and falling off his chair before vomiting.

Mrs Bush also told of her

heartache after killing schoolmate Michael Douglas when she was 17.



**LAURA at 17 and friend Michael Douglas (right) who she killed in a car crash**

The popular athlete, who was driving another vehicle, died when she ran a stop sign on a small road in Midland, Texas,

and smashed into his car in 1963. She and a girlfriend were hurrying to a drive-in cinema,



driving her father's car on a dark country road, when the accident happened. Nobody was ever charged and

there was no evidence that either driver had been drinking.

She concedes she was chatting to her passenger and regrets not trying to contact the victim's parents or going to the funeral.

'I lost my faith that November, lost it for many, many years,' she writes.

'It was the first time that I had

**Mrs Bush had noted several high profile staff becoming ill and asked White House security to look into the matter**

prayed to God for something, begged him for something, not the simple childhood wishing on a star but humbly begging for another human life. And it was as if no one heard.

'My begging, to my 17-year-old mind, had made no difference.

'The only answer was the sound of Mrs Douglas's sobs on the other side of that thin emergency room curtain.'

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## 'Collapsed building, a sabotage'

From Femi Akinola, Lagos

THREE-DAYS after a shopping plaza collapsed in Oshodi, Lagos, killing four people, the state government has alleged that the incident was an act of sabotage.

Special Adviser to the state governor on Works and Infrastructure, Eng. Ganiyu Johnson disclosed this yesterday during a press briefing at the state secretariat, Ikeja.

He said preliminary investigation into the cause of the building collapse revealed that last Saturday, two days before the incident, a group of 'area boys' invaded the premises and sprinkled substance suspected to be chemi-

cal round the shopping plaza.

Although Eng. Johnson explained that the state government frowned at the standard of the base of the collapsed plaza saying, "The reinforcement is not okay to us and we noticed that the concrete base is not up to standard but I saw oil spread all over the ground of the collapsed building."

However, Johnson denied that the foundation of the collapsed plaza was done on sawdust. He said: "No; we carried out test on the soil before we started building the structure. I visited the site of the collapsed building on Monday. I can't say that the collapse is due to any scientific reason

because the building collapsed vertically, but our conclusion is that the collapse is not through design failure," he argued.

The Special Adviser denied insinuation that the land on which the plaza was built is a swamp that was filled with sawdust. He said if that is the case, groups of four storey building will not remain on stand till today despite that they have been built decades ago. He added that the unaffected section of the plaza also testify to the fact that the structure was built on solid ground.



FORMER Secretary to the Federal Government (SGF), Alh. Aminu Saleh, right, when he received FCT Minister Sen. Bala Mohammed, who paid him a courtesy call in his house in Azare, recently.

## FG to deliver 10m houses by 2020

From Chris Agabi, Lagos

AT least 10 million new houses will be built from now to 2020 when Nigeria is expected to be one of the 20 most prosperous economies of the world, the federal government has said.

Currently, experts say Nigeria has 16 million housing deficiencies. Based on this huge deficiency, and going by increasing population, even the 10 million houses proposed by the government may still be in adequate.

The Minister of National Planning, Dr. Shamsudeen Usman revealed this Thursday in Lagos at the 40th annual conference of the Nigeria Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers (NIESV).

He said that the government intends to deliver the houses through a public private partnership arrangement adding that government is discussing with local and foreign investors on how they can invest in Nigeria's housing opportunity.

Declaring the conference open, the Minister of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, Hon. Nduese Essien, said in the next ten months, the government will build at least 54,500 houses across the country.

"As I speak, we have received several investors within and outside the country, who are ready to partner with us. We are poised to deliver 54,500 housing units to our people within the next ten months."

## Minister laments collapse of buildings

By Mustapha Suleiman

THE Minister of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, Mr. Nduese Essien, has lamented the collapse of buildings in various parts of the country while calling on all stakeholders in the housing and construction sector to come together and find a lasting solution to the problem.

The minister was speaking at the opening session of the West African Building Exhibition/Seminar held in Abuja which commenced in Abuja on Wednesday.

He said, "We cannot allow this to con-

tinue. Let me warn those who engage in illegal construction of houses in the country to be prepared to face the full weight of the law for their crime. The National Building Code has made wide ranging provisions for how houses should be built in Nigeria. At 50 years, Nigerians should not be faced with the issue of collapsed buildings but the provision of affordable housing in all parts of the country."

The Minister appealed to the exhibitors and investors to come into the country and partner with the authorities to deliver quality houses to the people within the next ten months.

Special Guest of Honour, Senator Bassey Ewa - Henshaw, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Water Resources, said "as Managing Director of Agbara Estates Ltd in the late 1980s I gained intimate knowledge of housing issues in Nigeria especially social housing. Agbara as some of you may know was the 1st major private integrated estate development with its own physical and social infrastructures as well as residential, industrial and commercial developments. Finding new ways to build cheap and affordable housing for Nigeria's teeming population remains a major challenge."

## Housing deficit: Police to access N2bn from Union Bank

From Mustafa Abubakar, Ilorin

THE Deputy Inspector General of Police, (Operations), Mr. John Hamza Ahmadu, yesterday in Ilorin, informed officers and men of the Police Force that they can now access up to N2billion naira from Union Bank to address the police force housing deficit

The Deputy Inspector General who was accompa-

nied by the AIG in the zone gave the cheering news while addressing the officers at the state command headquarters in Ilorin to access their preparedness for crime prevention, especially in the coming elections.

He said that money is expected to handle housing projects for officer nationwide.

This, he said will assist the officers to have decent shelter on their heads and also assist them to concentrate on

their national assignments without fear of been chased out by tenants.

Mr. John however called for new attitude from the officers, adding that the new police require politeness and servant attitude in their work to the public.

He therefore warned that it would be regrettable for any officer who cannot wait for the bright day in the Nigeria police which is fast approaching.



## Apapa terminal gets new gate

From Sunday Ejike Benjamin, Lagos

THE concessionaire of the Apapa Terminal in Lagos, APM Terminals Apapa Limited, has commenced the construction of a new gate and new set of entry and exit lanes to serve trucks that bring containers in and out of the terminal. The Managing Director of the company, Mr. Martin Dirks who disclosed this in Lagos said the new gate structure which consists of eight tarred lanes to serve as entry and exit for trucks at the terminal will be fully automated.

According to him, the new gate system will stem the tide of container theft.

He told newsmen that a the new Mobile Harbor Crane, a Liebherr LHM 500 has also been acquired to boost efficiency and cargo handling operation at the terminal adding that the new crane will be deployed at the terminal in the next few days.

He said his company is not resting on its oars in its drive to make the Apapa Container Terminal a leading global facility, pointing out that a new state of the art customs building, fully equipped with modern operational gadgets and the latest in information technology constructed by his company will be handed over to Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) later this week.

He said the new customs building and equipment cost APM Terminals several millions of dollars, saying that four years after the concession of the terminal to his company, NPA is finally set to remove old and scrapped equipment that had taken up a sizeable space at the terminal.

## FG urges private sector to build parks for trucks

From Mohammed Shosanya, Lagos

MINISTER of Works Sanusi Daggash has urged private sector operators to build parks for trucks to reduce traffic congestion in the country.

Daggash, who disclosed Wednesday while unveiling Capital Oil and Gas truck park in of Lagos, said that this was the only way to check high incidence of deaths on the high ways.

According to him, the high number of parks on the highways is worrisome, stressing that the creation of alternatives had become necessary.

"If you go to Abuja, Lagos, Kaduna, Zaria and other parts of the country, the number of trucks parked on the roads was giving concern to the Ministry of Works.

"We are looking toward a way of partnering with some of the private sector participants in reducing the level of trucks parks along the road through well designed initiative and established laws"

Speaking, the Lagos State Commissioner for Transport, Mr Bamidele Badejo, also lauded Capital Oil for its initiative.

He assured that the state would encourage private sector participation in all the key areas of socio-economic development.

Mr Ifeayin Ubah, Chief Executive of Capital Oil and Gas, expressed appreciation to the government for its efforts in ensuring that indigenous companies excelled.

## Minister solicits engineers' support in project monitoring

By Ben Atonko

MINISTER of Special Duties, retired Navy Captain Caleb Olubolade on Tuesday in Abuja called on Nigerian engineers to contribute their quota to the ongoing project monitoring exercise.

All projects in the country are being evaluated by a presidential project monitoring committee inaugurated by Acting President Goodluck Jonathan to ensure speedy completion and conformity to standards.

Welcoming the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) during a courtesy call, the minister said, "As you are well aware, government has embarked on a detailed audit of projects around the nation. Project monitoring is a key assignment of this ministry and it is in this area that I solicit the services of indigenous professionals who should be part of the teams involved in the exercise." Olubolade promised that a list of tested professionals who will be used in the various zones of the country at different times will be compiled.



A section of an estate constructed by Urban Shelter in Abuja

# W/Bank accused of promoting land grabbing

By Nasir Imam

FRIENDS of the Earth International warned yesterday that voluntary principles on land acquisitions announced by the World Bank and supported by the UN will legitimize and promote land grabbing in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

The warning was issued as the World Bank released at an April 26-27 Washington meeting its voluntary principles to protect rights, livelihoods and resources during large scale land acquisitions by foreign investors in these continents.

Millions of people's livelihoods are being destroyed by land grabbing, especially those of peasant farmers, indigenous peoples and fisherfolk.

Land grabbing takes place when states and the private sector buy up millions of hectares of land in Asia, Africa and Latin America to produce food and fuel mainly for export.

Land grabbing is also proven to further marginalize small food producers, and local communities who already make up the largest part of the 1 billion people suffering most from hunger and poverty.

Friends of the Earth International Chair Nnimmo Bassey from Nigeria said: "The UN has shown that the best way to feed our population is through existing, peasant based ecological agriculture. Yet the World Bank and UN agencies support principles which legitimize a new form of colonialism with grave dangers for millions of local livelihoods and the environment.

If the UN is serious about ending hunger then it must heed its own advice, stop the advance of agribusiness in Africa and implement food sovereignty immediately."

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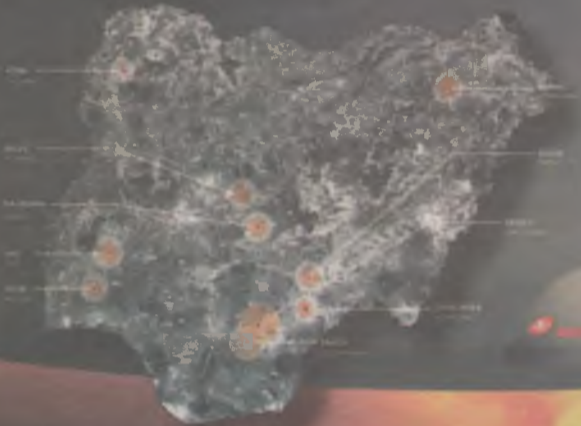
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## WANTED PERSON



### EMMANUEL EMEKA NWANGWU 'M'

The Lagos State Police command has declared the above mentioned person wanted in connection with a case of conspiracy, stealing, blackmail and kidnapping against his employer.

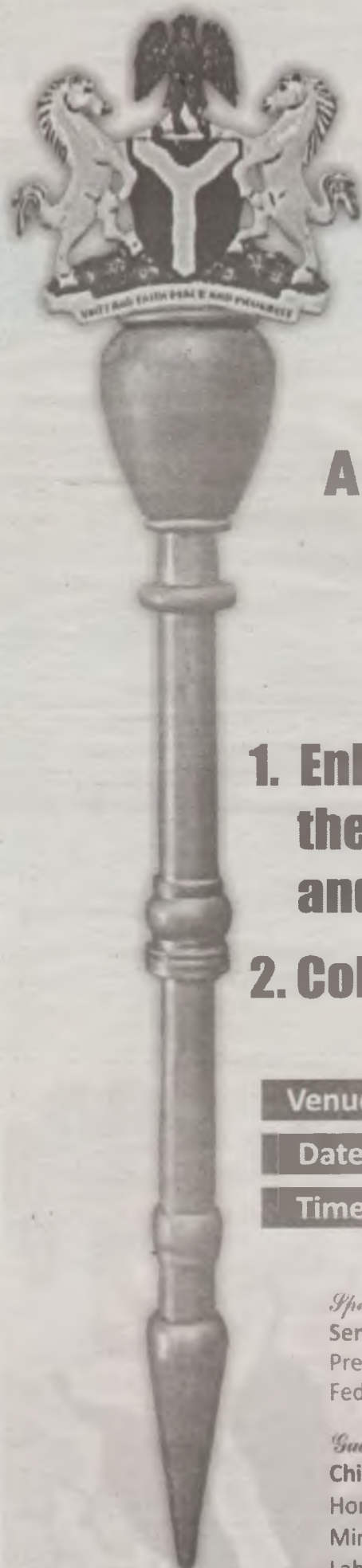
Emmanuel Emeke Nwangwu 'm' who was a driver to the complainant, he is about 40yrs old, average height, dark complexioned, speaks Igbo and English Languages fluently and hails from Nsukka Local Government Area of Enugu State.

Anyone who knows his whereabouts should contact the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) Panty Yaba or Police Public Relations Department or the nearest Police Station or dial 08033487225 or 08081760928.

A handsome reward awaits anyone with useful information that could lead to the arrest of the culprit, please.



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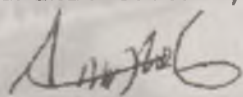
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## Apply On-Line

### SHORT SERVICE COMBATANT COMMISSION (SSC)

1. The Nigerian Army invites applications from able bodied and qualified Nigerians for the grant of Short Service Commission (SSC) as officers into the Nigerian Army. The SSC offers an excellent opportunity to young Nigerians who want to have an experience in the Army without necessarily having to spend their entire career life in it. The SSC is open to both civilians or serving military personnel.

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENT

2. All civilians or serving personnel must satisfy the following conditions:
- Be a Nigerian as defined in the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
  - Be a male between the age of 24 – 29 years.
  - Possess at least a BA, BSc or HND of not less than 2<sup>nd</sup> class lower (2.2) or equivalent in the arts, sciences or humanities from any recognized institution.
  - Measure at least 1.66m in height.
  - Be medically and physically fit.
  - Possess NYSC discharge certificate or a valid exemption as the case may be.
  - Possess valid birth certificate endorsed by the National Population Commission, hospital or local government council of birth or valid age declaration.
  - Possess a valid certificate of state of origin.
  - Must not have been convicted by any competent court of law on any criminal grounds.
  - Recommended by at least two recognizable referees who must attest to the applicant's character and integrity. Serving military personnel must be recommended by their commanding officers.

#### CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

2. SSC will be granted for 10 years. Six years will be on active list renewable thereafter for a period up to 3 years. No extension is admitted after the ninth year of commission except on conversion to regular combatant where applicable.
- Officer cadets who successfully complete the military training shall be granted the rank of Second Lieutenant.
  - Conversion to regular commission is not automatic. It is based on availability of vacancy and other criteria that are or will be in force from time to time.
  - All graduating officer cadets must sign an acceptance of the terms and conditions governing the Short Service Combatant Commission before they are granted commission into the Nigerian Army.
  - The reckonable period of service will be based on the date of commencement of cadet training of both civilian and military personnel entrants.

#### METHOD OF APPLICATION

7. The following will apply:
- All applications are to be made online. There are two (2) Payment Mode: ATM/Cashcards (Interswitch and Etranzact) and virtual PINS. Application Fee is N 2,000.00.
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8. Applications close 16 May 2010.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION

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### DIRECT SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION (DSSC)

1. Applications are invited from suitably qualified Nigerians for commission into the Nigerian Army (NA) as Direct Short Service Commission (DSSC) officers for the following NA specialities.

#### CORPS AND SERVICES

2. Applications should be into any of the following Corps and Services of the NA:
- Medical Corps.** Applicants must possess MBBS degree or its equivalent and Post Graduate/Special qualifications. Preference will be given to Obstetricians and Gynecologists, ENT Surgeons, Radiologist, Pediatricians, General Surgeons, Psychiatrists and Anesthetists.
  - Medical Doctors.** Candidates must possess degree registrable with Nigerian Medical and Dental Council e.g MMS, CHB.
  - Dental Surgeons.** Candidates must possess degree registrable with Nigerian Medical and Dental Council.
  - Pharmacists.** Applicants must possess at least BSc Pharm and must be a member of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria.
  - Physiotherapists.** Applicants must possess BSc Physiotherapy and must be a member of the Institute of the Nigeria Society of Physiotherapy.
  - Health Records Officers.** Applicants must possess BSc Medical/Biostatistics or HND Medical Records/Biostatistics.
  - Medical Laboratory Scientists.** Applicants must possess BSc, AIMLS or its equivalent qualification, Medical Laboratory Science and must be registered with the Institute of Medical Laboratory Science and Technology of Nigeria.
  - Medical Image Scientists.** Applicants must possess BSc in Radiography and must be registered with the appropriate professional body.
  - Public Health Technologists.** Applicants must possess HND/BSc in Public Health, and be members of West African Health Examination Board (WAHEB).
  - Clinical Psychologists.** Applicants must possess MS in Psychology and must be a registered Clinical Psychologist.
  - Dieticians.** Applicants must possess BSc Dietetics.
  - Nursing Officers.** Applicants must be registered Nurses. Applicants with BSc Nursing or other specialization will have an added advantage.
  - Bio-Medical Engineers.** Applicants must possess BSc or HND in Bio-Medical Engineering and must be registered with the appropriate professional body.
  - Environmental Health Officers.** Applicants must possess BSc or HND in Environmental Health Technology/Sciences and must be registered with the appropriate professional body.
  - Optometrists.** Applicants must possess BSc or HND in Optometry and must be registered with the appropriate professional body.
  - Hospital Administrators.** Applicants must possess BSc or HND in Hospital Administration and must be registered with the appropriate professional body.
  - Occupational Therapists.** Applicants must possess BSc or HND in Occupational Therapy and must be registered with the appropriate professional body.
  - Directorates of Chaplain Services/Islamic Affairs.** Christian applicants must be ordained Priests with BA in Theology while Muslim applicants must possess BA in Arabic and Islamic Studies. Each applicant will be required to produce

testimony of excellent character by a reputable religious organization in Nigeria.

- Education Corps.** Applicants must possess BA, BSc or B.Ed degree (Arts, Sciences and Humanities) in any of the following: Mathematics, English, French, Arabic, History, Political Science, Geography, Home Economics, Guidance and Counseling, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science, Christian Religious Knowledge, Islamic Religious Knowledge, Fine Arts, Library Science, Museology and Archival Studies, Physical and Health Science, Economics, Accounting, Business Studies and Intro Tech. Computer Literacy will be an added advantage.
- Directorate of Legal Services.** Applicants must possess LLB, BL and must have been called to the Bar. Legal experience/Court Appearance will be an added advantage.
- Sand Corps.** Applicants must possess HND, BSc or equivalent in Music with L.R.A.M and A.R.C.M.
- Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Corps.** Applicants must possess HND, BSc or MSc degree in any of the following areas: Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical, Computer, Chemical, Aeronautical, Communications, Avionics, Production Engineering, or equivalent qualifications registrable with Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN).
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- Supply and Transport Corps.** Applicants must possess HND or BSc in Catering or Hotel Management, Transportation and Logistics Management. A good working experience will be an added advantage.
- Directorate of Army Public Relations.** Applicants must possess HND, BSc or MSc degree in Mass Communication, Public Relations, Journalism or BA/HND in Graphic Arts. Membership of the relevant professional bodies would be an added advantage.
- Directorate of Army Physical Training.** Applicants must possess HND, BSc in Physical and Health Education.

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

3. An applicant must fulfill the following:
- Be a Nigerian as defined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
  - Be male or female between the ages of 22 to 35 years for both serving personnel and civilians.
  - Be medically and physically fit.
  - Measure not less than 1.66m (for male) and 1.63m (for female) in height.
  - Must not have been convicted by any court of law.
  - Possess a minimum of first degree of not less than 2<sup>nd</sup> Class (Lower Division) from a recognized University or HND from a recognized Polytechnic.
  - Applicants (less serving soldiers) must have completed the NYSC Scheme or provide proof of exemption as the case may be.
  - Graduates with registrable professional qualifications must be duly registered by relevant bodies recognized by Nigerian Laws at the commencement of cadet training.
  - Possess valid birth certificate endorsed by the National

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- Possess a valid certificate of state of origin.
- Recommended by at least two recognizable referees who must attest to the applicant's character and integrity. Serving military personnel must be recommended by their commanders.

#### CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

- Direct Short Service commission will be granted for 10 years, for an initial probation period of 3 years service, renewable yearly for another period of 7 years. Direct Regular Commission may be granted on conversion after 3 years as commissioned officer.
- All selected candidates will be required to undergo an initial military training.
- Officer cadets who successfully complete the military training shall be granted the rank of Lieutenant with no advantage of seniority except fully registered Medical Doctors, Architects, Lawyers and holders of doctorate degree in fields relevant to individual service who will be commissioned in the same rank but with 3 months seniority.

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## CITY NEWS



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# FCDA demolishes structures at Mabushi

By Lucas Istifanus & Bunmi Omolehin

PIC: LUCAS ISTAFANUS

PANDEMONIUM broke out yesterday at Mabushi village, Abuja, when officials of the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA) arrived with bulldozers to demolish structures earlier marked by their officials.

The exercise, which took residents of the area by surprise began in the morning and continued till afternoon with bulldozers pulling down residential houses as well as churches.

An affected resident, Peter Anosike, said they were not informed about the demolition.

"We were surprised to see the bulldozers and a large number of policemen invading our community this morning," he said.

Tahir Ali, another resident, criticized the demolition of churches and said one of the churches in which he worships, was built on a land given to them by the actual owner to use. He said the church's officials had planned to secure a permanent building before they were displaced yesterday.

A mild drama however took place in the area when a bulldozer facing a marked church, 'Gospel



A structure demolished by FCDA officials at Mabushi yesterday.

of the Gentiles Missions' refused to function and it drew loud boos

from residents of the area. A large number of policemen

provided security in the area, while official of the Development

Control Unit of FCDA declined to comment on the incident.

## Court grants child's custody to mum

By Ogechi Ohalee

AN Abuja customary court has ordered a mother, Ogechi Enyogasi, to take custody of her three-year-old son while the biological father takes care of him until he grows up.

The judge, Suleiman Ismail, ruled that the child should remain with the mother until maturity. The father, Kevin Chidiadi Chukwu of Zone 8 Lugbe Road, had taken the mother to court, demanding the custody of the child, Ekenem-chi Chukwu, who was born from cohabitation.

The petitioner claimed that the respondent's family refused to accept his moves to marry the respondent because they claimed that he is an Osu (an outcast in Igbo culture) and as a result, withdrew her from his house. He said this made him to hold on to his child.

The mother, however, claimed that she was mercilessly beaten and pushed out of the petitioner's house one midnight in the rain following her constant reminder that the petitioner should go and formalize their stay with her parents in the village.

The defendant claimed that her constant reminder Kevin to go and pay her bride price became a source of the petitioner's annoyance. She said she deserved to be with her son because the petitioner has not paid her pride price as required by the Igbo custom and tradition.

The judge ruled that the mother should take the child's custody. He described the Osu matter as irrelevant and that the court has no jurisdiction to determine the claim of discrimination of Osu against the petitioner.

## Man accuses wife of adultery, seeks divorce

By Romoke W. Ahmad

A 37-year-old man, Paul Mayomi Taiwo, yesterday pleaded with an Abuja Customary Court to dissolve his eight-year-old marriage over his wife's alleged adulterous behaviour.

He also appealed to the court to grant him custody of the three children of the marriage.

Taiwo alleged in court that his wife confessed to him on several occasions that she slept with different men and at various times, adding that one of his wife's male friends called him to apologize for sleeping with her.

According to him, he married his wife

under Yoruba native law and custom and celebrated it accordingly at Itadu in Kogi State.

"We started living together and shortly after cohabitating, my wife started misbehaving which I can no longer condone," he said.

He alleged that his wife is quarrelsome and threatened his life with a knife on several occasions as well as tried to poison him.

The man told the court that his wife poisoned herself in the past and told her relation that he was responsible, until they discovered she did it. "Our marriage has broken down irretrievably, in the sense that all efforts by relations and friends to recon-

cile us yielded no positive result," he added.

His wife's counsel however raised an objection that the court lacks the jurisdiction to hear the case as it was conducted under the Marriage Act, while counsel to the petitioner prayed for an adjournment for him to respond to the objection.

Presiding Judge, Hauwa Yilwa, granted the counsel's request and advised both counsels to see how they can reconcile their clients before the next adjournment date for the sake of their children.

The case was adjourned to May 10 for further hearing.

## FCT residents welcome Iwu's removal

By Hussein Yahaya, Romoke W. Ahmad & Ogechi Ohalee

MANY residents of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) yesterday hailed the decision of the Acting President Goodluck Jonathan to send the Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Professor Maurice Iwu, on pre-disengagement leave preparatory to ending his controversial five-year tenure in June.

Iwu's tenure as INEC chairman ends on June 13 but the acting president on Wednesday directed him to proceed on leave with immediate effect.

Reacting to the directive, many FCT residents in a survey conducted by our reporters described the action as a bold step that will

sanitise the nation's electoral system.

Miss Bose Iyanda, a student, noted that INEC can not conduct credible elections under the present management team and urged the government to overhaul the entire leadership of the electoral body.

"We should not continue to deceive ourselves; Iwu alone is not the problem of the electoral body. The entire system must be sanitised," she said.

Alhaji Musa Yahaya, a civil servant, said any effort made to sanitise the electoral system that did not involve the total overhauling of the electoral body starting from its leadership might end in futility.

He described the Iwu's tenure as the most controversial in the history of the nation's electoral body and appealed to the incoming

leadership to let credibility and transparency be their watch words.

A medical practitioner, Ifeanyi Uche, urged Nigerians to give the incoming leadership of INEC the required supports to enable the electoral body achieve its desired goals.

However, a cleric, Pastor Idowu Samuel, wondered why the electoral body's woes are being blamed solely on Professor Iwu, saying Iwu is just a single element in the political circle in Nigeria.

While wishing Iwu a success in his future endeavour, Pastor Samuel urged the government not to overlook the many factors militating against organising free, fair and generally acceptable elections in the country.

Iwu recently supervised the conduct of elections into the six area councils of the FCT

# Bizman, driver charged with forging driver's license

By Usman A. Bello & Maureen Onochie

A 24-year-old businessman and 24-year-old driver were yesterday arraigned before an Abuja magistrate court for allegedly forging a driver's license and Directorate of Road Traffic Service (DRTS) certificate.

The accused persons, Michale Agbor of Jabi village and Timothy Obiokwe of 3rd Avenue Gwarrinpa estate were alleged to have committed the offence of joint act and theft punishable under sections 265 and 242 of the Penal Code on April 27, 2010.

Police prosecutor Adamu

Abdullahi told the court that one Sikiru Alonge of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) arrested Michael with six forged driver's licenses while Timothy was arrested with a forged DRTS certificate.

The prosecutor stated further that the accused persons confessed to have committed

the offence during investigation.

The accused persons pleaded not guilty and requested for bail which was objected by the prosecutor on the ground that investigation is still ongoing and asked for a date for hearing to enable him produce witnesses in court.

Magistrate Zainab Bashir,

however, granted them bail in the sum of N100,000 each with two sureties who must live in the court's jurisdiction with fixed addresses.

"The sureties must be civil servant of not below grade level 15," the magistrate ordered.

The case was adjourned to May 23 for hearing.



PIC: NASIR IMAM

A view of under Karu bridge yesterday afternoon.

## Landlord charged with house breaking

By Bunmi Omolehin & Lucas Lstifanus

THE police on Tuesday arraigned a landlord before an Abuja magistrate court for allegedly breaking into the house of his tenant and took away N675,000 kept in the house by the complainant's wife.

Stephen Omosum Idemudia, a businessman, was charged with offences of criminal trespass, house breaking and theft, punishable under Sections 324, 346 and 287 of the Penal Code.

Prosecutor Ambi Ayuba told the court that on April 21, one Dr David Durojaiye of Ministry of Health Abuja reported to the police that on April 19, 2008, he and his family moved into a house at plot 746 Durumi 1 Garki, which belongs to the accused person on letting.

According to the prosecutor, on

February 23, 2010, a quit notice letter was issued to the complainant through the accused person's lawyer, asking him to park out of the house before May 25.

But, he said, to the complainant's surprise, he discovered that the accused person have broken into his apartment and parked all his household properties outside and stole the sum of N675,000 kept by the complainant's wife.

When the three-count-charge was read to the accused person, he pleaded not guilty and requested for bail.

Magistrate Njideka Duru granted the accused bail in the sum of N50,000 with one reasonable surety, who must reside within the court's jurisdiction and has a means of livelihood.

The case was adjourned to May 4 for hearing.

## Mechanic jailed for breach of trust

By Usman A. Bello

AN Abuja magistrate court yesterday convicted a 27-year-old mechanic for criminal breach of trust and mischief.

Gbengal Shittu was sentenced to one month imprisonment for converting N81,000 meant for vehicle's repairs to his personal use.

Prosecutor Adamu Abdullahi had earlier told the court that on April 27, 2010, one Patrick Ojo of Zone 7 Police Head-

quarters reported to the police that on April 17, he entrusted a lorry and the said money to the accused to effect some repairs.

The prosecutor stated further that the accused removed the lorry's door, side glass and two batteries valued at N30,000 and abandoned it along Lugbe Airport Road after converting the said money to his own use.

The accused pleaded guilty to the charge and begged for leniency, saying it

was the handiwork of the devil and that he will not do it again.

The prosecutor urged the court to try the accused summarily under section 157 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CPC).

Based on the accused confession, Magistrate Aminu Eri sentenced him to one month imprisonment with an option of N400 fine.

The magistrate warned the accused to desist from such act and that if brought before the court again he will commit him to prison with no option of fine.

## FCTA to partner Ukraine on waste recycling

By Nasir Imam

PLANS are underway by the FCT Administration to go into joint venture with a Ukrainian company on recycling of waste in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

FCT Minister Senator Bala Mohammed announced this after meeting with the Ukrainian Ambassador to Nigeria, Mr. V. Vasylien, in his office.

The Minister remarked that his administration will not rest on its oars until the status of the environment is improved in entire 8,000 square kilometres of the territory.

"The Ukrainian Ambassador has come with his team to discuss on joint venture in recycling waste, thus, we are expecting a proposal in form of expression of interest without financial implication to the Federal Government," he said.

The minister reiterated that the joint venture will be beneficial to both the Ukrainians and the FCT Administration.

According to him, "this move is predicated on the interest of my administration to uplift the status of Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, in terms of sanitation and environmental sustainability".

Senator Mohammed revealed that the

meeting with the ambassador has afforded FCT administration the opportunity to share the highpoints of the roadmap of his administration as it affects environmental aspect.

"This is a very good day for us in the FCT Administration because we are re-establishing and re-enforcing our bilateral and commercial relationship with the Republic of Ukraine," he added.

Also speaking after the meeting, the leader of the delegation and the Ukrainian Ambassador to Nigeria, Mr. V. Vasylien, said that environmental protection is an important subject now all over the world.

## 2 men charged with public nuisance

By Hussein Yahaya & Ibraheem A. Fatai

THE police Tuesday arraigned two men before an Abuja magistrate court for allegedly constituting nuisance and disturbing the peace of the public.

The accused persons, Samson Abudu and Solomon Abudu, both of no fixed address, were arrested by the police on April 24 over the alleged offences.

Police prosecutor Ahmed Mohammed had earlier told the court that on April 24, a team of policemen, led by deputy superintendent Levi Agada, arrested the accused persons.

"DSP Levi Agada-led police team arrested you, Samson Abudu and Solomon Abudu, for constituting nuisance in a public place and disturbing members of the public, thereby committing offences punishable under section 183 of the Penal Code," the prosecutor said.

When the charge was read to the accused, he pleaded not guilty and requested for bail.

In her ruling, Magistrate Ann Akobi granted the accused bail in the sum of N20,000 with a reasonable surety, who must swear to an affidavit to produce the accused in court on the adjourned date.

The case was adjourned to May 10 for hearing.

# DIGEST

## Drinking too much pop can speed up the ageing process

A liking for fizzy drinks could make you old before your time, scientists have warned.

Research shows that phosphate, which gives many soft drinks their tangy taste, can accelerate ageing.

The mineral, which is also added to processed meats, cakes and breads, was found to make the skin and muscles wither and could also damage the heart and kidneys. Although the experiments were carried out in mice, the researchers – from the respected Harvard University – believe the results show the potential consequences of high doses of the mineral.

Gerald Weissmann, of the research journal FASEB, where the results were published, said: 'Soda is the caffeine delivery vehicle of choice for millions of people worldwide, but comes with phosphorous as a passenger.'

'This research suggests that our phosphorous balance influences the ageing process, so don't tip it.'

The study is not the first to raise concerns about the safety of the carbonated colas and juices enjoyed by billions every

day.

Brittle bones, pancreatic cancer, muscle weakness and paralysis have been linked to soft drinks, with just two cans a week thought to be enough to raise the risk.

In the latest study, Dr M. Shawkat Razzaque, of Harvard's dentistry school, looked at the effects of phosphate on three sets of mice.

The first group was genetically engineered to have a gene called *klotho*, leading to them having higher than normal levels of phosphate.

They lived between eight and 15 weeks, suffering a range of health problems linked to premature ageing.

**This research suggests that our phosphorous balance influences the ageing process, so don't tip it**



PHOSPHATES in fizzy drinks were found to cause skin and muscles to wither in tests on mice.

## Man claims to have had no food or drink for 70 years



INDIAN patient Prahlad Jani (Mataji), who claims he has survived without food and water for more than seven decades.

INDIAN military scientists are studying an 82-year-old who claims he has not had any food or drink for 70 years.

Prahlad Jani is being held in isolation in a hospital in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, where he is being closely monitored by India's

Defence Research Organisation, who believe he may have a genuine quality which could help save lives.

He has now spent six days without food or water under strict observation and doctors say his body has not yet shown any adverse effects from hunger or dehydration.

Mr Jani, who claims to have left home aged seven and lived as a wandering sadhu or holy man in Rajasthan, is regarded as a 'breatharian' who can live on a 'spiritual life-force' alone. He believes he is sustained by a goddess who pours an 'elixir' through a hole in his palate. His

claims have been supported by an Indian doctor who specializes in studies of people who claim supernatural abilities, but he has also been dismissed by others as a "village fraud."

India's Defence Research Organisation, whose scientists develop drone aircraft, intercontinental ballistic missiles and new types of bombs believe Mr Prahlad could teach them to help soldiers survive longer without food, or disaster victims to hang on until help arrives. "If his claims are verified, it will be a breakthrough in medical science," said Dr G Ilavazhagan, director of the Defence Institute of Physiology & Allied Sciences. "We will be able to help save human lives during natural disasters, high altitude, sea journeys and other natural and human extremities. We can educate people about the survival techniques in adverse conditions with little food and water or noth-

ing at all." So far, Mr Prahlad appears to be standing up to scrutiny. He has not eaten or drunk any fluids in six days, and similarly has not passed urine or a stool in that time. He remains fit and healthy and shows no sign of lethargy. Doctors will continue observing him for 15 days in which time they would expect to see some muscle wastage, serious dehydration, weight loss, and fatigue followed by organ failure.

It is common in India for Jains and Hindus to fast, sometimes for up to eight days, without any adverse effects, as part of their religious worship. Most humans cannot survive without food for 50 days. The longest hunger strike recorded is 74 days.

According to Dr Sudhir Shah, who examined him in 2003, he went without food or water for ten days in which urine appeared to be reabsorbed by his body after forming in his bladder. Doubts were expressed about his claim after his weight fell slightly at the end of the trial.

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### Sign Language

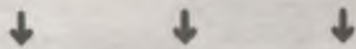


Am I seeing right? Are they not oranges?  
 Photo location: Toronto, by Daniel Austin-Boyd  
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## TIMES TEASER

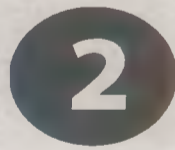
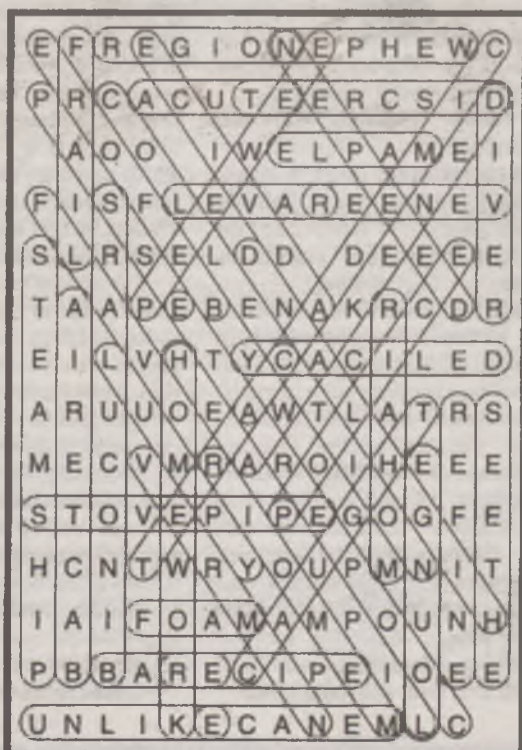
### TIMES TEASER

All you have to do is place numbers on the dashes so that when the multiplication is done in the order shown, you reach the given answer. Handicap: the numbers 1 through 5 must appear once in each column indicated by an arrow.



1. 1 x \_\_\_ = \_\_\_ x \_\_\_ = \_\_\_ x \_\_\_ = 15
2. 2 x \_\_\_ = \_\_\_ x \_\_\_ = \_\_\_ x \_\_\_ = 48
3. 3 x \_\_\_ = \_\_\_ x \_\_\_ = \_\_\_ x \_\_\_ = 60
4. 4 x \_\_\_ = \_\_\_ x \_\_\_ = \_\_\_ x \_\_\_ = 64
5. 5 x \_\_\_ = \_\_\_ x \_\_\_ = \_\_\_ x \_\_\_ = 75

### SOLUTION TO TANGLEWORDS



# SUDOKU

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

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

### Solution to Sudoku 138

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



**THIRD NATIONAL FADAMA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

KANO STATE AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
 Km 9, Hadejia Road, P. M. B 3130 Kano, Email: knardafdm308@yahoo.com.



**Invitation for Bids**

Date of issuance 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2010

Credit No 4494-UNI

IFB No: KNSFCO/WB/NCB/01/2010

1. This Invitation for Bid follows the General Procurement Notice for the Project that appears in the Development
2. The Kano State Government through the Federal Republic of Nigeria has received a Credit from the International Development Association (World Bank) in various currencies to finance the cost of the Third National Fadama Development Project (NFDP-III). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this Credit will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the **Procurement of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles.**
3. The Kano State Fadama III Coordination Office (KNSFCO) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of **Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles.**

**A) Motor Vehicles and Motor Cycles:-**

Lot/No.	Items No.	Descriptions	Quantity	Bid Security	Delivery Period	Delivery Location
1	1	4x4 Double Cabin Pick Ups	3Nos.	Not less than Three percent (3%) of Bid Price	60 Days	Kano State Fadama III Coordination Office c/o Kano State Agricultural and Rural Development Authority KM, 9 Hadejia Road, Kano.
2	1	2x4 mini Bus	1No.	Not less than Three percent (3%) of Bid Price	60 Days	
3	1	100CC Motorcycles	80Nos.	Not less than Three percent (3%) of Bid Price	60 Days	

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Bidding Documents at the Kano State Fadama III Coordination Office (KNSFCO) c/o Kano State Agricultural and Rural Development Authority KM, 9 Hadejia Road, Kano. 08035390861 & 08036981001.
5. Complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Ten Thousand Naira Only (N10, 000.00) or its equivalent in a freely convertible currency.**
6. Bids must be delivered to the above office on or before **12 Noon on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2010** and must be accompanied by a security of **not less than 3% of Bid Price.**
7. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend on **31<sup>st</sup> May, 2010 by 12 Noon, at Kano State Third National Fadama Coordination Office, Conference Hall, KNARDA Km 09, Hadejia Road PMB 3130**
8. *The address referred above is:*  
 The project coordinator  
 Third National Fadama Coordination Office.  
 Kano State Agricultural & Rural Development Authority (KNARDA) KM 9 Hadejia Rd. PMB 3130 Kano State. [knardafdm308@yahoo.com](mailto:knardafdm308@yahoo.com)  
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**NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF BENCHERS**

This is to remind distinguished members of the Body of Benchers that the conventional Law Dinners for the 2010 (April Batch) session in the various Campuses of the Nigerian Law School will hold between Date: Tuesday 4th - Thursday, 6th May 2010 at 5.00pm daily.

Dinners in some Campuses will hold for less the period.

Benchers are kindly requested to attend at the Campuses close to their base or of their choice, please.

*H.A. Turaki*  
**Mrs. H.A. Turaki**  
 Secretary, Body of Benchers

## Inside Politics

# Atiku's PDP card is fake, Adamawa faction says

By Muideen Olaniyi

FACTION of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) loyal to Governor Murtala Nyako and Senator Jubril Aminu in Adamawa State yesterday insisted that former vice president Atiku Abubakar has not returned to the party.

Addressing newsmen in Abuja, state party chairman Alhaji Umaru

Mijinyawa Kugama said the membership registration card displayed by Abubakar on Tuesday in Abuja was fake.

Kugama said Atiku's "desperate" move to use the PDP platform in realising his ambition of becoming the president in 2011 encouraged him to fake the card.

"From all the evidence before us, Atiku and his associates are bent

on re-joining the party in order to either take illegal control or destroy the party," he said.

Kugama said the former vice president must follow due process in his return bid by approaching the state's authentic party leadership.

When asked if the party was afraid of Atiku's return, he said, "We are not afraid of Atiku's coming back to the party. No. Now peo-

ple are decamping from the Action Congress (AC) and other political parties to join PDP. The former governor of the state Boni Haruna will even join the party very soon."

Kugama was flanked at the media briefing by Abubakar's Yelli ward party chairman Siddiki Gangjeni and Jada local government chairman Ahmadu Kugama as well as state party secre-

tary P.P. Elisha.

The former vice president on Tuesday displayed his PDP membership card and the party's register indicating his name in it, all to prove he was now a member of the PDP. His planned return is being fiercely opposed by the governor, Aminu, Senator Grace Bent and other top party leaders in the state.



FROM left: Special Adviser to Gombe State Governor on Special Duties, Alhaji Saidu Umar, and Commissioner for Health, Dr. Mohammed Isa Umar at the Nigeria Medical Association dinner in Abuja on Tuesday.

## ANPP urges overhaul of INEC after Iwu's ouster

By Abbas Jimoh

THE main opposition All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) yesterday applauded the decision of the acting President Goodluck Jonathan for directing the former INEC chairman Maurice Iwu to proceed on a mandatory pre-disengagement leave.

A statement in Abuja by National Publicity Secretary Emma Eneukwu urged the presidency not to stop on Iwu's disengagement alone, but to also embark on full implementation of electoral reforms.

"We are still expecting the total overhaul of the entire

commission from the 36 states to the national level," the statement said.

It also called for a worthy replacement for the INEC's top job in order to attract public confidence.

"We are aware that the bane of Nigeria is electoral mismanagement.

Therefore, anybody who sets out to bring about the correction must start with very trusted electoral body," ANPP said.

The party called on Jonathan to write his name on "sand of time" by giving Nigerians electoral outfit that would attract global commendation.

## PPA: Iwu not the only obstacle to free polls

NATIONAL Secretary of the Progressive People's Alliance (PPA) Alhaji Dahiru Abdullahi has said the removal of former INEC chairman Maurice Iwu would not in itself solve the nation's electoral problems because he was not the only obstacle to credible elections.

He said yesterday in Abuja that if the presidency decided to disengage the man as INEC boss for any reason, such mandatory leave necessary for him to reflect and decide on what he will do for

himself later.

Abdullahi said Iwu was not the only problem with Nigeria's electoral system, adding that the administration of former President Olusegun Obasanjo was the main architect of "political woes" in the country.

"Iwu's case should serve as a deterrent to those who hold public trust, but the entire problem should not be blamed on him alone," he said.

He said politicians and secu-

rity agents in the country have their own share of the blame, alongside the electorate who sell their votes for a token.

Abdullahi said that no angel could save Nigeria from the current political and electoral decadence until the electorate were sensitised to respect the sacredness and sanctity of the ballot box. The PPA scribe called on Acting President Goodluck Jonathan to select a credible person for the INEC's top job.

## 'Why Rivers AC suspended Princewill'

THE Rivers State chairman of the Action Congress (AC), Mr. Suage Badey, yesterday confirmed the suspension of the leader of the party in the state, Prince Tonye Princewill, who was the party's governorship candidate in 2007.

He was alleged to be currently considering defecting to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) before the 2011 general elections.

Badey, who made the confirmation in Port Harcourt at a news briefing, said the party also suspended some of its members for anti party activities.

The chairman described Princewill's statement that the party lacked ideology as an anti party comment capable of sending wrong signals to members.

According to him, also on the suspension list were state secretary Mr. Okis Bobmanuel, publicity secretary Chief Eze Eze, treasurer/woman leader Mrs. Edith Wele, organising secretary Prince Larry Mbanefo, auditor Mr. Paul ThankGod and others at the state and local government levels.

In a reaction, the suspended state secretary of the party, Bobmanuel, said the action was null and void. He said that the current party executives were caretaker committee and lacked the powers to suspend any member from the party. Bobmanuel added that members could only be suspended from their wards or by the National Working Committee. (NAN)

## Kebbi ANPP leaders move to CPC

THE leadership and members of the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) in Kebbi State yesterday decamped to the newly registered Congress for Progressive Change (CPC), the party already joined by former military ruler General Muhammadu Buhari.

Chairman of the ANPP Alhaji Musa Danmaliki told newsmen in Birnin Kebbi that the decision to decamp was sequel to the failure of the ANPP leadership at the national level. "We held wide ranging consultations before taking the decision to move to CPC," he said.

"Our decision to decamp to CPC was not arbitrary and all segments of the followers were convinced and supported the movement to a new and hopeful party," he added.

Danmaliki said the CPC would contest in the forthcoming local government elections.

He said the ANPP had failed to show support for Buhari who lost the 2007 election, stressing that his quest to seek legal redress over the 2007 election was not supported by the ANPP national leadership.

NAN reports that posters of Buhari and the flags of CPC already adorn the secretariat of the former ANPP.

## 'Fayose's decamping won't affect me'

By Abbas Jimoh

A younger brother of former Governor Ayo Fayose of Ekiti State has said that the defection of his elder brother from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to the Labour Party (LP) will in no way affect his political chances in PDP.

Mr. Emmanuel Fayose, who is aspiring for membership of the House of Representatives for Ekiti Central Federal Constituency, said on Wednesday in Abuja that he would remain in PDP because of

ideological reasons.

"People would think I should follow my brother to his new party, but I have my ideology and I believe I can serve my people through the PDP, but there is no problem with that in the family," the younger Fayose said.

He said health and education would be his priorities if he won election to the National Assembly.

He also said the incumbency factor would not affect his chances because the people of his constituency were progressives who would allow for a level playing ground.



# NASARAWA STATE GOVERNMENT

## NASARAWA STATE HEALTH SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT II



### INVITATION FOR BIDS:

#### CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES IN HEALTH TRAINING INSTITUTION AND OFFICE

IFB No. NS HSDPII/NCB/WKS/01/10

Credit No.: 4522-UNI

Date of Advert: April 30, 2010

Date of Issue: May 3, 2010

- This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in the **dgmarket**, issue No. **HSDPII/AF/GPN/09** of March 24, 2009.
- The Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has received a credit from the **International Development Association (IDA)** towards the cost of Nasarawa State Health Systems Development Project II, and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this **credit** to payments under the Health Systems Development Project II contract for construction works at the School of Nursing and Midwifery and State Ministry of Health Headquarters, Lafia.
- The Nasarawa State Health Systems Development Project II (NS HSDPII) now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders to carry out Constructions in Health Training Institution and Office as detailed below:

Lot No.	Contract Description	Location	Bid Security
Lot 1		Lafia	N6,300,000.00
Lot 2	Construction of Twin Laboratory Complex at School of Nursing and Midwifery, Lafia	Lafia	N1,900,000.00
Lot 3	i. Construction of Matron's quarters at the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Lafia; ii. Construction of Generator House at School of Nursing and midwifery Lafia; and iii. Construction of Generator House at State Ministry of Health Hqtrs, Lafia	Lafia	N692,000.00

- Bidders may quote for one or more complete lots, as bids will be evaluated and awarded on a lot by lot basis or combination of lots, whichever result to be most economical to the Employer. Unconditional discounts offered for the award of combined lots will be considered in bid evaluation. Bids for part of a lot will be considered non responsive.*
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits*, and are open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Bidding Documents.
  - Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from **Nasarawa State Health Systems Development Project** and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from May 3, 2010, between **10.00 hrs to 16.00 hrs, Monday to Friday** excluding public holidays.
  - Qualifications requirements include:
    - An average annual financial amount of construction work over the

last five years of:

Lot No **AVERAGE TURN OVER**

- N210 million
- N63 million
- N24 million

- Experience as prime contractor** in the carrying out of at least two projects of similar nature and complexity equivalent to the Works over the last five years (to comply with this requirement, the works cited should be not less than at least 70 percent complete).
- Availability (own, lease, hire, etc.) of the essential equipment listed in the Bidding Data Sheet;
- A Contract Manager** with five years' experience in construction works of an equivalent nature and volume, including no less than three years as Contract Manager; and
- Liquid assets and/or credit facilities**, net of other contractual commitments and exclusive of any advance payments which may be made under the Contract, of no less than:-

Lot No **LIQUID ASSETS/ CREDIT FACILITY**

- N210 million
- N63 million
- N24 million

- A margin of preference** for eligible national contractors/joint ventures **SHALL NOT** be applied.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in **English language** may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written Application to the address below and upon payment of a non refundable fee of **Twenty-five Thousand Naira (25,000.00)** or its equivalent in any freely convertible currency for the **first Lot and Fifteen Thousand Naira (15,000.00)** or its equivalent in any freely convertible currency for **each additional Lot**. The method of payment will be by **cash or bank draft** in favor of **NASARAWA STATE HEALTH SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT II (HSDPII)**. The document will be collected by bidder's representative or sent by pre-paid courier services on request.
  - Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before **10:00 a.m. on June 15, 2010**. Electronic bidding **shall not** be permitted. **Late bids will be rejected**. Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders' representatives, who choose to attend in person at the address below at **10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 2010**.
  - All bids shall be accompanied by a **Bid Security** of the amount stated in the table above or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.

10. The address referred to above is:

**The Project Manager,**  
**Nasarawa State Health Systems Development Project II (HSDPII)**  
**Project Implementation Unit (PIU)**  
**Senator Haruna Abubakar Street**  
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# Cadbury

## CADBURY NIGERIA PLC

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### profit and loss account

For the year ended 31 December 2009

	Group		Company	
	2009 N'000	2008 N'000	2009 N'000	2008 N'000
TURNOVER	25,585,571	24,298,496	23,240,611	21,729,161
Cost of sales	(16,860,415)	(17,173,213)	(14,737,568)	(15,021,013)
GROSS PROFIT	8,725,156	7,125,283	8,503,043	6,708,148
Marketing, sales and distribution expenses	(3,191,784)	(2,179,223)	(3,191,784)	(2,179,223)
Administrative expenses	(4,792,159)	(5,572,314)	(4,637,558)	(5,586,845)
Exceptional charges	(850,970)	(289,522)	(850,970)	(289,522)
Other income	264,140	62,989	240,316	27,233
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	154,383	(852,787)	63,047	(1,320,209)
Interest income	281,261	151,992	398,687	269,418
Interest expense and similar charges	(2,815,084)	(2,146,908)	(2,653,895)	(2,036,157)
LOSS BEFORE TAXATION	(2,379,440)	(2,847,703)	(2,192,161)	(3,086,948)
Taxation	1,143,523	95,435	1,168,462	134,176
LOSS AFTER TAXATION	(1,235,917)	(2,752,268)	(1,023,699)	(2,952,772)
Non - controlling interest	(3,654)	62,526	-	-
Loss attributable to members of the Company	(1,239,571)	(2,689,742)	(1,023,699)	(2,952,772)
APPROPRIATION				
Transfer to general reserves	(1,239,571)	(2,689,742)	(1,023,699)	(2,952,772)
Loss per share (kobo)	(84)	(244)	(69)	(268)

### balance sheet

As at 31 December 2009

	Group		Company	
	2009 N'000	2008 N'000	2009 N'000	2008 N'000
ASSETS				
Fixed assets	11,141,750	12,613,194	10,191,657	11,613,492
Long term investments and loan	-	-	1,520,332	1,515,124
Deferred tax	3,166,544	1,974,751	3,412,412	2,225,866
Total non - current assets	14,308,294	14,587,945	15,124,401	15,354,482
Stocks	3,027,810	3,587,784	2,483,200	2,951,208
Debtors and prepayments	2,826,726	3,876,702	1,573,356	2,456,994
Due from related companies	57,157	200,059	1,396,041	813,001
Cash and cash equivalents	5,026,939	1,648,716	4,854,402	1,554,444
Total current assets	10,938,632	9,313,261	10,306,999	7,775,647
TOTAL ASSETS	25,246,926	23,901,206	25,431,400	23,130,129
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Share capital	1,564,594	550,420	1,564,594	550,420
Share premium	16,012,055	7,230,891	16,012,055	7,230,891
Fixed assets revaluation reserve	4,196,141	4,308,448	4,116,627	4,228,934
General reserve	(9,048,683)	(15,040,003)	(8,537,580)	(14,744,772)
Equity attributable to members of the Company	12,724,107	(2,950,244)	13,155,696	(2,734,527)
Non - controlling interest	(58,872)	(62,526)	-	-
TOTAL EQUITY	12,665,235	(3,012,770)	13,155,696	(2,734,527)
Provision for gratuity and other long term employee benefits	3,569,746	3,733,526	3,483,028	3,662,526
Total non - current liabilities	3,569,746	3,733,526	3,483,028	3,662,526
Bank overdrafts and short term borrowings	261,434	15,150,127	261,434	15,150,127
Creditors and accruals	5,404,721	5,471,999	5,263,004	4,591,045
Tax payable	96,296	98,096	18,744	730
Dividend payable	443,940	464,683	443,940	464,683
Due to related companies	2,805,554	1,995,545	2,805,554	1,995,545
Total current liabilities	9,011,945	23,180,450	8,792,676	22,202,130
TOTAL LIABILITIES	12,581,691	26,913,976	12,275,704	25,864,656
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	25,246,926	23,901,206	25,431,400	23,130,129

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY:

Atade Peterside, DON  
ChairmanAlan F Palmer  
Managing Director

Approved by the Board of Directors on 20 April 2010

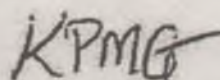
## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Cadbury Nigeria Plc

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of Cadbury Nigeria Plc ("the Company"), and its subsidiary company (together "the Group") for the year ended and as at 31 December 2009, from which the summarized financial statements were derived, in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. In our report dated 20 April 2010, we expressed an unqualified opinion on the Group and Company's financial statements from which the summarized financial statements were derived.

In our opinion, the accompanying summarized financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the Group and Company's financial statements from which the summarized financial statements were derived. For a better understanding of the financial position of Cadbury Nigeria Plc ("the Company") and its subsidiary (together "the Group") as at 31 December 2009 and of the Group and Company's financial performance for the year then ended and the scope of our audit, the summarized financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Group and Company's financial statements from which the summarized financial statements were derived and our opinion thereon.


20 April 2010  
Lagos, Nigeria

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. N. A. Peterside (Chairman), A. F. Palmer (Managing Director) (British), O. Adeboye, I. Awosika, L. MacDougall (South African), A. Sulaiman, A. Williams (British)

# TRUST CLASSIFIED

## CLEFT CORRECTION AND CARE FOUNDATION

This is to inform the general public that the above named Foundation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part c of the companies and allied matters act No. 1 of 1990.

**The trustees are:**

1. Bola Adebajo
2. Eka Adebajo
3. Johnson Olubadejo Adebajo
4. Bernice Omobowale Adebajo

**Aims and objectives:**

1. To correct and care for victims, particularly children, with upper lip and palate deformities.
2. To promote assistance for cleft victims.
3. To help in correction of jaw deformities in patients with cleft lip and palate.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight (28) days from the date of this publication.

Signed:  
Lekan Ogunleye Esq.  
(Solicitor)

## KNIGHTINGALE WOMEN HEALTH INITIATIVE

This is to inform the general public that the above named initiative has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) for registration under part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act No. 1 of 1990.

**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**

1. HH Habiba Garba - Chairman
2. Mrs Eglah Z. Matayo
3. Mr Ado Solomon
4. Mrs Maryam Magem
5. Mr Danladi Bako
6. Hajija Bibiye Sadiq
7. Mrs Lois S. Yerima - Secretary

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:**

1. To harmonise the attention/interest of the society and government towards the plight of the less privileged.
2. To challenge the disabling effects of HIV and AIDS through professional approaches.
3. Promote care that lay emphasis on quality, professionalism and respect for the rights and beliefs of individuals.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

Signed:  
Paul Sule Hakuri Esq.  
0703737697

## OBINAGU TOWN UNION ABUJA BRANCH

This is to inform the general public that the above named Union has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part 'C' of the companies and allied matters act no. 1 of 1990

**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**

1. Engr. Onyia Christopher
2. Mr. Onyia Emmanuel
3. Mr. Anosike Augustine
4. Mr. Chime Ikechukwu

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

1. To promote unity among the members.
2. To encourage development in Obinagu Town.
3. To promote Peace in the community etc.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight (28) days from the date of this publication.

SIGNED:  
Secretary

## SOULS REVIVAL WORLD OUTREACH MINISTRY

This is to inform the general public that the above named Ministry has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part c of the companies and allied matters act No. 1 of 1990.

**The trustees are:**

1. Ajayi Bright Olutayo
2. Omowumi Ajayi
3. Charles Iheanyi Nwabu
4. Omole-Ototoju Cecilia Oluayemisi
5. Adelanwa Rebekah Uwamusi
6. Omole Tope Victor
7. Anisulowo Solomon Oladele
8. Omini Dennis Inah
9. Thomas Joseph Hinneh

**Aims and objectives:**

1. To preach the gospel of Christ to all creatures worldwide.
2. To make disciples of all nations.
3. To provide a forum for the total development of man-spirit, soul and body.
4. To enhance wholesome empowerment of man in all areas socially, economically, physically and spiritually.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight (28) days from the date of this publication.

Signed:  
Barr. Abiodun Samuel

## LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public of the loss of Offer of Grant/Conveyance of Approval with File no: KN 11334 and Ref.No MFCT/LA/AB.1356 in respect of plot no. L1011 of about 2,700m2 bearing NDAKAUSA TOCHUKWU dated 28/03/2003 within Dape District belonging to JINJIRI IBRAHIM BEBEJI was missing. All efforts made to trace the missing document proved abortive. If found please return to the nearest Police station.

YOBE STATE OF NIIGERIA  
GAZETTE  
PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE PROBATE DIVISION

WHEREAS the persons whose names are set out in the first column hereunder in the date and at the stated in the said column. And were as the person(s) who claimed relationship to the deceased and whose addresses are set in the second column hereunder has applied to the HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, Damaturu for a grant of Letters of Administration of the personal property of said deceased.

NOTICE HEREBY GIVEN that the said Letters of Administration will be granted to such person(s) unless a NOTICE TO PROHIBIT the grant thereof is filed in the registry, High Court of Justice, Damaturu within TWENTY ONE (21) DAYS from the date of publication of this notice.

DECEASED ISAH MOHAMMED Of power holding company of Nigeria (PHCC) Ltd, who died on the 13th Nov. 2002 at Fokum.	Applicant for Grant ADAMU MOHAMMED & Maryam Isah the lawful wives of the Deceased.
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DATED AT DAMATURU this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009  
PROBATE REGISTRAR  
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE DAMATURU

M. LAWU LAJAN Esq.  
PROBATE REGISTRAR

VOICE OF LIBERTY GOSPEL MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL

The general public is hereby notified that the above-named church has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under Part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.

**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**

1. PROPHET JOHN DANSOFO
2. PASTOR (MRS.) JOY DANSOFO
3. EVANGELIST JONATHAN ISAAC
4. ELDER DAVID OHAS
5. ELDER ANTHONY AGBONI

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:-**

1. To liberate the world by preach the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
2. To establish and maintain churches, mission based schools in Nigeria and globally.
3. To spread and teach the gospel of ministry of Jesus Christ by means of open air services, revival services, deliverance, prophecy, sacred songs with musical instrument consistent with God's commandment & ordinances, tracts & publications & such other items.
4. To train, ordain and license candidates for the work of the gospel ministry.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris, Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B. 198, Maitama, Abuja within Twenty-Eight (28) days from the date of this publication.

SIGNED:  
BARRISTER IBEH CYRIL CHINEDU  
PRINCIPAL PARTNER  
IBEH CHINEDU & ASSOCIATES  
PLOT 147 GADO NASKO ROAD KUBWA, ABUJA  
08036334333.

NAIJA PIKIN DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

The General public is hereby informed that the above named organization has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990.

**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**

1. Mike Magaji - Chairman
2. Kevin Chuwang Pam - President
3. Katherine Kangyang Pam - Secretary
4. Kaneng Elizabeth Pam - Financial Secretary/Treasurer
5. Vivien Kachollom Rwang - Public Relations Officer

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

1. To engage in civic education
2. To create awareness especially amongst youth on medic social illness e.g HIV/AIDS

Any objection to this Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar - General Corporate Affairs Commission, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

Signed:  
Barr. Gyang Zi  
No.4 New Zaria Terrace  
Jos.

KUGAMA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

This is to inform the general public that the above-named association has applied for registration under part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Cap. C20, LFN 2004.

**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**

1. Hon. Japhet Yerma
2. Hon Eric H. Zinas
3. Mr. Esson Zinas

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

1. To unite the entire Kugama community and to bring about unity and sense of direction.
2. To mobilise the community towards the provision of social amenities through community participation.
3. To identify and prioritize the developmental needs of the community.
4. To select and pursue the identified needs of the community
5. To raise funds for the progress and development of the community

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General Cooperative Affairs Commission, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

Signed  
Mr. Amos Jekete  
General Secretary

USMAN GACHI WELFARE FOUNDATION

This is to inform the general public that the above named foundation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) Abuja for registration under part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act No. 1 of 1990.

**THE TRUSTEES ARE:-**

1. Adamu Suleiman Gachi
2. Bello Isah Gachi
3. Ibrahim Issa Gachi
4. Yahaya Suleiman Gachi
5. Abdullahi Isah Gachi
6. Umar Abdullahi Gachi
7. Mohammed Sani Galadima
8. Suleiman Muhammed Gachi
9. Hassan Usman
10. Muhammed Suleiman Gachi

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

- a. To assist family members who are in need.
- b. To provide enterprising family members with interest free loans and professional advice and guidance.
- c. Generally for the advancement of social life and well being of members of the family.

Any objection(s) to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Wuse 2, Zone 5, Abuja, within 28 days of this publication.

Signed  
Bello Sulaiman Gachi

## CHANGE OF NAME

I formerly known as **FATIMA BUKAR GANA**, now wish to be known as **FATIMA BUKAR MOHAMMED ZARMA**. All former document remain valid, general public take note.

I formerly known as **MISS NWOKEJI MARTINA EZINNE**, now wish to be known as **MRS ADIGWE MARTINA EZINNE**. Former document remain valid, NYSC, general public take note.

I formerly **YA'U, GARBA** now wish to be known as **AUDU KAKU YIM**. All former document remain valid, P.H.C Jakusko L.G.A and general public note.

I formerlys **MISS HANNATU HASSAN** now wish to be called as **MRS SARAH T. KWARI**. All former document remain valid, the general public should take note.

I, formerly known as **MISS JAMILA ABUBAKAR MAINA**, now wish to be addressed as **MRS JAMILA ABUBAKAR M**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

Former **MISS MERCY CICI AGAJI** now wish to be called **MRS. MERCY BABAYO DAMISA**. All former documents remain valid. First Bank PLC and general public to note

I Formerly **AISHATU KABIRU AMINU** now wish to be called as **AISHATU ALIYU AHMAD**. All former documents remain valid A.T.B.U BAUCHI. General public should take note.

I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS. FUNKE MERCY OLADUNMOYE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. FUNKE MERCY ADUNNI ATOHENGBE**. All former documents remain valid. Voice of Nigeria, Lagos, and general public take note.

I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS KUBURAT YINKA SULAIMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. MARY IBIYINKA ATOLAGBE**. All former documents remain valid. Voice of Nigeria and general public take note.

Formerly **MISS. AKPOMIEMIE EVELYN MOBOSSA** now **MRS. IKINO EVELYN EMUBOSSA**, former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly known as **MRS. FATIMA MUSA BADARU** now wish to be called **FATIMA BABA AHMED (MRS.)**. All former documents remain valid. Federal Ministry of Water Resources and general public take note.

I, formerly known as **EKANEM AMANDA OKOR BASSEY-DUKE** now wish to be called **AMANDA BASSEY-DUKE**. All former documents remain valid. WAEC, The Bells Comprehensive School, St. Joseph Institute International and general public should take note.

# TRUST CLASSIFIED

## SAMBOE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

This is to inform the General Public that the above named association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission, Abuja for registration under part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act of 1990.

### TRUSTEES ARE:

1. Prince Adesanmi Bayo
2. Chief Peter Oke Okolo
3. Rafiu Olayinka Oyenubi
4. Adetola Olanipekun Shote
5. Dr. Bankole Sodipo
6. Joseph Abiodun Otoku

### AIMS & OBJECTIVES:

1. To provide a forum where all residents in the street/close meet and discuss and take decision about the welfare, safety and security of the area in general.
  2. To promote the benefit of the residents association.
  3. To see to the peace tranquility and safety of the whole area.
  4. To look after the environment cleanliness of the whole area.
- Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama Abuja. Within 28 days of this publication.

Signed: Kehinde Olorunju (Mrs.)  
Chief G.O Sodipo & Co.  
27/29, King George V Road, Onitika, Lagos.

## AL-HALAL MUSLIM SOCIETY

This is to inform the General Public that the above named society has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission, Abuja for registration under part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act of 1990.

### TRUSTEES ARE:

1. Biobaku Babatunde Sanni
2. Oluosoga Hakeem Olufowo
3. Wasilu Ibrahim
4. Raji Adewale
5. Folake Adams
6. Abiodun Oluwayemisi

### AIMS & OBJECTIVES:

1. To inculcate in Muslim families, the cardinal principles of Islam.
  2. To organize and conduct prayer sessions for family members.
  3. To perform humanitarian, voluntary, and charitable activities to ameliorate the sufferings of the handicapped and the less fortunate.
  4. To organize lectures, seminars, debates, symposia.
- Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama Abuja. Within 28 days of this publication.

Signed: Razaq Murtala Esq  
Solicitor to the society

## BIBLE BELIEVERS FREEDOM ASSEMBLY INTERNATIONAL

The general public is hereby informed that the above named Organisation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission, Abuja for registration under PART C of the companies and allied matters act 1990.

### The trustees are:

1. PASTOR DELE OLUWADARE
2. BRO. TAYO OGLUNDARE
3. ENGR. TUNDE AMUSAN
4. LADY EVANG. OYEWUMI OLUWADARE
5. BRO. KEHINDE OLABOYE

### AIMS AND OBJECTIVE ARE:

1. To preach the goodness of our Lord Jesus Christ
2. Prayer and deliverance for the oppressed.
3. To cater for the needs of the needy world-wide.
4. To worship God in the beauty of His Holiness

Any objection to the above registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, plot 420 Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of the publication.

Signed:  
PASTOR DELE OLUWADARE (SNR. PASTOR)

## MEDIA VISTA DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

This is to notify the general public that the above named organization has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part C of the Companies and allied matters Act 1990.

### THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. VICTOR ONYEKA-BEN
2. TERENCE EKISEH
3. COLLINS OBIBI
4. DR. ONYEBUCHI UZOIGWE
5. EREZIA DOTIMIYE

### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES INCLUDE:

- a. Works with interest groups and civil society organizations from around the world using tools effectively to communicate with audiences in targets and goals.
- b. Center of excellence in the field of media development and education.
- c. Contribute to the professionalization of the media in developing countries and countries in transition.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, plot 420, Tigris Crescent, Maitama district Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

Signed:  
THE TRUSTEES

## LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public that the original copy of the certificate of occupancy with Np. FCT/ABU/MISE. 5866 for Jummai Estate Nigeria Limited in respect of plot No. 310 Cadastral Zone 08-07 and dated 08/04/98

New file number is KD11157

An original receipt of payment issued by AGIS with respect to the above mentioned property got missing. All efforts made to trace the missing document proved abortive. If found, please contact the nearest police station, AGIS to note; and 07041944661/08036793091

## UNITED NIGERIA INITIATIVE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The General Public is hereby notified that the above named Organization has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission Abuja for Registration under Part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act No. 1 of 1990.

### THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. HON. DR. ATUEKONG ANIEDIABASI UDO (JP.)
2. MAJ. GENERAL JOHN WILSON TERWASE GBOR (RTD.) PHD.
3. BARR. MRS. EBI OGIONWO
4. SIR (HON.) EDWARD AKANGBOU (MHR.)
5. ALEX NFOETENE

### THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES ARE:

- 1) To contribute positively and practically to unity peace and progress of Nigeria.
- 2) To encourage participation of all persons in pursuit of peace unity of Nigeria.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B. 198, Maitama, Abuja within Twenty-Eight (28) days from the date of this publication.

Signed:  
Secretary

## In the Light of Truth The Grail Message

"Therefore strive to free yourselves from all ties arising from base feelings; for it is high time! The hour approaches when the period allotted for this will have expired! Awake in yourselves the longing for the pure, the true and the noble!"

Abd-ru-shin  
Grail Centre Madalla, Madalla Suleja Road 08054183304

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Accredited Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate degrees by Distance Learning from Commonwealth University Belize. Tutored professionally by London Graduate School ([www.LondonGS.co.uk](http://www.LondonGS.co.uk)). Apply with full CV to [info@cub-edu.com](mailto:info@cub-edu.com) Many fields. Visit our website: [www.cub-edu.com](http://www.cub-edu.com). Invest in Yourself

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, formerly MISS ADEYEMO REMILEKUN ADEBIMPE now MRS LANRE-BABALOLA REMILEKUN ADEBIMPE. All former documents remain valid, general public to note.

I, formerly MISS OYOYO EFE BELINDA now wish to be called MRS. CHUKWUMA EFE BELINDA. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly MISS BRITTANY ADAOBI HALIMS now wish to be called MRS. OGUNLEYE BRITTANY ADAOBI. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly MISS OJOMA ADUKWU now wish to be called MRS. PRECIOUS OJOMA JOSEPH ANIMOKU. All former documents remain valid. NIPOST and general public take note.

I, formerly known as MISS MMUTA ANTOINETTE IHUGBA now wish to be called MRS MMUTA ANTOINETTE ABAEKWUME. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly known as MISS MARY MUSA now wish to be called MRS MARY MATHIAS ESEOGHENE DANIEL. Former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, formerly known as MISS CHIGBO CHINYERE RITA wish to be known as MRS EZEUGO CHINYERE RITA. All former documents remain valid. Nigerian Press Council and the general public to take note.

I, formerly MISS HASSANAT IBRAHIM of U.B.A. HADEJIA now wish to be called MRS HASSANAT RAJI. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly known as JERRY ONUCHINYERE GIFT now wish to be known as IKE CHINYERE GIFT.S. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly known as FATIMA UMAR MOHAMMED now wish to be known as MRS FATIMA SANUSI DAN-INNA. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly CHINWE CLARABELL NWAGHUKWU now wish to be known as MRS CHINWE CLARABELL ALMAROOF. All former documents remain valid. All concerned bodies and general public take note.

I, formerly known as MISS NWAWARE LOVELYN OZIOMA now wish to be known and addressed as MRS TWUOHA KANAYO LOVELYN OZIOMA. All former documents remain valid. General public to note.

I, formerly known as OMOBOLANLE SHAKIRAT OLADIGBOLU now wish to be called as OMOBOLANLE SHAKIRAT BELLO. All former documents remain valid. Kaduna Polytechnic and General public take note.

I, formerly called JAIYA ADEBAYO BASHIRAT, now known and called ABDULRAHEEM ADEDAYO BASHIRAT. NYSC and general public take note.

I, formerly known, called and addressed as OBIOMA CHINEME CHRISTY now wish to be known, called and addressed as MRS. NDUBUISI CHINEME CHRISTY. Public take note.

I, formerly MISS ADESANYA ADEDAYO KAMILAT now MRS SADIKU ADEDAYO KAMILAT. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly called PAULINA EGBI BENEDICT now wish to be called PAULINA E. ISAAC OKPANACHI. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I, formerly MISS IWE NGOZI ONUCHUKWU now wish to be known as MRS OTUM NGOZI ONUCHUKWU. All former documents remain valid. General public note.

## SPORT

Woods falters  
at Quail  
Hollow

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## EAGLES WORLD CUP BASE...

# Confusion hits search for new hotel camp

By Ismaila Lere, with Agency reports

THE search for an alternative base for the Super Eagles in South Africa suffered a setback yesterday when Eagles tactician Lars Lagerback overruled Sports Minister Isa Bio's choice of a new base camp hotel after the inspection team rejected the New Hampshire Hotel originally picked by the NFF.

Reservations were raised earlier by the media, prompting an NFF delegation led by its president Sani Lulu to undertake a tour of the facility in March.

They had promised to return at the end of April for a follow-up visit before a final decision would be taken on the issue.

Lulu had expressed concern at the security and some other issues at the training pitch nearby, giving operators of the facility an April deadline to put them in order.

Following a final inspection tour, the team, led by the minister rejected the hotel. But where Bio suggested Zimbali Lodge to be the team's new base camp, the Swede coach reportedly went for Richards Bay.

According to *KickOffNigeria.com*, a top NFF official disclosed that the federation is more inclined to lean the way of the coach.

"The accommodations at Zimbali Lodge are self-catering chalets, and they are too far apart from each other. We looked at them during our initial visit just before the African Nations Cup.

"Carts are required to move from one chalet to the other. It's almost a two-minute walk, and that is not good for the players.

"The coach is the technical man, and he should be the one to decide what is best for the team."



SUPER Eagles celebrate... The search is still on for an alternative hotel camp for the 2010 World Cup after the Sports Minister Ibrahim Isa Bio rejected the New Hampshire Hotel originally picked by the NFF.

The plus side is that Zimbali is within the 45-minute-drive time to match venue specified in the FIFA Regulations for teams.

And that is the challenge facing Lagerback's choice of the Waterfront Hotel at Richards Bay, which the Super Eagles have already booked as their training camp ahead of the World Cup.

The hotel is a two-hour drive from the match venue in Durban, and the FIFA Regulations

state that teams base camps must be within 45 minutes drive from their match venue.

NFF officials are planning a work-around to beat that challenge by having the team drive in to the Riverside Hotel allocated by FIFA a day before the game.

The inspection team left for Richards Bay yesterday morning to continue their inspection.

Meanwhile, the NFF said the issue would soon be resolved.

"We have always had a plan B should this hotel fail to meet our requirements and expectations," NFF spokesman Ademola Olajire said yesterday.

"The delegation visiting South Africa are expected back soon and we will communicate a positive step to the public at the appropriate time.

"It is not a comfortable situation to be in but we will make the essential changes as soon as possible."

The Nigerian delegation on the inspection included NFF President, Sani Lulu, Eagles Technical Adviser Lars Lagerback and Director-General, National Sports Commission (NSC), Patrick Ekeji, among others.

The Eagles are expected in Durban in May ahead of the World Cup in June where they will begin their campaign against Argentina in Johannesburg on June 12.

## NFF blasts ridiculous report on Eagles' hotel

THE Nigeria Football Federation Thursday lambasted a report in a national newspaper claiming that the Hampshire Hotel which it secured for the Super Eagles as Team Base Camp for this summer's World Cup finals in South Africa cost 66 British Pounds per night.

"This is outright falsehood. A room in Hampshire Hotel, Ballito which the Nigeria Football

Federation secured for the Super Eagles cost \$575 per room per night. Anyone who has the decency to cross-check a rumour or speculation would have been able to find out the truth, instead of coming out with such a ridiculous report.

"The truth is that despite all the loud talk going on about the hotel, we considered so many things before opting for the place. It is a small place and that is the kind of

place we need for maximum concentration. We didn't want a place where we would book a few rooms and some other persons will come and take up the rest of the place and start creating so many distractions," said NFF General Secretary, Dr. Bolaji Ojo-Oba.

Ojo-Oba went further: "We took into consideration the fact that our players need to be in a place where they can fully concen-

trate on the task at hand. In searching for a place where we could take up and only few rooms would be left, we found Hampshire Hotel. Even at that, we gave the hotel Management specifications and certain requirements and they promised to meet those requirements by the end of April. As at the time I am talking now, we have not even paid for the place, because we always had a Plan B and the Hampshire Hotel

management was aware of this".

In 1994, one of the reasons Nigeria lost the Round of 16 match against Italy in Boston was the refusal of the players to leave a big hotel that had a lot of people who created distractions for the team.

"The report that Hampshire Hotel cost 66 Pounds a night is most ridiculous and unfortunate."

# Mourinho: Chelsea fans don't compare to Inter's - but I still don't love Italian football

JOSE Mourinho still doesn't love Italian football - but the 'Special One' admits his passion for Inter Milan's supporters is greater than it ever was for Chelsea.

The Portuguese has been tipped to return to England next season after falling out with press and football authorities in Serie A, but the Champions League defeat of Barcelona was greeted by a show of emotion from a man who looked far from bored in his present job.

Mourinho jumped up and down and ran out to the middle of the pitch to celebrate when Inter advanced to next month's final despite a 1-0 loss at the Nou Camp on Wednesday.

The self-appointed 47-year-old then pointed his finger up at Inter's fans in the stands at the top of the giant stadium.

"I thought I had reached the height of emotion with Chelsea's fans, but Inter's supporters are even better," Mourinho said. "I'm in love with Inter and these fans, not Italian football - I respect it, but I don't love it."

Mourinho, who said qualifying Inter for the Champions League final was the greatest moment of his career, has been at odds with the local media and opposing coaches since arriving at the Milan club two years ago.

To avoid suspensions, he no longer addresses the media except before and after European matches - in accordance with UEFA requirements.

Last year, he had an exchange of words with Catania director Pietro Lo Monaco and then Juventus coach Claudio Ranieri, and he was recently fined £35,000 and banned from sitting on the bench for three games after he made a handcuff gesture when two of his players were sent off during a Serie A match against Sampdoria.

He was sent to the stands during Inter's match at Cagliari earlier this season and received a one-game ban.

"It's nice to see him showing some joy," Inter president Massimo Moratti said. "A large part of this is due to him. He brought us here, now let's see how he finishes it."

Moratti has been on a personal mission for the European crown since taking over Inter in 1995. The club hasn't won the competition since back-to-back victories in 1964 and 1965, when Moratti's father Angelo was the president.

The wait has been even tougher in recent years when city rival AC Milan dominated Europe, with two victories and three finals between 2003 and 2007.

Moratti compared Mourinho to Inter's coach in the 1960s - the Argentine Helenio Herrera.

"There's 40 years between them but they're very similar," Moratti said. "Both great workers, both very finicky but also professional. And they both show a lot of charisma toward the players."

"I've got to thank Mourinho because he reminds me of when I was young," Moratti added, recalling how he used to attend games at the San Siro with his father.

Mourinho guided FC Porto to the Champions League title in 2004, and only two coaches have won the European Cup with two different clubs: Ernst Happel with Feyenoord in 1970 and Hamburg in 1983, and Ottmar Hitzfeld with Borussia Dortmund in 1997 and Bayern Munich in 2001.

Mourinho also won two league titles in England with Chelsea but said getting Inter to this season's Champions League final is the pinnacle for him.

"It's the greatest moment of my career, better than my first league victory, better than the Champions League I won with Porto," he said.

Inter will face Bayern Munich in the May 22 final in Madrid and the German club's coach, Louis van Gaal, has already won the Champions League - with Ajax in 1995.



ANOTHER special night... Mourinho celebrates as Inter secure their place in the European Cup final.

## Pachuca win CONCACAF Champions League

PACHUCA won the CONCACAF Champions League on Wednesday night when Edgar Benitez scored in the third minute of stoppage time for a 1-0 win over rival Mexican club Cruz Azul.

The result tied the two-game final at 2-2 on aggregate, giving Pachuca its third title in four years with more away goals.

"It's off the charts," sporting director Andres Fassi said, "to win a game like this. It's more energy for a club already full of passion."

Cruz Azul won the first leg 2-1 in its stadium in Mexico City.

Benitez scored on a bouncing shot that got past Cruz Azul goalkeeper Jesus Corona.

"I asked God to let me have the ball in front of the goal, and it was the last play," Benitez said. "I turned and when it went in I couldn't believe it."

The victory puts Pachuca into the Club World Cup later this year, as the top team in the Caribbean, North America and Central Amer-

ica region.

American midfielder Jose Francisco Torres, vying for a place on the U.S. World Cup roster, started and played until the 80th minute for Pachuca.

Pachuca pressed hard in the final 10 minutes, forcing Corona to come up with several key saves before he was finally beaten by the Paraguayan striker from the left side.

Cruz Azul, lost last year's CONCACAF final to Mexican club

Atlante. The club also lost three Mexican league finals in recent seasons, and was eliminated last weekend from this season's Mexican league playoffs.

Cruz Azul coach Enrique Meza, who coached Pachuca to two of its CONCACAF titles, joined Cruz Azul this season.

Meza also coached Pachuca to the Copa Sudamericana title in 2006, the only time a Mexican team won one of South America's top club tournaments.

## Pillars: 'Bayelsa threatened refs with guns'

KANO Pillars coach, Salisu Yusuf, has alleged that his title-chasing team lost at Bayelsa Unt. at the weekend only after the match officials were threatened with guns by supporters of the host team in Yenagoa.

Pillars slipped in their quest to reclaim the league championship they won two seasons ago after they fell 2-1 at struggling Bayelsa with Yusuf insisting that the centre referee and one of his assistants were forced to award a dubious 90th minute penalty against his team after guns were brandished at them.

"The match officials had guns pointed at them by the fans to make sure Bayelsa won the match. They are human beings and so I could understand why they were compelled to award such a penalty against us."

He added: "Even their equaliser was not a fair goal and so we ought to have won this game fair and square."

Club officials told MTNFootball.com that they protested against this gun threat to the match commissioner after the game.

## Hotshot Musa out for three weeks

NIGERIA Premier League leading scorer Ahmed Musa will be sidelined by an ankle injury for at least three weeks, his club have informed MTNFootball.com.

"He picked up an ankle injury during the recent WAFU Nations Cup and from my assessment, he will be out for between two and three weeks," said Kano Pillars team doctor Ali Adamu.

Musa was expected to undergo a scan yesterday to further ascertain the extent of the injury, which has

now delayed his trip to Europe on trials.

The 17-year-old Musa has scored 15 goals this season to attract interest from some of Europe's top clubs and earn a place in Nigeria's provisional squad for the World Cup.

However, his chances of breaking a 20-year-old all-time goals record set by Ishaya Jatau now hang in the balance as a result of this injury setback.

Last weekend, he missed his

team's trip to champions Bayelsa and he will also be absent in Sunday's home game against Warri Wolves.

Meanwhile, Kano Pillars officials have told MTNFootball.com that there is no controversy over the number of goals the former JUTH of Jos star has netted thus far after the executive secretary of the NPL, Al-Hassan Yakmut, was reported to have said the records with him show Musa has 14 goals against his name.

Pillars top official Yakubu Ahmed said Musa has scored 15 goals and went ahead to give a detailed breakdown of the goals.

"Musa has scored 15 goals. He scored twice against heartland, Ocean Boys and Sharks, while he scored a goal against Ranch Bees, Niger Tornadoes, Gateway, Enyimba, Wikki, Sunshine Stars, Lobi Stars, Kwara and Rangers," said Ahmed.

"We have already written the NPL to set their records straight."

# Maazou dreams of waving Niger flag in Paris

By Etienne Ballerini (Reuters)

THE Niger flag will flutter at the Stade de France if Monaco beat Paris St Germain in the French Cup final on Saturday.

Behind the plan is 21-year-old striker Moussa Maazou, who scored his side's winners in their quarter-final and semi-final ties as a substitute.

"I want to wave the Niger flag if we win so that people can see what it looks like and that they can see Niger is not Nigeria," the Niamey-born Maazou told Reuters in an interview.

Wearing baggy jeans and a white sweater as he enjoyed the sun at Monaco's training ground, Maazou added: "If the coach asks me to play, I will do everything I can to score."

Maazou, who runs a 100 metres in less than 11 seconds, adds his speed and cheek every time he steps on the pitch.

He joined Monaco on loan from CSKA Moscow last January and had an immediate impact, scoring four goals from 14 appearances, eight of them as a substitute.

He has been even more impressive in Cup games, netting one in Monaco's 2-0 win at Girondins Bordeaux in the last 16 and scoring the winner in a 4-3 defeat of Sochaux after extra time.

Maazou did it again in the semi-final, heading home the only goal against Lens in extra time.

After his debut at Niamey's AFSAN club, Maazou now dreams of emulating his idol, Togo striker Emmanuel Adebayor.

"It is my dream to have a career like his. So Monaco was the right choice, also because they always have great strikers," he said.

Maazou left his home country in January 2008 as one of many African players travelling to Belgium to start their European careers.

He went for Lokeren, scoring 15 goals from 32 games until joining Moscow after being spotted by then CSKA manager Zico.

In his bags were sweet memories from his childhood in Niger, one of the poorest countries in the world, where he used to work as a mechanic with his father.

"He was poor but he would do anything possible so we could have what we needed at home," said Maazou, who is involved in Niamey with



MOUSSA Maazou... The Niger flag will flutter at the Stade de France when AS Monaco face Paris St. Germain in the French Cup final.

an association trying to bring children an education through sport.

"I would work with him but I always had a ball under my arm and we would go and play football with my (elder) brother. We would use car batteries by way of goal posts," he added with a laugh.

With Niger internationals regularly stopping by his home, Maazou was meant for football. Even his

mother eventually embraced the idea.

"She wanted me to go to school but she realised what I wanted and since then, she supported me," he said.

His mother, however, died last January.

"Before she was gone she told me things that support me daily. I know I play for her, I always think

of her because I know she prays for me at every game," added Maazou, who earned the first of his five caps with Niger in a 1-0 defeat against Uganda in a World Cup qualifier in May 2008.

Maazou will also have a thought for his compatriots during Saturday's final.

"I know that they feel passionately about this final," he said.

## Berlusconi: Leonardo is leaving

AC Milan owner Silvio Berlusconi said yesterday coach Leonardo is leaving the club at the end of the season.

The Italian prime minister told Corriere dello Sport that "yes he is going."

He added that "Leo was too stubborn and the team played badly. However, he is a good person and a good coach."

Leonardo took the post in 2009, and had a rough start both in the league and Champions League. However, the team steadily improved and was challenging Inter Milan for the Serie A title until falling behind in March.

Milan reached the first knockout round of the Champions League, but lost 7-2 on aggregate to Manchester United.



ANDREA Agnelli

## Agnelli back at Juve helm

ANDREA Agnelli is to become the new president of Juventus, replacing Frenchman Jean-Claude Blanc, his cousin John Elkann said in an interview to be published yesterday.

Elkann, the chairman of Fiat and Exor, Juve's parent company, announced the new move in an interview with La Stampa, which Exor also owns.

The move means a return to the president's post for the Agnelli family as Andrea's father Umberto was Juventus president from 1956-62 while his uncle Gianni was also honorary president from 1947-54.

Blanc will continue in his other role with the club as administrative delegator.

The Agnelli family are the owners of the Fiat group and are one of the most famous families in Italy.

The 34-year-old Andrea Agnelli is an Oxford graduate.

## Bayern coach happier facing Inter than Barca

BAYERN Munich coach Louis van Gaal admitted Thursday he is relieved his team will be facing Italy's Inter Milan, rather than Barcelona, in the Champions League final on May 22 in Madrid.

After Bayern saw off Lyon 3-0 in Wednesday's second leg, to claim a 4-0 win on aggregate, Jose Mourinho-coached Inter

lost their second-leg tie 1-0 at Barcelona to book their place in the final 3-2 on aggregate.

"Against Inter, our chances are much better than they would be against Barca," said van Gaal, who is chasing the treble of Bundesliga, German Cup and Champions League titles in only his first season in charge.

"Inter do not play as offensively

as Barcelona."

The Champions League final will pit tough disciplinarian van Gaal against Inter's flamboyant coach Mourinho and the pair worked together when the Dutchman coached Spanish giants Barcelona.

Mourinho was van Gaal's translator and statistician at Barcelona before the self-styled "The Special One" went on to enjoy success at

Premier League side Chelsea.

"He is a friend and an extraordinary coach," said van Gaal.

Bayern will be contesting their first Champions League final since they beat Valencia on penalties in 2001 while Inter were last in the European Cup final in 1972 when they were beaten 2-0 by Ajax in Rotterdam.



VAN Gaal

## THE FRIDAY COLUMN

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## Harangue of the Taciturn

At a security retreat last week, National Security Adviser, General Aliyu Mohammed Gusau, was reported to have criticized ongoing reforms by M. Sanusi Lamido Sanusi at the Central Bank of Nigeria, CBN, and the activities of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC. As it were, some issues are just like the harangue of the taciturn: you are not surprised that they are not done well; you are surprised that they are done at all.

Under normal circumstances, declarative statements, especially accusatory ones like those made by the security chief should be informed by a minimum of correct knowledge, be backed by facts and figures, be supported by a believable twist of logic—and, above all, they should not be uncalled for. And if they fail on any one of these tests, they should by no means be taken at face value.

Why did he make, and why did he have to make, this statement of his? Is he by it seeking for the reversal of the reforms at CBN or the release of those detained as a result of it or the removal of Sanusi from the bank?

If Gusau's criticism was being done mischievously or as a deliberate criticism of government policy, it is being done by the wrong person. As a public officer and a political appointee, it has untapped with government officials has three options—to resign, keep quiet or, better still, to work internally to have it reversed. If it is presented as an expert opinion, we have all heard the opinion but there is no expert. And though he could be briefed on what Sanusi was trying to do at CBN, it would not be easy for a security man without a background in banking and finance to understand the niceties of monetary policy or be sufficiently familiar with the nature and scope of rogue-banking.

Gusau has become a legend in the world of security analysis and that of survival in the corridors of power or in having the most powerful of friends or in instilling fear in people, converting taciturnity into silent, calculated terror. As Hausa people say: 'Don shiru ake tso-ron gawa.' Literally, this translates: 'The dead is feared; because the dead doesn't speak.'

Gusau is an enigma, famous for his inscrutableness—refusing to speak even when necessary. In a speech at the ceremony where he received the so-called *This Day* award, former President Shehu Shagari went into a long-winded monologue lasting more than 20 minutes, and only until the audience boomed him with applause did he realize that it was time to stop. In contrast, when Gusau was requested to say 'a few words,' he beat even that request; because, he only uttered two words: 'Thank you!' with a rather hurried, dismissive chuckle.

The other day, I was within reach of him for a good part of four hours; and while it lasted, I could see him and former US President George Bush in the most affable camaraderie and banter, giving and killing each other's fives. You would be forgiven if you thought he and Bush were meeting in some inner-city public school reunion. Such was the familiarity. Talk by the sidelines then was that the former American president had come to make him vice president—and, after Jonathan Goodluck, president. But all this could be done without molesting and maligning people doing their thankless jobs.

Sanusi has, no doubt, stepped on too many powerful toes; but then, any serious, productive, focused, useful intervention in public life can only be a series of stepping

on sticking toes—the toe of abused, unearned privilege, the toe of betrayal of trusts, the toe of circumvented proper procedure and the toe of impunity: toes that need to, not just be stepped on but, crushed.

Sanusi is one of the few shining spots in the nation's darkened sky—a relatively young person, competent, with vision, and an absolute lack of greed, and not so much enamoured of office as to have take all trash that comes along. What he has been doing at the CBN is exactly what needs to be done with dispatch in all departments of government and in all publicly-quoted concerns. It is the belief of a majority of the people of this country that all those who abuse position or misappropriate resources will one day pay back heavily in the Hereafter; and the nation reserves the right to commence the process of payback right here on earth. The guilty must be punished; and this is a straightforward issue that should not be politicized or ethnicized—or trivialized. It is the only guarantee for the long-term salvation of this nation; and any attempt to stifle it will to its swift and anarchic dissolution.

And at the EFCC, is he canvassing for the release of those jailed, the return of their loot, and the sack of Mrs. Farida Waziri? While she might not have the boisterous, publicity-seeking demeanour of a Nuhu Ribadu or his penchant for trampling upon the human rights of suspects, no one could say she was ineffective.

But everybody knows that the CBN reforms are unpopular in the area where most of the banks come from, the South West—not surprising but hardly excusable on that account—and their purveyor, Sanusi, is only being tolerated in the area where his predecessor comes from, the South East. Is Gusau, by his criticism, trying to appeal to them? Is campaign time already come? Even if it has, this is a campaign that has been bungled and mis-launched.

In the criticism, Gusau said the reforms at the CBN constituted

a threat to national security, which put the matter square in his area of operation. But he made no effort to tell the nation how they constituted that threat. And as he gave it, was it supposed to be an announcement or a complaint? If it is the former, he ought to have known that he was addressing the wrong audience; if it is the latter, it is most unfortunate; because he only succeeded in indicting himself. If he is no longer aware that it is his responsibility to check a security threat, may God help Nigeria.

Or is the criticism merely the result of a license enjoyed by a speechwriter who has got some grouse against Sanusi and his reforms and against Farida and her economic crime-bursting? This is what happens when someone just reads or opens his mouth too wide. There is a puppet and there is a puppeteer; but sometimes it is the other way round, or is it?

In the past, the world was composed of men, women, and security men. God gave men and women two eyes and two ears so that they should see and hear twice as much as they speak; and security men He made all ears and eyes and no mouths so that they could hear and see everything and not utter a word. And even today, the best policy for the nation's security boss is not to speak at all—and if he has to say anything at all, he should speak only what is right, proper, timely and relevant—or just keep quiet.

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## SPORTS REPORT



TIGER Woods

## Woods falters at Quail Hollow

Tiger Woods will need to keep his shots out of the water if he hopes to contend at the Quail Hollow Championship.

Woods put drives in the water off the 17th and 18th tees and finished with a 2-over 74 yesterday at Quail Hollow Club. That left him nine shots behind leader

Bo Van Pelt, another early starter in with a Masters champion Phil Mickelson began round in the afternoon walking to the first amid cheers as Woods crossed the scorer's area.

Woods is playing second PGA Tour event this season and hopes to build on a tie for fourth at the Masters three weeks ago.



LEBRON James

## LeBron injured but will play against Celtics

LeBron James is not expected to miss any Cleveland's playoff games because of a strained right elbow and bone bruise.

The Cavaliers say James was re-examined Wednesday night by team doctors, who took more X-rays and an MRI. The tests revealed the strain and a bruised bone near the elbow.

James will have daily treatments and another MRI next week. The NBA's MVP has been wearing a padding sleeve over his elbow, which has been bothering him for weeks. He said his elbow occasionally goes numb.

The Cavs eliminated Chicago in five games in the opening round and begin their best-of-seven series against the Boston Celtics on Saturday.