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N6.78b COCOA SCAM

Police trail 2 ex-ministers



Mr. Musiliu Smith, IGP

By Ahmed Shekarau

The two former ministers of commerce indicted last week by the report of the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into the \$60 million (N6.78b) Cocoa Export Levy and Buffer Stock Funds, Major General Patrick Aziza (rtd) and Vice-Admiral Jibril Ayinla are on the run.

The two are trying to escape attempts by the State Security Service (SSS) to arrest them in a bid to recover the sum of \$20 million (N2.26b) from them which they allegedly misappropriated.

The former ministers, who at different times supervised the commerce ministry under the Abacha regime were both indicted by the Justice Michael Edom Commission which probed allegations of misuse of the \$60 million which accrued to the Federal Government from the Cocoa Export Levy Account.

The white paper report of the commission, which was adopted by the Federal Executive Council last Wednesday.

Airways probe panel chairman to testify in N3.5m bribe case

By Uwem Umo

The Justice Mustapha Akanbi anti-graft court has listed the chairman of the commission probing the affairs of the Nigeria Airways Limited (NAL), Mr. Justice Osiora Nwazota (rtd.), as a key witness in the case of offering N3.5m gratification brought against a member of the probe panel and three others.

Those standing trial are: Alhaji Mika Anache, a member of the NAL probe commission, Chief Adefisi Olafisoye, an insurance chief, Mr. Omowunmi and Chief Milton Ohworiole (SAN), as first, second, third

day, directed General Aziza and Admiral Ayinla to refund \$20 million, which they allegedly misappropriated.

Sources at the Presidency told *Daily Trust* that the State

Security Service (SSS) and the Police have since swung into action to arrest and recover the money, following directives given to the Inspector General of Po-

lice, Mr. Musliu Smith and the Director-General of the SSS.

The source also revealed that the IGP and the SSS D-G "have been given express

directives to stop the former ministers from travelling out of this country until the \$20 million is recovered."

Daily Trust learnt further
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Nurses call off strike

By Ikenna Emeka Okpani

after its National Executive Council (NEC) meeting, the association directed its members to return to work immediately.

In a letter dated 30/7/2001 with reference number NANNM/001/CIR/VOL.VIII/90 and signed by the union's secretary, the association called on its members to put in their best in the performance of their duties

to restore the confidence reposed in them by members of the public.

Briefing newsmen at the end of the meeting, the na-

tional president of the association, Chief Pat Emembolu Eze, said the intervention of the president of the Nigeria
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Why I allied with AD in '99

-Shinkafi

Former director-general of the defunct Nigeria Security Organisation (NSO) and Marafan Sokoto, Alhaji Umaru Shinkafi has given reasons why he agreed

to run as vice-presidential candidate to Chief Olu Falae at the 1999 presidential elec
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Baby girl weds five-year-old boy in Bangladesh

An 18-month-old girl was married to a boy aged five, making it the youngest girl marriage in Muslim Bangladesh, press reports said yesterday.

The widely circulated daily *Ittefaq* said the wedding took place in the southern town of Jhalakati at the weekend with families of the bride and the groom arranging the day-long festivity.

Witnesses said the bride, Nipu Akhter, sat on the lap of her father for the nuptial bonds with Saddam Hussain as a Muslim priest conducted the Islamic marriage rites.

Saddam and Nipu were declared man and wife amidst cheers and applause from the 200 assembled guests.

Underage marriages are officially banned in Bangladesh where a woman has to be 18 and men 22 before they can tie the knot.

But many young children are still forced into premature matrimony by parents and close relatives to uphold an old social custom, said Mahmuda Islam of the Dhaka University Sociology Department.

The practice is more common in the country's Islamic rural heartlands where marriages are rarely registered, she said.

South Africa learns peace-keeping from Nigeria

By Hamed Bello with Agency Reports

Siphewe Nyanda, said in Abuja yesterday.

South Africa's decision to participate in peace-keeping efforts is informed by protracted and widespread military conflicts in many countries in its region.

"You have been involved in peace-keeping operations, both in Africa and abroad, and I think there is much we can learn from you," he told
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In a communiqué issued

Airways probe panel chairman to testify in N3.5m bribe case

By Uwem Umo

and fourth accused respectively.

Justice Nwazota, who was chairman of the Airways Probe Panel when the N3.5 million cash was allegedly offered as bribe to influence the panel's decision in favour of the second accused, Chief Olafisoye, in a matter involving him before the panel, is among three other witnesses put on notice to testify.

Justice Oniyangi who, in Abuja yesterday, fixed five days, September 24-28th, 2001, for definite hearing of the case, ruled on an appli
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Media Trust GM begins media tour

The General Manager of Media Trust Limited, a consultancy outfit, Mr. Isiaq Ajibola, has embarked on a tour of the North/Central states with the aim of sensitising the media houses in the zone on the ongoing privatisation programme of the Federal Government.

Mr. Ajibola, who has already visited many media outfits in the zone was at the Nigeria Standard Newspaper, Jos yesterday where he was received by the Managing Director of the company, Mr. Jonathan Isiaku.

The General Manager disclosed that his tour "is geared towards building the

From Buhari Bello, in Jos

needed relationship between the Media Trust and the *Nigeria Standard* to enable it enlighten the people of the zone on the programme."

He said Media Trust, which has opened its zonal office in Jos, Plateau State, is currently handling the publicity aspect of the exercise in the zone, which comprises Plateau, Benue, Kwara, Kogi, Nasarawa, Niger states and the Federal Capital Territory.

Mr. Ajibola, therefore, solicited the cooperation of the *Nigeria Standard* in order to enlighten the people in the zone on the Federal

Government's privatisation exercise.

"We are also going to be conducting seminars and conferences in addition to radio and television programmes for the people in the zone as part of the direct marketing strategies for the project," he said.

In his remarks, the Managing Director of Plateau Publishing Company, publishers of the *Nigeria Standard*, Mr. Jonathan Isiaku, assured the management of Media Trust of the newspaper's support and co-operation in sensitising the people on the need to change their fortunes through investment.

Probe panel chairman Contd. from p. 1

cation of counsel to the fourth accused and dismissed the application as a gross abuse of court process.

Those also scheduled to testify in the case include one Mr. Adefulu and Mr. Tayo Olushemowo and the bank staff in respect of the withdrawal of the N3.5 million. Earlier in his ruling on the application of counsel to second and fourth accused person seeking for an order of interim injunction staying trials of the accused persons in the absence of the third accused, and the presumed absence of the first accused, Justice Oniyangi expressed dismay at the application.

According to the judge, "I cannot fail to express my dismay at the purpose of this application because on the day this application was moved, the first accused,

Alhaji Anache, was in court. It is also that the third accused has never been in court, it is a well-known fact and that is why the prosecutor has started the process for forfeiture of the bail bond by the guarantor."

The judge agreed that "the first accused is represented by a team of lawyers led by Alex Iziyon (SAN) and, therefore, my conviction that he will continue to appear does not bring to a stop the criminal prosecution of other accused persons."

On the issue of non-service of proof of evidence and ample time to prepare their defence(s) as argued in the applications of second and fourth accused, Justice Oniyangi maintained that the accused persons, were not only served with proof of evidence, they have had

ample time to prepare their defence.

His words: "all the accused were served with proof of evidence. I have examined the records and the application before the court of the prosecution to prefer charges against the accused persons dated May 20th, 2001 and I find in them proof of evidence. It is in our records."

In his view, "the proof of evidence succinctly disclosed the statement each witness will offer, the accused has not been deprived of service of evidence on them," adding that the "prosecution has not only done what they should do but has provided them (accused) with enough time to prepare their defence" and ultimately "refused" the application and consequently dismissed it.

Peace-keeping Contd. from p. 1

the Minister of Defence, Retired Lt. Gen. Theophilus Danjuma, during a courtesy visit.

Nyanda said that his country's defence forces were ready and willing to work according to the dictates of their political leadership and expressed optimism at collaborating with Nigeria in any future peace-keeping operation, especially on the African continent.

Responding, Danjuma said that Nigeria would be willing to send its forces to observe peace in war-torn Burundi. He said, however, that this depended on the outcome of the ongoing peace initiatives in that country.

In another development, no fewer than 380 senior military officers, including 25 foreigners have so far graduated from the National War College since its inception in 1992, as Commandant, Rear Admiral Gabriel Shiyabade, said yesterday in Abuja.

He said foreign military officers, who had benefited from the nine course programmes so far ran by the college were from India, Pakistan, Angola, Ghana, Togo, Benin Republic, Cote d'Ivoire, Chad, Niger and Sierra Leone.

Shiyabade told visiting Chief of Defence Staff of the South African Defence Forces, Gen. Siphewe Nyanda, that six foreign military officers were among the last batch who graduated from the college last week. Fielding questions from members of the South African military delegation, Shiyabade said the college was Nigeria's highest military training institution.

He said that attendance at the college was part of requirements for promotion to the rank of Brigadier and its equivalents in the airforce and the navy.

Responding to a question, the commandant observed that the college "had more participants during the

rule of late Gen. Sani Abacha when the country was placed under some international sanctions.

The college, he said, was able to reach out to other countries during the period, adding that it had no problem obtaining resource persons for its courses as some foreign military attachés and university lecturers were available to participate in its programmes.

The advent of democracy in the country, he noted, had contributed to improved activities at the college.

Shiyabade also said there was no conflict in the programmes ran by the college and those ran by the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS) in Kuru, near Jos.

"Kuru is basically an institution for strategic studies, while the War College is for training and preparing officers for higher appointments. Participants attending NIPSS do not necessarily have to attend the War College," he stressed.

He, therefore, called on individuals, groups and professional bodies in the zone to use the opportunity by investing in the companies yet to be privatised by the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE).

The General Manager who also paid a courtesy visit to the General Manager of Plateau Radio and Television Corporation (PRTVC), Mr. Joseph Ari, called for wide and prompt publicity for the privatisation programme in the zone.

Mr. Ari assured him of the corporation's readiness to work with Media Trust in disseminating information to the people.

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that a team of intelligence officers have been detailed to impound landed assets belonging to the two former ministers as part of the overall strategy to recover the money.

The Presidency source also informed *Daily Trust* that the bank accounts of the two retired generals may be frozen, if the two failed to refund the money they misappropriated within a time frame of four weeks said to have been given to them.

The Edom Commission of inquiry was set up in January last year to investigate allegations of misappropriation

UBE enrolment flags off

Education Minister, Professor Babalola Borisade yesterday flagged off enrolment of pupils into primary class one for the 2001/2002 school year under the Universal Basic Education (UBE) programme.

At the ceremony in Abuja, Borisade called on fathers and mothers, community and religious leaders to "let your children march forward to the schools in their neighbourhood and be enrolled."

"We must stand up now

and be counted as parents, community leaders, religious leaders and others who build this nation through education by enrolling our children in schools.

"We are here to sound the clarion call for the children who are of primary school age to come out and be enrolled for the UBE programme. The bell that tolls to invite you to school is the bell of freedom. It is the bell of prosperity for now and the future of our children and our great country—Nigeria," he added.

While noting that "an intolerably large percentage" of children who were of primary school age were not in school, he said that those children must be brought to school "to enjoy the sweetness of education."

"We fail to do this at our peril, for such children will more likely than not, end up being a social burden to those who were able to make it to school. Herein lies the importance of today's exercise."

"The programme is a weapon in our arsenal to hack down such societal problems as illiteracy, poverty, disease, youth unemployment, youth restiveness and armed robbery.

Shinkafi Contd. from p. 1

tions describing his decision as "an act of political sacrifice."

Alhaji Shinkafi, said the agreement to enter into the alliance with the AD was a big sacrifice that had to be taken in the best interest of the corporate existence of Nigeria, and restore credibility to the General Abdulsalami Abubakar transition programme.

According to the Marafa, the APP/AD alliance had to be entered into, including his agreeing to be Falae's running mate, following threats by a section of the country to boycott the presidential election won by President Obasanjo.

Said Shinkafi: "There were fears that the transition was to be boycotted by a section of this country, and I think it was a big sacrifice for

the APP, to forge the alliance.

"It was an act of political sacrifice on the part of any party to save the transition programme because if the transition had failed, the military would have found a reason to hang on to power," he added.

The former vice-presidential candidate, however, said that he had not made any decision in respect of the 2003 election, explaining that "I'm in no hurry to make up my mind as I have never taken any decision in a hurry throughout my political career."

Shinkafi, who spoke while he was surrounded by APP governors who attended the national executive committee meeting of the party, stated that the APP was the biggest party at the begin-

ning of the transition programme.

According to him, external influences were brought to bear on the political landscape of the country and thereafter, the rival PDP began to gain ascendancy.

Commenting on the Obasanjo administration, Shinkafi stated that the immediate achievement of the PDP government has been that of keeping Nigeria united.

"That this country has been kept together, I think is a major achievement of this administration," he said.

He, however, added, that the credit for this achievement must not necessarily go to the Obasanjo administration or the PDP alone, as the two other parties contributed to this major achievement.

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Labour Congress, Comrade Adams Oshiomhole, facilitated the signing of what he called "far-reaching agreement between the association and government.

His words: "Based on the intervention of the Nigeria Labour Congress under the leadership of congress president, Adams Oshiomhole, considering the appeals and representations from well-meaning Nigerians and desirous and eager to resume our much needed services to the people - NEC in session after due consideration accepts and adopts the agreement."

Chief Oshiomhole expressed satisfaction in the agreement.

pecially the creation of a Directorate of Nursing Services and the appointment of substantive directors.

He also applauded the payment of 30 per cent increase in shift duty allowance and non-victimisation of members and officers of the association for participating in the industrial action.

He, however, appealed to the Ministry of Health to suspend the disbursement of funds for payment of the 30 per cent increase in shift duty allowance to nurses and midwives in the Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH), University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital (UNTH) and Obafemi

Awolowo University Teaching Hospital (OAUTH).

According to him, this was to avoid contempt of court as members of the association in those hospitals had gone to court to challenge the suspension of their leaders by the National Executive Committee for indiscipline.

Nurses and midwives who spoke to *Daily Trust* at the venue, appealed to Federal, State and local governments to keep faith with the agreement in the interest of peace in the health sector.

The nurses' association had embarked on a nationwide strike of the 6th of July to press home their demand

NEWS

Truth caused me my job, says Malu

Former Chief of Army Staff (COAS), Lt.-Gen. Victor Malu, has stated that his insistence on truth made him lose his job. He said this at the weekend in Makurdi at a grand reception organised for him by Sa'ikera Unity Forum in conjunction with other associations.

However, Gen. Malu failed to disclose "the truth that made him lose his job," but pointed out that his sudden retirement from the Nigerian army was precipitated by a major policy disagreement bothering on professionalism.



Gov George Akume

From Terna Doki, in Makurdi

He explained that he couldn't compromise his position because of his training as a soldier, noting that the dignity of man lies in his words.

According to him, "your word is your honour or if something happens to you while sticking to your words, there should be no regrets," pointing out that he was proud and happy to quit the army with clean hands after over 34 years of service.

Gen. Malu was relieved of his appointment as COAS and retired from Nigerian army for his alleged refusal to sign a military pact that would allow US military personnel in Nigeria to train Nigerian soldiers.

Malu was said to be vehemently opposed to this move, describing it as not only unprofessional, but also constituted a serious security risk to Nigeria because of the tendency to avail US military personnel unhindered access to Nigerian military hardware.

Malu was retired along with other service chiefs.

Dr. Iyorchia Ayu, former Senate President and guest speaker at the occasion, extolled the virtues of Gen. Malu, describing him as the epitome of a patriotic soldier who instilled professionalism and discipline in the army. "Malu stepped on toes for saying the truth," he said.

According to him, "it is unfortunate that certain people in this country have developed hatred for truth," pointing out that to permit a foreign military organization access to Nigeria's military weaponry in the guise of training soldiers was not only a lamentable security risk, but also the beginning of the erosion of democracy itself.

Senator David Mark shared Ayu's position, saying, "Malu's bluntness and undiplomatic posture caused him his job."

FG decries irresponsible students unionism

Tashikalmah Hallah

The Federal Government has identified irresponsible students unionism and inordinate ambition to acquire wealth as the cause of the chaotic state of university system in the country, Minister of State for Transport, Alhaji

Isa Yuguda, has said.

However, the government has warned that the era of destruction of university properties as a way of displaying anger has gone and would no longer be tolerated.

Alhaji Isa Yuguda while hosting the executives of the Abuja University students union over the weekend, said that Nigeria's future might be chaotic if the so-called leaders of tomorrow did not start now to show that Nigeria would be governable in their period when they become leaders.



President Olusegun Obasanjo

Alhaji Yuguda told the students to guard against irrational behaviour which he observed, emanated most often from either abysmal ignorance or outright misinformation and advised them to appreciate the viewpoints of both the management of the universities as well as the government which he said have great interest in the progress of the students' career.

He noted that the present administration would listen at all times to students if they achieved their objectives or demands through dialogue.

The minister described the University of Abuja as a center of excellence where character was expected to engender and enhance national unity and cohesion and that nothing should be done to deny the university that enviable position.

Health, Education and Transport ministries crises-prone - Gwadabe

The Minister of Employment, Labour and Productivity, Alhaji Musa Gwadabe, has described the Ministries of Education, Health and Transport as crises-prone and strikes-infested.

Speaking with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) at the weekend on the spate of nationwide strikes witnessed in the recent past, the minister said "these three ministries are the most notorious when it comes to strikes and crises in the country."

He said the national negotiation committee to be

established by the government would help in ensuring industrial peace and harmony in the three ministries. "Although strikes are recurrent and can never be gotten rid of, I can say with all sincerity that there is a peaceful industrial harmony in the country now, except for the ongoing nurses strike," he explained.

The minister, who was reacting to the stalemated meeting between the Ministry of Health and officials of nurses currently in the third week of their strike, said a trade dispute would be declared on the

nurses' association. "The next step is for the Health Ministry to declare trade dispute with the National Association of Nigerian Nurses and Midwives (NANNM) and channel it through my ministry for onward reference to the Industrial Arbitration Panel," he said.

NAN recalls that a meeting between the Health Minister, Prof. Alphonsus Nwosu, and NANNM officials aimed at resolving the strike ended in a deadlock on July 23, as the two parties resorted to bitter exchange of words.

FAO, WHO urge govts to upgrade food safety system

The Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) and the World Health Organisation (WHO) have called on governments across the globe to urgently upgrade their domestic food safety system.

The bodies noted that in many developing countries, there was often no comprehensive food safety system in place at all, adding that these countries have opportunities to "leap-forward" to current food-safety system, skipping over all the decades of gradual

From Wisdom-Uduak Patrick, in Port Harcourt

progress and experience by industrialized countries and adopt modern food safety system that work well.

In the latest edition of the WHO news bulletin made available to Daily Trust, it stated that the "leap-forward" would promote the efficient and effective development of food safety system, incorporating preventive, risk-based approaches, comprising surveillance, risk assessment and implementation of risk

management strategies.

According to the WHO statement, this initiative was a "win-win situation." It added that industrialized countries would get better reassurances that food imports are safe, while developing countries would improve both domestic food production standards and be able to expand their export markets.

The statement stated that WHO Director-General, Dr. Gro Herlen Brundtland in her opening speech at the Codex Alimentarius Commission meeting in Geneva last month would improve the system, ensure food safety and re-establish consumer confidence.

NUT opposes LG's take-over of primary school management

The Nigeria Union of Teachers (NUT) says it will fight any attempt to return the management of primary schools to local

National President of the union, Alhaji Abdulwaheed Ibrahim, said at the weekend in Gwagwalada, FCT.

He made the remarks in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) shortly after the inauguration of the new national executive council of the NUT. The union, he said, was aware of the agitation by the councils to take over primary education, an action which he described as retrogressive and unpopular.

The NUT president accused local councils of failing in similar responsibilities in the past, by diverting teachers' salaries and stunting the development of primary education.



Prof. Borisade

"The NUT remains opposed to any attempt to return to those dark days when teaching was a nightmare and a thankless job," the

FG will update broadcast equipment - Ghana

Plans are underway to update equipment being used by broadcast stations in the country, the Minister of Information and National

Orientation. Prof. Jerry Ghana, has said.

Ghana told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Enugu that the situation in most of the stations was pitiful, stressing that "this year, we are changing all these old-fashioned equipment in our radio and television stations.

"The information sector suffered heavily under the military, as they starved the sector of funds. Most of the equipment have suffered neglect, leaving engineers with no choice but to device

he said.

Ghana told NAN that with the allocation of over N2 billion this year by the Federal Government, the information sector was being repackaged with new communication technology.

The minister said the commissioning of the first digital NTA station "is just the beginning of good things to come in the transformation of the industry." Hi-tech cameras and transmitters had already been bought for the 67 new NTA stations, and some of the old stations, he



President of the Nigerian Stock Exchange, Alhaji Abdul Razak (right) being received by President Olusegun

NEWS

FG urges US, Europe to back transparency

The Federal Government has said that Europe and America must be in the forefront of the drive to enshrine transparency in the conduct of international relations.

Minister of Transport, Chief Ojo Maduekwe, conveyed the position of the Federal Government to the former United States of America's Ambassador to Nigeria, Mr. Lanron Walker, who called on the minister last weekend.

Said Chief Maduekwe: "The government is advocating transparency and accountability which are the hallmarks of democratic societies, however, it is an irony that developed countries are refusing to release looted funds in their banks for the development of the victim nations. It is totally unacceptable to Nigeria."

The minister told his guest that Nigeria remained persistent in her request for debt relief and in some areas, outright cancellation because according to him, "some

By Tashikalmah Hallah



President Olusegun Obasanjo

revelations to the present government in Nigeria have raised questions over the authenticity of some of these debts."

He informed Ambassador Walker, who served in Nigeria between 1989 and 1992, that things have dramatically changed for good in Nigeria since the present administration came to office, adding that the leadership was determined to turn things around.

Traditional rulers move against Oyo government over consenting authority

As the controversy generated by the Oyo State government's decision to implement the report of Justice Akin Oloko rages on, sixty-five traditional rulers in the state have rejected the government's moves to withdraw consenting authority from the traditional rulers.

The state government, three weeks ago resuscitated the earlier

From Yinka Oladoyinbo, in Ibadan

rejected report of Justice Akin Oloko panel on chieftaincy matters which had recommended that the powers of consenting authority of two of the three royal fathers be withdrawn as a way of checkmating violence from traditional title seekers.

This was followed with a resolution by the Oyo State government to adopt the recommendation which would

The Benue State Secretary to the State Government (SSG), Engr. Bartholemew Oche, has refuted claims that relief materials donated to displaced persons from the Nasarawa crisis by government, organizations and individuals were diverted.

Engr. Oche, who is also the Chairman of Displaced Persons Committee in the state told *Daily Trust* that "relief materials came in through my office which are sent to the agriculture commissioner who is the

Relief materials not diverted - Benue SSG

secretary and no material goes out unless it has a tag or designation, destination and duly recorded," adding that "it

outbursts to the handiwork of the opposition.

Emirate council initiates educational forum

From Kashim Sule, in Minna

The Minna Emirate Council has initiated a forum that will propagate the values of education in the emirate.

The forum, which is apolitical, will look into ways of enhancing education among the Bosso, Chanchaga, Munya, Paikoro and Shiroro who constitute the emirate council.

The forum, known as Minna Emirate Educational Development Forum (MEEDEF), is the initiative of concerned citizens of the emirate who are worried about its educational backwardness.

Arc. Muhammed Bashar Nuhu, who is the coordinator of the body, said MEEDEF was unprecedented in the emirate and was receiving full support of the Emir of Minna, Alhaji Umaru Farouk Bahago.



Gov George Akume

is very inhuman and criminal to divert any relief material."

The SSG stated that "the problem in the displaced persons' camps is that the more able-bodied refugees try to outdo the weaker ones when food is shared, especially those absent at the time of sharing."

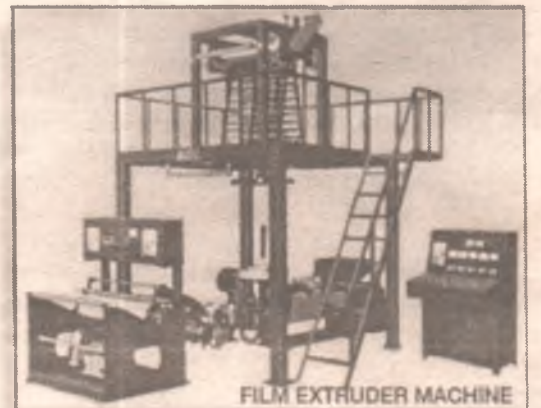
The SSG also told *Daily Trust* that the allegations of contract scam in the state were absolutely false and attributed the malicious

stripe the Alaafin of Oyo, Oba Lamidi Adeyemi and the Soun of Ogbomoso, Oba Jimoh Oyewumi of their authority, while the Olubadan of Ibadan retain his own.

The controversial report which was reportedly rejected by the Col. Ahmed Usman's administration in 1996 for being anti-culture and tradition, had generated confusion in the state since it was re-exhumed.

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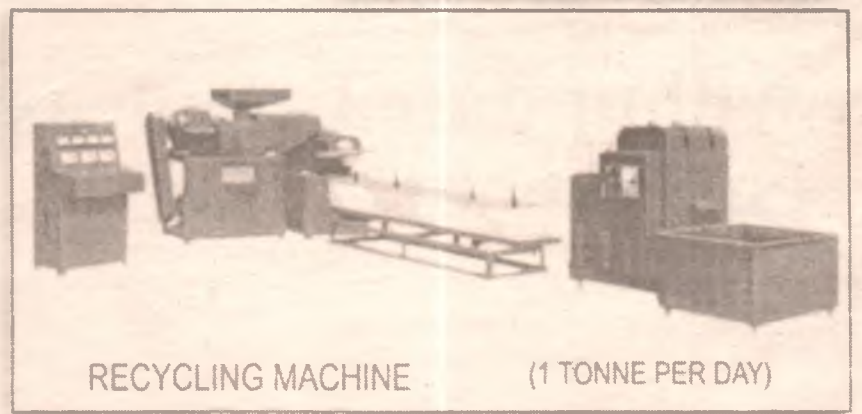
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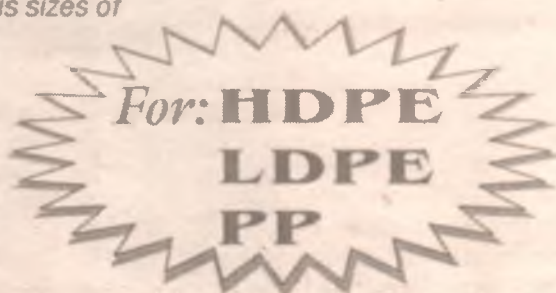


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EDITORIAL

Japan/Korea 2002: When push comes to shove

Esthetic Nigerians broke into wild celebrations last Sunday as the Super Eagles rightly earned their place in next year's World Cup finals with a resounding victory over archrivals the Black Stars of Ghana after months of uncertainty in the hands of Yohannes Bonfrere.

The result has not only restored respect for and pride of Nigerian football, but further underscored the team's strength of character. Thanks to the indigenous technical crew of Shuaibu Amodu, Stephen Keshi and Joe Erico, whose hard work and diligence saved Nigeria's Mundial aspirations.

While still basking in the euphoria of securing the Japan/Korea 2002 ticket, all hands must now be on deck to ensure a successful outing at the mundial. This should be the focus of the federal government, the Nigeria Football Association (NFA), coaches, players and all well-meaning Nigerians.

Very reassuring in this respect is President Obasanjo's endorsement of the indigenous technical trio after the match last Sunday.

The task before the NFA is daunting but Nigerian can assemble 22 world class players that can match the best from around the world that will be in Japan and Korea. Executing a World Cup campaign with administrators who fall way below the world standard will leave our team looking anything but world class.

Football minnows Liberia and Sierra Leone exposed our inadequacies in the just concluded qualifiers which left us without any other option than execute our World Cup build-up with a competent indigenous formula, quality friendly matches, well-organised camping and determination among others

The NFA must now fashion out a bold plan for the 2002 World Cup – a blueprint designed to ensure that we are not just going to the Mundial on a jamboree.

Beyond setting an achievable objective, the NFA should draw up a financial plan that will involve government, individuals and corporate bodies to save the country from embarrassment of outrageous financial demands from players and a campaign that will leave us in the red.

Daily Trust believes that winning the World Cup requires skilful and committed administrators who will look beyond the personal monetary gains. Brazil's success story of 1970 was due to the administrative efforts of the FA president Joao Havelange, who fashioned an off-field winning formula that complemented the efforts of the players.

France's recent string of successes also boils down to an efficient FFF which left nothing to chance and are rarely seen to be offering excuses.

Just as we have players who have pulled off unbelievable feats, we are also blessed with administrators and technicians who can chart our 2002 World Cup success.

And as we look ahead to the Mundial, let's not forget that it all starts form here. It requires the services of a few good men who will work tirelessly behind the scene to enable the country deliver at the world stage. We cannot afford to fail.



TUESDAY COLUMN

Grandma's Chicago brat

By Aminu Iyawa

Until May, 1999, Nigerians, that is the 99 and three quarter percent bloody civilians, had been for 15 years caged, zombied and taken for a free ride by the military. So much for an institution that was supposed to protect its citizens from external aggression, but instead, turned on the people.

Lagos State governor, Senator Bola Ahmed Tinubu was among the radical forces in the south-west that made the tenure of late head of state, General Sani Abacha, edgy. He was a member of the guerrilla famed National Democratic Coalition, NADECO and the Yoruba socio-cultural group, *Afenifere*. Although the two organisations were unable to unseat General Abacha until God almighty himself intervened, their struggle will forever, remain a warning on the kind of resistance future military coup planners will have to content with from Nigerians.

The return of politics after the demise of the coup-veteran general, paved way for Nigerian politicians to once again put their popularity to the test. Among those who had luck on their side was Senator Bola Ahmed Tinubu. The Abacha years had pushed the Yorubas to come together. For the first time, they had a common cause and temporarily buried their differences. The result was the formation of the Alliance for Democracy (AD). The party under which Bola Ahmed Tinubu vied to become the king of the two lagoons.

That convocation also created a chance for history to repeat itself. For the second time, under democratic setting, a female would move into the government house as a number two citizen. Not even those who authored the Beijing declaration in 1997 expected that such a miracle would take place in Nigeria so soon. It did, the *Afenifere*, then wielding greater influence than it now has, wrote that piece of history. It endorsed a humble lady, Mrs. Kofoworola Bucknor-Akerele for the plum position of Lagos State deputy governor. The decision, as I understand, was not based on her gender, but rather as a politician in her own right with a commanding following.

No sooner had both Tinubu and Akerele taken the oath of office than their differences began to emerge. First, the governor accused her of being behind the Chicago certificate scandal, to which he almost lost the office. The second and more serious was Tinubu's allegation that his deputy had a hand in the shootout between his escort and some unknown gunmen who waylaid his convoy in the early hours of the morning, sometime, somewhere around the Marina. A claim Mrs. Bucknor-Akerele totally rebuffed.

Since then, Tinubu has systematically shut her off from her rightful duties and cut her off from the government purse. Only recently, the "Chicago-trained" accountant had his security protocol officers change the lock to the executive entrance of the council chamber which former key she was in possession of. They told her that she was stripped of that privilege, (literally), and she should henceforth use the general entrance door as any other ordinary public servant.

Mrs. Bucknor-Akerele told *Newswatch*, last week that: "what they are trying to do is to cancel the office of the deputy governor. I mean, for a long time now I don't have an official residence. I have only two official cars: the one I am using and the other, SSS car which has broken down". Under normal protocol arrangement, her office is supposed to maintain at least seven cars: one pilot car; one security car; two official cars (one being spare); one unmarked car (for private use); one domestic car and one for police escort. Anything short of this number is under-privilege, as far as that office is concerned.

The Nigerian press, the Lagos axis in particular that operate under her territory has been indifferent to the plight of

the poor deputy governor. I cannot remember her name mentioned at the fifth National Council on Women Affairs and Youth Development held about one month ago at the Royal Hotel, Eket, Akwa Ibom State. And that was supposed to be a forum where Nigerian Women take stock of their dividends, as partners in progress with the opposite gender and to also deliberate the new national policy on women. The absence of Bucknor-Akerele only goes to indict the first and second ladies; Stella and Titi; the Minister for Women Affairs, Mrs. Aisha Ismail; the National Council of Women Societies, (NCWS); National Association of Women Journalists, (NAWOJ) and all the big headgears in the National Assembly for lack of true commitment to the cause of the Nigerian woman.

The ridicule and degradation, which Bola Ahmed Tinubu has subjected the deputy governor to, is an indictment on all Nigerians, men and women. The office of the deputy governor which is enshrined in the constitution, comes with certain rights, protocols and privileges that must be rightfully and respectfully accorded her. The office, for the sake of the argument, is not different from that of the Vice-President. Yet, President Olusegun Obasanjo is so magnanimous to allow Atiku Abubakar handle all states and local government matters; handle the privatisation policy and undertake nationwide tours. Not to talk of the numerous official functions that he had been standing in for the president.

The plight of the Lagos State deputy governor, has no doubt called to question, the essence of the Obasanjo-approved new national policy on women, which Aisha Ismail said, would give "the necessary impetus to the decade-long campaign against all forms of discrimination against women". Mrs. Bucknor-Akerele's case is one that would test the new policy thrust. That responsibility, whether we like it or not, rests on the shoulders of the Nigerian womenfolk and the media. That "brat behaviour" form the governor should cease. Lagos is not Chicago. We respect our grand mothers here.

Lest I forget

Last week, the Tuesday column carried a rebuttal on a piece I wrote, penultimate week; Adamu Bello: The new PDP whiz kid. The author, Alhaji Bulama Kurama, who is the financial secretary of the Peoples Democratic Party, (PDP), in Yobe State, went wild for my saying: "Governor Bukar Abba Ibrahim hosted the maiden North-East PDP meeting in Damaturu". He accused me of creating mischief, since the governor was in far away Ombdurman, watching the Sudan-Nigeria game. To begin with, I want to assure Mallam Bulama that I used the word: "host", because under any protocol arrangement, the president, the Vice-President, state governors and their deputies, irrespective of the purpose of their visit, are the official guests of the state they are visiting. But, that is not to say that I am undermining the special relationship, which I am privileged to know that exist between Bukar Abba Ibrahim and Atiku Abubakar. The very point, you felt uncomfortable with.

Secondly, as a politician, you see Bukar Abba Ibrahim as an opposition, while as a neutral observer, I see him as a state chief executive, duly elected by the people of Yobe State, whom I am sure will defend their leader over the heap of allegations you levelled against him.

Thirdly, if you had Vice-President Atiku Abubakar in mind, you would not have dismissed the credit I gave to him for, "cornering the APP governors", which to me, is a plus to him in person, and to the PDP as a party. I did not see logic in the reasons you advanced.

Finally, I thank you for the wonderful compliments and the offer to have me as your personal guest in Yobe. I will take you up on that, when I am ready. Meanwhile, we can have more chat on the Internet. You can reach me at: aminuiyawa@yahoo.com.



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Opinion

NEPA: Not a torch and battery affair

By Njure Kidzu

Light is power, the soul of everything about life. Power supply is more or less competing with air in terms of necessity. For NEPA, there is no hiding place. Even in their sleep, consumers are always monitoring its work, every hour, every minute. It is as if everything about life depends on it.

From the first day Obasanjo took over power, expectations for improved power supply began to rise and by the time he appointed a technical board for NEPA, expectations reached an all-time high. Although the board says it is working on an Action Plan that aims to give Nigerians uninterrupted and sustainable power supply by December 2001, Nigerians are crying out that it was time some improvement in power supply was noticed.

Electricity consumers believe that once the plan was announced, improvement should be automatic or should follow immediately on the heels of the plan. But electricity supply, to quote the authority's AGM public affairs, "is not a torch and battery affair".

It goes far beyond walking into a nearby kiosk to buy batteries for your torch when it is out, fitting the batteries in and coming on with light immediately. You cannot do the same for a high-tech bulk supplier like NEPA, which has suffered more than two decades of neglect in the hands of previous governments. Electricity supply entails a painstaking process to ensure, for instance, that the right bolts and nuts are put in place for stability. This difficulty is not helped by the fact that about 90 percent of major equipment or components used by the authority are imported and have to be manufactured to specification.

Again, there are undue delays in establishing letters of credit and bureaucratic bottlenecks in ensuring adequate and timely release of funds for rehabilitation of power generating systems and distribution network. In spite of these myriads of constraints, the technical board has severally announced its commitment and responsibility to the nation to radically correct the mistakes of the past and pursue deliberate efforts to rectify the problems hampering NEPA's effective performance.

We Nigerians need to show greater patience, understanding and cooperation with the technical board to enable it succeed in its enormous task to stabilise and sustain power supply nationwide. The habit of making undue criticism, critical reviews and sweeping speculations and condemnation could constitute drawbacks capable of slowing down the work of the technical board.

There are about 2.7 million registered customers, quite apart from the unregistered ones. With a population of more than 120 million people, 36 states and Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory, and 774 local governments, Nigeria has only eight power stations and an installed generating capacity of less than 6,000 MW compared to South Africa's 40,000 MW installed generating capacity with a population of only 42 million. This, by extension, has placed tough demands on facilities, which have not expanded in years to match rapid growth of the nation.

Today, more than ever before, electricity is the all-important vehicle for domestic convenience, entrepreneurial success and industrial growth. All over the country, thousands of heavy-duty transformers, installations, cables, poles and metres are installed and serviced to distribute electricity to customers. NEPA is today spending millions of naira in servicing these installations, building new ones, sustaining its various power stations and importing, to the last count

about 4,000 transformers into the country.

There is no doubt that the authority is aware of customers' complaints of interrupted power supply and is doing everything to institute a new electric power regime. But life itself has its ups and downs. Either as individuals or organisations, we are not spared these features of life. NEPA is going through that phase now, just like any organisation which has at one time or the other passed through the vicissitudes of life.

Besides, there is no way you can institute an instant turnaround hard on the heels of repudiating the decay and anachronism of over 30 years of neglect. There is no way, for that matter, you can construct new power stations in anything less than three to four years.

Making fun of NEPA and condemning every of its promises in the media is not, in the final analysis, to the advantage of anybody. The bellicose image we create will still not wish away the fact that water level drops at times, and that to achieve the all-time high power generation and distribution promised must of necessity take time, effort and sometimes sacrifices from us all.

There is no way that Nigerians will not get uninterrupted power supply by the end of year 2001 when one looks at the tremendous work going on at NEPA now.

The disassembling of the monolith into 28 independent partnership companies will bring to an end the era of unreliable billing for units of power delivered and inefficient collection of revenue. It is also hoped that inadequate metering of the energy chain, ineffective and inefficient communication system, heavily subsidised tariffs and over-centralisation of administration should come to an end.

We really should be commending the technical board and management for the tremendous innovations they have brought to power generation and delivery, and the drastic reforms currently going on in the Nigerian power sector. Opportunities to participate in the power sector have been broadened by the facilitation of an environment that is conducive to business interactions.

To achieve the 4,000 MW generation target, the board's plans to protect what is available, institute a culture of

maintenance, rehabilitate power plants, reinforce transmission and distribution networks and install an efficient management team.

There is no doubt in my mind that the problem of power supply will be over by December 2001. But I hasten to add that to who much is given, much is expected. NEPA customers should also be ready to reciprocate by paying their bills as and when due, reporting all faults to appropriate authorities, shunning touts, avoiding illegal connections and guarding NEPA installations in their localities against vandals.

Obasanjo's success and indeed the success of his government shall no doubt be determined by the success or failure of this last ditch effort to give light to the people. I have no doubt that the days of darkness will soon be over.

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Bauchi – the emerging fears

By Suleiman Wurno

The Bauchi State government that came into office in May, 1999 enjoyed tremendous goodwill of the electorate. The expectation was high. The youthful, ebullient and highly agreeable governor, Alhaji Ahmadu Adamu Mu'azu, initiated a rural development programme, especially the rural electrification programme, which was a remarkable achievement. Many other visible government projects followed which brought social amenities to a sizeable percentage of the populace.

Then came certain government policies that have since aroused the fears of the generality of Christians within the state. The emerging fears of the Christians and other fair-minded citizens thickened with the progressive manipulation of government policies and the use of government machinery to annihilate and subdue them to promote religious disharmony.

Examples are the planned destruction of churches ostensibly for flouting planning laws. Another is the renewed zeal by the state ministries of health and lands and survey to confiscate all lands and buildings belonging to the Christian organisation known as ECWA at Bayara village near Bauchi town, a predominantly Christian community. The ostensible

reason is the expiry of the right of occupancy granted the ECWA predecessor in title in 1953 by the Protectorate of Northern Nigerian government, but the actual reason is to use government machinery to neutralize the effect of Christianity in this community.

The third is the silent displeasure of the government of the existence and strategic situation of a chapel within a government girls' college, and the rumoured instruction to considerably downsize the school population by transferring and dispersing both staff and students, as more than half of them are Christians.

It is hard to believe that the state governor is privy to the above situations; it is harder still to believe he is not aware, even if faintly, of those happenings. Either these are the actions of overzealous government officials or there is something behind the façade not ordinarily discernible to some of us.

The message is short and straightforward; the initial reputation of Alhaji Ahmadu Mu'azu has greatly diminished and still inches away, and the responsibility of arresting that, allaying the emerging fears of the marginalised, and reassuring all citizens of government's even-handedness, rest squarely on his shoulders.

I believe the governor has the capacity of addressing these issues and the sooner he does that the better it will be for his dwindling image.

Barrister Suleiman Wurno is of Box 827, Bauchi, Bauchi State

YOUR LETTERS

Open letter to Gov Boni Haruna

Your Excellency, it has become imperative to appeal to your good office to come to the aid of Madagalite. Since Wednesday, the 9th of May, rainstorm which caused disaster in parts of Madagali Local Government, has thrown residents of Madagali Town and Jalingo-Gulak into darkness as about seven poles have been destroyed.

What thousands of inhabitants of this area have been undergoing as a result of the blackout is better imagined than experience, yet NEPA has shown a nonchalant attitude towards rectifying these problems. Your Excellency, the nonchalant attitude of NEPA is tantamount to frustrating the good intentions of the Obasanjo administration that all local government headquarters are to be linked with the national grid and also to

ameliorate the sufferings of the masses at the grassroots level.

However, Sir, we have complained and appealed to the relevant authorities explaining our predicament, but it seems they are not serious when things dangled on our side. (Madagalite). Sir, you will agree with me that in any developing community there must be social amenities one of which is electricity which adds to the quality of life of the people. We are appealing to you to expedite action in bringing permanent relief to the citizens of the communities by ensuring the poles are put in proper place as a way of justifying the huge confidence the people of these communities have in you.

Abubakar Kolone Madagali,
P. O. Box 200, Madagali,
Adamawa State.

Kudos to Ikara LG chairman

The effort of Doctor Yusuf B. Aliyu, chairman Ikara local government area of Kaduna State to bring about development to the area is commendable. This is a man who within a brief period of not more than 26 months has effected a positive change in his local government area. It can be said without fear of contradiction that if all the executive chairmen were like him, Nigeria will soon depart from the league of the so-called developing world.

Doctor Yusuf boosted the morale of the civil servants by providing bicycles for easy transportation, and in addition provided mass transit buses.

In the area of healthcare, dispensaries were built while renovation of existing ones has since been completed.

Dams and boreholes were constructed as well as markets and roads while rural settlements and towns were also electrified.

I therefore, call on the good people of Ikara Local Government Area to continue to give their unflinching support to this great, selfless and dutiful man.

Sadiq Yusuf,
Electrical Engineering
Department,
Ahmadu Bello University,
Zaria.

Oputa: Not for vendetta

The Human Rights Violations Investigation Commission is not an avenue for any individual to abuse and insult people, because the commission is for reconciliation. Therefore, abusing and insulting people before the commission will do more harm than good to the image of the commission and to the country at large.

In fact, it is unfair and disappointing for people like Chief Yomi Tokoya to abuse and insult people before the commission and unfortunately the chairman of the commission could not call him to order. Unfortunately again, most of the evidence given by Chief Tokoya is not relevant to the terms of

reference of the commission. Chief Yomi Tokoya should know that the commission is not an avenue to settle scores with anybody by abusing and insulting people. Therefore, I wish to appeal to the chairman of the commission, Justice Chukwudifu Oputa, to please as

a matter of necessity, call to order anybody that tries to abuse and insult people before the commission. Even though the commission is a toothless bulldog, I believe that is not a guarantee to disrespect the commission. Isyaku A. Jibrin,
Minna,
Niger State.

Buhari rightly said it

The recent pronouncement of General Muhammadu Buhari (rt.d.) on the Sharia issue at Sokoto is a development which every concerned Muslim must welcome. It doesn't make any difference in reminding Nigerian Muslims to vote for a Muslim president come 2003.

We all know and believe that religion and politics can never be separated and whosoever thinks so is fooling himself. Thus, General Buhari is right. Yunusa Hamza F/Dutse,
P. O. Box 185, Gwaram,
Jigawa State.

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The new Ugandan High Commissioner, Mrs. Joan Rwabyomere Kakima (l) presenting her letter of credence to President Olusegun Obasanjo at the State House, last Friday. Pix: Kennedy Egbonodje.

Kuwait condemns new temple bid by Israeli group

Kuwait has condemned the attempt by a right-wing Israeli religious group to hold a symbolic ceremony of laying the cornerstone for what Israelis say is a third temple in Jerusalem.

Kuwait followed up "with concern and dismay the attempt of the alleged temple," Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet and National Assembly Affairs, Mohammad Deifallah Sharar, said on Sunday after a weekly cabinet meeting.

The Kuwait government

"strongly condemns this dangerous escalation and the inherent provocation, flagrant challenge to sentiments of Muslims and the blatant aggression of the Islamic sanctities," al-Sharar was quoted by the official Kuna news agency as saying.

He said that Kuwait called on the "international community to take measures to halt the provocation that represents a grave violation of international norms, agreements and laws, and to work seriously for preventing further tension in

the area."

Earlier on Sunday, the Temple Mount Faithful, a right-wing Israeli religious group, held a symbolic cornerstone laying ceremony for what it called the "Third Temple Mount" near the Arab village of Silwan in East Jerusalem.

The ceremony prompted protests by the Palestinians, who hurled stones at the Jewish ultra-nationalists.

The Israeli move was also condemned by Israeli Chief Rabbis, who said the ceremony was aimed at inciting the Palestinians against the Jews.

Also on Sunday, Jordan's influential

opposition party, Islamic Action Front (IAF), called for Arab action to defend Jerusalem following the cornerstone-laying ceremony.

In a statement issued to the press, the IAF called for the convocation of an emergency Arab and Islamic summit to discuss the latest situation in Jerusalem as well as staging "a day of rage" across Arab capitals on August 3 to protest against such move by the right-wing Israeli group.

Israel occupied East Jerusalem in the 1967 Middle East War and later annexed it in a move, which is not internationally recognised.

S/African mine workers bent on striking

The South African Chamber of Mines and the National Union of Mine-workers (NUM) said yesterday that no formal talks were planned to avert a strike at three gold mines tomorrow after last week's wage talks deadlocked.

The NUM and the Chamber of Mines, which is negotiating wages and working conditions on behalf of the gold industry, failed to reach agreement on Friday on wages and leave for workers at Gold Fields, Harmony and Durban Roodepoort Deep.

Agreement was reached at world number one bullion producer AngloGold and South Deep Mine after the chamber offered eight per cent increases for the higher-paid workers and nine per cent for the lower-paid workers.

The three mines offered similar packages, but the NUM was unhappy with their proposal on when to phase in the increases.

"We will send them notice today of a strike and the strike will go ahead on Wednesday night," said NUM spokesman, Moferefero Lekoroasoane.

"Nothing much has happened since we left them on Friday and there is nothing scheduled between now and Wednesday," he told Reuters.

The chamber's spokesman

and negotiator, France Barker, said there had been some informal contact between the mines and the NUM during the week-end.

"We haven't reached any agreement yet. We don't have a formal meeting between now and Wednesday, but both parties have indicated that their doors are open," Barker said.

"There are significant differences because the NUM wants a substantial increase in annual leave, which is a substantial cost to the mines, and they also want the 2,000 rand minimum in a shorter period than is possible for the mines," he added.

For the mines it represented a 22 and 32 per cent increase for the lowest paid workers to reach the 2,000 rand (\$243.4) per month minimum that the union was demanding, he said.

The mines wanted to implement wage increases over 18 months.

The NUM is demanding 30 days annual leave for mine-workers and the chamber has offered to increase to 23 days from 21.

Gold Fields and Harmony are among the country's top three producers, while Durban Roodepoort is a marginal miner that last week reported a profit for the quarter to the end of June for the first time in more than a year.

Gold Fields reports on its June quarter on August 2 and Harmony on August 1.

Lawyers loses divorce suit against Saadawi

A Cairo court yesterday threw out a petition by an Islamic lawyer who sought to forcibly divorce outspoken feminist Nawal el-Saadawi from her Muslim husband on the grounds that she had abandoned her Islamic faith.

The court ruled as expected that no individual could petition a court to forcibly divorce another person. It said only a state prosecutor must handle the proceedings.

Lawyer Nabih al-Wahsh had claimed that the 70-year-old Saadawi had shown she was no longer a Muslim in a newspaper interview earlier this year.

In the newspaper interview, Saadawi said the rituals in the Muslim hajj pilgrimage had pre-Islamic origins. She also called for sexual equality in Muslim inheritance laws.

Saadawi's lawyer had told the court earlier this month that the newspaper quoted her out of context.

The court verdict, which cannot be appealed, rejected Wahsh's request for the constitutional court to review the procedures, known as *hisba*, for raising such cases.

The Islamic concept of *hisba* allows any Muslim to sue another for beliefs, which are thought to harm society.

Neither Saadawi nor Wahsh attended the court session.



Thabo Mbeki of South Africa.

Tutu advocates concessions in DR Congo

South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu, has called on the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to "negotiate and reconcile by making concessions," the Pan-African News Agency (PANA) reported.

The report quoted Tutu as telling a news conference on Sunday in Kinshasa that negotiations generally involve mutual concessions, in which all parties are winners, citing the example of the reconciliation in South Africa.

negotiation and reconciliation should be the work of "strong people, not weak people."

He cited how Frederick de Klerk and Nelson Mandela, who "understood the importance of getting together to negotiate and help their country establish a democratic society today," achieved that in South Africa.

Tutu expressed disappointment seeing Congolese "all blacks and Africans" hesitate to reconcile and lay the basis of a society seeking peace, stability and progress, while the former South African

enemies under apartheid could manage it.

"Do you want Congo to drift into mediocrity?" he asked politicians and leaders of civil society present at his news conference. "God is freely proposing and not imposing 'peace in abundance' on the Congolese people," he added.

Tutu has been in the DRC since Thursday for discussions with Congolese officials and leaders of religious communities on the search for peace in the country.



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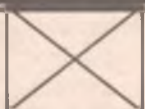
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Secretary

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Nigerian Stock Dealings (NSE) Price List as at 30/07/2001

COMPANY	OPENING PRICE	CLOSING PRICE	CHANGE	DEALS	VOLUME	VALUE
7UP	5.68	5.90	0.22	17	27,360	157,152.20
ACCESSBANK	1.30	1.30	0.00	15	481,500	639,910.14
AFPRINT	0.95	0.97	0.02	12	88,116	84,962.20
AFRIBANK	9.00	8.61	0.39	26	336,945	2,952,274.80
AFRPAINTS	0.58	0.60	0.02	3	100,000	60,000.00
AGIP	30.00	30.10	0.10	36	95,85	2,885,229.32
AIICO	3.27	3.11	0.16	1	100,000	311,000.00
ALUMACO	0.89	0.89	0.00	1	10,000	8,900.00
AP	19.34	19.34	0.00	19	27,874	539,083.16
ASHAKACEM	17.20	17.25	0.05	18	241,715	4,246,810.80
BATA	0.29	0.28	0.01	3	20,390	5,863.10
BCC	4.79	4.79	0.00	3	3,130	14,992.70
BERGER	2.60	2.60	0.00	5	11,630	30,238.00
C&ILEASING	1.30	1.32	0.02	6	95,500	125,150.00
CADBURY	23.50	23.60	0.10	60	208,556	4,906,261.84
CAPALBETO	7.60	7.60	0.00	3	2,272	17,267.20
CCNN	3.07	3.07	0.00	2	8,300	25,481.00
CFAO	2.95	3.00	0.05	21	212,495	632,901.10
CHARTERED	7.40	7.40	0.00	8	122,724	908,157.60
CMB	0.65	0.64	0.01	1	48,826	31,248.64
CONFDINS	0.60	0.60	0.00	3	13,000	7,564.00
COOPBANK	2.14	2.14	0.00	4	3,500	7,490.00
CORNERST	1.47	1.47	0.00	1	3,200	4,704.00
COSTAIN	1.20	1.14	0.06	2	52,000	59,280.00
CRUSADER	1.95	1.95	0.00	6	222,072	432,546.19
DUMEX	2.55	2.58	0.03	1	5,800	14,964.00
DUNLOP	3.60	3.50	0.10	14	20,001	71,712.20
EKOBANK	1.48	1.55	0.07	5	37,400	57,802.00
EKOCORP	3.41	3.41	0.00	1	300	1,023.00
ETERNAOIL	1.50	1.50	0.00	9	52,000	78,000.00
EVANSMED	1.34	1.33	0.01	8	110,930	147,536.90
FIRSTALUM	1.80	1.71	0.01	6	48,360	82,767.00
FIRSTBANK	25.50	25.45	0.05	191	783,141	19,984,079.06
FLOURMILL	13.65	14.30	0.65	46	74,185	1,054,232.16
FSB	7.15	7.50	0.35	76	2,916,106	21,584,131.80
GOLDBREW	0.56	0.56	0.00	4	15,515	8,688.40
GROMMAC	0.71	0.68	0.03	4	5,000	3,400.00
GUARANTY	5.70	5.70	0.00	16	175,616	1,001,011.20
GUINNESS	39.39	35.50	1.89	50	305,233	11,812,308.23
HALBANK	4.14	4.10	0.04	2	7,300	29,930.00
IGL	6.05	5.99	0.06	10	39,214	225,750.50
IMB	1.70	1.69	0.01	11	118,728	201,358.40
JBERGER	52.05	52.05	0.00	7	21,175	1,102,158.75
JOHNHOLT	1.98	1.98	0.00	12	410,312	812,417.76
JOSBREW	0.6	0.59	0.03	2	9,000	5,400.00
LASACO	0.93	0.92	0.04	12	605,000	558,385.56
LAWUNION	1.64	1.57	0.07	1	5,000	7850.00
LENNARDS	0.27	0.27	0.00	1	1,000	270.00
LEVBROS	24.50	24.04	0.46	52	308,796	7,466,660.39
LONGMAN	4.54	4.75	0.21	5	3,500	16,520.00
MANDRID	7.01	7.35	0.35	2	625	4,600.00
MANNYBANK	1.80	1.72	0.08	6	90,000	161,700.00
MAY&BAKER	2.57	2.56	0.01	2	10,300	26,468.00
MOBIL	64.03	64.35	0.32	12	6,778	436,604.85
NAL	5.00	5.25	0.23	79	2,004,815	10,312,509.20
NASCON	0.69	0.69	0.00	1	500	345.00
NB	27.10	27.10	0.00	44	228,080	6,359,945.50
NBC	21.00	20.51	0.49	38	123,178	2,573,636.32
NCR	1.81	1.72	0.09	9	35,646	63,621.12
NEM	0.86	0.82	0.04	5	129,900	106,818.00
NESTLE	66.00	53.30	2.70	5	8,525	538,013.55
NIG-GERMAN	2.90	2.90	0.00	4	5275	15,297.50
NIGERINS	4.96	5.01	0.03	7	15,250	76,330.00
NIWCABLE	2.17	2.17	0.00	1	1,000	2,170.00
NOLCHEM	30.00	29.70	0.30	17	7,924	237,199.38
OKOMUOIL	9.45	9.45	0.00	3	11,068	104,592.60
ORIENTBANK	1.23	1.28	0.05	1	250,000	320,000.00
OWENABANK	2.79	2.90	0.11	6	24,400	70,960.00
PFIZER	5.44	5.44	0.00	1	8,436	45,891.84
POLYPROD	0.50	0.50	0.00	4	9,040	4,520.00
PRESTIGE	2.28	2.28	0.00	1	6,349	14,475.72
PZ	13.35	13.10	0.25	52	174,828	2,319,890.29
ROYALEX	6.48	6.80	0.32	8	60,884	414,011.20
RTBRISCOE	1.27	1.27	0.00	2	2,225	2,825.75
SAVANNA	1.30	1.35	0.05	27	644,267	874,083.94
SCOA	2.18	2.28	0.10	9	272,360	620,980.80
SKBEECHAM	2.25	2.20	0.05	11	82,158	185,905.50
TEXACO	61.80	62.30	0.50	6	3,650	226,771.40
TIB	1.94	2.25	0.31	12	54,438	139,361.28
TOTAL	67.10	67.10	0.00	7	9,949	667,577.90
TRADEBANK	1.04	1.04	0.00	2	3,405	3,541.20
TRIPPLEG	1.35	1.35	0.00	4	898	1,212.30
UACN-PROP	2.89	2.89	0.00	52	24,017,731	69,364,670.59
UACN	3.37	3.50	0.13	42	215,585	745,154.57
UBA	13.90	13.91	0.01	54	403,751	5,638,36.07
UBN	24.13	24.00	0.13	170	972,358	23,380,268.90
UNIONDICON	16.99	17.50	0.51	17	19,606	335,795.05
UNIPETROL	40.00	41.01	1.01	23	66,478	2,725,864.44
UNTL	4.00	4.00	0.00	13	35,959	143,836.00
UPL	3.30	3.29	0.01	5	18,200	60,030.00
UTB	4.70	4.70	0.00	17	247,120	1,464,644.00
UTC	1.31	1.31	0.00	7	98,949	129,623.19
VANLER	2.90	2.90	0.00	1	7,000	20,300.00
VITAFOAM	4.45	4.25	0.20	15	142,830	626,172.60
VONO	1.60	1.60	0.00	1	1,000	1,600.00
WAPCO	21.00	21.00	0.00	36	120,269	2,521,871.28
WAPIC	1.81	1.81	0.00	2	900	1,629.00
WEMABANK	2.61	2.74	0.13	25	579,020	1,544,469.70
WTN	2.17	2.07	0.10	2	8,100	16,767.00
TOTAL				1,692	39,856,539	220,757,587.83

Nigerian Stock Dealings (NSE) Gainers/Losers as at 30/07/2001

Gainers			
COMPANY	OPENING PRICE	CLOSING PRICE	CHANGE
UNIPETROL	40.00	41.01	1.01
FLOURMILL	13.65	14.30	0.65
UNIONDICON	16.99	17.50	0.51
TEXACO	61.80	62.30	0.50
MANDRID	7.01	7.36	0.35
FSB	7.15	7.50	0.35
ROYALEX	6.48	6.80	0.32
TIB	1.94	2.25	0.31
NAL	5.00	5.23	0.23
7UP	5.68	5.90	0.22
LONGMAN	4.54	4.75	0.21
WEMABANK	2.61	2.74	0.13
UACN	3.37	3.50	0.13
OWENABANK	2.79	2.90	0.11
SCOA	2.18	2.28	0.10
EKOBANK	1.48	1.55	0.07
ORIENTBANK	1.23	1.28	0.05
SAVANNA	1.30	1.35	0.05
CFAO	2.95	3.00	0.05
DUMEX	2.55	2.58	0.03
NIGERINS	4.55	5.01	0.03
AFRPAINTS	0.58	0.60	0.02
AFPRINT	0.95	0.97	0.02
C&ILEASING	1.30	1.32	0.02
FIRSTALUM	1.70	1.71	0.01

Losers			
COMPANY	OPENING PRICE	CLOSING PRICE	CHANGE
NESTLE	66.00	63.30	2.70
GUINNESS	39.39	37.50	1.89
NBC	21.00	20.51	0.49
LEVBCROS	24.00	24.04	0.46
AFRIBANK	9.00	8.61	0.39
NOLCHEM	30.00	29.70	0.30
PZ	13.35	13.10	0.25
VITAFOAM	4.45	4.25	0.20
AIICO	3.27	3.11	0.16
DUNLOP	3.60	3.50	0.10
WTN	2.17	2.07	0.10
NCR	1.81	1.72	0.09
MANNYBANK	1.80	1.72	0.08
LWUNION	1.64	1.57	0.07
IGL	6.05	5.99	0.06
COSTAIN	1.20	1.14	0.06
SKBEECHAM	2.25	2.20	0.05
NEM	0.86	0.82	0.04
HALLBANK	4.14	4.10	0.04
LASACO	0.96	0.92	0.04
GROMMAC	0.71	0.68	0.03
JOSBREW	0.62	0.59	0.03
BATA	0.29	0.28	0.01
EVANSMED	1.34	1.33	0.01
CMB	0.65	0.64	0.01

Summary of Transactions

DEALS	VOLUME	VALUE	No. OF COMPANIES
1,692	39,856,539	220,757,587.83	99

Source: NSE, Abuja Area Office

Bulls, bears tie at NSE yesterday

Trading reports collected from Abuja Area Office of the Nigerian Stock Exchange indicated that a total of 39.82 million shares valued at N202.76 million in 1,692 deals were traded on the floors of the Nigerian Stock Exchange.

There were no transactions in the Industrial Loans/Preference Stocks sector and the Federal Government Development Banks sector.

Price Movement:

The bulls tied with the bears on the floor, with a total of 25 companies gaining and losing in their share prices.

Gains were recorded in the Petroleum Marketing, Food/Beverages & Tobacco, Banking, Insurance, Printing and Publishing, Conglomerates, Construction, Chemicals & Paints, Textiles, Managed Fund and the Industrial and Domestic product sub sector.

Unipetrol Plc led the price gainers, as it appreciated by 101 kobo to close the day at N41.01 per share, followed by Flourmill Plc, which appreciated by 65 kobo to close at N14.30 per share.

Other price gainers include UnionDicon (51 kobo); Texaco (50 kobo); Mandrid and FSB (35 kobo apiece); Royalex (32 kobo); TIB (31 kobo); NAL (23 kobo); Seven-Up (22 kobo); Longman (21 kobo); Wemabank and UACN (13 kobo apiece) and Owenabank (11 kobo).

Losses were recorded in the Food/Beverages & Tobacco, Breweries, Conglomerates, Banking, Petroleum Marketing, Industrial and Domestic Produce, Insurance, Automobile and Tyre, Computer & Office Equipment, Construction, Healthcare, Footwear and the Packaging sub sectors.

Nestle Food Plc led the price losers, dropping by 270 kobo to close at and N63.30 per share, followed by Guinness Plc, which lost 189 kobo, to close at N37.50 per share.

Other price losers include NBC (49 kobo); Levbros (46 kobo); Afribank (39 kobo); Nolchem (30 kobo); PZ (25 kobo); Vitafoam (20 kobo); AIICO (16 kobo); Dunlop and WTN (10 kobo apiece); NCR (9 kobo) and Mannybank (8 kobo).

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CBN's bid to mop N120b flops

The attempt by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to mop a total sum of N120.4 billion from circulation last week flopped as the apex bank could only achieve about N21.3 billion.

Its achievement, according to experts, is, however, commendable when compared to preceding week's performance when only a paltry sum of N9.6 billion was mopped from circulation.

As has been the norm in recent months, the primary market provided the largest chunk of the N21.3 billion

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recorded in the period under review, as a total sum of N18.9 billion was mopped from the primary market.

The Open Market Operation (OMO) Auctioneer, the Secondary Market provided the leeway for the apex bank to mop the meagre sum of N2.3 billion.

Despite the records posted, CBN's intention was to wipe out about N117.6 billion via the primary market and the total sum of N2.8 billion was received as bids in the secondary market.

The bids rates in the OMO auction was between

17.4 percent and 17.7 percent while the stop rate and true yield stood at 17.5 and 17.6 percent respectively.

In the secondary market the bid rates were within 17.5 percent and 18 percent whereas the marginal rate and true yield is 18 and 18.8 percent respectively. The minimum rediscount rate is still 18.5 percent.

SEC-NSE imbroglio: Finance ministry delays resolution

The inability of the Ministry of Finance to set up the investment and securities tribunal as mandated by the Investment and Securities Act (ISA) 1999 may have been responsible for the impending court case between Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE).

This case, which is over SEC's directive that NSE should revert its name to Lagos Stock Exchange (ISE) is currently before an Abuja High Court.

It would be recalled that the suit was initiated by the management of NSE after SEC wrote a letter suspending its president and director-general, Alhaji Abdul Rasaki and Dr. Ndi Okereke-Onyiuke, over their refusal to comply with its directive on the change of name matter.

Experts who spoke to *Business Day* on condition



Joseph Sanusi, CBN Governor

ITB boss advocates interest-free banking

The Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of

International Trust Bank (ITB) Plc, Alhaji Abdulkadir Idris has enjoined Nigerian banks to embrace interest-free banking, which he argued is a meritorious social service.

Delivering a paper at the monthly meeting of the Money Market Association of Nigeria (MoneyMart), Alhaji Idris said this intellectual call must be

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dissociated from the playful and mischievous institution that it is a call for to establishment of charitable (banking) institutions.

"What we are advocating for are profit-motivated, profit-oriented financial institutions which are prepared to take the calculated risk after due technical analysis in partnership and go into business with entrepreneurs with a view of sharing higher profits or bearing losses depending on the business outcome," he explained.

Drawing his inspiration from the Bible parable of the talents, Alhaji Idris argued that depositing money in the bank purely for interest income apart from being abhorred by religion, is a lazy man's approach to financial management and the approach of someone who is too timid to take calculated business risks, but too covetous of a return on his money.

Likewise, he argued that although it is eminently good to be philanthropic, philanthropy doesn't require us to share out all our wealth, integrity or ignore profitable business opportunities but as a matter of fact, the extension of an interest-free credit facility on our financial model may be a more meritorious social service than charitable handouts.

Abuja Stock Exchange to increase quoted companies soon

The Abuja Stock Exchange (ASE) which is on the throes of privatisation will soon enlarge the number of quoted companies in its fold.

Nigerians to support competition as monopoly is detrimental to the interest of the nation.

Dr. Eric Okoye of the University of Benin and former Managing Director of Life Breweries, Engr. K. M. Okafor in their papers called for the provision of adequate credit and statistical data in order to enhance our national economic outlook.

Okoye also advised the government to ensure that Nigerians export more of our goods rather than import in order to boost Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Gross National Product (GNP).



Adamu Ciroma, Finance Minister

This revelation was made by the Executive Vice-Chairman of Centre-Point Merchant Bank Plc, Chief Dennis O. Odife, who said his bank will soon list more companies on that exchange.

Specifically, Odife, who was delivering a lecture during the three-copy workshop on "The Nigerian Capital Market" organised by his banks' International Centre for Economic, Social and Public Policy Analysts and Research (ICESPAR) and Capital Market Correspondents Association of Nigeria (CAMCAN), maintained that a completion ceremony will be held in Abuja on August 8 for this purpose.

The workshop was held at Pagoda Management Resort and Conference Centre, Nkwelle-Ezunaka, Oyi Local Government Area, Onitsha, Anambra State.

He said the idea behind the Abuja Stock Exchange was to diversify the nation's capital market in order to engender economic growth, saying that Nigerians should support the exchange which he said would help bring the "goodies" of capital market to the grassroots.

Odife, who chaired the panel behind the recent transformations in the financial sector, called on

Common Central Bank for West Africa by 2003

By Musa Aliyu

The much awaited Common Central Bank for the countries of West African sub-region dubbed the West African Central Bank (WACB) has been billed to take-off in January 2003.

Making this known to newsmen in Abuja, Minister of Cooperation and Integration in Africa, Chief Abimbola Ogunkelu, said that the facilitation of this has been agreed to by ministers and governors of the West African Monetary Zone (WAMZ).

According to Ogunkelu, WACD would be saddled with the responsibility of issuing a common currency, designing and implementing a common monetary policy.

The minister explained further that an institution known as the West African Monetary Institute (WAMI) has been created to undertake

preparatory activities leading to the establishment of the Central Bank.

The agreement of the WAMZ and the statutes by the WACB and WAMI have been signed in Bamako since December, 2000 by the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Nigeria and Sierra Leone, he said.

He further explained that WAMI, before the expiration of its life span in December, 2002, is expected to prepare technical papers for the consideration of the convergence council and the authority of Heads of State and Governments on a number of issues.

These issues include a common monetary policy for the WAMZ, a payment system for the WAMZ, an exchange rate mechanism for the WAMZ and external reserves management by the WACB.

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Can we know what you have been able to do since your assumption of duties as the Nigerian Ambassador to Morocco?

Since I assumed office just a year and a half ago, I have actually achieved a lot. First of all we have entered into a number of bilateral economic relations with Morocco and we have signed a memorandum of understanding between Morocco and Nigeria.

This memorandum of understanding covers virtually every aspect of economic activities in Morocco and Nigeria. We have also established a chapter of the Morocco and Nigeria Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Morocco. The inauguration of this chamber really ignited all activities and we are working towards enabling the Morocco Chamber of Commerce to collaborate with the Nigerian business community directly.

The Moroccan Chamber of Commerce is a state apparatus while that of Nigeria is a private organization. Morocco has learnt a lot from Nigerian business organisations. As a result of this inauguration, about 20 multi-national companies from Morocco visited Nigeria, while in Nigeria they visited many business concerns and business institutions in Abuja, Lagos, and Port Harcourt etc.

They also entered into a number of cooperatives like fishery companies, wood processing compa-

number of Nigerians that get this product from Morocco and a number of industries are now getting their raw materials from Nigeria, such as wood processing, because Morocco does not have good wood. They import them from South Africa, Canada, but now they come down to Nigeria for this need.

Considering the case of Nigerians living in Morocco, what is the situation like? Are they there legally or illegally?

As a matter of fact, there is no Nigerian residing in Morocco apart from students. But there are close to 10,000 people who are Nigerians that are on transit to Europe.

It's actually a matter of great concern to us, because this poses a lot of problems to my mission as Ambassador. They are in Morocco illegally, with no documents, and in most cases they get into problems, some were killed in the process of finding an escape route to Europe, some were convicted and taken to prison.

Presently, we have close to 250 Nigerians in various prisons in Morocco. Most of them were convicted for entering the country illegally. These are people we have in Morocco, most of them are young men and women, who believe they can only make it by moving out of the country to Europe. In the interest of our own image, it has not given us a good image in this country and even if these people cross into Europe, they

Nigeria's image h

Ambassador Ladan

It's a very difficult terrain and some die in the process, and some die because of cold and hunger.

So we have also been calling on parents to educate their children and discourage them from embarking on this journey. And we also appeal to the media to assist us in enlightening the people against these dangerous trips.

It's not only Morocco's case, I am sure you must have been reading how our young ones, especially the youths find their way illegally to Italy, London, etc.

In a situation like this, what role is your office in Morocco playing?

Well, we try as much as we can to first of all talk to the Ports Authority to be lenient, when they really break the law and get involved, we try to get them out and at the same time preach to Nigerians that are in Morocco illegally, to think of going back and at the same time send to their parents through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that so, so and so had been arrested. We also appeal to the particular state where the largest majority arrested and convicted come from to talk to them and enlighten them.

What is the policy of the Moroccan government as regards any arrest and cases of convic-

Ambassador Ladan Shuni, the Nigerian ambassador to Sokoto last week where he spoke exclusively to our correspondent revealed his achievements since assumption of office and makes a situation report of Nigerians residing in Morocco on illegal migrants, Nigerians convicted in Morocco and other issues. Excerpts:

Like I told you there are close to 250-300 Nigerians now convicted and jailed in Morocco. After serving a three-month jail term, which is the condition for illegal entry. After this he or she would be deported. So this is what the policy says.

Which state in Nigeria has the majority of those convicted in Morocco?

I don't want to be specific, but they are all Nigerians.

What form of assistance do you render to deportees?

If a Nigerian is to be deported we assist, first of all by giving what we call an emergency travel certificate. We accompany him to the airport, and finally to the aircraft.

Is there any financial assistance rendered to him?

No financial assistance for him or her. He brought himself and he is coming with a purpose, because he wants to transit to Europe and in the process he is arrested and found guilty of breaking the local law and the punishment for breaking the law is three months in jail.

Immediately a Nigerian is arrested, I am informed, that someone is arrested and that he would be appearing in court on a particular day, then we send our lawyer or counsel. But the case is a direct one because you enter the country without necessary documents. So it's a straightforward case. When he finishes the jail term we would now arrange for his journey back home.

You said there are no Nigerians in Morocco except students. Are there no Nigerians doing one business or the other in Morocco?

The Nigerians in Morocco are not there for



Ambassador Ladan Abdullahi Shuni (Danmasanin Sokoto) Nigerian

business, because Morocco is so close to Europe, in this case Spain, they are only there on transit. They make arrangements with Morocco to help them in crossing to Europe, Spain and some other neighbouring countries to seek for fortune. None of them is in Morocco to do any business. It is simply because Morocco is so close you

don't need a visa to go to Europe, America, and you can make it by road. Some spend two months or three months looking for an opportunity to cross.

Due to the problems they face in transit, how many of them have died since your assumption of office?

I think no fewer than (8) eight people, male and female have lost their lives in the course of this transit and sometimes they fight among

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nies, fertilizer companies, agro-allied companies, textiles companies, etc.

As you have known, Morocco is very famous in the area of fish production, which has been in the Nigerian market for centuries. Now there are a large

just have to face another problem.

They face the problem of coming to Morocco through various means, some come by road, some by water way (ship) which may take up to 3 months before getting to Morocco.

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The policy of the government there is when you are jailed and you finish your term, you are deported.

How many Nigerians are now in jail in Morocco?

Interview

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Nigerians living outside the country also have a feeling of pride and even if there are misunderstandings once the president visits the country, it would be resolved. Let us look at the visit of Stella Obasanjo to Morocco, you see, this changed the attitude of Moroccans even if they are hostile to Nigerians before, this is now changing. This is happening in other countries as well.

On investment, there are a lot of factors militating against this but more importantly, a lot of people are coming. Investment is not made overnight. You have to undertake feasibility studies. There are

he travels out of the country. First of all, he is being hosted by the country he is visiting. He does not pay any kobo for accommodation, nor is any kobo paid for transportation, and there are also missions that

journeys the president undertakes are for the interest of Africa or even the world. President Obasanjo has a lot of respect and is considered the leader of Africa and the Blackman and wherever he goes he is

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some countries that have floated companies with Nigeria, and there are some that earmarked that commitment financially to Nigeria. So the foreign policy of Nigeria now is very effective and active.

Nigerians are still of the opinion that President Obasanjo is wasting the nation's resources by visiting countries, travelling here and there?

It is out of ignorance that they are doing that. What the president spends is worth it. Moreover, the president has not been spending money whenever

take care of all these. What the president spends is not much.

Whatever amount people say the president is spending, it is worth it, if you are now to quantify and qualify the Nigerian foreign policy improvement, we would say it is worth many billions of dollars. Because Nigerians now enjoy a certain respect which they did not enjoy before. You can come out in any part of Morocco and say you are a Nigerian.

People do not understand because most of the

treated as such. If any African leader is there he would be given proper recognition. Remember what President Obasanjo did on the matter of HIV (AIDS). Once Nigeria takes up any issue it would be respected. If there is any conference or summit in which Nigeria is participating you find that all attention is drawn to Nigeria. If we are not there then no attention is paid to Africa.

Therefore, Obasanjo is not only a president but he can be seen as the Chief Foreign Officer of the country.



ambassador to Morocco

themselves. You know Nigerians are very courageous, because only Nigerians can go to foreign countries and start fighting with one another. In fact, there was a case of one who in the process of fighting, killed a Nigerian and he was jailed for 10 years.

Now that we have democracy in Nigeria, there is no reason why Nigerians would be running out of the country.

How would you assess the for-

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Mr. Jamil Kareem, Head of Morocco Chamber, handing over some documents to Ambassador Ladan Abdullahi Shuni after the formal signing of the Chamber of Commerce agreement at Rabat, Morocco.

Features

The revival of Pan-Africanism

By Hammeed M. Bello

Pan-Africanism, a struggle for the emancipation of African nations and of blacks in the diaspora was, once more, given fresh attention in Abuja, with the call on African nations to rise to the challenge of freeing themselves completely from the claws of imperialism and Western manipulation.

This new focus came, courtesy of the graduation lecture for the course 9 participants at the National War College, Abuja held on 24th July, this year.

The lecturer, Professor George Nzongola-Ntalaja, a Congolese invited from the United Nations Development Project (UNDP), spoke extensively on the topic, "Regional Integration and Africa's Development: Issues and strategies."

Introducing the basis of his lecture, the Prof. Nzongola-Ntalaja explored issues and strategies relating to regional integration and Africa's development in the 21st century. He started with a brief look at the pan-African project that emerged at the beginning of the last century, how it started and how it fared.

He stated that insecurity and poverty have persisted as major obstacles to African integration and development following the betrayal of the pan-African ideals by post-colonial rulers.

While providing historical perspective on the pan-African project, Nzongola viewed the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) which has just transformed to the African Union (AU), as a step towards African integration and a major development in the unification project that pan-Africanist thinkers and activities have advocated throughout the 20th century. He also explained that pan-Africanism as a political movement was born in 1900, when the West Indian barrister, Henry Sylvester Williams, convened a pan-African conference in London, which advocated unity among all peoples of African descent.

Explaining pan-Africanism as a movement for co-operation between Africans and African-Americans in the liberation struggle, the lecturer explained that a mass-based movement of black consciousness with a militant "back-to-Africa" project solidarity and self-

realism during the 1920s founded in Harlem by Marcus Mosiah Garvey, a working-class Jamaican immigrant and the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA), became

of pan-Africanism had emerged from the African Diaspora of North America and the Caribbean, the realisation of the pan-African dream of "Africa for the Africans" was to be the work of the continental Africans themselves.

structured to address the issues of internal and interstate conflicts, in practice, the absence of political will and appropriate logistics often frustrate attempts to activate these mechanisms for dealing with actual or potential conflicts.

the prevention, Management and Resolution of Political Crises and Armed Conflicts in Central Africa," there are still no viable initiative for preventive diplomacy and for conflict resolution.

Commenting on the persistence of poverty as a threat to the pan-African project, the lecturer said that poverty has created insecurity with respect to decent livelihood and human survival. This, according to him, does not only reduce the ability of people to lead productive lives, but it also worsens identity conflicts along communal, ethnic, religious and regional lines.

His words: "How can we talk with sincerity of a common African identity when we are still incapable of dealing effectively with the issues of identity and citizenship in our respective countries. For example, the issues of indigenes versus indigenes in the states of this great federation, the distinction all over Africa between indigenous peoples versus settlers; the antagonism between blacks and Arabs in Sudan and else where; and tensions between christians and muslims in a few countries?"

He stated further that today, more than half of the people of Africa live on less than one U.S. dollar a day. While over two-thirds of the countries classified by the U.N. as least developed are in Africa. He said, therefore, that regional integration and development cannot be built on such extreme poverty.

He prayed that the current democratisation process offers hope for the emergence of a new type of democracy. The challenge facing the continent today, he said, is how to get rid of the political deadwood of the colonial era in order to renew in deeds and not simply in words or on paper the commitment to the pan-African project, which has now been revived through the Sirt Declaration on the African Union (AU).

On the panacea to eradicating poverty, the professor put forth a four-level remedy- the local, urban, national and the global levels.

At the local level, he

said that technological innovation and the manufacture of capital goods for agricultural production and the transformation of primary products into finished goods are indispensable.

At the urban level, he said that a more permanent and useful solution is for peasants to become gainfully employed and have adequate income to take advantage of housing programmes like low cost housing and services.

At the national level, the professor said that there is the need to focus less on the effects of poverty than on its roots, which have to do with economic, political and cultural problems like income generation, empowerment and education. To this end, he added, if the commitment to integration does exist at the highest level politically, then something must be done to put an end to arbitrary administrative controls.

At the national level also, he said that politically, there need to be a shift from a situation in which the state is seen as the property of the ruler and his entourage to a more meaningful situation in which the state is seen as an impartial institution serving the citizenry.

At the global level, he said that with respect to the debt burden, there are countries in Africa today that spend more than 50 percent of their export revenue on servicing their external debt. This, he said, is intolerable.

According to him, since some of these debts are odious, and do not serve the development needs of those indebted countries, the flow of resources should be reversed, with the countries of the West repatriating to Africa the money that corrupt African rulers have illegally transferred to their banks, real estates and financial markets. He explained that in western law, these institutions are as guilty as the individuals who stole the money in the first place. Buying and holding stolen property, the professor said, is a crime.



Prof. George Nzongola-Ntalaja (L) in a handshake with Brig. Gen. L. O. Ajiamah (R) during the graduation ceremony of the National War College, Abuja... recently. Pix by Felix Onigbinde

a mighty movement of black people in the United States and a source of inspiration to peoples of African descent all over the world. In spite of Garvey's persecution and deportation from the U.S. in 1927, his intellectual influence continued to grow in movements such as the Harlem Renaissance and in countries experiencing colonial or racial oppression in Africa and the Caribbean, including Cuba.

In the course of the lecture, it was noted that now that South Africa under black majority rule is promoting the idea of an "African Renaissance," and that a Millennium African Recovery Programme (MAP) inspired by this idea has been endorsed by the last OAU summit, it is well to remember that the idea itself is not new. Long before Negritude, the movement for the emancipation of the Negro race, and the concept of "African personality" became popular in the 1950's, the African renaissance was already championed in the pages of *The Negro World*, the official organ of Garvey's UNIA.

Also, the lecturer said that while the intellectual pioneers

Citing African leaders who stood for the pan-African project of the unity and economic development of Africa through a single federal union, the lecturer said that Nkrumah remained committed to the idea and worked tirelessly to convince other African leaders of the need for a United States of Africa. Similarly, Cheik Anta Diop, who envisaged a gradual process of building the political unity of the continent, had elaborated a plan for the economic industrialisation of Africa based on the rich natural resources of the continent.

Unfortunately, he added, the pan-African ideal fell victim to both the neo-colonial interests of imperialism, which preferred smaller states to larger entities, and the narrow class interests of the African nationalist leaders, who stood a better chance to gain presidential and ministerial positions in smaller entities.

Discussing the persistence of insecurity in Africa, the lecturer stated that while in theory, the OAU mechanism and sub-regional security mechanisms are well

He noted also that through the decisive actions of ECOMOG in Liberia and Sierra Leone, the ECOWAS sub-region alone has demonstrated the will and the ability to come to terms with armed conflicts, with the leadership of Nigeria, whose economic weight is sufficient to allow for bold initiatives with respect to military intervention, the war over diamonds is still threatening the lives of thousands of people in parts of Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Guinea, while Guinea-Bissau and the Casamance region of Senegal are still unstable.

According to Nzongola, a major challenge for the former colonial-settler economic systems, which were built on violence, is how to effect the transition to a more equitable distribution of resources with little or no violence.

Furthermore, he said that despite the existence since 1992 of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa, the adoption of a none-aggression treaty in 1996 and the setting up, in 1998, of a "Higher Council for the Promotion of Peace,

NEWS

Islamic society launches Qur'an on CDs

By Hassan Idris

An Islamic society, Izalatul Bid'a Wa'ikamatussunnah (JIBWIS), has adapted to the latest information technology by recording and launching the recitations of the Holy Qur'an by Mallam Ibrahim A. Suleiman on compact disks (CDs) and video cassettes.

While speaking at the National Mosque, venue of the event, on Saturday, in Abuja, the Chairman of the Society, Alhaji Muhammad Maigandu, said Muslims should buy the CDs and

video cassettes for family use.

Alhaji Maigandu added that Muslims should continue to study the Holy Qur'an and uphold the orthodox traditions of Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon Him), as "there is healing and guidance in the Holy Qur'an."

The special guest of honour, the Governor of Jigawa State, Alhaji Saminu Turaki, who was represented by his special adviser on Assembly

Matters and the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Religious Affairs, Alhaji Ibrahim M. Hannungiwa, stated that the launching of the Holy Qur'an on CDs was a great achievement by the reciter as well as the Muslim community.

He, therefore, called on other Muslims to emulate Mallam Suleiman by recording their recitation on cassettes and CDs to preserve and protect the Holy Qur'an.

Alhaji Muhammad Tanko, a staff of Ashraki Communications where the recording was done, said the company had to overcome serious financial and technical constraints but thanked Allah for his guidance.

In his comment, the reciter, Mallam Suleiman expressed his gratitude to all who made possible the production of his recitations on CDs and Video Cassettes.

ABUTH devises new method against VVF

By Mustapha Isah Kwaru

The Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital (ABUTH), has devised a new method that will diagnose Vesico Vagina Fistula (VVF) in pregnant women.

The Permanent Secretary, Kaduna State Ministry of Women Affairs, Youth and Social Development, Hajia Safiya Tukur, has disclosed.

The Permanent Secretary made the disclosure in Kaduna, Sunday, at a workshop organised to enlighten women on preventive measures against the disease.

She also disclosed that the committee, looking into the high rates of VVF and ways of preventing them, has received a medical computer from the United States to enhance the identification of the disease in pregnant women.

This, she said would enable doctors to pre-empt measures before the disease manifests.

Hajia Safiya explained that a pregnant woman would be asked some questions, the answers to which a computer will award some marks.

"If the marks exceed 13, it would indicate infection

and the woman would be advised on the preventive or remedial measures to take.

On the other hand, if the marks are below 13, it would mean the woman is free from VVF infection.

Agitation for sharia in western states gathers momentum

From Abdulfatah Olajide, in Lagos

The agitation by Yoruba Muslims for the introduction of the Sharia legal system in Yoruba states is gathering momentum with the Secretary-General of the Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA), Dr. Abdulateef Adegbite, throwing his weight behind it.

Dr. Adegbite, who expressed strong optimism that Sharia would soon be introduced in the region, declared that implementation of Sharia in the entire south "is a task which all Muslims must work towards."

In a similar vein, the co-ordinator of the Lagos chapter of National Council of Muslim Youth Organisations (NACOMYO), Alhaji Abdulrazak Ganat, has hinted that a private Sharia bill being prepared by the

organisation would be submitted to the state House of Assembly for adoption before the end of the year.

Dr. Adegbite and Alhaji Ganat were speaking during the conference of Al-Islam newspaper's man of the year Award to the Governor of Zamfara State, Alhaji Ahmed Sani, Dr. Adegbite himself, and Sheikh Abdulatif Abou.

Dr. Adegbite appealed to Nigerian Muslims "to take their faith seriously and not allow themselves to be lured by those who are relegating religious to the background and stripping it of its substance."

He added: "Allah's commandments mean little or nothing to these people. This is why we must not listen to those who assert Sharia is antiquated and a negation of human rights."



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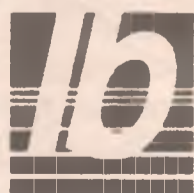
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INSIDE POLITICS

Anyim unhappy over plight of journalists

Senate President Anyim Pius Anyim, has directed the senate committee on information to liaise with the relevant bodies to establish a committee that would look into the plight of journalists in the country.

Opening the national executive council meeting of the NUJ, Anyim, overwhelmed by the Union's complaints and requests, gave the senate committee, chaired by Senator Jonathan Zwingina, a week to complete the assingment.

Anyim suggested that the committee, which would work with the lawmakers, should include representatives of the NUJ, Nigerian Press Council, proprietors of media houses and the Nigeria Broadcasting Commission (NBC).

He stressed: "Whatever it takes, the committee will come to the route of what should be done to better the lot of journalists and sanitise the practice of journalism."

"We want to ensure that all arms of the government are of the same speed and development, including the press which is said to be the fourth arm."

Anyim stressed that everything would be done to encourage and facilitate the review of the press council law, which is currently before the National Assembly.

He gave an assurance that the National Assembly would take a holistic view of the problems facing journalists, including the consideration of laws on media ownership and free access to information.

Frowning at the attitude of media owners who fail to pay journalists in their employ, Anyim, said: "If a

journalist can spend months and months without salary, what do you expect him to do? They will be helpless. They will do unethical



Anyim things."

He pointed out that "that is why some publish unimaginable things to attract attention and in the face of this, NUJ is helpless"

Agreeing with Mr. Smart Adeyemi, the NUJ President, on the need to regulate journalism practice, Anyim remarked that there were quacks in the profession. "Most of these people are not even members of the NUJ," he noted.

His presence at the NUJ event, Anyim explained, had further exposed him to the realities and problems facing journalism, but said nonetheless that journalists should join in the efforts to sustain democracy.

"My concern about the trend and future of our democracy and as Senate President is to contribute my little quota to the sustenance of democracy," he said.

Anyim, who was accompanied by Zwingina and some other lawmakers,

later distributed some computers procured by the NUJ to its 36 state chapters.

Earlier, Zwingina had assured the NUJ that its requests for a law on media ownership, free access to information and the welfare of journalists would receive prompt attention. He said: "The levity with which media proprietors treat journalists is sheer irresponsibility. We will take care of that legislatively."

"You are defendants of democracy. Nigeria media and the legislature are the first casualties in any military takeover. We appreciate this common hazard that we share and so we have a duty working together."

Welfare party unfolds agenda in Rivers

As part of events leading to the 2003 general elections, a new group known as the Welfare Party at the weekend appointed its state and local council co-ordinators for the south-south and south-eastern geo-political zones.

Introducing the party in Port-Harcourt, its national chairman, Mr. Leon Diala, recalled that the Welfare Party was actually inaugurated in 1998 "but missed registration by the Independent National Electoral Commission."

He told supporters, who had gathered at the Phoenix Hotel, venue of the launch, that the Welfare Party and already been launched in Abuja and Lagos.

"It had come to fill the ideological vacuum in the nation's politics, by adopting a welfarish ideology," he stated.

"As a welfare party, we will not only provide a good

The special adviser to the president on inter-party relations, Senator Mahmud Waziri, has observed that the current democratic experiment was still shaky as the elections that ushered in the Fourth Republic were far from free and fair.

Fielding questions from newsmen in Katsina at the weekend, the pioneer All Peoples Party (APP) chairman, added that only the next local government election billed for early next year and the 2003 presidential election would determine whether the fourth republic is here for good or not.

Blaming the perpetual struggle for political supremacy between civilians and the military for retarding our democratic progress, he lamented that the unhealthy development has been mainly

Fourth Republic shaky says Mahmud Waziri

responsible for "our inability to progress beyond the first stanza of succeeding republics since Nigeria's independence."

The special adviser further asserted that for the civilians to triumph over the military in the struggle for political supremacy, "the former (civilians) must learn to be able to conduct free and fair election, as well as cultivate the spirit of fair competition whereby the loser accepts defeat in good faith and the winner takes his victory with humility."

Asked whether he would support President Obasanjo in 2003, the special adviser declared that he would not support or vote for his present boss as he (special adviser) is still a bona fide

member of the APP and his loyalty is with his party.

Senator Waziri also denied ever opposing registration of new political parties saying that he was quoted out of context. Explaining his position on the new political associations, he maintained that any association that desires registration as a political party should be subjected to the same test that the existing three political parties went through.

Speaking during an inter-party meeting earlier, he stated that commitment to the practice of democracy "guarantees some good measure of understanding among the political parties, adding that democracy must be imbibed in daily life and political pursuits without distortion "if we are to expect some good measure of harmony, peace and progress in our endeavours, political and otherwise."



Waziri

2003: Afenifere against IBB's ambition —AD chieftain

chieftain of Afenifere and Alliance for Democracy (AD) in Lagos State, Mr. Abiola Sappur, has stated that Afenifere is against former Head of State, General Ibrahim Babangida's presidential ambition because of his anti-democratic sentiments, especially his nullification of the June 12, 1993 presidential election.

Sappur who stated this in a chat with Daily Trust said nobody should blame Afenifere and other Nigerians for their posture as the nullification of that election brought untold sufferings to majority of Nigerians.

Besides, he posited that IBB had ruled the nation for eight years which is the

From Bright Ewulu, in Lagos

maximum number of years elected office holders can serve going by the 1999 constitution, saying "if IBB could not transform the nation developmentally for eight years as a military head of state, how can he achieve that as a civilians."

He disclosed that it was the rapprochement between a section of the National Frontiers (NF) and the National Solidarity Association (NSA) alleged to be affiliated with IBB that made Afenifere to put on hold the merger arrangement until

certain issues were trashed out.

According to him Afenifere decided on principle to merge with NF when it was discovered that the alleged romances between it and NSA was not wholly true.

On the division in the AD, Sappur was emphatic that the political dynamics of the South-West come 2003 will prove that the Afenifere is on the ground, saying that some of the executive governors in the geo-political zone who hijacked the AD party machinery will live to regret it.

Bursary: Bayelsa speaker pleads with students

Students of Bayelsa origin in tertiary institutions have been assured of prompt payment of their bursary allowances.

Speaker of the Bayelsa House of Assembly, Mr. Peremobwei Ebebi, who made this known while receiving a delegation of the national union of Bayelsa students, promised to liaise with the authorities concerned to make that a reality.

The speaker also advised the students to relinquish act that would make them deviate from their studies by doing

only those things that will make them achieve their laudable objectives.

He assured the students that the assembly would soon bring the resource control bill to public hearing, which, he said, "was already in the committee stage."

Earlier, the president of the national union of Bayelsa students, Mr. Bipeledei Efieseimokumo, had pleaded for the upward review of the bursary allowance to N25,000 for undergraduates; N50,000 for maritime academy students and N70,000 for law schools as well as P.hd students.



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PARLIAMENT

Supplementary budget: Muscle flexing by Senate, Reps

When President Olusegun Obasanjo presented his supplementary budget II to the Senate, it was passed in record time. Though the president presented a supplementary budget of N147.9 billion, senate approved N145 billion, reducing the budget by over N2 billion.

The upper house had earlier used the same dispatch to approve the sum of over N5 billion to enable the president purchase an aircraft for the ailing presidential fleet.

However, the Senate differed markedly from the position of the House of Representatives on the two supplementary budgets.

By Reuben Yunana

ship was presented as weak and had in the past one year shown itself as just an appendage of the executive. As a result any bill that comes to the Upper house is passed without much scrutiny as guaranteed in the constitution.

Of the two legislative Houses that make up the National Assembly, the House of Representatives performs its constitutional role of serving as a check on the executive.

The leadership of the House of Representatives was financially reckless and had gotten itself into a mess because of its extravagance. Thus, the National

on Wednesday 27th June 2001 and after due consideration, it was overwhelmingly rejected. Members are fully aware that the senate had earlier passed a similar version of the bill."

However, the chairman senate committee on information. Senator Jonathan Zwingina had promptly replied saying the speaker-misinterpreted section 59 of the constitution as according to him, the relevant section empowers the senate president to constitute a joint finance committee to sort out the differences that arise in the two houses from any money bill.

In the midst of the stalemate, the special adviser (media) to the Senate president, Mr. Orji Ogbonnaya Orji came out with a statement outlining the Senate's position.

The statement titled "Facts sheet said: "On the presidential jet issue, it is also important to explain that the approval given by the senate for the purchase of a new presidential jet is based on overriding national interest and national security. There is no other consideration whatsoever.

"The misrepresentation in some sections of the media over the position of the Senate on the aircraft issue is rather unfortunate. Furthermore, it is vital to note that the difference in the figures of the budget as passed by the two chambers of the National Assembly is not unusual. It is in recognition of this possible development that the Senate has postponed it recess three times. There has been spirited efforts to reach a compromise with the House of Representatives through the appropriate constitutional framework."

The statement further explained that there was no showdown, rancour, acrimony or disaffection between the two chambers.

Consequently, Senate President, Pius Anyim fulfilled the constitutional obligation of setting up the joint finance committee to reconcile the differences between the senate and the house of representatives in respect of supplementary budget I and II 2001.

On the Senate side were Senators Udo Udoma (chairman) Mike Ajegbo, Silas Janfa, Mamman Ali, Adeseye Ogunlewe, Wahab Dosunmu, Idris Abubakar, Zeego Azeez, Femi Okurounmu, Daniel Saror,

Dalhatu Tafida, and Saidu Kumbo.

Needless to say, after meeting twice, the committee resolved that the House of Representatives should pass supplementary budget I approving the sum of N5.5 billion for the purchase of a Gulfstream V aircraft for the presidential fleet.

Also it was resolved that the Senate should accept the House of Representatives, figure of N2.4 billion as recurrent expenditure for the National Assembly instead of N500 million.

It is instructive to note that the executive's lack of commitment to the execution of the year 2001 budget was behind the reluctance of legislators to play along with the executive over the message of the supplementary budget.

Legislators were worried that projects slated for execution in last year's budget have not seen the light of day thereby, delaying voters the benefit of enjoying the much tented dividends of democracy.

Of much worry to members was the agreement reached with the executive that projects worth N500m in the areas of water, works, housing and power would be executed in each senatorial district if last years' budget was passed in record time.

Though both the Senate and the House of Representatives fulfilled their part of the agreement, the executive reneged on its own part.

Legislators therefore felt reluctant to approve the supplementary budget, as there was nothing on the ground to show what the executive had done with the money approved this year.

It was as a result of the dissatisfaction with the execution of Appropriation Act 2001, that the ministers of power and steel, water resources and works and housing were invited to appear before the joint finance committee to explain the laxity.

And so on Wednesday 11th July 2001, Chief Tony Anenih, minister of works and housing; Olusegun Agagu, power and steel and Alhaji Mukhari Shagari, water recourses hurried to the National Assembly to answer questions posed by members.

With the matter behind now, it is pertinent to ask: must the president of the Federal Republic be arm-twisted and subjected to blackmail by the National

Assembly before fund is released for the implementation of an Appropriation Act which has far reaching effects on the Nigerian electorate.

When the Senate and the House of Representatives reconvene on 27th and 22nd of August respectively, more controversy is expected as the president may present another request for an aircraft.

This is because the aircraft for which the National Assembly gave its approval is for Vice President Atiku Abubakar.

Also outstanding is the issue of purchasing an aircraft each for the Senate President the Speaker of the House of Representatives

of physical infrastructure is basic, but what we are experiencing today is the real dividend of democracy.

"We run a bicameral legislature but that does not mean one section can do it all alone. We have to work together because there is no act of the House of Representatives or the Senate there is only an act of the National Assembly.

"As regards supplementary appropriation II, the problem was not the recurrent expenditure of the House but that of the National Assembly as a whole, made up of the Senate, the House of Representatives and the management.

"The timing of president



Pius Anyim

While the House rejected outright the supplementary budget I containing the request for the purchase of the aircraft, it passed supplementary budget II but pegged its figure at N146 billion.

And so, the stage was set for debates within the two houses and between the two houses on the merits and demerits as well as the constitutionality of the different positions taken.

The main cause of the difference in the two figures was the fact that while the Senate fixed the National Assembly's recurrent expenditure at N500m, the House of Representatives approved N2.4 billion for the same purpose.

As negotiations continued at the National Assembly, some positions emerged as arguments were put forward.

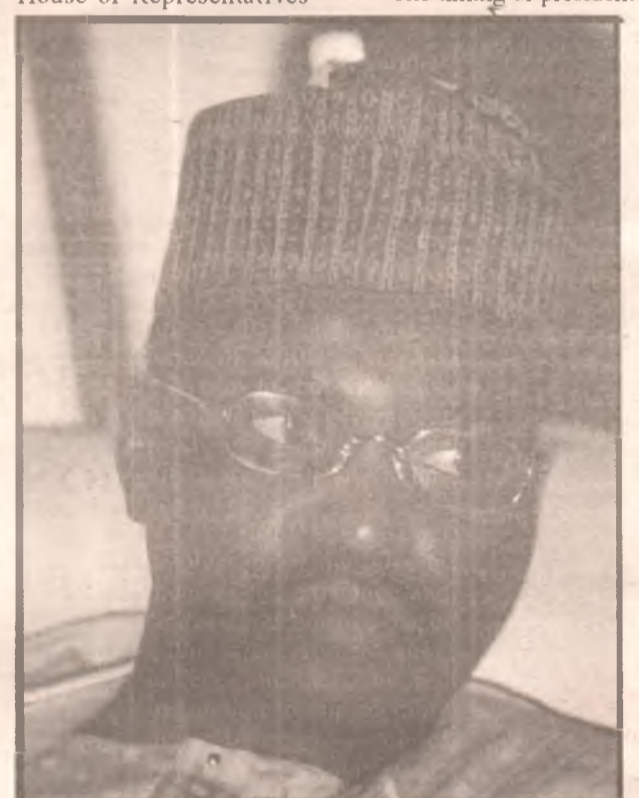
The senate leader-

Assembly's recurrent expenditure was jacked up to N2.4 billion to enable it get out of the mess.

The Senate leadership was more prudent in the management of its resources. As a result, money saved through this prudence was used to purchase one Peugeot 406 for each of the 108 senators that make up the upper house.

As the controversy over the two supplementary budget raged on, legislators from both houses quoted from section 59 of the 1999 constitution to justify their positions.

The speaker of the House of Representatives, Alhaji Ghali Na'aba stated the position of the House on the two supplementary budgets in a letter he wrote to Senate President Pius Anyim and dated 4th of July 2001 said: "This bill came up for discussion before the House



Ghali Na'Abba

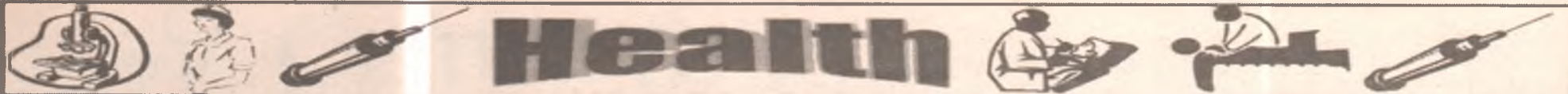
and the chief justice of the federation. There is need for more co-operation between the two Houses since both are members of one legislature. Any confrontation or differences should strictly be on party lines.

As the distinguished senators and honourable members enjoy their recess, there is need for them to ponder the words of Rep. M. Ohuabunwa, co-chairman, joint finance committee of the National Assembly.

Speaking to Senate correspondents after the resolution of the crisis, he said; "history is being made today and democracy is being put to test. When people talk about the dividends of democracy, I tell them that when we talk about the basic necessities of life as dividends of democracy is because things that were supposed to have been done long ago were left undone. Provision

Obasanjo's request for a presidential jet was wrong. ASSU was on strike and medical doctors were on strike, constituency projects were neglected so the issue of the aircraft should have come later.

"It is good the issue did not get to a situation where the two houses resolved the crisis through a joint session. At any point that we are forced to go into a joint session to resolve any issue in the National Assembly it would be better for everybody to carry his bag and go home. Because what it means is that a line would have been drawn and that would be a threat to democracy. If you fight a war and win, I assure you, the vanquished will be planning revenge every day of his life. A house divided against itself can never stand, he warned



Ministry meets with NMA, August 6

The Federal Ministry of Health has invited the Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) to what it called, "constructive engagement" come August 6, as part of its efforts to solve the major problem facing workers in the sector.

The Minister of Health, Prof. Alphonsus Nwosu, who announced this last week said all the professional unions in the ministry were being invited to continue negotiations with the ministry with the aim of achieving a long lasting industrial peace and harmony in the health sector.

According to the Minister, only peace in the sector will ensure the provision of better improved health services to the people.

For him, the relationship between labour and government should be complementary not adversary as was the case now.

He assured that the Ministry will not renege on any agreement made between it and any professional body in the health sector.

In a related development, Prof. Nwosu has said the use of anti-retroviral drugs for the handling of HIV/AIDS will start in September this year.

Speaking while receiving the United Nation's special envoy

By Ikenna Emeka Okpani

on HIV/AIDS, Ambassador Stephen Lewis in his office last week, the Minister disclosed that 5,000 children and 10,000 adults living with HIV/AIDS will be placed on the drugs.



Prof. B.C. Nwosu

All the 52 hospitals under the ministry, according to Prof. Nwosu will be used for the project as they all have the required manpower to handle it.

The minister advocated for a youth army made of students and youths in their productive years, whom he said will fight the disease with renewed vigour and orientation, adding that any disease that is sex-driven is very difficult to control.

Prof. Nwosu said that President Obasanjo is serious about the control of this disease and gives the ministry all the support it needs to control it.

Responding, Mr. Stephen Lewis described the Anti-Retroviral Drugs project as the biggest in Africa and expressed happiness that the Abuja plan of action has been adopted in Zambia for the control of the disease in the continent.

The envoy pointed out that a successful control of the disease in Nigeria would be a big plus for the African continent and assured that the United Nations will collaborate with Nigeria in all aspects of the war against HIV/AIDS.

Safe Motherhood, reproductive health commodities, logistics management and promotion of awareness about these issues are all central to the current fourth country programme of United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) assistance to Nigeria, says the Ms. Daniele Landry, UNFPA representative for Nigeria.

Speaking last week when she received donations from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) for the National Population Programme in Nigeria, the director expressed appreciation at the donation saying it will boost the activities of UNFPA sub programme advisory units in 12 states of the federation.

"I want to assure the government of Canada that it has not misplaced its confidence in making this contribution to UNFPA. We are acutely aware of not only our global mandate but also the challenges presented by the programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) held in Cairo,

UNFPA prioritises safe motherhood

in 1994" Ms Landry said.

She stated that the, "congenial atmosphere," that now prevail in the country due to the return of democracy has led to greater cooperation from UNFPA partners.

The representative expressed happiness that the fund was going to the health sector, adding that her organisation was poised to support government's efforts to deal with the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Ms Landry said the organisation sought help from Canada because the country was showing great commitment and therefore, deserved to be encouraged. She said the activities to be undertaken will target women and young people, whom she described as the most vulnerable to reproductive health and sexuality problems.

Speaking at the occasion, the Canadian High Commissioner in Nigeria said health is one of the sectors marked out by Canada

for support to Nigeria.

According to the diplomat, 97 million dollars have been earmarked for the global fight against HIV/AIDS.

In his reaction, the Minister of Health, Prof. Alphonsus Nwosu thanked the Canadian government and people observing that Ambassador Stephen Lewis, UN Special envoy on HIV/AIDS to Nigeria was from Canada and in the country now appraising Nigerians HIV/AIDS status.

He thanked CIDA for proposing to train health workers in the country adding that, this will serve as a boost to the government's renewed vigour to improve primary health care system.

Prof. Nwosu assured that the country will ensure adequate use of the money as population and reproductive issues feature prominently in the ministry's priorities.

Japan donates for guinea worm eradication

In its effort to eradicate guinea worm disease in Nigeria, the Japanese government has donated equipment worth up to \$86,774 to global 2000 Nigeria under its grant as-

sistance for Grassroot Project (GGP).

The items includes, one Toyota 4WD, 27 motorcycles, 144 bicycles, 200 first aid kits, 4 surgical extraction kits, 15,600

household filters and 1,000 health education materials.

Speaking at the presentation ceremony yesterday at the Global 2000 office in Jos, the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Jakashisa Sasaki said the assistance under the scheme was the second since November 1999 for the implementation of the project.

He said that the Japanese government recognised the importance of eradicating the disease in Nigeria with the total amount of \$21 million. According to the ambassador, Japan has fully resumed economic cooperation with Nigeria pointing out that considerable aid has been given to the country in the area of electricity, water supply and education.

"The Japan embassy earnestly hopes that this donation will contribute to the eradication

of guinea worm disease in Nigeria, promote the public health of Nigerians and thus strengthen further friendly relation between the two countries," he said.

Previous Japan's grant aid for the eradication of the disease and rural potable water scheme, the ambassador said included the construction of hand pump, mud pump, drilling rig and water tank in Anambra, Niger, Sokoto, Enugu and Ebonyi states worth \$21 million.

Other projects embarked up by the Japanese government in Nigeria, according to Mr. Sasaki are the renovation of primary schools and provision of boreholes in Bass, Bogoro and Balewa Local Government Area of the state.

The Japanese government through the scheme also renovated and furnished primary

school blocks at Epe Local Government Area of Lagos State, construction of training and resource centre for women in Ibeju Lekki LGA and the supply of information technology system for training centre in Ogun State.

Speaking earlier, the country representative of Global 2000 - the Carter Centre, Mr. Emmanuel S. Miri said Nigeria benefited from the assistance under the scheme to the tune of \$305.691 between 1999 to 2000.

He disclosed that the items would be used in mapping out strategies for fighting guinea worm infection by facilitating the movement of field staff and village-based health workers to detect and contain the cases of the disease.

According to Miri, the facilities would also be use in enhancing community education for the eradication of the disease and promotion of proper treatment of guinea worm cases.

AMINU KANO TEACHING HOSPITAL, KANO

INVITATION TO

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Tenders are hereby invited from reputable Contractors and Suppliers registered with the Hospital in categories A D. E and G for the following Supplies of Consumables.

- i. X-Ray Consumables
- ii. Supply of Drugs
- iii. Laboratory Consumables

Photocopies of evidence of registration of the Company, Tax clearance and VAT registration (if any) should be submitted along with the Tender documents. Submission of evidence of registration with Pharmaceutical Council of Nigeria is mandatory for manufacturers of Drugs.

Prospective Suppliers are required to pay a non-refundable tender fee of Twenty Thousand Naira (N20,000) only on each of the item listed above in favour of AKTH Kano. Tender documents can only be collected on presentation of payment receipt/s.

All tenders must be signed and submitted in sealed envelopes marked "Tender for the supply of consumables" to the office of the Chief Medical director AKTH P.M.H. 3452, to reach him not later than 6 weeks from the date of this Advertisement. It should be noted that tender envelopes should bear no name, sign or mark of the tender.

Please ensure that you get due clarification on the details of the supply by contacting the Secretary to the Tenders Committee before submitting your tender.

You should also note that the hospital reserves the right to reject any tender and will not assign any reason for the rejection.

Signed:

A. S. ADAMU

Director of Administration

FOR: CHIEF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

Fake Daraprim tablets on sale - NAFDAC

The National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), has alerted the nation of fake Daraprim tablets, a common malaria prevention drug popularly called "Sunday-Sunday medicine," in circulation.

Disclosing this to the Daily Trust, the Director-General of the Agency, Dr. Dora Akunyili, when she paid a courtesy visit to Governor Peter Odili of River State at the Government House, Port Harcourt recently.

According to NAFDAC boss, the manufacturers of the drug ceased its produc-

From Wisdom-Uduak Patrick, in Port Harcourt

tion 12 years ago, she pointed out that because of the demand for the drug then, when it was introduced into Nigeria's drugs market, fraudsters have hijacked it manufacturing when the company decided to stop further production of the product in 1979.

Dr. Akunyili, who disclosed that her agency has drawn up fresh strategies toward effective control of consumption of fake drugs and food products in the country. She told Governor Peter Odili that among them was an enlightenment campaigns rather than ar-

rest and prosecution of culprits.

She explained that since her agency was a consumer protection outfit, it was better to adopt the strategy of consultation, dialogue and enlightenment of the use involved in selling unapproved drugs and food, instead of clamping down on them.

According to NAFDAC boss, dividends of the new approach was already been enjoyed by her organisation as some traders in the Eastern part of the country willingly last week brought out eight trailer-loads of fake drugs for destruction.

Public Announcement

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Your favourite Airline, Albarka, has added a 44 seater HS-748 aircraft to its fleet to enable passengers on the Yola to Abuja route travel more regularly and more comfortably.

Beginning from Thursday, July 26th, 2001, Albarka Air will depart Yola Airport daily for Abuja at 8:00am and return to Yola in the evening at 4:00pm.

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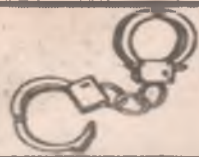
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Crime & Punishment



Shell oil LPO forgers in police net

The police in Lagos have arrested five members of a gang which specialises in forging Shell Oil (LPO) Local Purchasing Order in their attempt to dupe an Owerri-based business woman, Mrs. Udensi of over N4 million.

The suspects are 28-year-old Agor Henry, Colonel Akpori 27, Henry Outu 27 and Daniel Akpomudaye 27.

All the accused persons were dragged before a Lagos Chief magistrate court where they were pressed with a nine criminal charge No. A/136/2001 under the Advance Fee Fraud and other Fraud Related offences Decree No. 13 of 1995 as amended.

Specifically, Colonel Akpori and Henry Outu were alleged to have sometime in August 1999 conspired and obtained from Mrs. Udensi the sum of N2.6 million by false pretence.

It was also alleged that Henry Ojei, Daniel Akpomudaye and others at large within the same date with intent to defraud, obtained N4,605,000 from Isaac Adebayo and another

now at large conspired together in August 1999 to obtain N900,000 from Miss. Jane Aniowu by false pretence.

Daily Trust gathered that one of the victims of the crime had been incapacitated as a result. While another, a couple reportedly died in a motor accident.

The Owerri based business woman is the only surviving complainant in the case.

When the case came up for hearing, the accused persons were ordered remanded by Chief Magistrate Ayo Odugbasan. but their bail application was later granted by way of motion by the same court. Further hearing has been fixed for September 19, 2001.



Mike Okiro, Lagos State Police Boss

Ade Bendel in trouble again

Lagos-based businessman, Olumide Adedeji, (alias Dr. Tutu or Ade Bendel) is in trouble again as he appeared before a Lagos Chief Magistrate Court last Friday to answer charges of obtaining money by false pretence.

Ade Bendel who had since been helping police detectives from Ikoyi, Alagbon close, Force Criminal Investigation Department (FCID), was alleged to have conspired with others now on the run to defraud one Alhaji Wallil Mustapha of over N15 million.

Others facing the same charge with Ade Bendel are Ahmed Oluwole and Olatunbosun Fadairo alias Dr. George Adams.

All the accused persons were alleged to have conspired on or about the month of September 1999 in Lagos to commit an offence to wit: obtaining money by false pretence.

Although the complainant, Alhaji Wallil Mustapha was not in court, the accused persons were said to have committed the offence with intention to defraud him of N15.3 million.

In the first charge No. A/457/2000 preferred against Ade Bendel, further hearing was fixed for September 28 while the second charge No.

A/415/2000 preferred against Ahmed Oluwole and Dr. George Adams was adjourned till September 21, this year.

IMT expels 412 students for certificate forgeries

No fewer than 412 students of the Institute of Management and Technology (IMT) Enugu, have been expelled for certification forgeries, examination malpractices, and presentation of forged JAMB result slips.

A breakdown of the figure shows that the school of financial studies topped the list with 171 students, while the school of business studies has 145, and the school of communication arts 53.

The School of Engineering has 53 students, while the school of technology came last with 15 students.

Speaking on the development in Enugu on Tuesday, the Acting Rector of the institution, Dr. Tony Onyishi, said that the present management would not only maintain the academic standard set by the founding fathers of the institution but excel it.

He warned that hard times awaited students who

Armed assassins kill bizman in office

Suspected armed assassins, dressed in corporate suit have killed a business mogul, Mr. John Young in his office.

According to police sources, two men dressed in corporate suit went to one

From Adelanwa Bamgboye, in Lagos

John Young under the pretext to transact business with him at about 4:00 p.m. last Thursday at No. 16 Oroyinyin Street, Lagos.

When they reached the

down floor occupied by a pharmaceutical company, they knocked and the door was opened for them.

Immediately they gained entrance, they opened fire with a silence pistol and fatally wounded the victim

who later died in a nearby hospital.

When a distress call reached Adeniji Adele Police Station, Inspector John Edeko and his team attached to Alpha I rushed to the scene only to discover that the hoodlums had gone.

The police team now rushed the victim to a nearby hospital, where he died later.

His corpse was subsequently deposited at the general hospital for autopsy.

In a related development one Salihu Oguntele who tried to adjust his television Antenna Police has been electrocuted.

The incident occurred on Thursday at about 1:30 a.m.

CRAN expresses concern over crime rate

The Crime Reporters' Association of Nigeria (CRAN) has expressed great displeasure over the current crime rate in the country and called for a conference of security experts in both private and public sector to fashion new strategies for the force.

In a statement issued in Lagos, the association also called on the Federal Government to embark upon massive procurement of weapons and logistics to the force and address the disturbing unemployment rate in order to reduce crime rate to the barest minimum.

The National Chairman CRAN, Mr. Biyi Adegoroye, said that the current budgetary allocation in the fiscal year which devoted over N28 billion to recurrent expenditure and a ridiculous sum of N4 billion to capital expenditure is not only pitiable but a reflection of the position security

occupies in the priority of the present administration.

"Though the government has embarked on the annual recruitment of 40,000 personnel into the force, attention must also be paid to the procurement of paraphernalia for the personnel to discharge their duties."

The chairman said that "a situation where bandits parade the cities with sophistry and sophisticated weapons while policemen wield unserviceable and out-dated arms is not only precarious but also laughable.

"We are inundated daily by complaints from policemen lamenting the terrible state of arms and inadequacy of ammunitions made available to them."

The association chairman further deplored the complicity of bank staff in cases of bank robbery, the level of corruption within the police force and the obsolete nature of criminal investigations, all of which have concertedly truncated crime control efforts.

"It called for inter-agency co-operation between the various agencies involved in the criminal justice administration system to stem the tide of insecurity thereby

making the nation more habitable and the climate suitable for investment."

The statement also called for genuine participation of state governments and the organised private sectors in challenges of crime control while urging members of the public to be more security conscious and report criminals to the police.

Three for amputation in Kebbi

Three suspects standing trial before two Sharia courts in Kebbi State may soon have their arms amputated if convicted for stealing.

The presiding judge of the shariah upper court in the metropolis of Birnin Kebbi Malam Umar Jega had ruled that one Abubakar Aliyu, aged 15, would have his arm amputated for stealing thirty two thousand naira (N32,000) from the residence of an Igbo trader.

He further explained that the confessional statement of the convict and that of his two friends, Umar Shehu and Kabiru Tukur had proved beyond reasonable doubt that Abubakar Aliyu committed the offence.

Malam Umar Jega, also

From Kabir Dogon-Daji, in Birnin Kebbi

sentenced the two friends of Abubakar Aliyu for aiding and obtaining to eighteen months in prison and fifty strokes of the cane each.

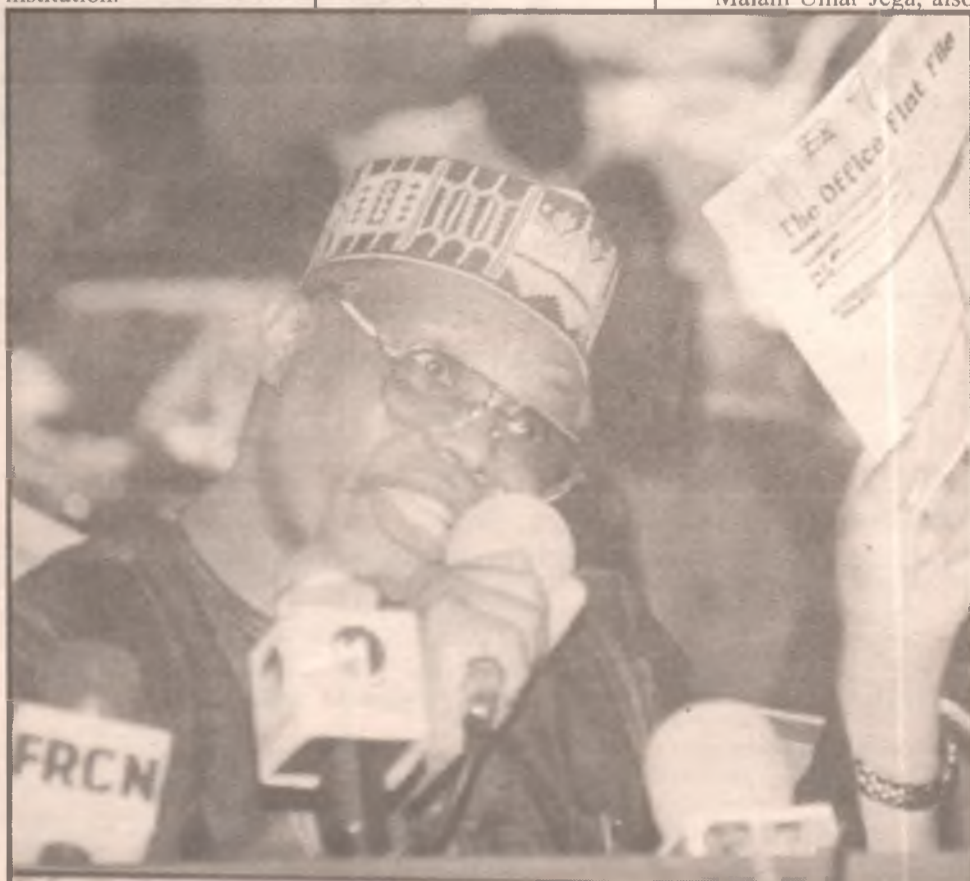
Similarly, another judge, Alhaji Abubakar Jibrin Bena, has ruled that two youths should have their hands amputated for stealing money and valuable items estimated at thousands of naira.

Deliverig judgement, Alhaji Abubakar Jibrin, said the court was quite convinced with all the evidenced that, Attine Muhammad had stolen a television set and a bicycle while Abdullahi Malami Takalau aged 16, had stolen money and therefore should have their arms amputated.

He added that the receiver of the stolen television and bicycle, Musa Sahabi Takalau be given twenty strokes of the cane and two years imprisonment for aiding and obtaining.

When Daily Trust asked one of the convicts, Abdullahi Takalau, if he was satisfied with the judgement passed on him, he said "I am appealing to the judge to hasten the amputation in order to save me the agony of staying in prison.

Abdullahi further assured that he will be a good citizen in the future. However the implementation of the judgements is subject to the approval of the state sharia implementation committee and of the state executive council.



Brigadier-General Ibrahim Sabo, testifying at the Oputa Panel in Abuja recently. Pix: Kennedy Egbonodje

Abuja News

Listeners speak on Radio Nigeria Abuja

Ardent radio listeners in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja have appealed to the management of the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN) to improve the standard of services rendered by the national service of Radio Nigeria, Abuja.

According to the listeners who spoke to *Daily Trust* in separate interviews, a little more life needs to be injected into the Radio Nigeria, Gwagwalada, Abuja, to meet the broadcasting aspirations of listeners.

Speaking in a telephone interview with *Daily Trust*, Miss. Pauline Okematalor, a banker, said Radio Nigeria Abuja is only striving on the glory of the Network service of the FRCN without being inspirational or enterprising on its own. She said the programming and transmission mode of the Gwagwalada station is "just too dull."

In a similar expression, Mallam Haruna Adamu, a security man in Asokoro, complained of what he termed, "the lack of vigour"

POWA gets Kudos for law and order

Minister of Federal Capital Territory, Engr. Muhammad Abba-Gana, has commended the Police Officers' Wives Association (POWA) over its contribution to the maintenance of law and order in the country.

Speaking when officers of the FCT chapter of POWA led by their Chairperson, Hajia Aisha Bwala paid him a courtesy call last week, he said that wives of policemen play vital roles by advising their husbands properly.

"I am really very pleased that you are supporting your husbands who are engaged in the difficult task of maintaining and enforcing law and order," he said.

The Minister observed that where law and order were not guaranteed, no meaningful productive activity can be undertaken.

He similarly remarked that where peace and harmony do not prevail at home between husbands and wives, it would be almost impossible to have security of lives and property.

Engr. Abba-Gana said that POWA had excelled in the pursuit of its aims and objectives and pledged to assist the association towards equipping its vocational training centre.

Earlier in her address, the chairperson of FCT POWA, Hajia Aisha, Bwala, intimated the Minister that POWA is a philanthropic, humanitarian and a Non-Governmental Organisation established to foster the bond of unity and promote cordial relationship among officers' wives as well as provide support to the less privileged members of the society.

Stories by Austine Odo and Habiba Adamu

by Radio Nigeria Abuja.

He said the station is not as vibrant as other FRCN stations and as a result he hardly listens to it nowadays. Mallam Haruna advised the management of the station to borrow a leaf from Radio Nigeria Kaduna which he said, had lived up to expectation with vibrancy since its inception.

Alhaji Siraju Bello, a trader at the old Wuse Market also spoke of "dull programming" by the Radio Nigeria Abuja which he said, leaves much to be desired.

"You know we Hausas like radio a lot, in fact, the radio is our favourite medium, you can see, even pastoralists cling to their radio sets all the time, but we also have a choice of good stations. When Radio Nigeria Abuja came, we thought it was going to give Radio Nigeria Kaduna a good battle, but I've not seen much of them," he averred.

Several other respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the mode of operation of the station, pointing out that management should chart a new course for it, in

order to win more listeners. But a few others who also obliged responses to *Daily Trust* enquiries, do not see anything wrong with Radio Nigeria Abuja. According to Mariam Akanbi, a mass communication graduate from one of the Polytechnics in the East, "people should understand the difference between FM broadcasting and AM broadcasting."

"The problem is that the listeners who complain, rush into comparing the station with Aso FM and Raypower without realising the guiding principles of each station," she advised listeners to understand the working of the media before criticising any section of it.

In the same vein, Mrs. Evelyn Adamu, an insurer who resides in Maitama, Abuja argued that "those who criticise have no knowledge of the radio and its operations. They may be illiterates or yo-boys who only go to the radio for music-childish music. Then of course, they got to use other channels apart from Radio Nigeria. Radio Nigeria is for serious-minded, mature minds, they have a focus there," she interjected.



A Zobo seller in Abuja. How healthy is it for consumption?

Abuja varsity promotes Professors

The governing council of the University of Abuja has promoted two Associate Professors to full professors and uplifted no fewer than 31 other members of staff of the institution.

Among the newly promoted employees are Dr. A.A. Idrees of the Department of History and Dr. B.A. Agboola of the Department of Education who have been lifted to Professors in their respective departments.

According to the registrar of the university, Mr. S.S. Sule, the promotions were approved by the council on the recommendations of the

appointments and promotions committee.

Other principal officers promoted, include Dr. S.Y. Ingawa, the Director, Remedial and General Studies who is now an Associate Professor and Dr. J.O. Omole of the Department of English who moved from senior lecturer to Associate Professor.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Dr. (Mrs.) Gambo Laraba Abdullahi, had her promotion as Associate Professor ratified alongside Dr. Gbilekaa and Dr. Joseph Aliyu Ohiare.

In another development,

The Minister for Women Affairs and Youth Development, Hajia Aishat Isma'il, has urged the Pan-African Broadcasting Heritage and Achievement Awards (PABHA) to project and promote the image of Africa by articulating African heritage for international consumption.

Hajia Aisha stated this during a courtesy call on her by the (PABHA) last week in Abuja. She also pledged her support for the good work the board has been doing.

She stated that the board of PABHA should project and promote the image of Africa by packaging it for the world to consume as this would bring to the world the true picture of African people rather than the negative image pro-

Minister tasks PABHA on African heritage

jected by the western media. The minister further noted that Africa has paid the developed world handsomely with her sweat and blood, only to get negative publicity in return.

"We Africans should project our continent by patronising and appreciating African-made goods and by uniting and understanding one another," she said.

The board she said, should campaign for debt relief, as Africans are always servicing their debts, rather than using the money to develop their continent.

The Executive Director of PABHA, Mr. Shola Ajayi,

stated that the next award production of PABHA would be a better opportunity to showcase Nigerian culture. He added that the arrangement for the award is in top gear and that it is going to be a first class production to be broadcast live to 72 countries.

Mr. Ajayi explained that the event would include handicapped children which is the pet project of Chief (Mrs.) Stella Obasanjo and Mrs. Thabo Mbeki of South Africa.

Primary school children who win the award will be given cash gifts, while others get scholarship awards into any of the African Universities.

Abuja butchers on war path

There are discordant tunes among butchers in the FCT which has led to moves by a group that called itself the kingmakers in the old and new Wuse Markets to serve a notice of impeachment on Alhaji Usman Datti as their Chief butcher.

According to the kingmakers who sent copies of their notice to several authorities in the FCT, Datti was impeached because of what

they called "his unwarranted activities" which they failed to explain.

The kingmakers said the former Chief butcher (*Sarkin Fawa*) was involved in police and court cases that had disturbed the lives of cattle rearers within the FCT and neighbouring states, particularly Niger State. The attitude of Alhaji Usman Datti as the *Sarkin Fawa* in old and new Wuse Markets, the kingmakers said, had a bad effect on them and the society to which they belonged.

The kingmakers pointed out that the dismissed head butcher had caused unbearable embarrassment to their members and that they had subsequently nominated one Alhaji Salisu Kura as their acting Chief butcher.

The kingmakers pointed out that they were only concerned with Alhaji Usman Datti's position as the head butcher in old and new Wuse Markets and not as *Sarkin Fawan* Abuja, since according to them, they were not the only butchers that elected him into that position.

"We only said no to him as the *Sarkin Fawan* of old and new Wuse Markets," they said.

Reacting to his purported removal in an exclusive interview with *Daily Trust*, Alhaji Usman Datti said the so-called kingmakers neither existed nor had any powers to remove him as the *Sarkin Fawa* of any part of Abuja.

Alhaji Datti told *Daily Trust* in his Idu residence that the notice of his impeachment had not been served him. Besides those who were said to have signed that notice had individually gone to tell him that they had no hand in it. "The signatures on that letter which I saw with people, which was not given to me, was clearly signed by only one man," he said.

Datti noted that the so-called kingmakers were not

bold enough to serve him the impeachment notice, confirming his belief that it was the handiwork of a single individual, which he argued, is not legal.

Investigations by *Daily Trust* tend to show that the kingmakers, apart from being ununited, seem to lack the will to execute their plans. For instance, when *Daily Trust* sought further details on what they said were the specific offences committed by Datti to warrant his removal, none of those who were said to have signed the impeachment letter could support the document. Even the man said to have been nominated to replace Datti said he was not aware of such moves.

Daily Trust can reveal that Datti's notice of impeachment has reached not only the office of the Minister of FCT but also prominent traditional rulers in Abuja, including the Emir of Bwari, Alhaji Musa Muhammadu Ijakoro, who the kingmakers said, was not aware of Datti's activities until he was impeached.

Series of meetings have been called to mend the discord, even as the opposing parties have threatened to take more "drastic" measures to drive home their points. Market women who obliged information to *Daily Trust* expressed their fear that the butchers' impasse if left unchecked would soon affect the smooth flow of meat in Abuja markets.



Engr. Abba-Gana, FCT Minister



Celebrations greet Eagles World Cup ticket

Abuja soccer fans went agog Sunday to celebrate the 3-0 victory of the Super Eagles against its Ghanaian counterpart in the just concluded World Cup qualifier played at Liberation Stadium, Port Harcourt.

Soccer fans in Abuja took to the streets of the metropolis immediately after the match to celebrate the victory.

The football enthusiasts were seen along the busy routes of Wuse market, Area 3 and Garki metropolis of Abuja, chanting victory songs, singing "No more foreign coach, Ahmodu for World Cup, Ahmodu for World Cup."

The fans, who were mostly traders came out in their thousands, to celebrate the defeat, which qualified

the country for the World Cup slated for next year in Korea/Japan, causing serious traffic jams within the Garki area, which lasted for over an hour.

Speaking on the outcome of the match, the Special Assistant to the Minister of Sports and Social Development, Mr. Alhassan Yakmut, expressed satisfaction over the brilliant performance of

the Super Eagles.

Yakmut, said that the team's performance was promising and would spring surprises at the World Cup.

A civil servant, Mr. Ogwuche Matthias, commended the efforts of the Super Eagles, saying that the boys returned smiles on faces of football lovers.

Ogwuche, who condemned the method of preparation of the national team toward the qualifier called on the Nigeria Football Association (NFA) to ensure that the technical crew desists from its "fire brigade approach."

He advised the football house to retain the Shuaibu Amodu-led technical crew for the World Cup, saying "NFA should allow indigenous coaches to reap the fruits of their labour by giving them the opportunity of taking the team to Korea/Japan."

Another soccer fan, a staff of Arab Contractors, an Abuja-based construction company, Mr. Aneru Gimba, expressed his satisfaction on the number of goals scored by the Super Eagles but criticised the team's pattern.

"I was not impressed with standard of play displayed by the team. That is really a clear signal to the NFA to hurry and discover more talents to beef-up the team before next year," Gimba said.

The Super Eagles finished at the top of group B with 16 points, while Liberia placed second with 15 points and Ghana third, with 11 points.



Two-goal hero; Super Eagles forward Tijjani Babangida attempts to outwit a Zambian defender during an international engagement. His brace of goals set the Eagles on their mundial flight.

AFN banks on athletes' experience

As the preparation for the World Athletics Championship slated for Edmonton, Canada next month heats up, Athletics Federation of Nigeria Chief Coach, Armelia Edit is banking on the athletes experience to do the magic.

In a chat with *Trustsports*, coach Armelia said the athletes selected for the world championship are seasoned ones who can hold their own in the face of any opposition.

"These athletes know what they want for themselves and they are not the type of athletes that will handle a competition of this magnitude with levity," Armelia boasted.

She assured that the technical crew would do everything possible to put the athletes in proper shape before the tourney.

"What is important in relay race is harmony and that can only be achieved through training," she said.

Meanwhile, some invited athletes have already reported in camp at Mainland

From Babs Oyetoro, in Lagos Hotel, Lagos. They are Falilat Ogunkoya, Chioma Ajunwa, Endurance Ojokolo, Mercy Nku, Mary Onyali, Sunday

Bada, Sunday Emmanuel, Chiwedu Oriala, Tam Nosiki-Atu-Ribido, Uche Emedolu, Bamide Tamo and Alice Nwosu.

Odili bags Gold Merit Award

Governor Peter Odili of Rivers State has bagged the Gold Merit Award of the Nigeria Football Supporters Club.

Announcing the award in a citation at Government House, Port Harcourt on Saturday, President-General of the association, Dr. Rafiu Oladipo, said the award was in recognition of Odili's contributions and commitment to sports development in the country and his encouragement to the success of the Super Eagles.

"Odili took the mantle of leadership and came to the rescue of the Super Eagles at a time hopes were lost and nobody believed Nigeria would make it to the World Cup, even in the face of negative comments," Oladipo said.

Oladipo, who called for

more matches in Port Harcourt, "because the city is comfortable for players and supporters" adding "this gentleman has done a yeoman's job and has shown that he is a true Nigerian."

He noted that the performance of the various national teams had helped to erase the negative impression foreigners had of Nigeria.

Responding, Odili noted that the time had come for the nation to exploit the abundant talents in the country.

He commended the sterling qualities of Super Eagles chief coach, Amodu Shuaibu for lifting the country out of its dependence on foreign coaches, saying, "it was a national insult, that after several years, we still have to go back to the colonial lords to come and continue to teach us."

CAHB floats new Championships

The African Handball Confederation (CAHB), has floated a new Championship, called "Challenge Trophy" for poor countries in Africa, a top CAHB official has said.

Dr. Lamre Glover, CAHB second Vice-President, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that the championships were also for countries in the continent, where the game had not fully developed.

According to him, the first

edition would be staged in Nairobi, Kenya in December.

The championship would be subsidised by the International Handball Federation (IHF) and CAHB.

CAHB will provide 10,000 Swiss Francs while IHF will contribute 50,000 Swiss Francs toward the championship. The participating countries would be expected to pay 20 Swiss Francs as against the usual 70 Swiss Francs normally charged for CAHB championships.



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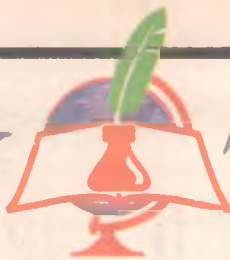
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No more foreign coach - NFA

as Amodu bags the plum job

Super Eagles chief coach, Amodu Shuaibu will remain in charge for next year's World Cup after taking them to the finals, the Nigeria Football Association said on Monday.

Amodu's appointment had only been seen as a temporary measure following the sacking of Dutchman Johannes Bonfrere in April for a string of poor results.

But Amodu has since led the team to five wins in five games and saw them clinch the sole African Group B World Cup finals berth with a 3-0 win over Ghana on Sunday.

"Amodu Shuaibu and his assistants will be in charge of the Nigerian team to the 2002 African Nations Cup and World Cup finals," Nigeria Football Association (NFA) Secretary-General, Tijani Yusuf told Reuters in Port-Harcourt.

"I'm not carried away by the euphoria of victory. By qualifying Nigeria for the World Cup, this is a statement that local coaches are good enough and we will not change the team's coaching crew again.

"We've done enough experiments with foreigners as coaches of our national team," he added.

Nigeria has had 21 foreign coaches since the 1950s. Amodu, however, is the first Nigerian coach to take the national team to World Cup finals.

Dutchman Clemens Westerhof qualified the Eagles to their debut World Cup outing in 1994 in the United States, while Frenchman Phillipe Troussier was in charge when the side

By Ismaila Umaru Lere, with agency report
reached the 1998 finals in France.

Nigeria's World Cup qualification hopes were in tatters following their shock 1-0 defeat by Sierra Leone when Amodu and his assistants, Stephen Keshi and Joe Erico, took over in April. But, they turned Nigeria's fortunes around with victo-

ries in their remaining qualifiers against Liberia, Sudan and Ghana for third consecutive World Cup finals.

NFA Vice-Chairman, Nwabufor Obiefor, said: "You can say this is a remarkable achievement for Amodu and his assistants. It won't be right to employ another foreigner as coach of our team. We're sticking with Shuaibu and his assis-

tants all through to the World Cup this time."

Apart, from a 2002 World Cup spot, Amodu's team has also booked a

place at next year's 16-team African Nations Cup tournament, to be hosted by Mali between January 19 and February 10.

Yusuf said: "The Nations Cup will be a fitting testing ground for Amodu and his assistants to prepare for the World Cup finals. But before then, we intend to send them on a coaching course to broaden their knowledge in the game."



Lady golfer Annika Sorenstam (above) teamed up with Tiger Woods to beat the duo of David Duval and Karrie Webb in the Bigort II contest at the weekend.



Super Eagles celebrate victory over Spain at the France '98 World Cup finals.

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