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KANO	SUNNY	33	14
SOKOTO	SUNNY	34	17
IBADAN	PARTLY CLOUDY	38	22
KADUNA	SUNNY	35	17
MAIDUGURI	SUNNY	34	15
ENUGU	PARTLY CLOUDY	38	22
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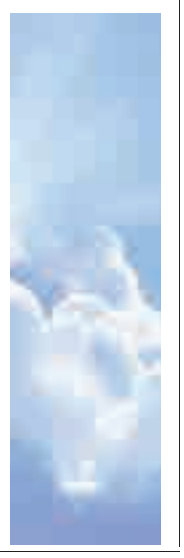

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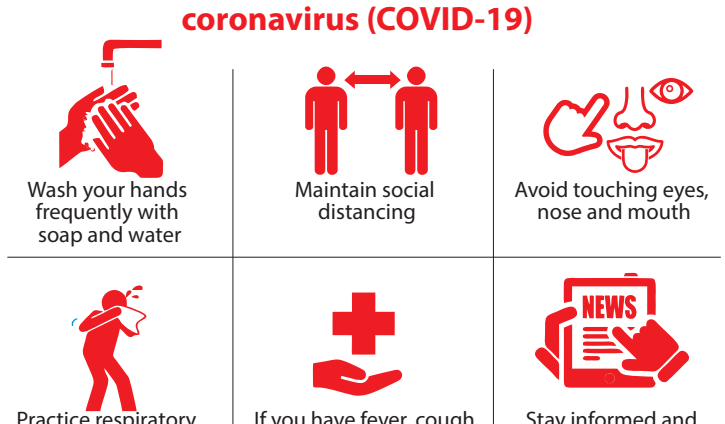

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Wisdom is not like money to be tied up and hidden

(Nigeria)

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Action without thought is empty. Thought without action is blind

– **Kwame Nkrumah**

PHOTO OF THE DAY>>

■ Cadets of Tamilnadu Police perform an acrobatic stunt during a full-dress rehearsal for the upcoming Republic Day Parade in Chennai yesterday

Photo: AFP

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SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna

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FEATURE

Untold story of *Amotekun*, herders' clash in Oyo community

By Abdullateef Aliyu and Jeremiah Oke, who were in Ibarapa

Friday's attack on a Fulani settlement in Igangan in Ibarapa North Local Government Area of Oyo State, after the expiration of the seven-day ultimatum given by a youth leader and secessionist, Sunday Adeyemo, popularly known as Sunday Igboho, was the climax of two weeks of tension that had pervaded the Ibarapa axis.

A week after the purported clash between the operatives of the Oyo State Security Network, *Amotekun*, and herders in Okebi settlement of Ibarapa North, Sunday Igboho stormed Igangan, specifically the settlement of Serikin Fulani, Alhaji Abdulkadir Salihu, and asked them to vacate their land.

This was at a time the dust raised by the purported 'clash' where three Fulani herders were killed was yet to settle.

What was the mission of *Amotekun* operatives in Okebi Fulani settlement in Tapa on Saturday, January 9, 2021?

This is a poser that has been generating ripples, deepening the tension among the herders and farmers in the community.

Daily Trust reports that dozens of *Amotekun* operatives stormed Okebi village on the fateful Saturday in what the outfit called a clash between it and herders suspected to be kidnappers terrorising communities in the axis.

But the Fulani herders, majority of whom have lived in the village for decades, insist the attack was premeditated, saying the claim that it was a clash with kidnappers was unfounded.

Amidst the claim and counter-claim, the state police command has commenced investigation into the purported clash even as the state governor, Seyi Makinde, sent a delegation led by his Executive Assistant on Security Matters, Mr Sunday Odukoya, to the scene of the attack to ascertain what went wrong.

The Commandant of *Amotekun* Corps in Oyo State, retired Col. Olayinka Olayanju, said there was no clash between his men and Fulani herdsmen. He told newsmen in Ibadan that his men launched six operations in four local government areas but that the team at Aiyete was attacked in the forest by suspected bandits and three of them were killed by his men.

According to him, the operations were fully supported by Fulani leaders living in the areas, adding that a number of *Miyetti Allah* members were part of the operations.

The commandant also indicated that the operation around the forests was embarked upon following incessant reports of killings and kidnapping in the area.

■ Some of the houses burnt

He said, "When our men entered the forest at Aiyete, they were attacked, leading to a gun battle where three of the attackers died. One of our men sustained injuries."

But during a visit to Okebi Fulani settlement (Gaa Okebi) which was about two kilometres from Aiyete town, the residents claimed those killed were not bandits but herders who have lived in the village for decades without any criminal record.

Those killed were one Alhaji Usman Okebi who was said to be the deputy Sarkin Fulani of Oyo State, Abdullahi Usman, a Fulani farmer and one Saidu Usman.

Residents of the settlement who are said to have been living there for decades are still mourning the death of their kinsmen who lost their lives in penultimate Saturday attack. They said linking them to kidnappers amounted to painting the Fulani in bad light.

Besides, they said on the day of the incident, preparations were on for the wedding ceremony of one of the children of the deceased Alhaji Usman.

One of the sons of Alhaji Usman, Ahmadu Usman, who spoke with *Daily Trust* in Gaa Okebi insisted that there was no kidnapper in their midst.

He took our correspondent round the settlement where several houses were burnt down by Amotekun. According to him, the attack came to them as a surprise.

He said, "On the morning of Saturday, we were hearing gunshot as we were preparing for the wedding of Alhaji Usman's daughter but to our surprise, we saw that they have shot at Saidu and Alhaji Usman came to the rescue with Abdullahi to provide some help but they shot at him and Abdullahi who was carrying him on his bike and they died immediately.

"Another victim of the incident, Bello, is currently at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) Abeokuta receiving treatment. Two others have been discharged."

He disclosed that Saidu, who was alleged to be a kidnapper, was attacked at his settlement known as Gaa Gege.

Also, Fatima Usman, whose husband, Alhaji Usman, was killed by Amotekun, said she was yet to recover from the shock of what happened that day, insisting that her husband is not a kidnapper.

From Gaa Okebi, our correspondent went to Okebi village occupied by the Yoruba speaking people to get their perspective on Saturday's incident.

The Baale of Okebi, Azeez Busari, who spoke with one of our correspondents said he was not in the village on the day the incident happened. He said Alhaji Usman, who was the leader of Okebi settlement, had been living with them peacefully.

Asked if they were aware of kidnappers hiding in the settlement, he said it could be possible but they have no proof about that.

'Our fear over *Amotekun* coming to reality'

Our correspondent also met the Sarkin Fulani of Oyo State at his palace in Igangan before it was razed down on Friday. The palace was about one kilometre away from Gaa Okebi where the attack by Amotekun took place.

Alhaji Saliu Abdulkadir, who was sitting in his palace at Igangan, expressed worry over the killing of Alhaji Usman whom, he said, was his deputy.

He said while the Fulani herders have no problem with Amotekun, recent killings attributed to the operatives is a cause for concern.

"We feel strongly that *Amotekun* operatives were established to confront Fulani herdsmen and stereotype us. We have criminals everywhere and we have instances where Yoruba people were arrested either as kidnappers or armed robbers and they were confirmed to be indigenes of Ibarapa here," he said.

Abdulkadir, however, appealed to herders in Oyo State to remain calm and law-abiding even as he assured that the Fulani community would continue to support security operatives by exposing criminals irrespective of their tribe. But he said the recent incident must be thoroughly investigated while culprits must be brought to book.

"*Amotekun* remains our saviour"

Locals from Igbo Ora, Aiyete, Tapa and other communities in Ibarapa Central and Ibarapa North told Daily Trust that they have been having sleepless nights due to the activities of kidnappers and armed robbers. They said many cases of kidnapping have been reported in the past few weeks allegedly perpetrated by herders.

The increased kidnapping activities is the latest dimension in the long-standing tension fanning the farmers-herders' crisis which led to the shutting down of two cattle markets in the Igbo Ora-Ideere axis. This was due to the suspicion that some suspected kidnappers could mingle freely with herders after perpetrating their crime.

Despite the closure of the markets, they said kidnapping activities allegedly perpetrated by herders have been on the increase.

Meanwhile, the traditional ruler of Aiyete, headquarters of Ibarapa North Local Government, Asao of Aiyete, Emmanuel Okeniyi Borisabunmi, said Amotekun is a blessing to them despite recent criticisms against the outfit.

Oba Borisabunmi who spoke with Daily Trust in his palace said the seven communities under Ibarapa had series of attacks in recent times from kidnappers and bandits and many innocent people died while many others lost fortunes paid in ransom.

He said, "This is a bad occurrence which we are contending with and all our people who were kidnapped said their abductors were Fulanis. Though we were also told they are not from Ibarapa here, that they come from Chad, Niger and Sokoto to carry out their nefarious activities but all we know from the various accounts of the victims is that they are herders and they have been terrorising our people down to Oke Ogun."

According to him, Amotekun has come to stay and must be supported by all and sundry to curb the rate of kidnapping and banditry in Ibarapa land.

Why Fulani can't be part of *Amotekun?*

Balogun Asawo of Aiyete land, Chief Raheem Gafari, who was also annoyed with the increasing activities of kidnappers in Ibarapa, said *Amotekun* remains a laudable initiative.

But he is of the view that their operation must be harmonised with the existing Operation Burst Unit made up of Army operating in the community.

"I would want the government to involve the Army in this *Amotekun* because they know the skills and tactics of handling arms. They can train these people so that they don't misuse the arms and ammunition given to them," he said.

The chief however said Fulani indigenes cannot be part of *Amotekun* because they don't understand the traditions of Yorubaland, wondering if there was any Yoruba in *Hisbah* which is a variant of *Amotekun* in parts of the North.

The Igboho, Akeredolu ultimatums

But in a twist to the incident, after Sunday Igboho stormed Igangan to issue his seven-day quit ultimatum, he went ahead to implement it as the palace of the Sarki was razed while several properties including cars were burnt down. Children and women in the settlement were all displaced with some of them unaccounted for.

While the dust in Oyo is yet to settle, Ondo State Governor Rotimi Akeredolu also gave the Fulani herders in the state seven days to vacate the state's forest reserves.

Akeredolu also banned night and under-aged grazing, saying children of less than 18 years should not be involved in grazing.

The development has, however, opened up debate about the implication of threat, ultimatum and quit notices which analysts say threatens the peace of the entire nation.

■ From left: Minister of Defence, Maj Gen Bashir Magashi (rtd) and National Security Adviser, Maj Gen Babagana Monguno (rtd) discussing t at the Presidential Villa Abuja **Photo: Felix Onigbinde**

Quit notice: S/west governors meet Miyetti Allah today

- Let's avoid war – Arewa youths
- We'll enforce Akeredolu's order–OPC

From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka (Kaduna), Abdullateef Aliyu (Lagos), Bola Ojuola (Akure) & Raphael Ogbonnaiye (Ado-Ekiti)

Following the expiration of Ondo State Governor Rotimi Akeredolu's order asking herdsmen to leave the state's forest reserves within seven days, governors from the South-west will meet with national and zonal leaders of the Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria today.

A source told *Daily Trust* yesterday that the meeting, billed to hold in Akure, Ondo State capital, would also be attended by the governors of Jigawa and Kebbi States as well as all Commissioners of Police in the south-western states.

He said the meeting was convened to discuss the ultimatum and address the security challenges in the southwest.

The chairman of the Mayetti Allah in Ondo State, Alhaji Bello Garuba, said MACBAN leaders had arrived Akure for the meeting.

Meanwhile, the Arewa Youth Consultative Forum yesterday demanded reversal of the last Monday's order by the Ondo State governor.

AYCF President Shettima Yerima, in a statement, said: "We must guide against any act that will create a war-like situation in Nigeria, we must learn from mistakes of the past and avoid a repeat because its consequences may be unimaginable," he said.

He noted that the constitution of Nigeria guarantees every Nigerian to live in any part of this country and free to engage in any legitimate business of his or her choice.

He urged the government of Ondo and Oyo States to give peace a chance and rescind the quit notice order; while those whose property was destroyed should be compensated accordingly.

"The governor of Ondo State, being a learned person, is expected to know better. AYCF will not support any group that engages in any form of criminality and such people should not be identified by their religion, tribe or ethnicity but should be treated as a criminal.

"The subsequent attack that followed the quit notice in Oyo State is rather uncalled for and condemnable'. The perpetrators must be brought to book and made to face the full wrath of the law.

"AYCF supports constitutional ways of every state protecting her citizens but quit notice should be out of it and must not be considered under any circumstance. Nigeria is an indivisible entity and whatever has the tendency like happenings in Ondo and Oyo must be discouraged in the interest of peaceful coexistence and one Nigeria."

The Oodua People's Congress also yesterday warned the Presidency and the Arewa Consultative Forum against playing politics and ethnicity with what it called "the worrisome state of security in the southwest."

It also offered to assist Governor Rotimi Akeredolu in enforcing the deadline issued to herdsmen to vacate forest reserves in Ondo State.

It said the Presidency's opposition to Akeredolu's order was divisive, provocative and ill-advised as well as an insult to the country's federalism and the separation of powers principle of the constitution.

Otunba Wasiu Afolabi, Deputy President to the late OPC founder, Frederick Fasehun, stated this after an emergency meeting of OPC leaders held in Lagos.

He said no southerner would dare go to the north and carry out killing, kidnapping and banditry that Fulani criminals have allegedly unleashed on southern communities and highways.

Afolabi, however, assured that "millions of law-abiding Fulani men and women" living in the Yorubaland "have absolutely no cause for alarm. Fulani criminals hiding under the cloak of being herdsmen to perpetrate evil against law-abiding citizens should know their time is up. Henceforth, it'll be fire for fire."

Afolabi expressed his group's backing for the pronouncement issued by Akeredolu that herdsmen should leave forests for open areas by Monday.

The OPC also described the manhunt launched by the police for the Yoruba activist, Sunday Igboho, as misguided and provocative.

Also yesterday, the Aareonakakanfo of Yorubaland, Gani Adams, cautioned the Arewa Consultative Forum and the Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria to be mindful of utterances that could fuel more crisis in the country.

He said the threat of reprisals following Friday's attack on a Fulani settlement by Sunday Igboho was a joke taken too far.

In a statement by his spokesman, Kehinde Aderemi, Adams warned threats of attack on the southwest could fuel further crisis in Ibarapa,Oyo and Ondo and would certainly affect the entire nation.

He said: "There are reports that the Fulani herdsmen have, in the past five years, killed over 300 Yoruba people from different communities while several other people have been kidnapped with abductors paying several billions as ransom".

Meanwhile, the Ondo State Government yesterday asked the media to exercise restraint and allow security agents to "manage security".

In a chat with our correspondent, Jimoh Dojumo, the Senior Special Adviser (Security Matters) to the Ondo State Governor, said the state government would wait for the expiration of the seven-day ultimatum given to herdsmen illegally occupying forest reserves before it "will know the next step".

Makinde, Oyo CP meet Fulani leaders, others

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

Oyo State Govenor Seyi Makinde and the Commissioner of Police, Ngozi Onadeko, yesterday visited Igangan, Ibarapa North Local Government Area of the state to ensure peace returned to the troubled community.

Youths at Igangan had on Friday razed the house of Sarkin Fulani of Oyo State, Alhaji Saliu Abdulkadir, accusing the Fulani community of complicity in kidnappings and killings of the people of the area.

The delegation also visited the razed home of the Sarkin Fulani in Igangan to assess the damage and promised thorough investigation.

Addressing a gathering of traditional rulers, government officials and Fulani leaders in Igangan, the CP called for calm.

"I want to assure you that all the cases you brought up, a thorough investigation will be done on them and you'll see that justice will be delivered. We'll be having more of this interactive session and consultative gathering so that we'll be able to sit down, talk and iron things out together without resorting to violence, which does not pay.

"Please, don't take laws into your hands. Just tell us. Let's have peace and everything, by the grace of God, will be okay for all of us."

Speaking at a town hall meeting where traditional rulers and community leaders were present, Makinde, represented by his Special Adviser on Security, Fatai Owoseni, appealed to all the residents of the town to find a way to return communal tolerance and understanding to fight off attacks from bandits and kidnappers.

He further sued for peace in troubled areas of the state, asking all stakeholders to embrace dialogue and desist from the wanton destruction of lives and livelihood.

Owoseni said 51 suspected criminals linked to kidnapping and other crimes committed in Oke Ogun and Ibarapa areas were in police custody; while some were already charged to court.

He said: "Let's put sentiments and politics aside, from what we heard, it's not as if the Ibarapa community is against one ethnic group. What they're claiming and the allegation they've made is that a particular person, who they're now seeing to symbolise an entire ethnic group, has been misbehaving. It's just like what the governor has been saying that there's trust-deficit between the people and the government, mistrust between the people and law enforcement agencies.

"If you look at the catalogue of what has been said, they feel they've not been given justice and they feel that someone has been stalling justice.

"They feel that someone has been dropping names to oppress the community. I believe that with the steps taken to mend all these gaps and with the assurance that the Commissioner of Police has given that they'll look at all the cases again, there'll be a change."

Foreign rice floods Nigerian markets

By Hussein Yahaya, Faruk Shuaibu, Chris Agabi (Abuja), Eugene Agha, Risikat Ramoni, Momodu Precious (Lagos), Victor Edozie (Port Harcourt), Ado A. Musa (Jos), Maryam Ahmadu-Suka (Kaduna), Ibrahim M. Giginyu (Kano) & Tijjani Ibrahim (Katsina)

Imported rice has flooded Nigerian markets despite the ban imposed on the product by the federal government to encourage local production and self-sufficiency, *Daily Trust* reports. Findings have revealed that the recent reopening of some land borders has aggravated the illegal importation of the commodity.

Stakeholders in the value chain, including local processors and growers, have expressed dismay over the development, saying it would reverse the gains recorded in the last few years.

However, some observers have blamed millers for mopping up paddy rice and processing it in piecemeal, to attract more profit, thereby sabotaging the effort of the federal government in making rice affordable to Nigerians.

President Muhammadu Buhari had in December, 2020, directed that the four borders that were closed in 2019 be reopened. Some traders told our correspondents that even while the border closure lasted, the commodity was a common sight in almost every shop.

The new trend is now a source of worry not only to processors who are struggling to compete with their counterparts abroad in terms of quality, but also growers who are apprehensive that if the trend continues, they may be forced out of business.

Situation in states Lagos

Reports from Lagos along the Mile 2 Badagry Expressway up to the Daleko Rice Market revealed a remarkable presence of foreign rice. The product is being illegally imported from the neighbouring Benin Republic before being repackaged for distribution to different parts of the country.

The centres for rebagging are opposite the Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education (ACOED), Iyana-Era; the Igbolerin Junction by Jolag; and the Alaba Rago Market, all along the Mile 2- Badagry Expressway.

At these centres, smugglers, mainly women, bring in foreign rice in small bags which they repackage in bigger ones for onward distribution.

At the Igbolerin Junction, one of the smugglers told our correspondent, who disguised as a customer, that they ferried the rice from Benin Republic into Nigeria through unapproved routes near the Seme Border after paying tokens to urchins known as "crossers".

The smuggler explained that, "It is the crossers who will then bring the rice to J-5 Park at Seme, from where they are handed over to their owners. At J-5 Park, owners are charged by the bus drivers according to quantity. It costs at least N2,000 to transport a bag of rice from Seme to the Alaba Rago Market."

At the Rago market, which is a big distribution point for foreign rice, merchants said the profit they got far outweighed what they got from local rice and our reporter saw foreign rice in bags with local names aimed to beat customs officers.

According to a Ketu-based marketer, Khadija Amar, Nigerian rice is no longer selling, saying many people have lost interest in consuming it.

Amar said, "A bag of local rice which we ought to sell at over N20,000 is now being sold at N17,500. Some of us have N3,000 shortage, and for others, it's N4,000. So we prefer to deal in foreign rice. Another dealer, Miss Ibeh Mary Abigail, said, "We have foreign rice everywhere in the market because it moves faster than local rice."

Rivers

Reports from Port Harcourt in Rivers State showed that many markets and shops now have large quantities of foreign rice in stock. At the Mile 1, Mile 3, Borokiri, New Road, Oyigbo and Eleme markets, foreign brands of rice are gradually taking over the markets and are openly displayed without any challenge.

A trader at Mile 1 who pleaded anonymity, said the rice was brought in from Lagos and Calabar.

Plateau

In Plateau State, our correspondent who visited the Yankwalli Market reported that foreign rice had flooded the market with many shop owners displaying it unchallenged.

Aminu Mubi, a dealer in the market, told Daily Trust that although there was foreign rice in the market even before the ban on border was lifted, the product was flooding the market now and threatening local rice.

Mubi explained that, "When the border was closed the price of a bag reached N27,000, but it has dropped to N23,000, and there is a possibility that it will drop further."

Kano

In some supermarkets in Kano, foreign rice is now freely on display unlike in previous months, but the price has dropped. At the Singer Commodity Market, a 50kg bag of foreign rice is now selling at N23,500 instead of N26,000.

A dealer at the market, Sanusi Hassan, said, "The local rice is now endangered as people prefer to buy foreign rice which is sold at almost the same price as the local rice."

Hassan added that, "Government must do something to salvage the situation and protect the local industry."

Abuja

A visit to some markets in Abuja indicated that foreign rice is still sold in large quantities with traders displaying it outside their stalls.

A trader at the Wuse Market, Agatha Ezekiel, said she sold a bag of foreign rice at N26,000 and local rice at N19,500.

■ Hameed Ali, Nigeria Customs Boss

Katsina

In Katsina, our reporter observed an influx of foreign rice, but some of the traders said it had nothing to do with the recent border reopening, as Nigeria's border with Niger Republic at Jibia, Kwangwalam and Mai'adua were still closed.

A trader, Tasiu Sani, said, "All our goods are old stock and that is what we are selling."

Daily Trust gathered that the goods come in piecemeal on daily basis through bush paths under the name "Hatsin Hajiya" in which a bag is divided into three to pass checkpoints.

Growers lament

Some rice farmers said they watched with dismay the resurfacing of foreign rice in many markets across the country despite the effort to sustain local drive. Abdullahi Lapai from Niger State attributed the ugly situation to the activities of smugglers, who he said were gradually having a free time following the border reopening. Lapai said, "If the local processors are unable to sell their produce, it will affect the price of paddy, which will in turn discourage local farmers from more production."

The National President of the All Farmers Association of Nigeria (AFAN), Kabir Ibrahim, said bringing in foreign rice would draw the country back from the gains made so far.

According to him, smuggling does not really happen often unless it is aided by law enforcement agents and the citizenry. Ibrahim said, "If there is any contraband displayed in a shop and it is freely sold, then it goes beyond government and the officers charged with border control. The entire citizenry must stand against it for it to stop."

Processors on edge

A rice processor, Alhaji Nasiru Yahaya, raised alarm that many local processors were in shock following the influx of foreign rice, adding that the situation was affecting local producers.

Alhaji Yahaya further said most of the processors borrowed money to invest when the government announced the country's rice sufficiency drive.

He explained that, "This is not about us only, millions of direct and indirect jobs will be lost if local brands are relegated to the previous position."

A small holder miller in Sabon Wuse, a Niger State community along the Abuja-Kaduna Expressway, Nuru Jiya, said the volume of local rice sales had reduced drastically following the presence of foreign rice in many shops.

'Nemesis catching up with processors'

An agriculturist, Ibrahim Kunle, said although there was the need for relevant authorities to check any form of smuggling, local rice processors should get no one's sympathy, noting that they were the architects of the current hike in the price of local brands. Kunle alleged that, "We all know when some of these processors are deliberately causing artificial scarcity of local brands with the aim of hiking price.

"What they do is to mop up paddy from farmers and store them instead of milling them and selling. This is causing serious concerns even to the government."

Another agriculturist, Mallam Audu Ishak, said, "These people will go and take money from the government, promising heaven, but let me tell you, they are part of the problem, and thank God government is now realising that."

A stakeholder who craved anonymity, said government was being careful in giving money to some of the processors because of the way some of them betrayed agreements.

Although these claims against the processors have not been confirmed, a source at the Federal Ministry of Agriculture told our reporter that government was concerned about the continued rise in the price of local rice despite the huge effort and resources being committed to rice production in the country.

The Director General of the Rice Processors Association of Nigeria (RIPAN), Andy Ekwelem, promised to get back to our reporter when a call was put across to him but did not up to the time of filing this report.

What should be done – Experts

Experts in the sector want relevant security outfits to intensify border patrol to further check the activities of smugglers.

Mathew Inawole, an agric economist, said effective border control would go a long way in reducing the volume of foreign rice crossing into the country, adding that there should be a total clampdown on those selling the foreign brands as they were contraband.

Mallam Abdullahi Baba, an agriculturist, said government should orientate the citizens on the dangers involved in eating some smuggled items.

Customs react

The Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the Federal Operations Unit (FOU) of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), Zone A, Theophilus Sunita, in a telephone interview, said the zone, as an enforcement unit of NCS in charge of Lagos and Ogun states, had always been on top of its game.

Sunita said several thousands of bags of foreign rice had been seized by operatives from the zone from diehard smugglers.

He added that, "However, we rely on members of the public to avail us with useful and timely information."

We're working with security agencies to clamp down on smugglers – CBN

Responding to the allegation that rice millers could not successfully bring down the price of the commodity because the apex bank had collected the loans given to them, the Central Bank of Nigeria's (CBN) acting Director, Corporate Communication, Osita Nwanisobi, said, "Rice millers are not funded under the Anchor Borrower Programme (ABP) as the programme is to encourage production by smallholder farmers."

Nwanisobi explained that, "The bank established the Paddy Aggregation Scheme (PAS) to provide working capital requirement for rice millers to off-take paddy during the peak season and help moderate prices during peak and off-peak seasons.

"The PAS is a short-term facility that allows millers to mop up paddy at harvest and control a significant stock that can guarantee production during the off-peak season. The millers are also qualified to access the Commercial Agriculture Credit Scheme (CACS) to finance their operations."

On disbursements, he said, "N321.96bn has been disbursed to 1,709,249 farmers that cultivated 1,830,511 hectares in 36 states and the FCT as of end of 2020."

On paddy rice hoarding, Nwanisobi said, "The news of paddy hoarding by millers has been going round since November 2020, and the bank has actively engaged the millers and measures have been taken to sanction defaulters."

He added that, "Our holistic strategy is to enhance efficiency along the value chain and facilitate seamless transition of paddy from the farmers to the millers. The CBN has also requested beneficiaries of the ABP to repay the loan using output of their farms so that millers can have access to paddy quickly."

He reiterated that, "The CBN has been working with security agencies and fiscal authorities to clamp down on smugglers and the effects of those collaborations will be felt in the market in the shortest possible time."

Restructuring: Why? When? How?

By HE Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan

I commend the *Daily Trust* Media Group for keeping up with this dialogue series for the past 18 years. As a media organization you have been doing a lot to contribute to nation building, although some of your editorials are sometimes tough on leaders. I had my fair share during my time as President.

I understand that all was in a bid to guide the efforts towards building a greater country for us all. And as leaders, we have a duty and responsibility to listen to all voices no matter how bitter some might sound.

Today you have brought us together to have a conversation on restructuring which is one of the major issues in our national discourse.

■ Ex-President Jonathan

I am happy that the discussants here are eminent personalities that would do justice to the topic. I commend the *Daily Trust* Media Group for bringing these eminent Nigerians together to brainstorm on this topical issue that has seized the attention of our country.

Chief Ayo Adebanjo, a highly distinguished Nigerian was a national leader of Afenifere and key member of the Zikist Movement. He also participated in the 1978 and 2014 National Conferences as a distinguished member.

Chief John Nnia Nwodo is an eminent Nigerian, having served as a Minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at a very youthful age and later President General of the Ohaneze Ndigbo cultural organisation. Let me use this opportunity to congratulate him on his new assignment, as National Coordinator of the Southern and Middle Belt Leaders Forum.

Attahiru Jega, a professor of political science, is a former Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and a former President of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) as well as former Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano.

The concept of restructuring is not new to us as Nigerians. Before the Civil War Nigeria operated with four regions. At the onset of the war, Gen. Yakubu Gowon, then Head of State, thought that running Nigeria under the regional structure posed a threat to the unity and sovereignty of our country, so he opted to restructure Nigeria into twelve states. There were mixed reactions, for and against, across the nation by our people. But in the end, the 12 states structure stayed.

What Gen. Gowon did, in a war situation, preserved our nation and saved us from disintegration.

A nation is an organic being whose life is characterized by reforms, adaptation and structural changes. At Independence in 1960, the population of Nigeria was 45 million, and our early leaders and the British colonial government, decided that the young nation was too vast and complex to be governed centrally from Lagos.

Thus, they bequeathed a federal system of government with strong regional autonomy and a unifying central government. This arrangement was also accepted and reaffirmed by the Republican Constitution of 1963.

Sixty-one years after independence, our population is now estimated to have exploded to over 200 million. In the same vein, the call for restructuring has continued to grow louder. Within these six decades, our political space has assumed many colorations. We had gone from the three regions to 36 states and 774 local councils. Yet, all that did not seem to have provided the answers to the questions on the administrative structure of our country and how best it should be governed.

As President I had the privilege of celebrating our nation's golden jubilee in 2010 and the centenary of our amalgamation in 2014.

When we were to celebrate these milestones, some Nigerians challenged our intentions, arguing that the amalgamation was faulty. They insisted that there were no reasons to celebrate because they believe that the amalgamation has not helped the growth of our country.

My belief is that all nations have their unique history; the amalgamation is not the problem. Rather, there was too much emphasis on divisive politics and this has greatly affected our nation's unity.

It was the need to address these issues that my administration elected six years ago to convene the 2014 National Conference, which I inaugurated on March 17, 2014 in Abuja for the specific purpose of addressing some of the issues that have been agitating the minds of Nigerians.

As a country, we have our peculiar challenges and we should device means of solving them, but we should not continue to vent our spleen on the amalgamation. As Shakespeare in Julius Caesar said, the fault is not in our stars, but in ourselves.

My conviction is that discussion on restructuring will not help except we restructure our minds because some of the challenging issues at the national level still exist at the state and local levels.

For instance, in some states, it is not easy for some persons to win an election because of the area they come from, the language they speak or their religious belief.

Take a look at how local government elections are conducted at the state level. Why is it very difficult for an opposition party to win a chairmanship or councillorship seat in a state, despite the fact that the same party probably secured seats in the State Assembly and National Assembly elections, organized by a federal election management body?

This shows that restructuring alone may not solve all the anomalies in the system.

I believe that restructuring for a better nation is good but there are other fundamental issues we should also address. We cannot restructure in isolation without tackling the challenges that polarize our nation. These includes nepotism, ethnic and religious differences as well as lack of patriotism.

The issues of tribe and religion have continued to limit our unity and progress, as a nation.

Leadership is like giving care to a sick patient. If someone is ill, he will receive different phases of treatment regardless of which doctor is on duty until the patient recovers fully and is discharged. I think the same is applicable in nation building.

I would like to refer us to the experience of two African countries which attempted to tackle the problem of diversity from a different perspective than ours at independence; Tanzania under the leadership of Julius Nyerere and Ghana under Kwame Nkrumah.

They went to the extreme to advocate one party state which leaned to the left of the centre. Both leaders emphasized strong national governments to promote national unity and patriotism which departed from our own regional approach which was based on strong regional parties and political competition for power between regions.

Let me state for the records that I strongly oppose both the philosophy and the idea of one party state as well as a unitary system of government as a solution to ethnic and cultural diversity. I believe that federalism and liberal multiparty democracy offer by far the best opportunities for good governance in our multi-ethnic nation. Yet, it is obvious that the initial emphasis of Tanzania and Ghana on promoting national unity, patriotism among citizens, and strong national parties that cut across ethnic, regional and religious divides; and leadership orientation that promotes fairness, justice for all, and love of country, have helped both Ghana and Tanzania in their journey of progress.

It has helped them to better manage some of the extreme ethnic and religious divisions that have dampened the unity and progress of Nigeria.

Rwanda is another recent example where polarization on ethnic lines nearly destroyed that beautiful country in 1994, leading to extreme interethnic hatred, anarchy, violence and killings.

Today Rwanda has stepped back from ethnic bigotry and divisions to a system that emphasizes national unity and leadership performance and patriotism. Rwanda has made tremendous progress along this path.

These three countries are by no means the only models or even the ideals for our country to copy and paste, but there are lessons which we should learn, in our democratic dialogue for national restructuring.

The point I am emphasising is that restructuring on its own without love of country, national unity, unifying leadership and building of strong institutions and values may not take us to our destination.

As leaders at different levels we should encourage a healthy conversation on restructuring and reforms that stir national pride and love and faith of our citizens in our beloved country.

Nigeria is still the greatest gift history has bestowed on us, with her huge potential for greatness, prosperity and happiness for all our people and future generations.

Nigeria is a country of great men of intellect across the globe. We have arable land with abundant rain that grows almost everything. There are rich mineral resources buried under the soil across the entire landscape. We are a gateway to the Atlantic that habours the wealth of nations. There is no part of our country that has nothing to offer the nation, if we do things right. Let us nurture what we have for the good of all our people.

Like every other nation, Nigeria is a project in progress and should confidently discuss her experiences and fashion out solutions to improve on her performance and the well being of all citizens. We should all do our little best in our little corners to overcome the challenges we face, and work hard to reposition our country for a greater and more prosperous tomorrow for our children.

This cannot be achieved without deliberate effort to promote national unity and love of country by all our leaders and citizens. We owe ourselves and the coming generations a duty to reduce the bile and embrace one another so that restructuring for a better and greater Nigeria can be meaningful and guarantee the nation's economic development and citizen's welfare.

We should never lose hope in our nation for the future is bright. With the robust character of our people and the unbeatable resilience of our spirit, I have no doubt that our country will become greater.

May this platform shed more light on our path forward as a nation.

Dr Jonathan, GCFR, GCON (former president of Nigeria) delivered this remarks at the 18th Daily Trust Dialogue, on January 21, 2021, in Abuja.

Quit notices to herders: Leaders' silence dangerous – Saraki

...urges Buhari to convene roundtable

By Abdullateef Salau

A former Senate President, Abubakar Bukola Saraki, yesterday expressed worry over the deafening silence of key stakeholders and leaders over the quit notices given to Fulani herders in Oyo and Ondo States, and the burning of a Fulani settlement in Igangan.

Saraki, in a statement, said the silence was a dangerous tell-tale sign that things were wrong.

He called on President Muhammadu Buhari to rally all interests and everybody at the leadership levels to a round table to discuss and find appropriate solutions, saying insecurity had become the order of the day and fueling disunity and criminal activities.

He urged all Nigerians to work for peace and take initiatives that could douse tension.

"Both the elite and ordinary people have a responsibility to begin to take measures that'll reassure the people across board that a united Nigeria will benefit everybody better than a disintegrated country," he said.

He said the relevance of Nigeria in the international community was due to her size, population and collective resources.

"I know some politicians will not be able to contribute ideas if they are not called upon to do so by those who currently have governmental responsibility to do so. However, please don't keep quiet when called upon.

"We must all intervene as patriots and forget our personal interests. For the sake of our forebears who handed over this country to us, we must work hard to make things better so that when we meet them, we'll have a good account to give that we improved on what was handed over to us.

"In the meantime, let all stakeholders speak up on the danger confronting and diminishing our great country. The attitude of keeping quiet and 'Sidon look' while waiting for the next election to start making promises will not help anyone. What type of election or country are we going to have in 2023 if the current situation persists? A stitch in time saves nine," he added.

Saraki also called on Senate President Ahmed Lawan and House of Representatives Speaker Femi Gbajabiamila to provide far-reaching legislative intervention that would help the executive arm in the search for peace.

"This is a period that require all hands to be on deck. This is not the time to talk of APC or PDP. It's a time for all to work for Nigeria. This is a problem for all and should be solved by all."

Insecurity: Let's avoid another civil war – Bishop

By Abbas Jimoh

Co-chairman, Interfaith Dialogue Forum for Peace, Bishop Sunday Ndukwo Onuoha, yesterday warned against invitation of another civil war in Nigeria.

Onuoha, in a statement, urged those fuelling violence across the country to toe the path of peace; and the Federal Government, to fish out criminal elements destroying farmlands, raping women, kidnapping people in different parts of the country.

The cleric said quit notices given to groups/individuals in some parts of the country, if not properly handled, could cause war between groups.

He urged government at all levels to intervene in order to forestall a breach of peace in the zones and Nigeria at large.

Ex-AGF Abdullahi Ibrahim dies

By John Chuks Azu & Muideen Olaniyi

A former Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Abdullahi Ibrahim, is dead.

He was reported to have died of COVID-19 related complications in an Abuja hospital yesterday.

The former chairman of the Body of Benchers was called to the English Bar in 1963 after which he practised in chambers in England before returning to Nigeria where he was called to the Bar in 1964.

He served as Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice of Nigeria between 1997 and 1999.

Meanwhile, President Muhammadu Buhari yesterday commiserated with the government and people of Kogi State over the death of Abdullahi Ibrahim, his first Minister of Education, Science and Technology as military Head of State, who later served in the Ministry of Transportation.

Buhari, in a statement by his spokesman, Garba Shehu, also extended condolences and sympathies to the bereaved family on behalf of his family and the entire nation.

He described the deceased as an "exemplary lawyer and statesman with impeccable integrity who will be remembered for his selfless service to the country."

Fire guts part of Corporal quarters at Zaria Army depot

From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka, Kaduna

A fire incident has occurred at the Nigerian Army Depot in Zaria, Kaduna State.

The fire, which *Daily Trust* gathered started at 9 pm on Saturday burnt the second floor of a two-storey building housing soldiers of the rank of corporal and below and their families.

The public relations officer of the Depot, Captain Arigu Audu who confirmed the incident to our correspondent said there were no casualties as occupants of the affected quarters were able to evacuate the building on time.

While attributing the cause of the fire to an electrical fault, he said investigation has commenced to ascertain the cause of the fire.

He added, "The fire incident happened on Saturday night at block 15 of the Corporal below Quarters around 9 pm. No life was lost. The combined team of Depot Nigerian Army, Nigerian Military School firefighters and Kaduna State Fire Service, Zaria branch were able to curtail the situation. Only the last floor of the building was damaged."

Daily Trust reports that the depot is used by the army for the training of recruits.

■ From left: Director/CEO, Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR), Mr. Sarki Auwalu; Minister of State Petroleum Resources, Chief Timipre Sylva; Chairman, Senate Committee on Petroleum (Upstream), Senator Albert Bassey Akpan; Executive Secretary, Nigeria Content Development Management Board (NCDMB), Mr. Simbi Wabote, and Head, Public Affairs DPR, Mr. Paul Osu, during the Presidential launch of National Oil and Gas Excellence Centre (NOGEC) in Lagos weekend

Woman dies after death of 3 children in Ondo crash

From Bola Ojuola (Akure) & Maureen Onochie (Abuja)

Three of the victims of the Saturday's crash at the gate of Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba, Ondo State, were siblings. Two of them were final year students of the university.

Daily Trust gathered that their mother collapsed and died on hearing the news of their death.

The crash reportedly occurred when a Dangote truck carrying cement lost control owing to brake failure and rammed into business centres and shops near the institution's gate, leaving many people dead and others injured.

A former students' union president of the university and final year Law student, Adesomoju Tobi, was among the victims.

The university's management yesterday ordered closure of the institution till further notice.

Acting Vice Chancellor Prof. Olugbenga Ige, who visited the scene, commiserated with the victims' families, describing the incident as a tragedy.

Meanwhile, the Corps Marshal of the Federal Road Safety Corps, Boboye Oyeyemi, according to a statement yesterday by FRSC spokesman, Bisi Kazeem, had deployed safety engineers to Akungba, Ondo State, to ascertain the causes and to incessant trailer crashes that have bedeviled that particular route of the highway and recommend solutions.

The National Association of Nigerian Students yesterday condemned the killing of six students and others by the Dangote truck last Saturday in Akugba-Akoko, Ondo State.

NANS President Sunday Asefon, in a statement, called on the Federal Government to caution Dangote Company over incessant killings of Nigerians by its heavy duty trucks in every part of the country.

Gunmen kill timber contractor in Nasarawa

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

Gunmen on Saturday morning killed a timber contractor, Zakari Tanko, at Ogba community, Umaish, in Toto Local Government Council of Nasarawa State.

A family member said the deceased was ambushed when returning from a forest.

He said the deceased, alongside his younger brother, Sa'idu Tanko, went to supply fuel and food stuffs to timber operators at Ogba community.

The Ohimegye of Opanda-Umaisha Kingdom, Alhaji Abdullahi Usman, confirmed the incident via telephone interview with our reporter.

Chairman, Toto Local Government Area, Nuhu Adamu Dauda, also confirmed the incident, saying he had alerted security agents.

The spokesman of the state police command, Ramhan Nansel, neither answered phone calls nor replied a text message our reporter sent to him for comment.

Cultists raze 35 houses, market in Enugu

From Tony Adibe, Enugu

There was commotion as a man was injured while over 35 houses and a market were razed by gunmen said to be cultists in Oruku community, Nkanu East LGA of Enugu State.

Daily Trust gathered that the incident happened between 6:30pm on Saturday and 7:30am on Sunday.

When the new State Commissioner of Police, Mohammed Aliyu, alongside newsmen, visited the troubled community, some houses were still burning.

A former chairman of Nkanu East Local Government, Mr. Ejike Ani, who conducted the commissioner round the torched houses, said he got the information that some group of people were going to attack the community and reported it to their council chairman.

Ani said the chairman, Mr. Uchenna Nwobodo, assured him that he had informed the police but unfortunately, the community was attacked and over 35 houses and market were burnt.

However, the chairman of Oruku Neighbourhood Watch, Mr Emmanuel Ani, appealed to both federal and state governments for urgent intervention to rescue the community from those who have refused to give peace a chance.

He attributed the crisis in the community to the alleged connivance of the commander of the Inspector General of Police Special Tactical Squad, whom he said, disarmed the neighbourhood watch and released hoodlums they arrested and handed over to the police in the state, to continue to terrorise them.

3,000 displaced as bandits kill 6, abduct 5 in Niger

From Romoke W. Ahmad, Minna

About 3,000 persons are said to have been displaced as bandits killed six persons and abducted five others with over 20 others sustaining various degrees of injuries in another attack in 12 villages in Paikoro LGA of Niger State. *Daily Trust* learnt that the bandits began the attack on the villages on Saturday, and carried on their brutal operation till Sunday afternoon.

A resident of one of the villages attacked, Abubakar Azaido, said in a telephone interview that over 20 injured persons were taken to the General Hospital in Kaffin Koro.

He said: "The bandits were many, they were over 200 and they invaded the villages on motorcycles. They carted away all the spare parts in the shop of a motorcycle spare parts dealer in Amale village."

He said while four persons were killed in Gwajau village, two others were murdered in Amale, adding that four persons were kidnapped in Dakolo and one pastor in Nani village.

He listed the communities attacked by the bandits as Amale, Beni, Barakwai, Kakuri, Gudani, Abolo, Nani, Gwajau, Kubi, Zakolo, Kado and Dakolo, adding that our people have deserted the villages.

The spokesman of the Niger State police command, ASP Abiodun Wasiu, could not be reached for comments as at the time of filing this report.

Oyo communal clash claims 2, police van, monarch's palace vandalised

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

Two young men from Tede and Ago-are in Atisbo LGA of Oyo State have been killed in a clash between the two towns on Sunday.

Main roads leading to Tede and Ago-are were on Sunday blocked while residents of the two communities were unable to go to their worship centres for fear of being attacked. Two vehicles belonging to the Police Area Command, Saki and the palace of the Onitede of Tede were vandalised.

As at Sunday evening, men of the 244 Battalion of the Nigerian Army, Asabari Barracks Saki, have taken over the two warring towns.

Our correspondent gathered that the clash was due to a plan to relocate a cattle market located at the border of the two communities to another location in Tede.

It was gathered that after that was resolved, the people of Tede waylaid the Hausa people who were bringing their cows to Ago-Are market forcing them to offload the cattle, which made the people of Ago-Are to embark on reprisal attacks with sporadic shooting.

He said two youths believed to be indigenes of Tede died from gunshots.

The Chairman of Ago-Are community, Alhaji Abdul Azeez Abdulkareem, who confirmed the incident to *Daily Trust* on phone, called on the youths to give peace a chance saying, "The two communities are of the same blood."

8 killed, in Ebonyi communal clash

From Nabob Ogbonna, Abakaliki

Eight persons were yesterday killed, many others seriously injured and properties worth billions of Naira destroyed in Effium community in Ohakwu LGA of Ebonyi State following a communal clash in the area at the weekend.

Also, thousands of residents in the area mainly women and children have deserted the area and are now taking refuge in a division police station in the area and in neighbouring communities.

The crisis erupted on Saturday among members of the National Union of Road Transport Workers at the motor park in the area who were engaged in leadership tussle which later spread to the community.

Earlier, the state Commissioner for Internal Security and Conflict Resolution, Mr. Stanley Okoro Emegha, blamed the leadership of the NURTW for allowing politicians in the area to meddle in the affairs of the union.

"And we are going to deal with anybody found wanting in this matter no matter his position in government," he explained.

But, following the incident, the Ebonyi State government on Friday announced a ban on activities of the NURTW in Effium Motor Park.

However, the state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Aliyu Garba, who led the Deputy Governor, Barr. Kelechi Igwe, on spot assessment to the affected community, said the command, in conjunction with her sister agencies, has arrested over 60 persons in connection to the crisis.

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This postponement is to enable Members of the All Progressive Congress (APC) party participate in the registration and revalidation of its membership, scheduled to commence on Monday, 25th January, 2021.

All inconveniences caused by this change of date are regretted.

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RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	31-Dec-19 N'000	31-Dec-18 N'000
Revenue from contracts with sponsors	3,324,689	3,049,902
Other income	4,076,285	7,210,023
	7,400,974	10,259,925
Personnel costs	(680,139)	(698,605)
Sporting expenses	(6,086,799)	(7,352,789)
Administrative expenses	(860,467)	(1,021,055)
Impairment charge	(411,833)	(169,830)
Other expenses	(63,539)	(73,427)
	(8,102,777)	(9,315,705)
Operating (deficit)/surplus transferred to accumulated fund	(701,803)	944,219
Other comprehensive income:		
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss :		
Re-measurement (loss)/gain on defined benefit scheme	(132,174)	831
Other comprehensive (loss)/income for the year	(132,174)	831
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year	(833,977)	945,050

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	31-Dec-19 N'000	31-Dec-18 N'000
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	873,978	802,326
	873,978	802,326
Current assets		
Inventories	215,491	237,623
Receivables	1,019,396	1,050,577
Cash and cash equivalents	117,572	1,274,930
	1,352,459	2,563,130
Total assets	2,226,437	3,365,456
Non current liabilities		
Retirement benefit obligations	216,669	56,778
Accounts payable	343,964	617,108
Deferred income	286,135	292,861
	846,768	966,747
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	825,220	996,556
Deferred income	6,726	20,453
	831,946	1,017,009
Total liabilities	1,678,714	1,983,756
Equity		
Accumulated fund	218,734	1,052,711
Asset revaluation reserve	328,989	328,989
Total equity	547,723	1,381,700
Total equity and liabilities	2,226,437	3,365,456

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the General Assembly on 28 December 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

Amaju M. Pinnick
President

Dr. Mohammed Sanusi
General Secretary

Additionally Certified by:

Charity Kadiri
Director of Finance

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Members of Nigeria Football Federation

Report on the summary financial statements

Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at 31 December 2019 and the summary statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended are derived from the audited financial statements of Nigeria Football Federation ("the Federation") for the year ended 31 December 2019.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent in all material respects, with the audited financial statements, in accordance with the requirements of the Nigeria Football Federation Statutes and the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria Act.

Summary financial statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by the International Financial Reporting Standards, the Nigeria Football Federation Statutes and the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria Act applied in the preparation of the audited financial statements of the Federation. Therefore, reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

The audited financial statements and our report thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial statements in our report dated 30 December 2020.

Ezecutive Committee's responsibility for the summary financial statements

The Executive Committee is responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Nigeria Football Federation Statutes and the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria Act.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 810 (Revised), 'Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements'.

Tolu Adeleke

For: PricewaterhouseCoopers
Chartered Accountants
Lagos, Nigeria

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The summary financial statements disclosed were derived from the full financial statements of Nigeria Football Federation for the year ended 31 December 2019 and cannot be expected to provide a full understanding of the financial performance, statement of financial position and statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income of the Federation. The Federation's auditor issued an unqualified opinion on the full financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 from which these summary financial statements were derived. The full financial statements from which these summary financial statements were derived can be obtained from the General Secretary of the Federation.

BORNO STATE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Follow up to the Decomposition Seminar organized by Borno State Internal Revenue Service for Local Government Council (LGC) and Non-Tax Revenue Ministries Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of Government in Borno state, on the implementation of the State Treasury Single Account (TSA), which was held on Thursday 13th January, 2020 at Pinnacle Hotel Maiduguri. His Excellency Eng. Prof Babagana Umar Zulum MNI, FNSE Executive Governor Borno State, has directed the Executive Chairman Borno State Internal Revenue Service to Immediately Disengage External Consultants in Carrying out Routine Tax Administration Function (Assessment and Tax audit and Collection) of Taxes and other Levies on Behalf Borno State Government.

This Action is in compliance with section 14 of Borno state Internal Revenue Service (Re-establishment, Harmonization and Administration) Law, 2020

SIGNED
MOHAMMED ALKALI
EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN BOSIRS
18th January, 2021

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MY PERSPECTIVES

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Go after criminals, don't label herders

I was just amazed last week Monday when I read the statement from the Ondo State Government giving a one week notice to herders to vacate its forest reserves. This, I gathered, was due to incidences of kidnapping and banditry associated with kinsmen of the herders. Prominent citizens of the state had fallen into the hands of the bandits and kidnappers, who are suspected to be herders living in settlements. Despite denials, by the weekend, this war cry went beyond Ondo to neighbouring Oyo State, with the expected tragic consequences.

In Oyo State, a noted separatist and agitator for Oodua Republic, Sunday Igboho, visited the Igangan community in the Ibarapa North Local Government Area and took it upon himself to give herders, settled in the area for generations, a 7-day ultimatum to leave. When the ultimatum became public there was an outcry. Despite a broadcast by the Oyo State Governor, Makinde, which was far more restrained, some misguided youths, edged on by the demagogic irredentist, Sunday Igboho, attacked the herders' settlement and razed it to the ground. Many were killed, their herds desecrated and those who survived are still running around dazed in the forest hiding in fear for their lives. I listened to one of them who was interviewed on *BBC Hausa* service. His heart-wrenching account is really an indication of the failure of governance all round.

No doubt, the Igangan tragedy is a direct result of the spurious ultimatum given by Governor Akeredolu. It is a bogus ultimatum because the governor knows he cannot stop any citizen of Nigeria from living in Ondo State, as every law-abiding Nigerian has the inalienable right to live anywhere in the country without let or hindrance. Probably for reasons best known to him, the Ondo State governor resorted to rabble-rousing to up passions and engineer ethnic tensions. He knows very well that you cannot put an ethnic label to crime. Those herding settlements have been in those forests for as long as any living person can recall. And herding settlements are not exclusive to Nigeria. They are spread across many countries – from as far as Guinea to the Central Africa Republic.

Of course, there is the usual age-old farmer/herder problem, which communities have over time got evolved mechanisms to resolve them. Undoubtedly, the clashes have escalated in the last many years for many reasons and governments across the nation have been touting strategies to settle herders as means to stop them roaming about with their animals. Considering the fact that herders are key custodians of a national asset that contributes to the nation's GDP, with their supply of meat and sundry dairy products, one would expect that their livelihood and that of their herds would be given a deserved attention. Unfortunately, what we have are just empty rhetoric, paper proposals and projects with nothing ever on the ground.

We have failed the herding communities. Majority of them are uneducated and their settlements devoid of any modern appurtenances. Their settlements are pre-historic in nature and outlook. The worst part is that the economic potentials of their herds, a heavy national asset, is left unexploited both for their own good and the nation at large. They are left running an important business in the most rudimentary fashion you can imagine, as their fathers and grandfathers have run them.

The forests, where they roam about with their cattle, are virtually ungoverned spaces. With the proliferation of small arms in the whole of the West African region, plus the availability of hard drugs, the herding communities living in the forests are vulnerable to the antics of bandits and rustlers. It is also no wonder that some of them, particularly those who have lost a stake in their way of life, took to crimes. And because they are adept to the ways of the forests their crimes are more difficult to detect and solve. But that's for the security men to flush them out and prosecute them. It is not the business of communities or their leaders to evict their neighbours for the crimes others have committed.

It even baffled me that the eviction order came from none other than Governor Akeredolu a lawyer of over 40 years standing, and a thoroughbred one for that matter, having attained the rank of a Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) in 1998 – a title one earns by distinguishing himself in the legal profession. Though he began his legal career in the private sector in the Law firm of Olujinmi & Akeredolu, he is not a fresh face to public office in the Nigerian space - he was once the President of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), from 2008 to 2010 and he is known to have held office as Attorney-General and Commissioner of Justice, Ondo State, 1997-1999. Also his Law firm partner, Akin Olujinmi was once the Attorney- General and Minister of Justice of the Federation (2003-05). One, therefore, finds it rather incongruous for a public figure with such a pedigree and network to allow such an intemperate pronouncement from his office.

What is needed to be done now is for the federal government to act firmly, decisively, and with dispatch. Every Nigerian is entitled to the Nigerian space and should be protected to assert that right.

THE FILTER LANE

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How green is FG'S Green Imperative Project (GIP)?

One of the greatest news for Nigerian agriculture recently is the Green Imperative Project (GIP) of the federal government. This is a $1.1 billion project funded by the Brazilian Government through a loan from the Deutsche Bank (DB), Brazilian Exim Bank (BNDES) and Islamic Development Bank. It is designed to be a national initiative to create market-oriented, private sector-driven agricultural service hubs operated at the grassroots LGA level called Service Centres. Under the project, a total of 780 service centres deployed nationally will comprise 632 centres offering mechanised leasing services and capacity building production services to smallholder farmers and 148 service centres providing industrial processing of basic production from the first 632 centres. Amidst my excitement, I have been wondering in environmental sustainability terms, just how green is the Green Imperative Project?

In the present age of impending environmental challenges, environmental sustainability is a very vital topic. It refers to decisions and actions aimed at protecting and preserving the environment in order to support human and other lives. Businesses and individuals have over the years contributed to the degradation of the environment. Conscious efforts are made now to reduce the level of negative impact on the environment. This involves the usage of renewable energies, sustainable architecture, waste management, etc.

Environmental sustainability questions the human actions that have caused such problems as deforestation and pollution. It continuously seeks to create measured decisions and actions that will reduce the negative impacts we have on the environment. Environmental sustainability spans across many fields and disciplines in its stand to address all the economic, social, technological and institutional aspects related to the challenges of the environment. Governments and organisations such as the United Nations are continuously making policies and laws regarding environmental sustainability.

Businesses, which play the biggest role in environmental degradation, are the ones vehemently exploring the environmental sustainability world in order to double-check the long term impact they have on the environment. They devise new means of using natural resources such as land, agricultural produce and energy. As regards energy, most companies are turning towards renewable energies as opposed to fossil fuels that cause a serious threat to the environment. Also, the long term maintenance of this consciousness is necessary to validate environmental sustainability decisions and actions. Thus, ways are devised to make production and other processes of business completely sustainable.

Experts agree that sustainability is a process, which tells of a development of all aspects of human life affecting sustenance. It, inarguably, involves resolving the conflict between the various competing goals and involves the simultaneous pursuit of economic prosperity, environmental quality and social equity. Therefore, it is a continually evolving process. The activities involved in achieving sustainability are hence very vital as the only vehicles of getting there.

In other words, Environmental sustainability is the process of making sure current processes of interaction with the environment are pursued with the idea of keeping the environment as pristine as naturally possible. Thus, environmental sustainability demands that society designs activities to meet human needs while indefinitely preserving the life support systems of the planet. This, for example, entails using water sustainably, only utilising renewable energy, and sustainable material supplies (e.g. harvesting wood from forests at a rate that maintains the biomass and biodiversity).

There can be a case of an "unsustainable situation" when the sum total of nature's resources is used up faster than it can be replenished. Sustainability requires that human activity only uses nature's resources at a rate at which they can be replenished naturally. Inherently, the concept of sustainable development is intertwined with the concept of carrying capacity. Theoretically, the long-term result of environmental degradation is the inability to sustain human life. Such degradation on a global scale could imply extinction for humanity.

These fears have led to the development of numerous approaches to sustainable development as it regards the environment. Sustainable living, for instance, exemplified by small-scale urban transition towns and rural ecovillages, seeks to create self-reliant communities based on principles of simple living, which maximise self-sufficiency, particularly in food production. These principles, on a broader scale, underpin the concept of a bioregional economy.

Perhaps, the most vital aspect of environmental sustainability is energy. The sun's energy, stored by plants during photosynthesis, passes through the food chain to other organisms to ultimately power all living processes. Since the industrial revolution the concentrated energy of the sun stored in fossilised plants as fossil fuels have been a major driver of technology which, in turn, has been the source of both economic and political power. Since 2007, climate scientists of the IPCC concluded that there was at least a 90 per cent probability that atmospheric increase in CO_2 was human-induced, mostly as a result of fossil fuel emissions but, to a lesser extent from changes in land use. Drastic cuts in emissions must occur in order to stabilise the world's climate.

Lastly, agriculture places a serious burden on the environment in the process of providing humanity with food and fibres. According to FAO, agriculture is the largest consumer of water and the main source of nitrate pollution of groundwater and surface water, as well as the principal source of ammonia pollution. It is a major contributor to the phosphate pollution of waterways and to the release of the powerful greenhouse gases (GHGs) methane and nitrous oxide into the atmosphere. With all this in mind, I could not help but scrutinise the Green Imperative Project for environmental sustainability, which should be prominent for a project with a billion-dollar price tag. Despite its heavy reliance on mechanisation and industrial processing to achieve agricultural productivity, there is not much evidence of environmental sustainability in the GIP. However, agriculture must be sustainable for a healthy planet and to achieve that, actions are needed at the global, regional, national and local level.

Letter to the Editor

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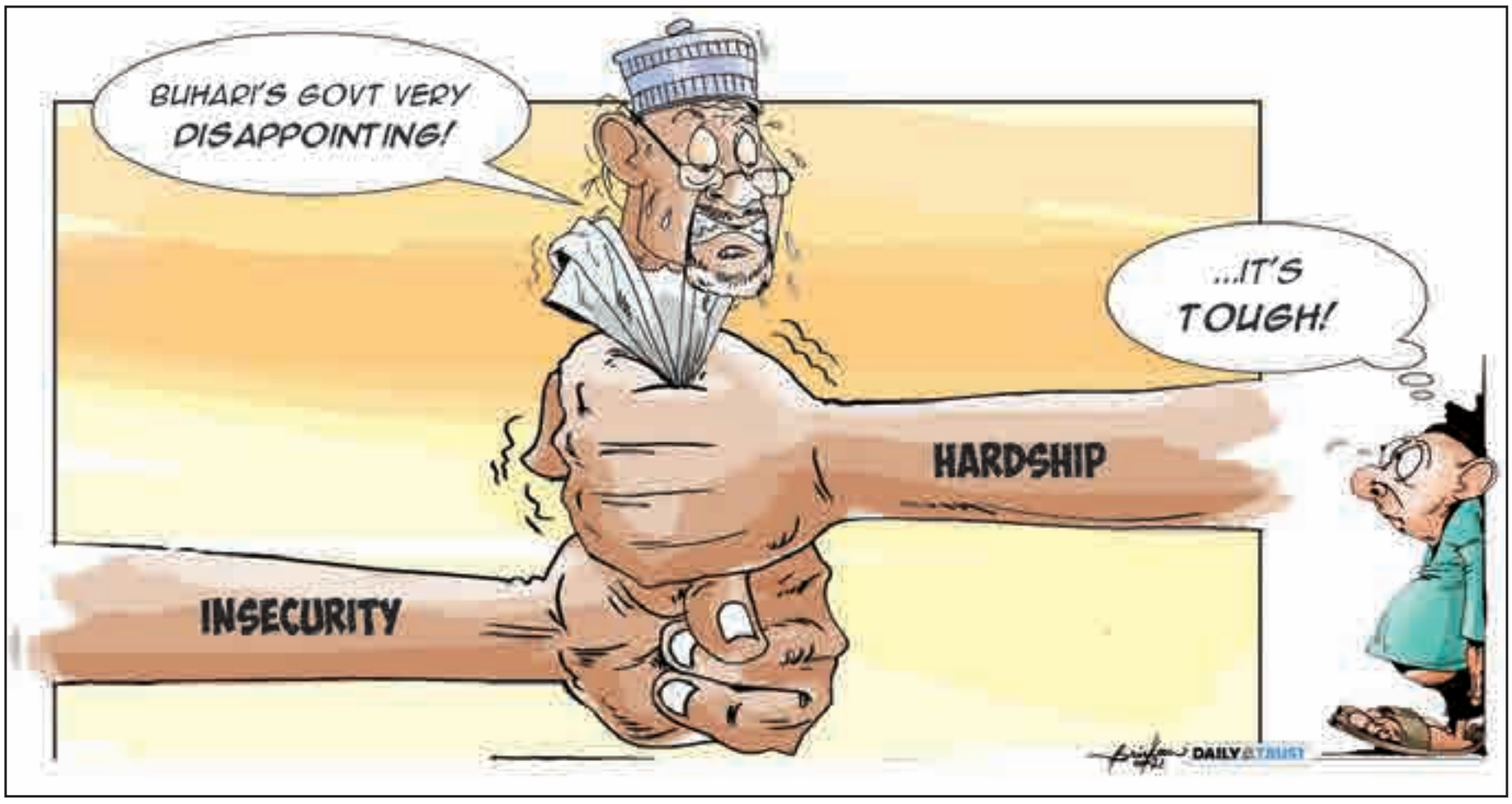

Selling FG's moribund assets to fund 2021 budget

The proposed plan by the Federal Government of Nigeria to sell-off its assets to fund the 2021 budget has drawn both applause and punches from Nigerians. Often, economists and national planners look at this type of move purely from the economic advantages to the nation, forgetting the political consequences, which are paramount as well.

The selling of national assets is an issue that may boomerang politically against a government despite the economic advantages if the right steps are not taken.

Therefore, the federal government must design a strategy that addresses potential political and economic implications of the sales and educate the nation and its citizens on the economic imperative of selling off some of the assets.

The government must be 'politically-correct' on this issue, despite it being purely an economic matter. The Minister of Finance, Zainab Shamsuna Ahmed, was reported to have said that only moribund state assets would be sold. This is the first step in enlightening the citizens on the matter. But how would Zainab reach both the elite and the common man at the same time and convince them for full support? The minister and her team should launch a 'heavy' but short-time enlightenment campaign using all the channels of communication to inform Nigerians on the need and advantages of selling moribund national assets.

Another approach is to address the issue in collaboration with all relevant stakeholders.

On November 17th, 2020, the Senate Committee on Privatization said the Senate was not aware of any plan by the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) to sell or concession some national properties to help fund the 2021 budget. So there is a need for synergy among all concerned.

Zayyad I. Muhammad writes from Jimeta, Adamawa State

Open letter to Hon Yakubu Shehu Abdullahi

Let me make it clear that my letter is not, in anyway, politically motivated as I don't belong to any political party. Besides, my future and that of generations yet unborn, so much depend on your representation. This letter is borne out of concern to ensure good representation. Forgive me for any inconveniences it may cause.

Honourable sir, almost two years since you took an oath to represent us at the lower chamber but, we the constituents seem not to be recognised beyond election day.

Reports indicate that, so far, you have not moved a single motion, neither have you contributed to a debate during plenary, even at House committee level.

At the onset, we thought it was because you were a neophyte but your counterpart, Hon. Mansur Manu Soro, representing Ganjuwa/Darazo is also a neophyte but is not only performing well but is among the most vibrant members in the House. According to my findings, young Mansur, within one year - from June 2019 to June 2020, was able to present seven bills, despite this being his first time in the House.

I don't want to believe people ascribing your lack of performance to lack of mastery of language. This is because as someone from communication discipline, I believe communication is not about blowing complicated vocabularies or twisting voice to convey excellence. Once the message is understood, the purpose is served. Hon. Sir, your colleague, Hon. Muhammad Gudaji Kazaure from Jigawa State is well recognized and celebrated for ensuring good representation to his people, despite lack of good command of English language but, nobody can dare say he is not communicating.

Perhaps it's because you are having a difficulty in conceiving ideas or streamlining them for presentation on the floor of the House. Nobody has a monopoly of knowledge. All you need is to appoint legislative aides who will be serving as your think tank, brainstorming on issues that are connected to your constituency. According what I have at my disposal, so far, you have been working single-handedly, which I think will not help you to succeed.

Honourable, half the time is almost gone but you still have time to rethink and strategise your style representation with a view to changing the narrative. If this happens, you are welcome. To us it shall be a glad tiding and to you history will be fair. Election is coming and as it has been with Bauchi people we can't be predicted but we are observing.

My best wishes!

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Autonomy for Judiciary and Houses of Assembly

Many states are yet to implement the provision making the judiciary and states Houses of Assembly self-accounting. It is time the President directs those governors, who are yet to comply, to do so.

*Kasim Bulus Dauda - 07066425****

As El-Rufai evacuates Almajirai

El-Rufa'i's drive to rid Kaduna State of Almajirai is not welcomed. It only becomes necessary to outlaw begging when poverty is outlawed. As much as the constitution does not disapprove of begging and does not compel the giver to give El-Rufa'i should leave the beggars alone.

*El Sadees Y. Umar, Samaru, Zaria - 08034952****

Dealing with Fulani bandits

Until we identify and address those things that attract Fulani herdsmen into crime, we will continue to have security problem in the country. We should also find those among them who are involved in criminal activities and deal with them according to the law. That is the only way we will find peace and security.

*Mohammed Bagudu, Minna - 08104843****

Media and rumour mongering

A major role of the media is to educate people about what is happening around them and control rumour that may lead to conflict in the society.

*Lawal Muhammad Hayin Ojo - 08060782****

EDITORIAL

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Museveni's contentious sixth term

Seventy-six-year-old Yoweri Museveni, who has ruled Uganda for four decades, won a controversial presidential election; a re-election tainted with allegations of fraud, intimidation, deaths and detention of opposition supporters. With his re-election on January 16, 2021, Museveni, who came to power after winning a guerilla warfare in 1986, shall hold sway in Uganda until 2026, when he would have clocked 81 years of age. It is not clear if the amended Ugandan constitution would stop him from contesting for another five-year term at the expiration of this sixth term.

The presidential election result announced by Uganda's Electoral Commission said incumbent Museveni got 58.64 per cent of the vote, while his closest challenger and singer, 38-year-old Robert Kyagulanyi, popularly known as Bobi Wine, won 34.83 per cent of the vote. The Electoral Commission Chairman, Simon Byakabama said Museveni polled 5.85 million votes, as against Wine's 3.475 million votes. However, the credibility of the results is in doubt. It has not been clearly corroborated by independent election monitors, and Bobi Wine has said the results were doctored in favour of Museveni.

In 1986 when he came to power in a guerrilla warfare, Museveni was widely hailed for liberating the country from rebels and bringing about a measure of stability. Uganda was to witness economic growth over a period, and its response to HIV/AIDS pandemic was praised as one of the continent's effective approaches. Perhaps, it was for this reason that older Ugandans who may be haunted by the memories of the catastrophe and violence in the 1970s supported his re-election against the 78 per cent of the population that is below the age of 30. Today, Uganda is plagued by massive youth unemployment and its attendant frustrations, as those who are well-off survive on political patronage, corruption and mismanagement made possible by ineffective government.

Looking at the shadow of terrorism around Uganda, especially in the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, and Rwanda, Museveni believes only he is in a position to protect Uganda. With this thinking, he has slid into the errors of Zimbabwe's Robert Mugabe, Libya's Muammar Ghaddafi, Iraqi's Saddam Hussein and Egypt's Hosni Mubarak, who overstayed their welcome in power, and made heroes of those who fought them out of the exalted seat. Though Museveni is protected by state security forces, the opposition is real and could overwhelm the weapons of Ugandan police and military.

Museveni's re-election on January 16 was marred by the death of at least 54 persons who were killed by police bullets in a crackdown on opposition supporters. In the brutality in December 2020, Bobi Wine's bodyguard was run down and crushed by an army truck. Many other opposition supporters are said to have been hurled into prison in an attempt to provide Museveni a thoroughfare in the election. During the election, officials barred many foreign election observers and refused to accredit foreign media outlets. The Ugandan Government also shut down the Internet, making it impossible for the opposition and journalists to effectively monitor the election and share evidence of fraud. Security agents prevented Bobi Wine from moving out of his house and barred his supporters from visiting him at home. From all indications, the process of Museveni's re-election was not free and fair.

Bobi Wine's National Unity Party (NUP) has said it would challenge Museveni's victory in the court of law. We support the use of legal instruments in dealing with the suspected illegalities and call on the opposition to resist any temptation to take the law into their hands. Also, we call for the release of all opposition supporters from police detention or prison. If any of them has committed any offence, he/she should be tried in an appropriate court of law, instead of being arbitrarily punished because of political affiliation. It is also important for governments and international actors to put pressure on Museveni to halt the persecution of the opposition and give Ugandan courts the free hand to deal with post-election cases. Instead of attacking opposition elements, Museveni and other African leaders, should resist the temptation to perpetuate themselves in office, and learn the right lessons from their unpopularity.

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Amosun, the atypical politician, is 63

By Dr Wale Morafa

Sixty-three years on Monday, January 25th, a former governor of Ogun State and senator representing Ogun Central, Ibikunle Amosun, remains an issue in the annals of his state's body polity and even more, the nation, where his influence has continued to expand to the awe of his rivals and the opposition alike.

Senator Ibikunle Oyelaja Amosun has always been in a different class – a class distinguished by examples of personal discipline, generosity, compassion, hard work and unbendable principles.

Either in his private or public life, the former governor of Ogun State and senator currently representing the people of Ogun Central, is very much atypical. From his sartorial preferences to leadership style, he stands pretty tall and far away from the archetypal lot.

In his private life, his choices aren't just desirable; they are equally not the familiar demeanour of the average family man. You can't but crave his love for family. In the public sphere – one largely typified by thorough and unique political ideology – no one is yet to come close to Amosun in his turf of play.

What more, with an upbringing cemented by sound family values, uncompromised religious doctrines, solid educational background and constant personal developments, it couldn't have taken much to infer that Amosun would go far in life, so long he wouldn't step away from those guiding principles.

A tough political juggernaut, albeit reasonable at demanding bends, there's a reality about Amosun that is beginning to dawn on his supporters and rivals alike and it is the need to understudy his survival strategy. It is nothing close to what they've seen before.

Living with the enemies and surviving their antics without betraying emotions, is not an option for the faint-hearted. But Amosun has become an authority in that strange discipline, mastered the craft and has continued to trump his traducers, even at their game. Call him a political life coach and you just might be spot-on!

Nothing, however, underscores his strengths as much as his capacity to move on from the 'not-too-pleasant' situations that life seldom throws at him. He never allows a bad result to weigh him down. Instead, he picks up the pieces, learns from his mistakes and begins again even more intelligently. Whenever he loses, he never forgets the lessons therein.

Arguably the one politician in Ogun State today with the largest and biggest following, complemented by an unmatched political structure, with enviable grassroots appeal, how Amosun has been able to keep his political family close and shockingly impenetrable, is the puzzle that has continued to confound his rivals and the opposition alike.

It is public knowledge that Amosun could be pervicacious, albeit on principle, this he always balances with his religious doctrines, which recognise the God-factor in all his undertakings. This, perhaps, can also explain away why his crowd of supporters never wanes, much as he is an incurable giver.

Another thing that has kept this man of focus going is his rich network of influence and contacts across all strata of life – political and social circles especially. He finds networking easy and leverages the very essence as a noted politician, who realises the weight of such an advantage.

> **Curiously, at a time every known politician with name recognition has caught the 2023 bug, coupled with increased frenzy, Amosun has maintained a dignified silence and quietly tucked in his rather intimidating corner. Does that not speak to the admirable personality of a man, who has remained largely unpredictable with his many choices?**

Of course, this further explains his reach and the capacity to move across the northern and southern divides without flaunting his 'human net-worth'. It's an asset; he does not need to impress anyone by opening it up. But when the debate is about national influence and capital, he can only be underrated at the detriment of his opponents.

It was, therefore, not much of a bother to a reasonable few, when at the beginning of the Muhammadu Buhari administration his relationship with the president stirred some uneasy calm – both in some identifiable camps and the lives of a few characters that are still suffering the entitlement mentality.

But, that's not a badge he loves to adorn to spite anyone. Even then, he would not let the sheer envy of a few vitiate a relationship that has stood the tests of many seasons. Striking that balance, although by choice, says even more about his native intelligence. Amosun is by every definition a loyal individual and always looks out for his friends.

After his initial four years as a senator, four years in the lurch, eight years as governor and the current representation in the ninth senate, it would take another intentional character like *"Ajiri omo oye"* as close allies choose to call Amosun, to challenge his legacies, many of which are spread across different human interests.

Even more instructive is the fact that his legacies have never been denoted only by politics or public office. With personal foundations and certain humanitarian exercises anchored on compassion and sincere intentions that are wont to outlive him, Amosun has a very good relationship with his people of Ogun State that would take more than a 'bread and butter politics' or fleeting inducement to undo.

Honest, straightforward, blunt and simple, both in principle and disposition, there's no gainsaying the fact that Amosun's lifestyle has been guided more by his closeness to God and kindness to fellow humans, which is why he has successfully meandered through some of the many traps of life, characterised by treachery, betrayal and outright envy.

Amosun is an exemplary family man, not just by sheer characterisation, but also by conscious choices that could cause some positive stir in many other homes. The quality of wife (Olufunsho) he is blessed with also attests to how far he has come with his preferences and of course, where life is taking him in the future yet unseen. Talk about his children, they are a pride to behold!

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Certainly, at 63, life still has a lot stored up for this intentional but atypical politician, whose unassuming nature has made him unreadable for his enemies but has continued to affirm his place in the body polity, both on the national and local fronts, where his footnotes are in bold and memorable prints.

Many congratulations, sir!

Morafa, a medical doctor, writes from Ijebu Ode

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Buying	379	514.22	464.64	58.57	101.02	0.69
Central NGN	379.5	514.90	465.07	58.65	101.15	0.70
Selling NGN	380	515.58	465.69	58.73	101.29	0.71

January 22, 2021

COMMODITIES PRICE	
CRUDE OIL BRENT	$56.36
GOLD	$1,848.88
SILVER	$25.43
NATURAL GAS	$2.70

BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES

	Dollar	Euro	Pound S.
BUYING	N460	N560	N620
SELLING	N470	N573	N630

How Kano moves to revive ailing industries

From Clement A. Oloyede, Kano

"In the 1970s, many will recall that in Kano when you go towards Bompai and you pass the Central Hotel, the sounds and sights and smells of industries were so pervasive," said Engineer Ahmed Mansur, President of the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN).

Mansur said this at a recent sensitisation meeting on the Kano State Turnaround Project as he recalled the industrialisation era of Nigeria's Centre of Commerce.

However, most of the industries have been a shadow of their past, declining since the past two decades. But the state government said it has devised a means to cause a rebound of industrialisation in the state.

To kick-start this process, the state recently announced that the Central Bank Nigeria (CBN) has approved N10 billion funds to revive ailing industries in the state, with hopes for more funding.

At the stakeholder meeting, Governor Abdullahi Ganduje minced no words when he delved into the issues that resulted in the closure of major industries in the state.

He said, "We all know why our industries went down many years ago. Many people have talked about electricity, which is a reality; smuggling, bringing cheaper goods from foreign countries. No matter how much electricity you have and how much you produce, you cannot sell at the prices of those smuggled goods."

The governor also said some managers of the failed industries mismanaged resources. "We are all used to a one-man show and we were used to when the competition was less and the protection from the government was more; therefore, industries were flourishing but the management of the industries could not compete with evolving challenges in the production chain; some could not cope with the change of the technology and were left behind."

On the part of the MAN leader, he envisaged a return of the industries because "industrialisation brings jobs, income and peace."

Although he lauded the efforts of the state government, Mansur advised that there was a need to get "old investors in the state for many decades to restore their investments".

He said the intervention of CBN through the Kano Turnaround Project, is expected to help Micro Small and Medium scale Enterprises (MSMEs) to reactivate and transform them.

The project which is the first of such in the north is a collaborative effort of Kano State Investment Promotion Agency (KanInvest), MAN, and LINKS, a programme of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) to catalyse economic growth in the north.

Chairman of KanInvest, Alhaji Isyaku Umar Tofa said manufacturers in Kano have been given a questionnaire to state their challenges.

"This alone is a great satisfaction for all of us manufacturers that for the first time somebody is asking us 'what are your problems."

The Director-General of KanInvest, Hajiya Hama Ali Muhammad, who revealed the N10bn CBN intervention, said the apex bank promised more funds for the ailing industries through the project which targets about 50 companies in the state.

She said forms for Expression of Interest (EoI) are available till February 25 for industry operators. The applicants would have interactions with the authorities in the next stage to access the fund. "You should understand that this is an opportunity that needs to be utilized in a manner that will ensure maximum benefits for your investments," Muhammad urged the industrialists.

"Our doors will be open to any company, until the application reaches at least 50, then we will see if they can exhaust the N10 billion or not."

Poor electricity still a hurdle

Beside the effects of the COVID-19 on the economy, the operators and MSME owners said poor power supply remains the major challenge for the industries.

The president of Kano Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (KACCIMA), Alhaji Dalhatu Abubakar, gave an illustration of how he was earlier paying about N7 million every month for electricity charges but now pays about N20m due to rise in electricity tariff.

The manufacturers appealed to the government to assist them in addressing the electricity tariff issue, noting that they pay up to N20 higher for every unit of electricity compared with other manufacturers in the south.

But the KanInvest officials said the project also considered the cost of electricity by ensuring that each beneficiary will include this in their proposals.

Governor Ganduje, in his response, said his administration has made several interventions but no result yet in some national policies on electricity generation.

The governor said his administration has issued Certificates of Occupancy to five companies including Dangote to generate solar energy, but three years later, the projects are stuck due to the policy of the federal government on power generation.

Workers advised against fund misuse

Daily Trust reports that this is not the first intervention effort of the federal government towards reviving moribund industries.

For instance, textile industries, of which several are situated in Kano in the recent past benefited from a N100bn intervention fund.

A top official of the Nigerian Union of Textile and Garment Workers of Nigeria (NUTGWN) said 38 firms showed little or no result after they benefited from the federal government's N100billion Cotton Textile and Garment Revival Scheme in 2013.

Governor Ganduje has also warned the manufacturers in the state to steer off mismanagement, saying such era was over.

Ganduje said: "I am happy with the new system that this project is introducing is one-one talk. The days when you can collect loans from banks and go and buy additional vehicles and marry additional wives… this was what happened.

"Even the funds for the textile industry, if the government should investigate what happened to those billions of naira and yet the textile industry is not on because people collected the money and did not use the money to revive the industry. I am sure if investigation is being carried out, some people will be put to shame," the governor recalled.

As the turnaround project progresses, business experts, Kano residents and the entire country await the results of the intervention with the hopes that it will not be subsumed like the previous ones, but become a catalyst towards restoring the state to its true state as - a centre of commerce.

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

SUNDAYS – TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS - SATURDAYS

From ABUJA	DEPARTURE				ARRIVAL			
	AK 1	AK 3	AK 5	AK 7	AK 1	AK 3	AK 5	AK 7
IDU	07:00	09:50	14:20	18:00	-	-	-	-
KUBUWA	07:17	10:07	14:41	18:15	07:14	10:02	14:36	18:16
RIGASA	-	-	-	-	09:15	12:01	17:00	20:02

From KADUNA	DEPARTURE				ARRIVAL			
	KA 2	KA 4	KA 6	KA 8	KA 2	KA 4	KA 6	KA 8
RIGASA	06:40	10:35	14:00	18:00	-	-	-	-
KUBUWA	08:31	13:04	16:03	20:07	08:28	12:59	15:58	20:04
IDU	-	-	-	-	08:43	13:20	16:16	20:20

WEDNESDAYS (ONLY)

From ABUJA	DEPARTURE		ARRIVAL	
	AK 1	AK 3	AK 1	AK 3
IDU	07:00	18:00	-	-
KUBUWA	07:17	18:15	07:14	18:12
RIGASA	-	-	09:15	20:20

From KADUNA	DEPARTURE		ARRIVAL	
	KA 2	KA 4	KA 2	KA 4
RIGASA	06:40	18:00		
KUBUWA	18:31	20:07	08:28	20:00
IDU	-	-	08:34	20:20

CEO INTERVIEW

Foreign investors can't fix Ajaokuta Steel Complex — Kamoru Yusuf

Dr. Kamoru Yusuf, CEO KAM Steel Integrated Limited, is the Chairman, Basic Metal, Iron and Steel and Fabricated Metal Products sector of the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN). In this interview, he speaks on the issues affecting the iron and steel sector, especially on the Federal Government's plan to resuscitate the moribund Ajaokuta Steel Rolling Complex in Kogi State.

By Zara Idris

The federal government has been making efforts to revive the Ajaokuta Steel Complex, what is your assessment of this?

I have taken my time to study and assessed the Federal Government's efforts to resuscitate Ajaokuta Steel Company Limited and my conclusion is that it may be difficult for any foreign investor to successfully operate Ajaokuta Steel Complex without the full support of the local industry operators.

The drive to revive Ajaokuta Steel Complex is to set the stage for Nigeria as the leading industrial nation in the continent as earlier envisioned, which is being driven through the development of the Steel sector under the able leadership of the Honourable Minister of Mines and Steel Development, Arc. Olamilekan Adegbite; who has demonstrated passion and capability in promoting the steel sector in Nigeria, through his resolve that there is the need for the Federal Government to declare Iron and Steel as National Products for Rapid Economic Growth.

However, the process of resuscitating Ajaokuta Steel Company which is our nation's heritage was not properly structured. What should have been done, was to consult with owners of existing steel plants who would have given clearer narrations of the issues in the industry. But this important aspect was jettisoned by the Presidential Committee constituted by the Federal Government on Ajaokuta. However, some of the indigenous stakeholders had since drew the attention of Government to this gap.

I however must commend the efforts of His Excellency, President Muhammadu Buhari, and the Honourable Minister for Mines and Steel Development, Arc. Olamilekan Adegibte for their astuteness and determination to resolve the age-long problem and make the Ajaokuta Steel Complex a dream that comes to reality in an effort to industrialize the country.

The government has been negotiating with foreign investors, do you think that would help to revive the complex?

No, foreign investors can bring Ajaokuta Steel Company back to operation. What the Federal Government needs to do is to adopt the model used by the Peoples of Republic of China which later transformed the country's Steel industry within 25 years which led to massive development of the industrial sector in China.

What the Chinese Government did was to indigenize one of the country's major industries -the Iron and Steel, into the hands of their people with the Government holding only 25% interest while local investors were allowed to own 75% stake. This created opportunities for the local investors and ensured that the wealth remained within the country, without repatriation of capital as well as dividends. This led to development of local skills and other multiplier effects that finally resulted in what the world is witnessing today as the industrial explosion in China.

■ Dr. Kamoru Yusuf

I urge Nigerian government to redirect its policy on the industry because haven expended close to 40 years experimenting a particular model without result, it should be clear and in fact obvious that the commercial interest of the offshore investors does not match the developmental interest of the Government of Nigeria as well as the industrial aspiration of her citizens.

With my over 30 years' experience in the iron and steel business, I can confidently provide a workable template, which of course could also show that no foreign investor can fix Ajaokuta Steel Company.

Any attempt to invite foreign investors to resuscitate the Ajaokuta Steel Company will result in the said foreign interest depriving us of our national heritage; as any proceed realized from the sales, will be repatriated by such interests to their countries and would consequently have negative effects on Government's policy of backward integration and the corresponding objective of conserving the scarce foreign exchange with dare consequences on the current and future well-being of our economy.

Therefore, it is only indigenous investors that can make it happen so that the proceeds can remain here in Nigeria and we can re-invest this into the economy. This we have all seen, was the case in the cement industry and with Nigeria now taking another giant stride in refinery and petrochemicals.

What are the issues hampering the iron and steel sector despite all efforts?

Well, for more than two decades, government had not paid the desired attention to the steel sector which is the primary basis for industrial growth and development of any nation.

Iron and steel sector is suffering as a result of what is happening to Ajaokuta Steel Company. For an industry that is driven by committed and persevering investors, what government needs to do in the immediate circumstance is to mandate commercial banks and Development banks through the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), to focus and direct attention to giving adequate support to the steel industry due to the capital-intensive nature of the business.

Steel sector plays similar role as that of cement, sugar, fertilizer and petrochemical industries, all of which can provide the needed tripod-support for the development of other light industries in the country. The incremental and progressive results being witnessed by them was the outcome of the success story of the indigenous players in the cement industry over the past nine years and with reduced stake from the offshore investors.

The best model is to indigenize and empower Nigerians and ensure that the strategy as encapsulated in the Nigeria Industrialization Revolution Plan (NIRP), creates avenues for whosoever wishes to partner with the local giants who have verifiable track record in the industry to do so.

How did the steel sector benefits from the Real Sector Support Fund (RSSF)?

Despite CBN's announcement on diversification and creating of a window for Real Sector Support Fund (RSSF), some of the commercial banks are not willing to support genuine industrialists, probably due to lack of key project appraisal management skills.

We expect that Bank of Industry (BoI), which is created to support industrialization in Nigeria should have intervened but it seems the Bank have changed its windows of operations, which Central Bank needs look into.

The ensuing confusion is that commercial banks are no longer comfortable with this arrangement as they believe BOI is not sharing the risk with them and hence, the consequent abandonment of the needed support from BOI, which some real sector operators believed has created and classed them into financial orphans, with no 'care-giver' in the financial market!

What then do you think is the way out for the sector?

One way that could be easily employed is for the Government to urgently channel the Comprehensive Import Supervisory Scheme (CISS) charges paid to the Nigeria Customs Service, (NCS) over the years, to providing bailout and support to the steel sector. Such money should be utilized to drive the industrial revolution process that will galvanize national industrial development.

There will be no reason for the government to borrow money to bring Ajaokuta back to life. We have the resources as a nation and we also have expertise who can make it work. We don't need foreign investors to do it. Ajaokuta can be back again to produce machines that are needed by other steel industries in their production processes.

You will agree with me that with the gigantic size of Ajaokuta, the complex should not focus on the middle-steel production, which are massively available around Nigeria and West Africa. Rather, it should focus on the configuration of a high class production of steel products such as Slab Caster, Hot Rolled Coils and Plates, and Foundry for the production of the required machinery and tools in the country, since 50 per cent requirement for these high-class configurations are already available in Ajaokuta.

How do you see the prospects for Nigeria with the take-off of AfCFTA?

The only way Nigeria can participate successfully in the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and successfully compete among countries in the continent is to develop our giant industries. We can look at China, which always underwrite their capital projects under Sinosure (China Credit Insurance Corporation).

The Federal Government should also borrow a leaf from other developed nations as well as some African countries; by creating platforms for Credit Insurance Underwriters in order to reduce the huge risks involved in capital projects. Government also needs to create more funding windows and other support infrastructure to elicit rapid industrial development.

There cannot be significant growth in the sector without the intervention of the Federal Government where and when necessary.

ECONOMIC INSIGHT

Scores await N45,000 airport car operators' fund as payment begins

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

Hundreds of Nigerian airports car hire operators are still waiting for their 'palliatives' two weeks after the disbursement of the fund started.

The federal government had released a N5 billion aviation industry grant for airlines, ground handling firms, caterers and other allied aviation service providers. The airlines got N4bn, while the other section shared N1bn, with the Airport Car Hire Association of Nigeria (ACHAN) getting N100 million.

Last weekend, a lot of the operators confirmed they have received N45,000 about two weeks ago, but there scores of others who had filled the forms but yet benefit from the palliative.

Some of these affected operators said they were beginning to get anxious and not certain if they will still receive their share of the grant.

ACHAN had informed registered members to fill forms with over 2,000 of them complying. However as at Sunday, it was learnt that only a fraction of the airport car hire operators have benefitted.

"I filled a form and I made sure my account details were correctly written but as I am talking to you, I have not received an alert.

"Some of our colleagues have received but I don't know what is happening. Again, many people could not even get the form and we don't know what is happening with the payment because it is over two weeks already," one of the affected operators said.

Alfred Odion who operates at the Murtala Muhammed Airport Two (MMA2) in Lagos said only ACHAN members benefited from the palliative while other executive airport cab operators were exempted.

"We also applied but we are yet to get anything and all of us were at home during the COVID-19 lockdown doing nothing but I don't know why the government is being selective," he said.

A former chairman of the Association of Airport Limousine Bus Operator (ALBO), Mr. Tijani Jelili, also said bus operators were excluded from the palliative.

"I can tell you we have not collected a dime. They didn't even give us the form which those who have benefitted filled."

On his part, Chairman of ACHAN at the international wing of the Murtala Muhammed International Airport (MMIA), Mr. Afolabi Soele, said most of their members have benefitted as he thanked the government for disbursing the fund.

"I have been at the airport for the past 44 years, I have never seen this kind of thing. It's a good beginning."

AMCON seizes Inducon assets over N1.3bn debt

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

The Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON) at the weekend took over an asset belonging to Dr. John Warimeme Abebe, the Chief Promoter of Inducon Nigeria Limited over a staggering indebtedness of over N1.3 billion

The Head, Corporate Communications Department of AMCON, Jude Nwauzor, said it followed an order of Justice Aikawa of the Federal High Court Lagos,

AMCON at the weekend took effective possession of the property situated at Plot12, Block 108 Lekki Peninsula Residential Scheme, Lagos, through its Debt Recovery Agent - Ogunsola Shonibare L.P.

The Court also ordered that the bank accounts of the company and its Directors, Dr. John Warimeme Abebe, Mr. Olawole Fatimilehin and Ademola Buraimoh be frozen pending the final determination of the suit.

The case of Inducon Nigeria Limited and its promoters has been interminable shortly after the loan was purchased by AMCON during the 1st phase of Eligible Bank Asset (EBA) purchases from the defunct FinBank (now FCMB) since 2011.

Since the purchase, AMCON alleged it has offered the obligor several concessions and explored all avenues to resolve the debt harmoniously, but the obligor and his company have remained recalcitrant and unenthusiastic to repay the huge debt to AMCON.

"They have consistently reneged on several promises they made in the past during negotiations. This prompted the debt recovery agency to evoke the Corporation's asset tracing powers granted it under the AMCON (Amendment No. 2) Act, 2019."

Traders groan over ban on goods offloading in Bauchi market

From Hassan Ibrahim, Bauchi

Traders at the Bauchi Central Market are worried over an order by the Bauchi State Road Transport Agency (BAROTA) that bans the day-time offloading of goods in the market.

The ban, authorities say, followed challenges of congestion in the market due to haulage trailers offloading commodities during market hours.

However, some of the affected traders expressed fears that their goods will not be safe if they are offloaded at night, and that it could put their businesses at risk. Abdulrashid Mai Dalan Zaranda, an ex-auditor of the market association said the market opens at 8am and closes by 6pm, adding that it is inconvenient for them to offload their goods at night.

Alhaji Khalid Yusuf, another trader said, "If we offload our commodities at night, they will be dumped outside the market as it closes at 6pm. So, we are afraid that the commodities can be stolen. If we don't want it to be stolen, then we must engage the services of guards that will be looking after them. This will be a burden to us."

Malam Ibrahim Arab's fear is when the rains come. "During the rainy season, our commodities would be drenched. In fact, this order is unfavourable to us and we want the government to reconsider it."

The traders appealed to the state government to decongest the market by providing a befitting parking space. They also called on the agency to allow them to offload their commodities between 6am and 12noon.

When contacted, Chairman of BAROTA, Air Commodore Tijjani Gamawa (rtd) said the order came as a result of traffic congestion caused by vehicles in the market.

He also said the agency and the state government consulted with the leadership of the market and the executives of the Bauchi state market traders and artisans association who unanimously endorsed the ban.

Gamawa said the agency has prohibited commercial drivers using the market as a park to pick and drop passengers. He said the move is to prevent accidents and insecurity.

Calabar youths protest at tourism hub

Eyo Charles, Calabar

The popular Marina Resort, a one-stop tourism hub, which includes a slave history museum has been shut by protesting youths in Calabar of alleged cases of mismanagement.

The youths of Bayside in Calabar South LGA accused the Managing Director, Tourism Bureau, Utsu John of allegedly diverting revenues of the resort.

One of the youth leaders of the Bayside host community, Effiom Ndem, said the management has allowed the facilities to deteriorate, so that largely the resort has become a ghost of its former self.

"The current sorry state of the resort is as a result of poor management. Nothing is working again at the resort. Management collects all the monies generated from this resort from the gate fees to the monies paid by vendors."

Reacting, Mr Utsu said the allegations were unfounded. "The records of transactions are accessible. It is not also true that the resort is no longer operational."

The state Commissioner for tourism and culture, Eric Anderson, also denied the allegations noting that he only plays a supervisory role at the resort and that the Tourism Bureau head does not report to his ministry.

NLCB REQUEST FOR TENDER NOTICE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THE RESETTLEMENT ACTION PLAN (RAP) FOR THE MIDDLE RIMA VALLEY IRRIGATION SCHEME (MRVIS) PROJECT AT GORONYO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA, SOKOTO STATE FOR TRANSFORMING IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT IN NIGERIA (TRIMING) PROJECT UNDER FEDERAL MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES.

In accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Act CAP E12 LFN 2004, which makes it mandatory for proponents of all new major development activities to carry out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of their proposed projects, the Federal Ministry of Environment hereby announces twenty-one (21) working days Public Notice for information and comments on the Draft Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) document submitted by Transforming Irrigation Management In Nigeria (TRIMING) Project Under the Federal Ministry of Water Resources. This disclosure is to enable the public make input that shall facilitate informed decision taking on the project.

The Display Centers are:

- Headquarters, Goronyo Local Government Area, Goronyo, Sokoto State.
- Headquarters, Sokoto Rima River Basin Development Authority, Sokoto, Sokoto State.
- Kano State Project office, Transforming Irrigation Management in Nigeria (TRIMING) Kano State.
- Middle Rima Valley Irrigation Project office, Goronyo, Sokoto State.
- Sokoto State Ministry of Lands, Housing and Survey, Block 7, Shehu Kangiwa Secretariat, Sokoto, Sokoto State.
- Sokoto State Ministry of Agriculture, Usman Faruk Secretariat, Sokoto, Sokoto State.
- Sokoto State Ministry of Water Resources, Shehu Kangiwa, Sokoto, Sokoto State.
- Sokoto State Ministry of Environment, Shehu Kangiwa Secretariat, Sokoto, Sokoto State.
- Federal Ministry of Environment office, Sokoto, Sokoto State.
- Federal Ministry of Water Resources, Plot 1402 Abba Kyari Street, off Adesoji Aderemi, Apo-Abuja.
- Federal Ministry of Environment, Environment House (Brown Building), Independence Way, Central Business District, Abuja-FCT
- World bank info-shop
- www.ead.gov.ng

Brief Projects Description:

i. The proposed project activities will include the following: repair/replacement of the upstream lining of the dam embankment, extension of the upstream clay blanket, repair and extension of protective dykes to bock water from overflowing into the irrigation schemes and dredging of the Rima River to keep the water within the river channel.
ii. Specific rehabilitation works in the different locations of the irrigation scheme which is envisaged to trigger the World Banks OP 4.12 (Involuntary Resettlement) based on which this resettlement plan has been developed.

Duration of Display:
Date: 25th January – 22nd February, 2021.
Time: 8:00am – 4:00pm Daily.

ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE HON. MINISTER, FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, MABUSHI ABUJA-FCT ON OR BEFORE 29th FEBRUARY, 2021.

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FOR: HONOURABLE MINISTER

PUBLIC NOTICE

FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (ESIA) REPORT FOR ZOBE DAM REHABILITATION PROJECT AT DUTSIN-MA LOCAL GOVERNMENNT AREA, KATSINA STATE FOR TRANSFORMING IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT IN NIGERIA (TRIMING) PROJECT UNDER FEDERAL MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES.

In accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Act CAP E12 LFN 2004, which makes it mandatory for proponents of all new major development activities to carry out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of their proposed projects, the Federal Ministry of Environment hereby announces twenty-one (21) working days Public Notice for information and comments on the Draft Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) document submitted by Transforming Irrigation Management In Nigeria (TRIMING) Project Under the Federal Ministry of Water Resources. This disclosure is to enable the public make input that shall facilitate informed decision taking on the project.

The Display Centers are:

- Headquarters, Dutsin-Ma Local Government Area, Dutsin Ma, Katsina State
- Kano State Project Office, Transforming Irrigation Management in Nigeria (TRIMING) Kano State.
- State office, Zobe Irrigation Scheme, Zobe, Katsina State.
- Katsina State Ministry of Land, Housing and Survey, IBB Way, Dandagoro, Katsina, Katsina State.
- Katsina State Ministry of Agriculture Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State.
- Katsina State Ministry of Water Resources, State Secretariat Complex, Katsina, Katsina State.
- Katsina State Ministry of Environment, EEC office Complex, Kano road, Katsina, Katsina State.
- Federal Ministry of Environment office, Federal Secretariat, Katsina, Katsina State
- Federal Ministry of Water Resources, Plot 1402 Abba Kyari Street, off Adesoji Aderemi, Apo-Abuja.
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Brief Projects Description:
The proposed project will involve rehabilitation works for the Zobe Dam and associated infrastructures. The dam impounds river Karaduwa and has a catchment area of .527km2. The dam is approximately 15km long with a surface area of 36.9km2 and a storage capacity of 177 x 106 m3 at full level. It also has a maximum height of approximately 20m. The rehabilitation activities include: remedial works to the embankment dam, remedial works to the concrete gravity dam, repair and replacement work for the monitoring system of the dam and development plan and the rehabilitation of the mechanical and electrical equipment.

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Date: 25th January – 22nd February, 2021.
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NIGERIA STOCK EXCHANGE

MARKET CAP. N21,448,596TR (-0.24%) ↓ | **ALL SHARE INDEX** 41,001.99POINTS (-0.24%) ↓ | **MARKET TURNOVER** 591,459,505BN SHARES

Friday, January 22, 2021

OIL AND GAS	BANKING	CONSUMER GOODS	INSURANCE	INDUSTRIAL
274.18 -0.29%	410.39 -0.17%	605.92 0.06%	241.80 -7.93%	2,051.69 -0.50%

NSE GENERAL INDEX

COMPANY NAME	MARKET(NM)	PRICE	CHANGE	TRADES	VOLUME
BANKING					
ACCESS BANK PLC.	325,238.81	9.15	-1.08	215	18,702,186
UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA PLC	297,534.97	8.70	-2.79	318	36,640,732
ZENITH BANK PLC	832,007.09	26.50	0.19	375	25,712,332
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS					
FBN HOLDINGS PLC	263,830.40	7.35	-0.68	218	34,309,987
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES					
MTN NIGERIA COMMUNICATIONS PLC	3,460,267.22	170.00	-	118	6,148,743
BUILDING MATERIALS					
DANGOTE CEMENT PLC	3,987,478.73	234.00	-	62	186,717
LAFARGE AFRICA PLC.	418,802.68	26.00	-6.98	373	11,923,862
BERGER PAINTS PLC	2,333.08	8.05	-	3	22,974
BUA CEMENT PLC	2,675,283.97	79.00	-	52	486,787
CAP PLC	14,350.00	20.50	-	19	88,654
MEYER PLC.	265.62	0.50	-	0	0
PORTLAND PAINTS & PRODUCTS NIGERIA PLC	2,300.91	2.90	3.57	18	2,142,000
PREMIER PAINTS PLC.	1,156.20	9.40	-	0	0
EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION					
SEPLAT PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	317,760.06	540.00	-	34	29,174
WASTE MANAGEMENT					
THE INITIATES PLC	462.79	0.52	-	0	0
AGRICULTURE					
FTN COCOA PROCESSORS PLC	1,320.00	0.60	-3.23	22	1,943,438
OKOMU OIL PALM PLC.	88,713.63	93.00	-	16	24,733
PRESCO PLC	74,500.00	74.50	-	23	134,391
ELLAH LAKES PLC.	8,500.00	4.25	-	3	6,369
LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC.	7,560.00	2.52	-10.00	102	5,705,145
DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIES					
JOHN HOLT PLC.	194.58	0.50	-	7	152,420
S C O A NIG. PLC.	1,903.99	2.93	-	0	0
TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATION OF NIGERIA PLC	46,338.71	1.14	-1.72	493	169,275,639
U A C N PLC.	23,914.76	8.30	0.61	163	22,785,639
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION					
ARBICO PLC.	152.96	1.03	-	0	0
JULIUS BERGER NIG. PLC.	29,937.60	18.90	-	28	164,346
ROADS NIG PLC.	165.00	6.60	-	0	0
REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT					
UACN PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	13,919.98	0.75	2.74	86	5,539,057
AUTOMOBILES/AUTO PARTS					
DN TYRE & RUBBER PLC	954.53	0.20	-	0	0
BEVERAGES--BREWERS/DISTILLERS					
CHAMPION BREW. PLC.	15,267.52	1.95	9.55	12	645,400
GOLDEN GUINEA BREW. PLC.	829.98	0.81	-	0	0
GUINNESS NIG PLC	40,522.08	18.50	-	41	292,089
INTERNATIONAL BREWERIES PLC.	177,021.03	6.59	-	37	470,701
NIGERIAN BREW. PLC.	487,811.03	61.00	-	31	73,537
DANGOTE SUGAR REFINERY PLC	245,366.94	20.20	-0.49	199	6,158,595
FLOUR MILLS NIG. PLC.	131,212.15	32.00	1.27	123	4,978,483
HONEYWELL FLOUR MILL PLC	9,992.05	1.26	0.80	45	2,483,966
MULTI-TREX INTEGRATED FOODS PLC	1,340.10	0.36	-	0	0
N NIG. FLOUR MILLS PLC.	1,724.98	9.68	-	16	234,387
NASCON ALLIED INDUSTRIES PLC	45,570.34	17.20	-	16	164,380
UNION DICON SALT PLC.	2,993.06	10.95	-	0	0
CADBURY NIGERIA PLC.	18,312.47	9.75	-	43	433,686
NESTLE NIGERIA PLC.	1,192,947.66	1,505.00	-	30	14,299
HOUSEHOLD DURABLES					
NIGERIAN ENAMELWARE PLC.	1,680.31	22.10	-	0	0
VITAFOAM NIG PLC.	11,507.77	9.20	1.09	58	1,989,956
P Z CUSSONS NIGERIA PLC.	22,234.67	5.60	-1.75	29	610,187
UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC.	77,557.57	13.50	-	58	853,373
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
ECOBANK TRANSNATIONAL INCORPORATED	119,272.08	6.50	-0.76	45	1,720,816
FIDELITY BANK PLC	78,811.45	2.72	0.74	91	13,842,823
GUARANTY TRUST BANK PLC.	974,172.03	33.10	0.30	275	20,523,652
JAIZ BANK PLC	19,446.40	0.66	-2.94	48	5,333,528
STERLING BANK PLC.	57,580.84	2.00	-	29	2,434,378
UNION BANK NIG.PLC.	161,620.18	5.55	1.83	31	790,464
UNITY BANK PLC	8,416.32	0.72	-	9	138,966
WEMA BANK PLC.	27,387.87	0.71	2.90	39	5,280,219
INSURANCE CARRIERS, BROKERS AND SERVICES					
AFRICAN ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	4,528.70	0.22	-8.33	16	7,097,587
AIICO INSURANCE PLC.	26,875.25	1.30	-9.72	30	2,924,914
AXAMANSARD INSURANCE PLC	46,080.00	1.28	-7.25	153	19,753,223
CONSOLIDATED HALLMARK INSURANCE PLC	3,960.67	0.37	-9.76	13	2,263,000
CORNERSTONE INSURANCE PLC	13,079.80	0.72	-10.00	3	300,000
CORONATION INSURANCE PLC	14,155.09	0.59	-9.23	54	4,571,268
GOLDLINK INSURANCE PLC	909.99	0.20	-	0	0
GUINEA INSURANCE PLC.	1,289.40	0.21	-4.55	11	569,022
INTERNATIONAL ENERGY INSURANCE PLC	487.95	0.38	-	0	0
LASACO ASSURANCE PLC.	3,515.25	0.48	-9.43	14	536,099
LINKAGE ASSURANCE PLC	9,000.00	0.90	-	0	0
MUTUAL BENEFITS ASSURANCE PLC.	5,027.73	0.45	-10.00	16	10,156,958
NEM INSURANCE PLC	24,380.08	2.43	-9.67	23	1,029,144
NIGER INSURANCE PLC	2,089.66	0.27	-10.00	11	1,656,370
PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC	6,626.28	0.50	-7.41	10	573,186
REGENCY ASSURANCE PLC	2,534.13	0.38	-	1	3,000
SOVEREIGN TRUST INSURANCE PLC	3,750.27	0.33	-8.33	23	15,118,055
STACO INSURANCE PLC	4,483.72	0.48	-	0	0
STANDARD ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC.	2,582.21	0.20	-	0	0
SUNU ASSURANCES NIGERIA PLC.	2,520.00	0.90	-	5	12,000
UNIC DIVERSIFIED HOLDINGS PLC.	516.46	0.20	-	0	0
UNIVERSAL INSURANCE PLC	3,680.00	0.23	-8.00	18	3,312,159
VERITAS KAPITAL ASSURANCE PLC	3,882.67	0.28	-	2	40,000
MICRO-FINANCE BANKS					
NPF MICROFINANCE BANK PLC	4,184.55	1.83	3.98	19	982,020
ABBEY MORTGAGE BANK PLC	6,784.62	1.05	-	1	150
ASO SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	7,370.87	0.50	-	0	0
INFINITY TRUST MORTGAGE BANK PLC	5,671.82	1.36	-	0	0
RESORT SAVINGS & LOANS PLC	2,265.95	0.20	-	0	0
UNION HOMES SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC.	2,949.22	3.02	-	0	0
AFRICA PRUDENTIAL PLC	14,200.00	7.10	1.43	54	1,623,103
CUSTODIAN INVESTMENT PLC	35,291.19	6.00	-	23	1,094,183
DEAP CAPITAL MANAGEMENT & TRUST PLC	300.00	0.20	-	0	0
FCMB GROUP PLC.	64,358.81	3.25	3.17	45	2,223,608
ROYAL EXCHANGE PLC.	2,058.15	0.40	-9.09	27	5,055,975
STANBIC IBTC HOLDINGS PLC	488,663.89	44.00	-	27	72,420
UNITED CAPITAL PLC	32,700.00	5.45	1.11	181	13,664,889
HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS					
EKOCORP PLC.	2,991.61	6.00	-	0	0
UNION DIAGNOSTIC & CLINICAL SERVICES PLC	1,065.94	0.30	-3.23	3	120,175
MEDICAL SUPPLIES					
MORISON INDUSTRIES PLC.	494.58	0.50	-	0	0
PHARMACEUTICALS					
EVANS MEDICAL PLC.	366.17	0.50	-	0	0
FIDSON HEALTHCARE PLC	9,701.58	4.65	-	8	77,113
GLAXO SMITHKLINE CONSUMER NIG. PLC.	8,371.14	7.00	-	30	2,855,083
MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC.	6,297.11	3.65	-	25	410,099
NEIMETH INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICALS PLC	3,760.33	1.98	-1.00	22	462,686
NIGERIA-GERMAN CHEMICALS PLC.	556.71	3.62	-	0	0
PHARMA-DEKO PLC.	325.23	1.50	-	0	0
COMPUTER BASED SYSTEMS					
COURTEVILLE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PLC	781.44	0.22	-4.55	18	12,913,556
COMPUTERS AND PERIPHERALS					
OMATEK VENTURES PLC	588.36	0.20	-	6	1,057,000
IT SERVICES					
CWG PLC	6,413.06	2.54	-	0	0
NCR (NIGERIA) PLC.	336.96	3.12	9.86	5	204,769
TRIPPLE GEE AND COMPANY PLC.	371.22	0.75	-	7	6,200
PROCESSING SYSTEMS					
CHAMS PLC	1,174.02	0.25	-7.41	17	1,139,099
E-TRANZACT INTERNATIONAL PLC	9,786.00	2.33	-	0	0
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES					
AIRTEL AFRICA PLC	3,201,193.45	851.80	-	25	470,925
ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS					
AUSTIN LAZ & COMPANY PLC	2,192.12	2.03	-	0	0
CUTIX PLC.	3,980.59	2.26	9.71	23	687,300
PACKAGING/CONTAINERS					
BETA GLASS PLC.	27,698.45	55.40	-	4	340
GREIF NIGERIA PLC	349.65	8.20	-	0	0
AGRO-ALLIED & CHEMICALS					
NOTORE CHEMICAL IND PLC	100,754.14	62.50	-	0	0
B.O.C. GASES PLC.	6,293.62	15.12	-	37	239,200
PAPER/FOREST PRODUCTS					
THOMAS WYATT NIG. PLC.	77.00	0.35	-	0	0
PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTORS					
11 PLC	89,968.52	249.50	-	26	15,298
ARDOVA PLC	26,635.74	20.45	-	54	423,655
CONOIL PLC	14,572.99	21.00	-	11	28,437
ETERNA PLC.	6,781.55	5.20	-	15	284,116
MRS OIL NIGERIA PLC.	3,413.61	11.20	-9.68	71	1,111,467
TOTAL NIGERIA PLC.	48,551.62	143.00	-	33	25,198
CAPITAL OIL PLC	1,171.51	0.20	-	0	0
RAK UNITY PET. COMP. PLC.	16.99	0.30	-	0	0
ADVERTISING					
AFROMEDIA PLC	887.81	0.20	-	9	235,850
AIRLINES					
MEDVIEW AIRLINE PLC	15,796.05	1.62	-	0	0
AUTOMOBILE/AUTO PART RETAILERS					
R T BRISCOE PLC.	247.03	0.21	5.00	28	3,000,876
COURIER/FREIGHT/DELIVERY					
RED STAR EXPRESS PLC	3,149.60	3.40	3.03	22	416,858
TRANS-NATIONWIDE EXPRESS PLC.	515.73	1.10	4.76	7	2,759,568
HOSPITALITY					
TANTALIZERS PLC	642.33	0.20	-	0	0
HOTELS/LODGING					
CAPITAL HOTEL PLC	3,407.32	2.20	-	0	0
IKEJA HOTEL PLC	2,660.86	1.28	-	4	15,767
TOURIST COMPANY OF NIGERIA PLC.	6,379.88	2.84	-	0	0
TRANSCORP HOTELS PLC	36,873.10	3.60	-	0	0
MEDIA/ENTERTAINMENT					
DAAR COMMUNICATIONS PLC	3,240.00	0.27	-	3	11,050
PRINTING/PUBLISHING					
ACADEMY PRESS PLC.	241.92	0.40	-	7	90,095
LEARN AFRICA PLC	748.31	0.97	-9.35	15	1,432,439
STUDIO PRESS (NIG) PLC.	1,064.85	1.79	-	0	0
UNIVERSITY PRESS PLC.	539.26	1.25	-	2	4,000
ROAD TRANSPORTATION					
ASSOCIATED BUS COMPANY PLC	596.77	0.36	-	5	31,056
SPECIALTY					
INTERLINKED TECHNOLOGIES PLC	688.80	2.91	-	0	0
SECURE ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY PLC	1,126.31	0.20	-	0	0
TRANSPORT-RELATED SERVICES					
GLOBAL SPECTRUM ENERGY SERVICES PLC	3,352.00	4.19	-	0	0
NIGERIAN AVIATION HANDLING COMPANY PLC	3,735.70	2.30	-	28	580,845
SKYWAY AVIATION HANDLING COMPANY PLC	4,331.46	3.20	-	0	0
SUPPORT AND LOGISTICS					
C & I LEASING PLC.	4,455.38	5.70	-	0	0
CAVERTON OFFSHORE SUPPORT GRP PLC	6,768.03	2.02	-0.49	18	1,259,854
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS (REITS)					
SFS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	1,386.00	69.30	-	0	0
UNION HOMES REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST (REIT)	10,163.30	40.65	-	0	0
UPDC REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	14,675.48	5.50	-	5	5,037
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS					
NIGERIA ENERYGY SECTOR FUND	411.91	552.20	-	0	0
VALUEALLIANCE VALUE FUND	3,692.74	115.05	-	0	0
PRICES FOR ETP SECURITIES					
GREENWICH ALPHA ETF	1,000.00	100.00	-	0	0
LOTUS HALAL EQUITY ETF	613.59	12.73	-	0	0
MERISTEM GROWTH EXCHANGE TRADED FUND	950.00	19.00	-	0	0
MERISTEM VALUE EXCHANGE TRADED FUND	1,000.00	20.00	-	0	0
NEWGOLD EXCHANGE TRADED FUND (ETF)	15,113.14	8,700.00	-0.57	4	108,268
STANBIC IBTC ETF 30	534.85	90.00	-	0	0
THE SIAML PENSION ETF 40	721.89	120.92	-	0	0
VETIVA BANKING ETF	349.34	4.10	-1.68	1	10
VETIVA CONSUMER GOODS ETF	155.63	6.06	-0.16	1	10
VETIVA GRIFFIN 30 ETF	2,651.73	17.69	-1.72	5	234,880
VETIVA INDUSTRIAL ETF	216.00	20.52	-0.48	1	10
VETIVA S & P NIGERIA SOVEREIGN BOND ETF	792.50	225.12	-3.48	1	10
PRICES FOR DEBT SECURITIES					
(182-DAY CBN TBILL)SIB SEP2024	100.00	100.00	-	0	0
1.32% FGS DEC 2022	3.09	100.00	-	0	0
1.759% FGS NOV 2022	27.92	100.00	-	0	0
1.82% FGS DEC 2023	48.42	100.00	-	0	0
10.00% FGN JUL 2030	417,056.18	70.50	-	0	0
10.00% FMN FEB 2023	12,499.60	100.00	-	0	0
10.091% FGS DEC 2022	797.74	100.00	-	0	0
10.296% FGS NOV 2021	198.98	105.00	-	0	0
10.301% FGNSB AUG 2021	81.03	100.00	-	0	0
10.48% FGNSB MAY 2021	157.19	100.00	-	0	0
10.50% FBNQ FEB 2023	5,000.00	100.00	-	0	0
11.10% FMN FEB 2025	7,500.40	100.00	-	0	0
11.150% FGS SEPT 2021	91.11	100.00	-	0	0
11.195% FGS JULY 2021	79.21	100.62	-	0	0
11.244% FGS OCT 2021	153.17	105.00	-	0	0
11.25% ADB FEB 2021	1,618.75	100.00	-	0	0
11.276% FGS APR 2021	126.32	100.00	-	0	0
11.277% FGNSB FEB 2021	202.20	100.00	-	0	0
11.296% FGS NOV 2022	360.94	100.48	-	1	50
11.301% FGNSB AUG 2022	267.00	109.71	-	0	0
11.344% FGNSB JUNE 2021	308.01	97.00	-5.57	1	20
11.418% FGS JUN 2021	110.98	102.00	-	0	0
11.483% FGNSB JULY 2021	263.07	100.00	-	0	0
11.62% FGS MAR 2021	60.71	97.01	-	0	0
11.668% FGNSB AUGUST 2021	178.28	101.00	-	0	0
11.745% FGS MAY 2021	132.77	110.00	-	0	0
11.746% FGNSB MAR 2021	123.20	101.57	-	0	0
11.75% FGNSB APR 2021	126.57	98.11	-	0	0
12.050% FGS FEB 2021	116.13	95.00	-	0	0
12.1493% FGN JUL 2034	1,818,304.99	169.00	-	0	0
12.150% FGS SEPT 2022	198.68	97.00	-7.62	1	50
12.175% FGS OCT 2021	211.74	100.00	-	0	0
12.195% FGS JULY 2022	214.03	107.57	-	1	30
12.244% FGS OCT 2022	411.95	102.59	-	1	50
12.276% FGS APR 2022	668.60	106.50	-	0	0
12.364% FGS SEP 2021	579.74	105.52	-	0	0
12.40% FGN MAR 2036	848,488.07	127.00	-	0	0
12.418% FGS JUN 2022	329.24	99.99	-	0	0
12.49% FGN MAY 2029	150,000.00	100.00	-	0	0
12.50% DCM APR 2025	100,000.00	100.00	-	0	0
12.50% FGN JAN 2026	784,026.77	106.00	-	0	0
12.50% FGN MAR 2035	444,580.78	100.00	-	0	0
12.50% UCAP MAY 2025	10,000.00	100.00	-	0	0
12.62% FGS MAR 2022	187.22	105.00	-	1	20
12.745% FGS MAY 2022	411.96	100.00	-	0	0
12.98% FGN MAR 2050	403,647.46	105.00	-	0	0
13% ONDO JAN 2027	14,800.00	100.00	-	0	0
13.00% LMS MAR 2025	6,200.00	100.00	-	0	0
13.050% FGS FEB 2022	228.12	102.00	-	0	0
13.125% FGS JAN 2022	438.31	105.74	-	0	0
13.25% SIB SEP 2024	15,440.00	100.00	-	0	0
13.390% FGS NOV 2021	350.31	102.63	-	0	0
13.402% FGS DEC 2021	288.88	96.29	-9.12	1	20
13.48% FGN DEC 2022	10,690.00	100.00	-	0	0
13.53% FGN MAR 2025	267,781.86	100.00	-	0	0
13.80% NMR MAR 2033	11,000.00	100.00	-	0	0
13.98% FGN FEB 2028	1,040,563.68	145.80	-	0	0
14.20% FGN MAR 2024	950,391.53	132.00	-	0	0
14.25% FCM NOV 2021	26,000.00	100.00	-	0	0
14.30% AXA MAY 2027	11,500.00	100.00	-	0	0
14.5% FGN JUN 2026	16,612.80	110.75	-	0	0
14.50% FGN JUL 2021	589,101.32	105.00	-	0	0
14.55% FGN APR 2029	667,376.78	100.00	-	0	0
14.75% LAF JUN 2021	33,614.00	100.00	-	0	0
14.80% FGN APR 2049	1,271,193.19	145.05	-	0	0

COMMODITIES PRICE

CRUDE OIL (BRENT)	$50.87
NATURAL GAS	$2.63
COPPER	$7,764.50
GOLD	$1,877.59
SILVER	$25.77
SUGAR	$0.15
COCOA	$1,710.0
LIVE CATTLE	$1.12
COTTON	$0.76

GAINERS

FLOURMILL	0.4	1.27%
NCR	0.28	9.86%
CUTIX	0.2	9.71%
CHAMPION	0.17	9.55%

LOSERS

WAPCO	-1.95	-6.98%
MRS	-1.2	-9.68%
LIVESTOCK	-0.28	-10.00%
NEM	-0.26	-9.67%

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON PETROLEUM INDUSTRY BILL

NOTICE OF TWO-DAY PUBLIC HEARING

The Ad-hoc Committee on Petroleum Industry Bill, wishes to invite Stakeholders and interested members of the general public to a two-day Public Hearing on ***A Bill for an Act to Provide Legal, Governance, Regulatory and Fiscal Framework for the Nigerian Petroleum Industry, the Development of Host Communities and for Related Matters. (HB.1061)***

The Public Hearing is scheduled to hold as follows:

Date: **Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th January, 2021.**
Time: **10:00am daily**
Venue: **Conference Room 028, House of Representatives, National Assembly Complex, FCT Abuja.**

The underlisted Stakeholders and interested members of the general public, are by this notice, invited to the two-day Public Hearing.

1. Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources;
2. Federal Ministry of Finance;
3. Federal Ministry of Justice;
4. Federal Ministry of Environment;
5. The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC);
6. Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR);
7. Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN);
8. Office of the Accountant General of the Federation;
9. Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS);
10. Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission;
11. National Petroleum Investment Management Services (NAPIMS);
12. Petroleum Equalization Fund (PEF);
13. Nigerian Content Development and Management Board (NCDMB);
14. Petroleum Products Pricing Regulatory Agency(PPPRA);
15. Department of Petroleum Resources;
16. Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF);
17. Petroleum and Products Marketing Company Limited (PPMC);
18. Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI);
19. Major Oil Marketers Association of Nigeria (MOMAN);
20. Depots and Petroleum Products Marketers Association of Nigeria (DAPPMAN);
21. Petroleum Training Institute;
22. Independent Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria (IPMAN);
23. NUPENG/PENGASSAN;
24. Nigeria Labour Congress;
25. Oil Producers Trade Section;
26. International Oil Companies (IOC's);
27. Nigerian Indigenous Petroleum Producers Group (IPPG)
28. Petroleum Technology Association of Nigeria(PETAN);
29. Nigeria Gas Association;
30. Nigeria Society of Petroleum Engineers;
31. Nigeria Association of Petroleum Explorationists;
32. Nigeria Academy of Engineering;
33. Niger Delta Development Commission(NDDC);
34. Oil Marketing Companies;
35. Gas Marketing Companies;
36. All Oil and Gas Producing States;
37. All Oil and Gas Producing Communities;
38. All Communities Hosting Oil and Gas Facilities;
39. Civil Society Organizations; and
40. Members of the General Public.

All stakeholders and members of the public should please take note of the following:-

1. Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government listed above are not mandatorily required to submit Memoranda in order to be admitted to the venue of the Hearing. However, in compliance withCOVID-19 protocols, only two persons for each stakeholder will be admitted to the Venue.

2. All memoranda by Stakeholders, must had been submitted on or before Wednesday 20th January, 2021, in order to be admitted to the venue of the Hearing and scheduled for formal presentations. Stakeholders are still welcometo make submissions to any of the following:-

(i) Website **www.hrpib.org.ng ;**
(ii) Email **hrpibcommittee@gmail.com;**

In addition, 75hard copies of the memoranda may be submitted at Meeting Room 327, House of Representatives, National Assembly Complex, FCT Abuja.

3. Stakeholders who wish to participatevirtually via Zoom are to visit the Committee's Website www.hrpib.org.ng for details and to indicate interest.

4. The programme of the Public Hearing, schedule of presentations and other updates will be available on our website www.hrpib.org.ng on Monday, 25th January, 2021.

5. Participants are requested to pick up their entry permit tag **@ Meeting Room 327, House of Representatives, National Assembly Complex, FCT Abuja, on Monday 25th,and Tuesday 26thJanuary, 2021.**

6. Stakeholders and interested members of the general public are invited to view proceedings of the Hearing live via **facebook.com/HouseNGR .**

For further inquiries, please contact the Clerk to the Committee, Mr. Abdulsalam Olalekan on 08036793087

ANNOUNCER:
Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno
Chairman/Chief Whip of the House of Representatives

THE PRESIDENCY
NATIONAL HAJJ COMMISSION OF NIGERIA (NAHCON)
PUBLIC NOTICE
COMPANIES WITH CURRENT UMRAH LICENCE

In line with the provision of Section 4 Sub-section (1a) and Section16 (1) & (7) of NAHCON (Establishment) Act 2006, the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria wishes to inform the general public that the under listed Companies have been duly Licensed to operate Umrah services. Therefore, intending Umrah pilgrims are hereby asked to take note and are cautioned not to patronise any company that is not on this list.

S/N	Name of Companies	Address of Companies	Telephone Numbers	License Number	Date of Issuance	Expiry Date
1.	Abiyah Travels Ltd	Suite C-12 Ummi Plaza off Zaria road, Kano	08035896010	LUS/000346	6th Jan., 2020	5th Jan., 2022
2.	Abu Khalid Travelling Agency Ltd	No. 43,Block C No.1 Gadan Gami Plaza Opp. Gab Hotel Ibrahim Taiwo Road, Kano.	08036039590 08099246070 08098922088	LUS/000347	24th Dec,2019	23rd Dec,2021
3.	Ahid Travel & Tours Ltd	No 52/53 Corner shop Sani Abacha Stadium, IBB way opp. HIYCO House, Kano	08051031677	LUS/000398	02nd Dec. 2020	1st Dec. 2022
4.	Al-Bint Travels and Tours Limited	24 Muritala Muhammad Way Residential Hotel Kano	08099385612 07063699365	LUS/000121	15th Mar, 2019	14th Mar, 2021
5.	Al-Firdaos Hajj & Umrah services	10, Ogidi/Iawani street, off Jibowu Bus stop, yaba.	08034105710 07038666657	LUS/000221	24th Jan,2019	23rd Jan, 2021
6.	Aljazeera Travel And Tours	Number 34 Ajasa Road, 2nd Floor Kano	08055534629 08033692727	LUS/000354	19th Feb, 2020	18th Feb, 2022
7.	Alkanawy Travels & Tours Ltd.	No 229 Inuwa Street, Tudun Maliki Hausawa, Kumbotso LGA, Kano State.	09033111177 08093311220	LUS/000465	4TH Feb, 2020	3rd Feb, 2022
8.	Al Kauthar Travels and Tours	Suite 115, Jinifa Plaza, Central Business District, FCT Abuja.	08032062441 08077724262	LUS/000124	28thMar, 2019	27th Mar, 2021
9	Al Mairad Travel &Tours Ltd	Shop A38,Area 11 Shopping Mall, Garki, Abuja.	09050501018 07031666355	LUS/000270	1st Nov. 2019	31st Oct. 2021
10	Al Mubarak Travel and Tours Ltd	46 Coates Street, 44 Harberth Macauly Street Ebute Meta, Lagos State.	08020699608 09099342521	LUS/000469	27TH Jan., 2020	26TH Jan., 2022
11	Al Mufeedatul Mubarak	53, Afongbon St, Lagos Island, Lagos	08023458430 08067273820	LUS/000241	6th Feb,2019	5TH Feb,2021
12	Al Muttahidoon Travel &Tours Ltd	No 22 Unity Plaza, along Ibrahim Taiwo Road,Kano.	07035688222 08023094899	LUS/000262	28th Oct. 2019	27th Oct. 2021
13	A.I.B Travel & Tours Ltd	Shop No B15 Hamisu Abba Sumaila Plaza along Tarauni Market Road, off Maiduguri Road, Kano State.	08021477048 08030509192 08132759999	LUS/000399	02nd Dec. 2020	1st Dec. 2022
14	Al Khasafi Travel & Tours Ltd	No 7, Murtala Mohd Way Kano Opp. Fed Secretariat Kano	08065458500 08082448500	LUS/000365	2nd July, 2020	1st July, 2022
15	Al-Hidayah Travels & Tours Limited	No:5 Bashiru Oweh Street,Beside Lagos City Computer College off Simbiat Road, Ikeja Lagos	08122926056	LUS/000309	11TH Aug, 2020	10th Aug 2022
16	Al- Yusuff International Travels & Tours Limited	50, Ishaga Road, Off Owodele Bus Stop, Along LUTH Teaching Hospital Road,Surulere, Lagos State. 286, Umar Saro Road, Opposite Deeperlife Junction, Sawmill,Ilorin, Kwara State.	08035124441 08089299201 08186407509 08022504898	LUS/000349	20th Dec, 2019	19th Dec, 2021
17	Al-Qasimiy Harmony Travels Ltd	First floor, old Kingsway Building, Opp. Radio Nigeria, Dugbe, Ibadan.	08125595582 08135562586 08080713667	LUS/000344	6th January, 2020	5th January, 2022
18	Al-Quraysh Travel & Tours Services Limited	No.9A Pozst Office Road, Kano. Shop No.1 Enugu Road, Panteka Market,Kaduna.	08034508386 07027296000 07027306000 08028725664	LUS/000275	5th Dec,2019	4th Dec,2021
19	Al-Rufaqa Travels and Tours Ltd	No 543 Zungeru Road by Airport Roundabout, behind NITEL Training School, Kano.	08036369244 08036279786	LUS/000104	15th Feb, 2019	14th Feb, 2021
20	Al Salbash Travels and Tour Ltd	7 A Ibrahim Taiwo Road, Kano	08036302639 08062790457 08033493308	LUS/000338	16TH Oct. 2020	15th April, 2023
21	Al Toyibah Travels & Tour Ltd	No 8 Kawu Alabi Crescent off Ibidapo Shofunwa Street, opp Ikorodu West LCDA, Agric Ikorodu, Lagos State	08082761476 08187770891	LUS/000300	26TH Aug, 2020	25TH Aug, 2022
22	Anisa Travels & Tours Ltd	No 52, 2nd Floor INH Plaza, Hajj Camp Opposite INEC Headquarters Fagge, Kano-Nigeria.	08035013276 08033084823	LUS/000271	4th Nov,2019	3rd Nov,2021
23	An-Noor Service Ltd	Suite 9, Anbeez Plaza Ndola Crescent, Wuse 5, Abuja FCT, Nigeria	08060000190 08020744200	LUS/000129	30th April,2019	29th April,2021
24	Amburu Travels Ltd	Plot 1349, Hajjar's Place,Ahmadu Bello Way,Garki 2,Abuja.	08035565824 08063057018	LUS/000268	1st Nov. 2019	31st Oct. 2021
25	AMD Travels Agency	No 72 Ibrahim Taiwo Road, Kano	08038421163 07035853833 07066644151	LUS/000363	18th June, 2020	17th June, 2022
26	Ameer Sultan Global links Nig. Ltd	30 Alkali Road Ungwar Sarki GRA , Kaduna State	08033671120	LUS/000394	1ST Dec. 2020	30th Dec. 2022
27	Amisad Air Support Sevices Limited	Suite 210A DBM Plaza, Plot 401 Nouchott st. Wuse zone 1, Abuja	08033773064 08036176339	LUS/000249	25th Feb, 2019	24th Feb, 2021
28	A.M.T Travel & Tours Ltd	No 3 BUK Road Nan-Nan House Near Gidan Murtala Kano	08036302721 08096269999	LUS/000386	04th Nov,2020	03th Nov,2022
29	Aphamok Tours & Travel Ltd	No 50, Ikotun-Idimu Road, By Oando Filling Station Ikotun, Lagos State.	08172700138	LUS/000389	05th Nov,2020	04th Nov,2022
30	Assembly Travels and Tours Limited	Plot 5 Adekunle Banjo Street Magodo G.R.A II, Shangisha Ikeja Lagos.	08023032496 08081371609	LUS/000466	29th Jan. 2020	28th Jan. 2022
31	Auyo Travel & Tours	No 2 AA Girgiri House, Hotoro Kano State.	08039233342 08034610771 07063147100	LUS/000288	18TH Dec, 2020	17TH Dec, 2022
32	Batijay Travels Limited	Sheraton Hotel & Towers Ladi Kwalli Way,P.M.B 143, Abuja F.C.T	08036506711 08038853651 08033138305	LUS/000273	25th Nov,2019	24th Nov,2021
33	Barakatul-Bait Ltd	15, Olukotun's Compound Agoro Rd. Off Oyo Rd, Oke Bode, Iwu, Osun State.	08165304233 08020303560 08038430574	LUS/000362	13TH May, 2020	12TH May, 2022
34	BBatiga Travel & Tour LTD	No 6 Alexandria Crescent Berger Paint Plaza, Behind New Banex Plaza, Wuse II	08033174139 08170577779	LUS/000380	21ST OCT. 2020	20TH OCT. 2022
35	B &C International Travelling Agency Ltd	110, Sir Kashim Ibrahim Road, Opp Access Bank Maiduguri Borno State.	08023622559 07038215202 08023717838	LUS/000315	18TH Dec, 2020	17TH Dec, 2022
36	BMA Travels & Tour Limited	No 138 Ibrahim Taiwo Road, 3rd Floor, Kano State.	08033709480 08065111135	LUS/000298	10TH Sept. 2020	9TH Sept. 2022
37	Bridgestone Travels & Tours Ltd	49, Buba Marwa Road Lagos State.	08034150681	LUS/000413	10TH Dec. 2020	9TH Dec. 2022
38	Butu Travel & Tours Limited	Suite 405, Kano House Complex, Plot 73 Ralph Shodeinde Street, Central Business District(Jaiz Bank HQ,Building)FCT, Abuja.	08035831117 08126378935 08098551111	LUS/000269	1st Nov, 2019	31st Nov,2021
39	Creative Travel &Tours Ltd	No 26 Monrovia Street,Opp. Turkish International School,Wuse 2,Abuja.	08038142522 08055554059	LUS/000451	26th July, 2019	25th July, 2021
40	Comerel Travels & Tours Ltd.	Suite A10, Bensima House, 3 Red Sea Close, Off Aguinyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja.	08033142480 08056670013	LUS/000468	27th Jan, 2020	26th Jan, 2022
41	DanGuruf Travel &Tours Nigeria Ltd	9-10 Aisha Plaza near Farham Filling Station Katsina Road, Kano State.	08033070592 08028436371	LUS/000264	28th Oct. 2019	27th Oct. 2021
42	Dangi Synergy Ltd	No 3 Zoo rd Kano	08035990646	LUS/000403	05th Dec,2018	04th June,2021
43	Danja Travels and Tours limited	Fagge D1 No.448 Bura street kano	08094045512 08061396386	LUS/000232	28th jan,2019	27th Jan,2021
44	Dan-Kanawa Travels & Tours Ltd	No D16 Ummi Plaza Zaria, Kano State.	07030302837	LUS/000338 7	05th Nov,2020	04th Nov,2022
45	Dar Al Mehrab Travels and Tours Limited	25B Tennessee Crescent, Off Panama Street, Ministers Hill, Maitama, Abuja.	08174394695 09028880626	LUS/000118	4th March, 2019	3rd March, 2021
46	Daso Travel and Tours	Suite C11, No.2, Michka Street, Falsamas Plaza, By Assemblies of God church, off Ahmadu Bello way, Area II, Garki Abuja.	08060705265 08036506036 08099868669	LUS/000341	14th Jan., 2020	13th Jan., 2022
47	Earth Travel & Tours Ltd	No 23, Ibrahim Taiwo Road Kano	08065641118	LUS/000404	13th Nov, 2018	12th May 2021
48	El-Mustaqeem Travels & Tours LTD	Alh. Moshood Akinwmi Awidere Compound, Sanngo, Shaki, Oyo State, Nigeria.	08034034690 08157537778	LUS/000234	28TH Jan, 2019	27th Jan, 2021
49	Eminista Travel & Tours Ltd	No 75 Murtala Muhammed Way, Fagge, Wapa Gidan Iro Mai Taya Kano/ No. 450A, Tukuntawa Zoo Road, Kano State	08033098660	LUS/000383	04th Nov,2020	03th Nov,2022
50	Excellence Travels and Tours	No. 9 Katsina Road, Opp. Federal Secretariat, 1st Floor-Shop A9, Kano	08023235094 08098053092	LUS/000225	28TH Jan, 2019	27th Jan, 2021
51	Fa'ib Travel and Tours Ltd	Suite 103B plot 2055 Samfa plaza opp old CAC by Ibro Hotel; Ndola crescent wuse zone 5, Abuja.	08184973692 08032906488	LUS/000325	3rd January, 2020	2nd January, 2022
52	Firdausi Transport Services Ltd	No 5, Hajj Camp Round About Behind INEC Office, Kano.	08036659661 08099469822 08096635668 08035147163 07062504818	LUS/000267	4th Nov,2019	3rd Nov,2021
53	First Planet Travels Limited	S.B. 3.8 Heroes Plaza, Plot 145, Adetokunnbo Ademola Crescent, Wuse 2, Abuja. Aminu Kano International Airport – Kano.	08037872358 08091886461	LUS/000236	25th Feb, 2019	24th Feb 2021
54	Finest Travels & Tours	Block G 12,sky memorial complex, plot 518, Zone 5 Wuse ,Abuja	08035893177 08033119776	LUS/000130	16th April,2019	16thApril,2021
55	Focal Point Travel Ltd	First Floor Kingsway Building 51/52 Marina Lagos	012800857, 08022245760	LUS/000266	31st Nov. 2019	30th Nov. 2021
56	Fly Umara Air Services Ltd	Plot 30, Sardauna Crescent Layout, Kano State.	07040101012 07033796131	LUS/000245	15th Feb, 2019	14th Feb, 2021
57	Gidauniya Travels Ltd	1st Floor African Alliance House, F, Sani Abacha Way P.M.B 3103, Kano	08023031155	LUS/000237	9th Jan, 2019	8th Jan, 2021
58	Gilaso Air Service Limited	No. 73 Ibrahim Taiwo Road, Kano.	08032151010 07062469827	LUS/000277	22nd Dec,2019	22nd Dec,2021
59	Golden Season Travel Agency	Plot 991/992 1st Floor Annex B5, Metro Plaza Cadastral Zone, Central Area Business District, Abuja.	08065274005 08037037008	LUS/000280	23rd Dec,2019	22nd Dec,2021
60	Golden Tickets Travels & Cargo Ltd	7A Kastina Road, opp Federal Secretariat, Kano	08037414240 08035378973	LUS/000418	6TH Jan, 2021	5th Jan, 2023
61	Golf Crown Air Services Ltd	1a Ungogo Road, OPP Daula Hotel, Bumpai Kano State.	08034531470	LUS/000416	18TH Dec, 2020	17TH Dec, 2022
62	Gowgil Travel & Tours Limited	Suite A17, MIB Plaza, Abdlwahab Folawiyo Avenue, Opp. Oando Filling Station,Gwarimpa, Abuja. 22 Lingu Crescent, Off Aminu Kano Crescent, Wuse 2, Abuja.	08023716090 07062566450 08159646559 08178773366	LUS/000348	23rd Dec, 2019	22nd Dec,2021
63	Habdat Xpress Travels Ltd	Suite 19 Ogba Shopping Arcade, Ogba Ikeja, Lagos State	08023013640	LUS/000358	11TH Mar. 2020	10th Mar. 2022
64	Hajj Mubrur Ventures	1, Thanni olodo street Along Moshood Abiola way, Jibowu Bus stop, Yaba, Lagos state	08137900777	LUS/000407	8th Dec. 2020	7th Dec. 2022
65	Hamsyl Travels & Tours Ltd	No 2 Ashton Road Kano, By May Air Ltd, Kano State.	08034272078 08032347157	LUS/000412	17TH Aug. 2020	16th Feb. 2021
66	Hasha Travels And Tours Limited	Suite 11 Block B Plot 3124 IBB Way, Landmark Plaza Maitama, Abuja	092900580 08136688668	LUS/000274	2nd Dec, 2019	1st Dec,2021
67	H H Travel Services LTD	Suite 31, Yasuha Plaza, Behind AP Plaza, off Adetokunbo crescent, Wuse 2, Abuja.	08036488682	LUS/000295	18TH SEPT, 2020	17TH SEPT, 2022
68	Hijaba Travel & Tours Ltd	22 Katsina Road by Murtala Muhammad Way, Airport Round About, Kano State.	08034742790 08037393161	LUS/000393	18TH Nov. 2020	17th Nov. 2022
69	Hikima Travels and Tours Ltd	Plot No. C10 Behind Kano Labour House, Along Old Katsina Road, Kano.	08036790019 08063889335	LUS/000128	2nd April, 2019	1st April, 2021
70	Hillview Travels & Tours Ltd	No 4 Euphrate Street, byRegent School, Maitama Abuja.	09-2918339 08098012662 08033282662	LUS/000414	10TH Dec. 2020	9TH Dec. 2022
71	Imasul Travel and Tours Ltd	Suite B 15 Ummi Plaza Opp. Kano State House of Assembly off Zaria Road, Kano.	08037105733 07085445541 08099487731 08065424290	LUS/000345	6th January, 2020	5th January, 2022
72	Ibbsa Travels & Tours Ltd	518, Herbert Macaulay Street, Wuse Zone 5, Sky Memorial Complex	08037869743 08183984453	LUS/000301	7th Oct,2020	6th Oct,2022
73	Ibranta Travel & Tours Nig. LTD	7C Murtala Mohammed Way, Kano State, Nigeria	08062113439	LUS/000219	7th Jan, 2019	6th Jan, 2021
74	Influential Travels Nigeria Ltd	Suite T1 AL-Hamsad Tower Opp,Ado Bayero Mall Zoo Road, Kano State.	08036066937 07050634239	LUS/000251	05th Oct. 2019	04th Oct. 2021
75	Isbon Travels & Tours Ltd	Suite 32, 3rd Floor Abraham's Plaza, Ekukinam Street Abuja.	08038082607	LUS/000369	8TH OCT, 2020	7TH OCT, 2022
76	JIBWIS Travel and Tours	Plot 2201 by Aso Radio, Katampke, Cadastral Zone Abuja	08033447552 08033143896	LUS/000322	7th January, 2020	6th January, 2022

77	Jewel Wings Travels & Tours Ltd	7b Dakar Street, Zone 1, Wuse District, FCT Abuja. 13B Nicon Insurance Building, Post Office Road, Kano State.	09-8700670 08073500355 08073500333 08033205315	LUS/000324	13th Nov. 2020	12th May, 2021
78	Karamchi Travels & Tours Ltd	No 5Civic Centre, Kano Nigeria	08035045770	LUS/000411	13th Nov,2018	12th May,2021
79	Kautal Jude Travel & Tours Ltd	Model Shopping Complex Tudun Hatsi, Gombe State	08061579929	LUS/000384	4TH NOV. 2020	3RD NOV. 2022
80	Kazmed Travel &Tours Ltd	Suite B23/24, Efab Mall, Area 11 Garki, Abuja.	08094475600 08033011244 08056637387 07060632625	LUS/000457	07th Oct. 2019	06th Oct. 2021
81	KOB Travel and Tours Ltd	Suite 608, God Alone 24/7 Plaza, Ahmadu Bello Way, Mabushi Abuja	09098873140	LUS/000356	20th Feb, 2020	19th Feb, 2022
82	Kolly Pleasure Tours & Travels LTD	Shopping Plaza Near AP Filing Station, Nigerian Navy School off Music Road, Ota, Ogun State.	08023440864 08138205313	LUS/000360	16th Mar, 2020	15th Mar, 2022
83	Kuracity Travel & Tours Ltd	1c Tal Hudu roundabout Aminu Kano way, Kano State.	08092821455 08144342255 08032815553	LUS/000294	18TH Sept. 2020	17th Sept. 2022
84	Kusugu Travel and Tours ltd	1st Floor, Gidan Bello Masinja, 12A, Zaria Road, Kano.	08035877515	LUS/000406	19TH Feb,2019	18th Aug, 2021
85	LibraGold Travels & Tours Limited	Blk 12, Suite 13-15 Odua International Plaza Ojota, Lagos State.	08038176535	LUS/000433	30TH Nov. 2020	29TH Nov. 2022
86	M B C Travels Agency limited	Maitama sule plaza, No 16 plot 1, Unity road by Ibrahim Taiwo Road, Kano.	09073333937 08033173441	LUS/000226	28TH jan,2019	27th Jan,2021
87	M&M Royal Travel & Tour Ltd	Flat 1 Hassan Ibrahim Gwarzo Memorial Complex Behind Al-Noury Hospital, Zaria rd. Kano	08077441748	LUS/000415	18th Dec, 2020	17thDec, 2022
88	Mabrook Travels & Tours LTD	No. 13b Post Office Road, Kano State.	08097887808	LUS/000359	16th Mar, 2020	15th Mar, 2022
89	Madallah Travels and Tours Ltd	Suite 1D Third Floor, ASD Mall Plot 8/9 Independence Way/Katsina Road Kaduna	08034004715 09079237655	LUS/000501	28th Jan, 2020	27th Jan, 2022
90	Majema Travels & Tours Ltd	No 4, Morija close, off Adetokunbo Ademola Crescent, Wuse 2, Abuja - FCT	08173145520 08024041152	LUS/000364	18TH June, 2020	17TH June, 2022
91	Matkailu Travel & Tours LTD	Lebrex Plaza, Ajose Adeogun Street,2nd Floor, Utako Abuja.	07017800000	LUS/000281	23rd Dec,2019	22nd Dec,2021
92	Madina Travels & Tours LTD	No 48 Unity Road, Kano State.	08037871221	LUS/000373	19TH OCT. 2020	18TH OCT. 2022
93	Mahfuz Travel and Tours	No. 63 Ibrahim Taiwo Road, Kano	08023566674 08026151664	LUS/000253	05th Oct. 2019	04th Oct 2021
94	Masanawa Travels & Tours LTD	No 13 Zaria Road, Opp Kano State House Of Assembly, Kano State.	08033209713	LUS/000350	29th Dec,2019	19th Dec,2021
95	Mai Azurfa Travels and Tours Ltd	Sharif Plaza No 739 Kade Street, Suite F4, Wuse II, Abuja	08036048834	LUS/000227	28TH Jan,2019	27th Jan,2021
96	Maitangaran Travels and Tours limited	No 23b Zaria Road Kano.	08022245551 08036369311	LUS/000231	28TH jan,2019	27th Jan,2021
97	Manaah Travels & Tours	No. 18 Desert House, Lawan Dambazau Street, Kano	08096213782 08023605999	LUS/000223	24th Jan, 2019	23rd Jan, 2021
98	Marquis Concierge limited	Harrow Park Golf Club, Behind Abia House Ahmadu Bello Way, Wuse II Abuja	08099877329 08099944333	LUS/000310	11th Aug, 2020	10th Aug, 2022
99	Masha Allah Travels Limited	19b Civic Centre Road, Kano State.	08152720001	LUS/000293	18TH Sept. 2020	17th Sept. 2022
100	MNR Travels and Tours LTD	Hajji Camp Opp Custom Barrack, Kano	08034530969 08045094598	LUS/000224	24TH Jan,2019	23rd Jan,2021
101	MSL Travel & Tours Nig. Limited	No. 59 Ibrahim Taiwo Road, Kano, Kano State.	08023724155 08036209054	LUS/000422	16th Mar, 2020	15th Sept, 2022
102	Morkasu-li-haqi Travels & Tours LTD	5, Musa Arije street, by Olatunde Shoga str, off isuti Road, Egan Alimosho, Lagos.	08033220675	LUS/000311	8TH Dec, 2020	7TH Dec, 2022
103	Mohdibra Travels Services Limited	Hamson Hotel, Along Lagos Road off General Hospital Kontagora Niger State.	07038749900 09097811888	LUS/000426	10th Oct. 2020	9th April 2021
104	Mubby Travels & Tours Ltd	Shop 9 Opposite ST Charles Nursery/Primary School Offa Garage, Illorin Kwara State	08079631246	LUS/000352	19th Feb, 2020	18th Feb, 2022
105	Mundace Travel & Tours Limited	No 161 IBB Way Alaramma House Kantin Kwari Market, Kano State.	08060011589 08096876666	LUS/000377	21ST OCT. 202 0	20TH OCT. 2022
106	Murna Travel Agency Ltd	102 fagge 'C' Murtala Muhammed Way, Opp fagge Juma'a, Kano	08035955359 08023748482	LUS/000458	21st Oct. 2019	19th Oct. 2021
107	Muzdalifa Travel and Tours Limited	23 Gyadi-Gyadi, Along Zaria Road, Kano State.	08061666000	LUS/000419	12TH Jan. 2021	11TH Jan. 2023
108	Napl Travels & Tourism Limited	No 3 Adzope Crescent, off Kumasi Crescent, off Aminu Kano Crescent, Wuse Abj	09093780381	LUS/000308	26TH Aug, 2020	25TH Aug, 2022
109	Nasma Travel and Tours Limited	No. 13B Post Office Road, Kano.	07030483620 08035865872	LUS/000133	8th May, 2019	7th May, 2021
110	Nayaya Travel & Tours Ltd	Suit 1 Musa Gwadabe Shopping Complex. KSIP Building No 15 M/M Way/ Ahmadu Bello Way, Kano	08064991901 09030803086 08099449453	LUS/000417	6TH Jan, 2021	5th Jan, 2023
111	Nlondon International Nig. Ltd	No.138, Ajasa Railway by Civic Center, Kano	08035253954 08062066002	LUS/000116	19th Feb, 2019	18th Feb, 2021
112	Nokbah Travels and Tours Limited	2nd Floor, Suite A10, Dansarari Plaza, Ziguinchor Street, Off IBB Way, by PHCN Office, Wuse Zone 4, Abuja-FCT	08033741809 08174979648	LUS/000113	19th Feb, 2019	18th Feb, 2021
113	Nudivest Hajj And Umrah	39, Isale – Ijeun Street, Abeokuta, Ogun State	08022908221	LUS/000339	17th Jan 2020	16th Jan 2022
114	Oasis Air Services Ltd	No 61, Ibrahim Taiwo Road, Kano	08033499001 08099367847	LUS/000376	21st Oct, 2020	20th Oct,2022
115	Olagunju Travel and Tours Ltd	23 old Akuta Rd., Opp., Kudirat Abiola Estate, by Sholanke Street IfakoIjaiye Lagos.	08033333703	LUS/000456	26th Sept. 2019	25th Sept. 2021
116	Omosa Travels Ltd	Suite TF2, Mai Dabino Plaza Opp. Ibro Hotel , Micheal Okparaji. Wuse Zone 5, Abuja	08023053388 08054424545 08074196833	LUS/000368	8TH OCT, 2020	7TH OCT, 2022
117	Pilot Travel Services	NO 6 Ahmadu Bello Way,Kano.Suite A4b Ground Floor Off Carpet Complex,Wuse 2,Abuja.	08091206660	LUS/000257	25th Oct. 2019	24th Oct. 2021
118	Portfolio Travels & Tours Ltd	Suite 207A Plaza, Ndola Crescent Off, Grand Ibro Hotel, Wuse Zone 5 Abuja	08035874766 07018539266	LUS/000305	7TH OCT, 2020	6TH OCT, 2022
119	Qausain Tours	Plot 2449 G Floor, Zone 4 Plaza Addis Ababa Crescent, Zone 4 Wuse, FCT Abuja.	08033591010	LUS/000131	16th April, 2019	15th April, 2021
120	Qalam Tour Ltd	No 4 Kismu Street Wuse Zone 2 FCT Abuja.	08033010665 08058998998	LUS/000467	28th Jan. 2020	27th Jan. 2022
121	Rahama Air service ltd	20 Civic Centre rd, Kano	08037038571	LUS/000327	8th Dec, 2020	7th Dec, 2022
122	Rangwame Travels & Tour Nig Ltd	No 11, Asma`u House, Kiyawa Road, Dutse, Jigawa State.	08062937263 08067687501	LUS/000125	16th April,2019	15th April,2021
123	Rehlatul Mahduda Travels & Tour Ltd	Samfa Plaza, Plot 2055, Shop No. 008 B, Ndola Crescent Abuja, Nigeria.	08024198386 08038310626	LUS/000408	19th March, 2020	18th March, 2022
124	Rich-Cont Global Travel & Tours Ltd	2nd Floor, Wing B, City Plaza, 7 Rukubu Close, off Nkere Str. Off Ahmadu Bello Way, Garki, Abuja.	08023183737 08023105994 08055867055	LUS/000357	11th March, 2020	10th March, 2022
125	Royal First Class Travel & Tours Ltd	5A Civic Centre Kano, Kano State.	08033340620 064-640028	LUS/000401	02nd Dec. 2020	1st Dec. 2022
126	Samari Travel and Tours Ltd	No 47 Ibrahim Taiwo Road, Kano State.	08036574733	LUS/000425	22nd Nov. 2020	21st May 2021
127	Seaborne Travel Agency Limited	No. 1 Block 3, Dantata Shopping Complex, Audu Bako Way, Nasarawa GRA, Kano.	07057794070 08065157098	LUS/000143	29th May, 2019	28th May, 2021
128	Sedfat Global Travels & Logistics services LTD	Suite 27 Plot 734 AUA Plaza off Aminu Kanu Crescent, Wuse II, Abuja.	08062540692	LUS/000381	21ST OCT. 2020	20TH OCT. 2022
129	Seasands Travel and Logistic Services Limited	Suites D37 and 38 T.A Abdulkadir Complex B1, Mogadishu Layout, Kaduna, Nigeria.	08033377825 08169235150	LUS/000550	16th May, 2019	15th May, 2021
130	Shades of Blue Travel & Tours Ltd	Suite 34 Dee Awal Plot 2044 Micheal Opara Street. Zone 5, Wuse Abuja.	08027744094	LUS/000382	23RD OCT. 2020	22ND OCT. 2022
131	Shami Travels & Tours ltd	No 71 Ibrahim Taiwo Road Kano, Flat 9. Kano State	08023855123 08099028681	LUS/000402	02nd Dec. 2020	1st Dec. 2022
132	Shamsud Travel & Tours Limited	No 1, Civic Centre Road, Opposite Nigeria Railway Corporation Kano.	08063520809 08036649452	LUS/000409	4th Jan. 2021	3rd Jan. 2023
133	Shurakaa Alkhair Ltd	No 314 Lamido rd. Nasarawa Guest House, Kano	08023101825 08163099779	LUS/000385	04th Nov,2020	03th Nov. 2022
134	Shukriya Travels Ltd	Plot 458, Ahmadu Bello Way, Opp Diamond Bank Area 11 Garki, Abuja	08037870483 08025761156	LUS/000459	21st Oct. 2019	20th Oct. 2021
135	Skytime Travels and Tours	Ndamela House, Plot 500, Abubakar Tafawa Balewa Street Area 3, Garki Abuja	08033054102 08093939320	LUS/000145	16th May, 2019	15th May. 2021
136	Skytrust Travel &Tour Ltd	No.48 Unity Road, Kano Nigeria	08023041543 08099990658	LUS/000250	25th Feb,2019	24th Feb,2021
137	Simple Pioneer Travels & Tours Ltd	No 15 Murtala Muhammad/ Ahmadu Bello Way KSIP Building, Kano	08064991901	LUS/000303	7TH OCT, 2020	6TH OCT, 2022
138	SMY Travel Agency Limited	Number 20 Binta Danbappa Plaza, Audu Bako Way, Kano	08065078878 08096970855	LUS/000353	19th February, 2020	18th February, 2022
139	Sobajo Travel and Tours Limited	No 45 Zaria Road, Trade Fair Complex behind Jifatu Shopping Complex Kano.	08037181903 08095522708 08100444482	LUS/000424	9th Dec 2020	8th June 2021
140	Sofato Travel and Tours Ltd	House 29, 4th Avenue opp Mr Biggs Lugbe, Abuja.	09069181708 08055980597	LUS/000256	07th Oct. 2019	06th Oct. 2021
141	Splendour Travels and Tours Limited	2nd Floor, IGI House, Zone 4 Wuse Abuja FCT.	08067797637 08097123265 07030159323	LUS/000423	07th Mar,2019	06th Sept,2021
142	Sultan Travel and Tours Limited	Suite B, Amen Plaza, Opposite Sterling Bank, Garki 2,Abuja.	08096096206	LUS/000252	05th Oct. 2019	04th Oct. 2021
143	Surai and Titti Travel &Tours Ltd	No 748, Koki Quarters, Kano State.	08095668588	LUS/000265	31st Nov. 2019	30th Nov. 2021
144	Symbolic Travels and Tours Limited	Block 5 Suite 12 and 13 Oodua Complex, New Garage Ojota Lagos	08034476024 08078162931	LUS/000244	15th Feb, 2019	14th Feb, 2021
145	Ta'awun Travels and Tours Limited	No 9, Sani Buhari Triangle Zoo Road, Kano.	08069599999	LUS/000343	10TH Jan, 2020	9th Jan, 2022
146	Tafsan Tours and Travels Limited	9/10 CMD/Jubilee Road Magodo, Lagos State.	08037490710	LUS/000304	7TH OCT, 2020	6TH OCT, 2022
147	Taura Travel & Tours LTD	No 1 Civic Centre Road Opposite Nigerian Railway Terminal Kano State	064-647652 07032222454	LUS/000371	14TH OCT, 2020	13TH OCT, 2022
148	The Traveler Enterprise Ltd	No. 72, Tafawa Balewa Square, (Terrace Wing) Race-course, Lagos No. 71 Ibrahim Taiwo Road Kano, Kano Nigeria	08054002063 08037861651	LUS/000255	07th Oct. 2019	06th Oct. 2021
149	Travel Data Nigeria Limited	Shop No C1 Al-Hamsad Towers Opp. Shoprite Ado Bayero Mall, Zoo Road, Kano.	08063627608 07034118778	LUS/000127	29th March, 2019	28th March, 2021
150	Travels Express Limited	Suite 23,Yasuha Plaza, Bosoum Close, behind AP Plaza, off Ademola Adetokumbo Crescent, Wuse 2, Abuja	08033138590 08093451111	LUS/000299	10TH Sept. 2020	9TH Sept. 2022
151	T.S.U Travels and Tours Ltd	No. 333 Mohd Abdullahi Wase Road, Kantin Kwari Market, Kano	08036186600 08036562200	LUS/000109	15th Feb,2019	14th Feb,2021
152	U. A Travels & Tours Ltd	No 255 Tarauni, along Tarauni Juma'at Mosques, Street Kano State.	08066209472 08066982279	LUS/000388	05th Nov,2020	04th Nov,2022
153	Universal Isma Travels & Tours Limited	No 41, Ajasa Road, Off Obasanjo Road, Kano State.	08023095763	LUS/000302	7TH OCT, 2020	6TH OCT, 2022
154	USU Travel & Tours LTD	Katsina Road/ Air Roundabout, Adjacent Former Nitel Training School Kano State.	08023088124 08033690488	LUS/000372	19TH OCT. 2020	18TH OCT. 2022
155	Visa Travels and Tours Limited	Visa House, No 1 Bombai Road by Central Hotel Roundabout, Kano State.	08037870037 08056876060	LUS/000378	21ST OCT. 2020	20TH OCT. 2022
156	Volton Travel & Tours Ltd	Plot 26/27 Ajasa Road, Kafin Lemo House, Kano	07031026064 08039276362	LUS/000410	10TH Dec. 2020	9TH Dec. 2022
157	White Bird Tourism Limited	21, Kampala Street, Off Ademola Adetokunbo Cresent, Wuse2 Abuja. No. 100 Amsalco Plaza, Zoo Road,Kano,Kano State.	08174392786 08174392785 08174392799	LUS/000279	23rd Dec,2019	22nd Dec,2021
158	Yakasai Air Travels Limited	No.10 Zoo Road, Kano City, Kano.	0803647141008 067042824	LUS/000111	15th feb,2019	14th Feb,2021
159	Yakass Global Agency Ltd	No 5 Independence Road by club Road, SDY House, Kano State.	08036262410 08062274342	LUS/000374	19TH OCT. 2020	18TH OCT. 2022
160	Yasin Global Travel and Tours Ltd	Hall 1, Plot 648, Purple Stone Modern Market Plaza, Zone B, Apo Resettlement Apo, Abuja.	08182040477 07064650857 08093514341	LUS/000396	2nd Dec. 2020	1st Dec. 2022
161	Yasreb Travels and Tourism	No. 9 Ibrahim Taiwo Road, Kano.	08033665554 08133333234	LUS/000110	15th Feb,2019	14th Feb,2021
162	Yus Tariwa Global Travels and Tours Limited	No 8 Tariwa House Dandago S/Titi Mandawari, Kano.	08027778111 08092000029	LUS/000143	29th May, 2019	28th May, 2021
163	Zango Travels & Tours Ltd	1A/12 Zaria rd. opp. House of Assembly Kano state	08033276434	LUS/000379	21ST OCT. 2020	20TH OCT. 2022
164	Zatim Travels Limited	Suite C309, Ikeja Shopping Plaza, 81, Mobolaji Bank Anthony Way Ikeja Lagos State.	08033849783 08023233034	LUS/000238	1st Feb, 2019	31st Jan, 2021
165	Zaibah Global Links Limited	No 1 Kankia Road, Dutsen Ma Katsina State. No.103 Katsina Road, Kano	08034499133 08080807780	LUS/000276	22nd Dec,2019	22nd Dec,2021
166	Zazzau Tourism Ltd	No. 6 Sokoto Road, Hanwa, S/G; Zaria, Kaduna State	08062278220 08025234450	LUS/000340	14th Jan., 2020	13th Jan., 2022
167	Zeetu Travels and tours LTD	Suit TF3, Maidabino Plaza, Plot 2307 Ndola Crescent, Wuse Zone 5, opp. Ibro Hotel, Abuja.	08033110610 08052997805	LUS/000240	1ST feb,2019	31st Jan,2021

2. Pilgrims should ensure that their payment is duly receipted and details of services to be provided are made known to them.
3. Pilgrims are strictly advised against accepting half-packaged visas. Similarly, all licensed Tour Operators should ensure that their Saudi partners provide services in line with what their clients have paid for.
4. Furthermore, the Commission also advised those wishing to plan for Umrah pilgrimage to start processing for it at least one month before their proposed departure date.
5. All Tour Operators licensed by the Commission are to display their license conspicuously in their office location.
6. The Commission will periodically publish details of licensed Companies with valid IATA accreditation.
7. Intending Umrah pilgrims are equally warned not to patronize any Tour Operator/Travel Agency that will arrange passport or visa from another country to travel to the Holy Land as this is illegal. Whoever patronises an unregistered and unlicensed Company does so at his/her own risk.
8. Pilgrims with any enquiries or complaints about the services rendered to them by any Tour Operators can lodge same by sending mail to the under listed addresses:

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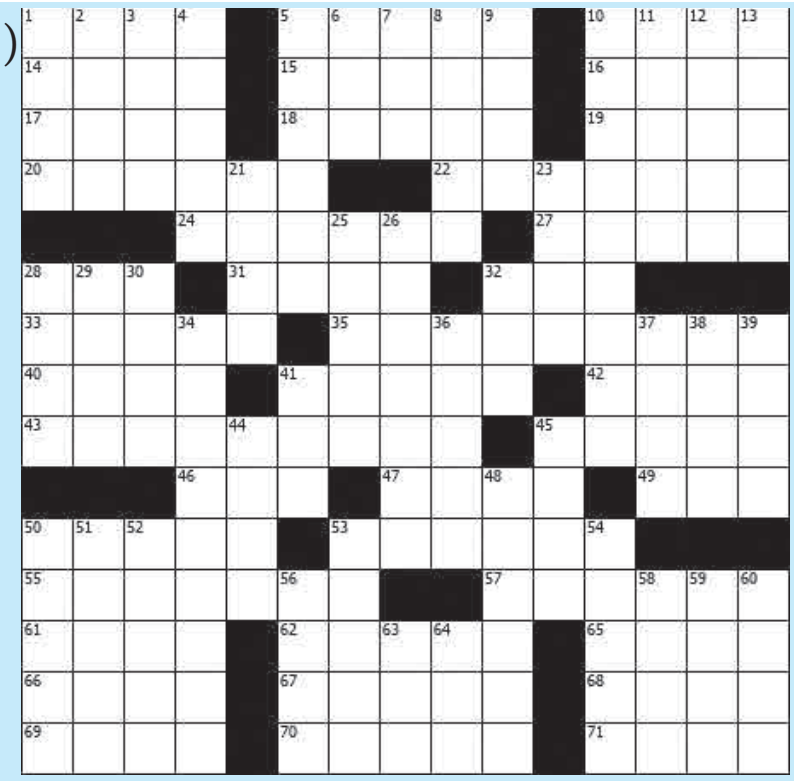
EASY CROSSWORD>> (186)



Across
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10. Infant
14. "Mona ___"
15. Got up
16. Tavern orders
17. Like a villain
18. Expensive fur
19. Darn it!
20. Halts
22. Support
24. Cooper and Faye
27. Television awards
28. Holds
31. Official stamp
32. Laughter syllable
33. Marry clandestinely
35. Open to suggestions
40. Bellow
41. Player
42. Singer ___ Clapton
43. Put money in a bank
45. Rubbish
46. Metal fastener
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49. Recent (prefix)
50. Document
53. Narrow waterway
55. Sports figure
57. Detective
61. Swimming spot
62. Bucks
65. Not ashore
66. English princess
67. Blender setting
68. Garment juncture
69. Visionary
70. Swiftness
71. Makes a mistake

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2. Exist
3. Korea's continent
4. Hot sauce
5. TV collie
6. Retirement acct.
7. Gang
8. The British ___
9. Young adult
10. Weather instrument
11. Clock feature
12. Flag-maker ___ Ross
13. Road bends
21. In addition
3. Bottomless
25. Gem weight
26. Helium, e.g.
28. Cow crowd
29. Sunburn soother
30. Cleansing bar
32. Not him
34. Motorboat feature
36. Fragrant wood
37. Modern Persia
38. Gripping device
39. Canyon feedback
41. Card game
44. Beget
45. Kite feature
48. Talked back
50. Fathers
51. Expiate
52. Call up
53. Framed (2 wds.)
54. Tantalize
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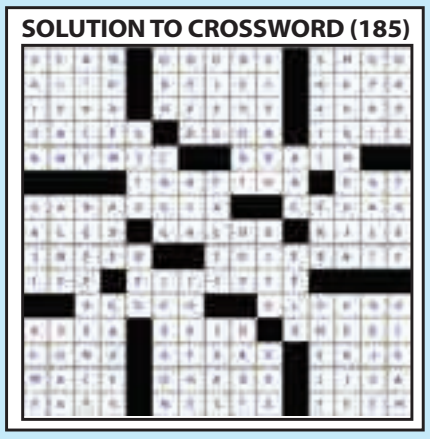
60. Bad actors
63. Right you ___!
64. Wow!

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD (185)



SUDOKU>>

How to play: The number 1 through 9 will appear once only in each row, column, and 3 x 3 zone. There are 9 such zones in each sudoku grid. There is only one correct Solution to each sudoku.

Good luck!

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Solution to Sudoku 185

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SNAPSHOT>>

Two men nabbed for stealing remains of veterans from cemetery in Florida for 'ritual'

Two men have been accused of stealing the human remains of U.S. military veterans from a Florida cemetery for use in a skull-filled "ritual" associated with an Afro-Caribbean religious movement. Detectives began looking for possible robbers in December after they found that four graves had been vandalised at Edgewood Cemetery in Mount Dora, the *Orlando Sentinel* reported in December. Three of the four graves belonged to veterans. Investigators sent cigars discovered at the scene for DNA testing, the Lake County Sheriff's Office stated in a press release. The DNA matched with that of Brian Montalvo Tolentino, 43, of Davenport. Police in Lake County contacted the Polk County Sheriff's Office, who obtained a warrant to take a mouth swab from Tolentino for a direct DNA comparison. When investigators questioned him, he allegedly confessed to going to the cemetery with his friend, 39-year-old Juan Burgos Lopez. Investigators went to Lopez's home on Wednesday, where they allegedly discovered "six skulls, a hand, partial arm, and multiple other large bones within what appeared to be some sort of religious shrine." Police said Lopez admitted that four of the skulls were from Edgewood Cemetery, while the other two were "obtained from other practitioners." A fake skull was also found at the scene, as were a baby alligator head, goat heads, goat skulls, turtle shells, chicken bones, raccoon skulls, and religious artifacts, authorities said at a Friday press conference. Lopez is part-owner of local businesses which sells essential oils and items used in Palo Mayombe rituals, according to a Polk County Sheriff's Department press release. *BY GINA TRON*

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY DADDY!

We wish you a cheerful day today as always.

We know you would have loved to commemorate the day in the usual manner - with the vulnerable elderly citizens as you have been doing over the years.

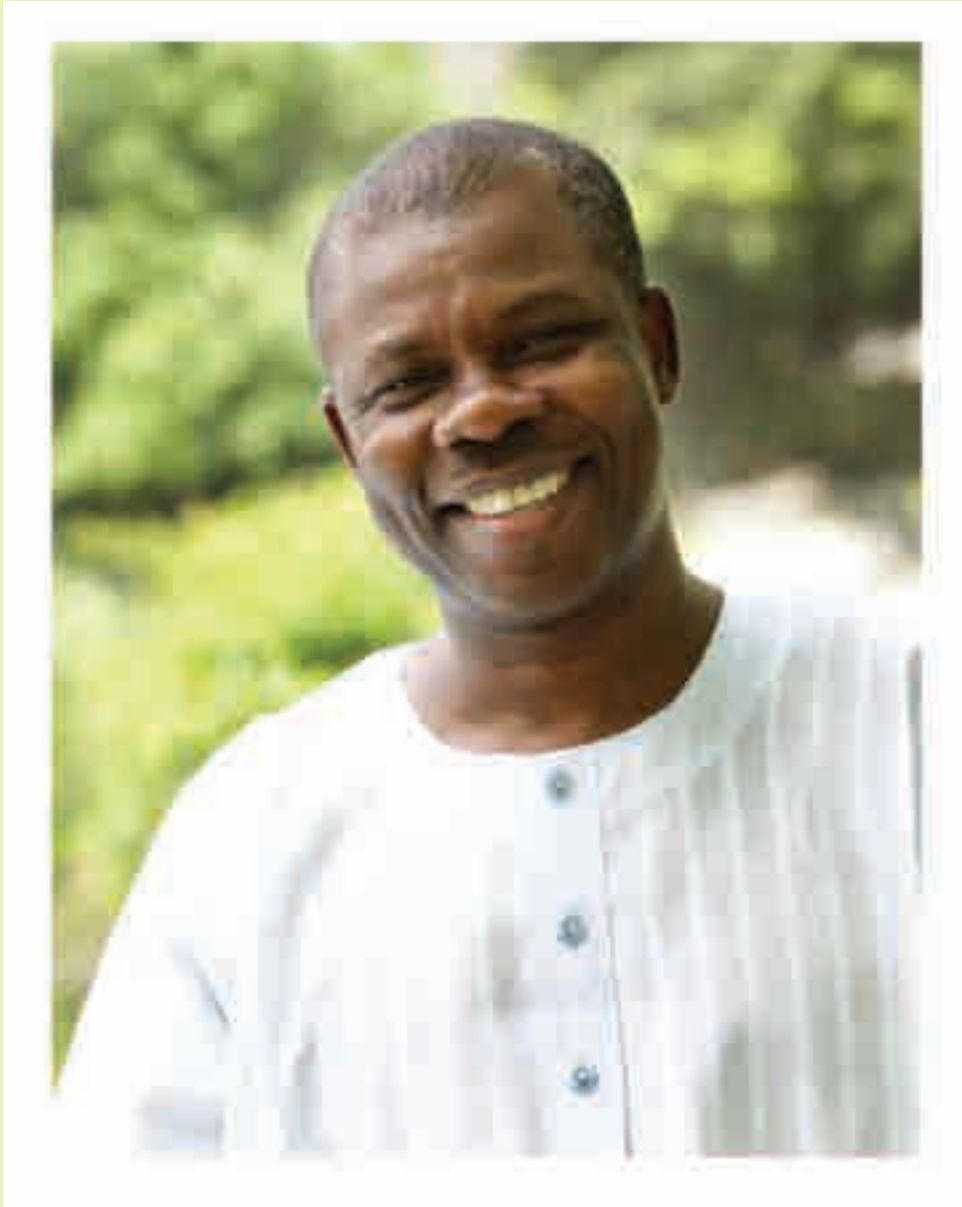
Today would have marked the 10th year anniversary of the 'Uplifting The Aged' program, but alas! The pandemic will not permit the usual felicitations with the numerous vulnerable elderly this year, due to the very necessary social distancing protocols.

We pray that Almighty Allah continues to bless you and grant you many more years.

We wish you long life, good health, happiness and success; you deserve it.

You are an amazing husband, father and grandfather and we all love you very dearly.

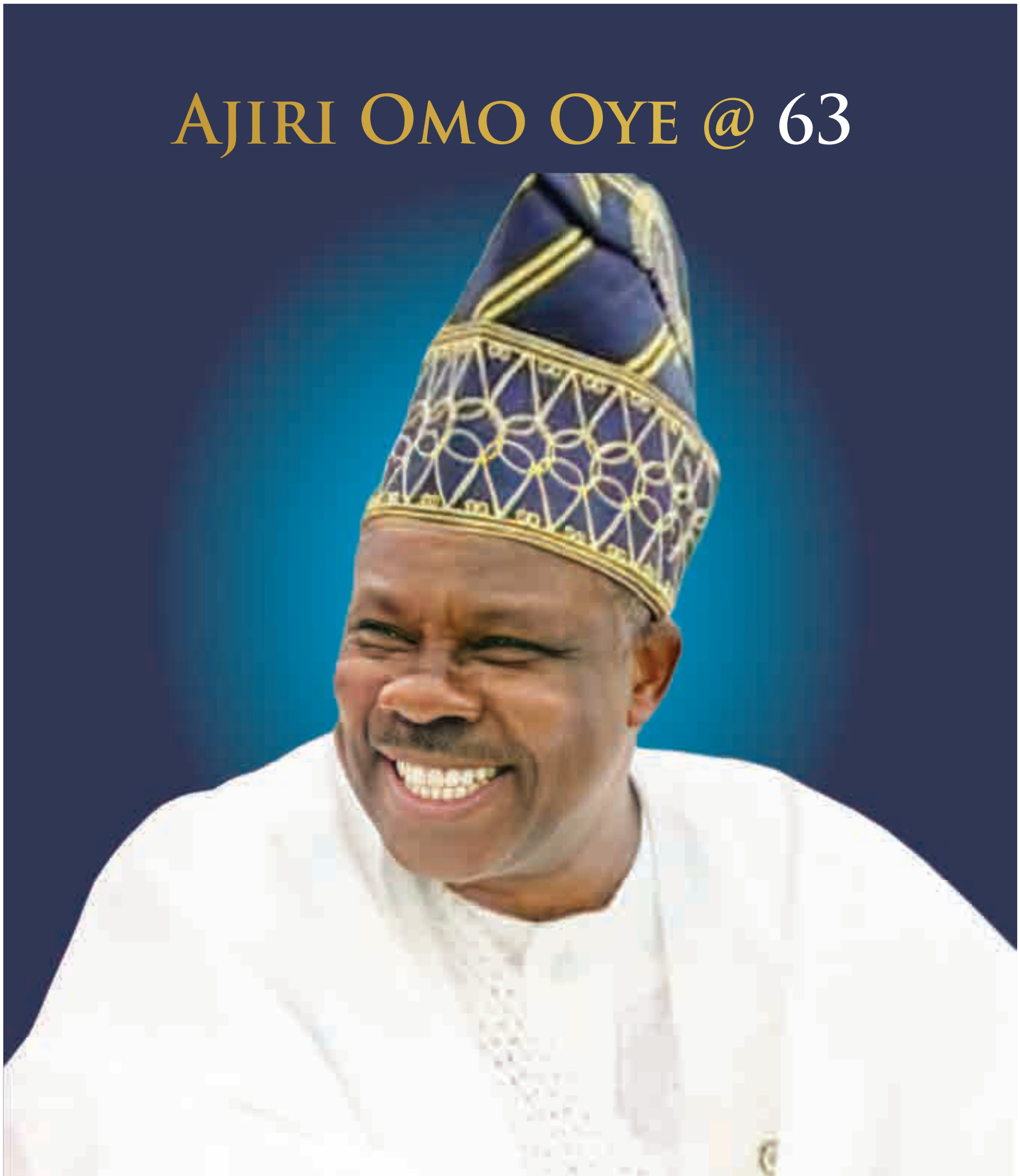
WISHING YOU MANY HAPPY RETURNS



Senator Ibikunle Amosun CON, FCA
Senator for Ogun Central

Signed: Tons of love from: Olufunso + Children & Grandchildren

Ajiri Omo Oye @ 63



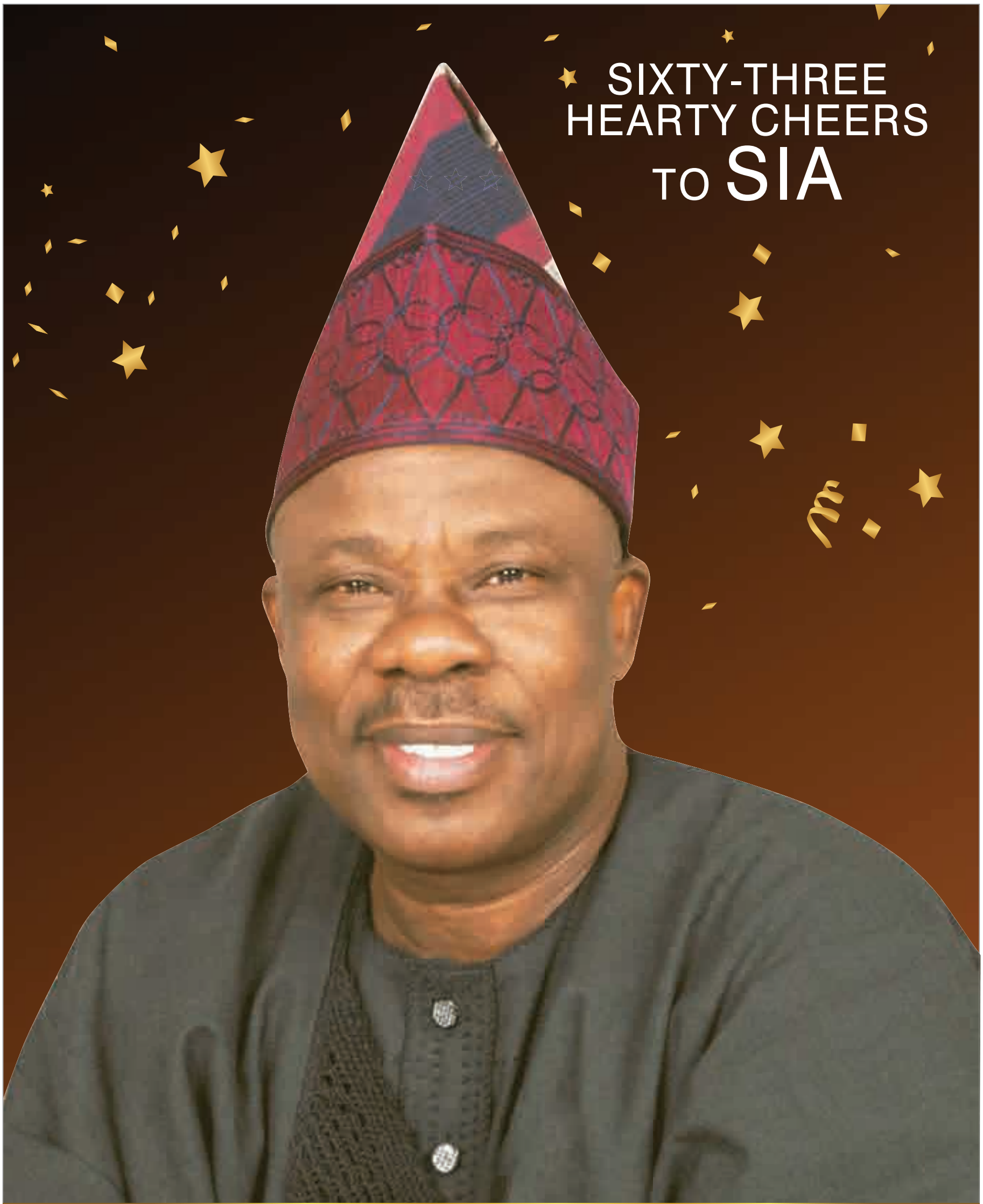
Senator Ibikunle **Amosun** CON, FCA

We salute your passion for service and industry as you turn 63 today.
May Allah, (SWT) grant you many more fruitful years
in the service of our nation. Have a brilliant year ahead.

Signed:
Friends of SIA

Remi Adetayo • **Peter Folorunsho** • **Amb. Sarafa Tunji Isola** • **Wale Ogunyomade** • **Jide Odubanjo** • **DIG Leye Oyebade,** mni (rtd) • **Dr Wale Morafa**

SIXTY-THREE HEARTY CHEERS TO SIA



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"We all are blessed to have you! Happy Birthday Sir!"

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Hygiene: FCTA warns veterinary staff, butchers

By Terkula Igidi

The Agriculture and Rural Development Secretariat of the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) has restated its resolve to promote and enforce hygienic meat handling in abattoirs across the FCT.

The Acting Secretary of the Secretariat, Mr. Ibe Prospect Chwukuemeka, therefore warned that there would be sanctions for veterinary health officials and butchers if standard hygiene practices were not adhered to in FCT abattoirs.

He made the declaration during an early morning unscheduled inspection visit to Karu and Kubwa abattoirs to assess the level of compliance to safety standards set by the secretariat.

He expressed concern over frequent complaints of unhealthy practices in the processing of meat, describing that as unacceptable. The Secretariat, he maintained, will no longer condone activities that constitute hazards to the public, disclosing that it is working towards introducing new measures to enhance effective monitoring of activities in abattoirs.

"Going forward, we will be introducing new measures that will enable us to monitor every activity taking place in the abattoirs; from the point of meat inspection and supervision by our veterinary officials to compliance to hygienic processes by the butchers in the abattoirs; as well as introduce new technologies to strengthen the surveillance to address reports of the use of tyres to roast meat as well as drug peddling," hw said,

The acting secretary told the butchers to desist from the use of unclean bare floors in the butchering of meat, advising them to make use of thick leather sheets to prevent contamination.

He also said the secretariat is working in collaboration with the Abuja Environmental Protection Board (AEPB) and would engage the services of reputable cleaning services companies for cleaning and evacuation of waste in the various abattoirs.

The construction of incinerators, according to him, will also help in effective waste management.

He, however, appealed for the support and cooperation of the area councils in improving services at slaughter slabs.

■ An accident scene along Kaduna-Abuja road in which seven persons died and five injured near Greenfield University, Chikun Local Government, yesterday

Over-speeding: Pedestrian killed in Osun town

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

At least one person has been confirmed dead in an accident involving a Toyota Hiace commercial bus with registration number JJJ706XD at Iwo road junction, Alape, Osun State.

Daily Trust learnt that there were 15 people in the bus, 11 men and four women. A man whose identity could not be ascertained died in the accident.

Officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) were at the scene for rescue operation.

The Sector Commander, Mrs Kudirat Ibrahim, confirmed the incident. She spoke through the Public Relations Officer of the FRSC in the state, Mrs Agnes Ogungbemi.

The FRSC boss said the vehicle was on high speed and that it hit man and he died on the spot.

Meanwhile, the community have refused to allow the corpse to be taken to the mortuary.

Police from Gbongan Divisional Police Headquarters have taken over the crashed vehicle.

Quit order to herders has implications for national security, Northern obas tell Akeredolu

By Terkula Igidi

The association of traditional leaders/Obas of the 19 northern states and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), have told Governor Rotimi Akeredolu of Ondo State that the quit order given to herders has implications for national security.

The governor had last week given a seven-day quit order to Fulani herders to vacate forest reserves in the state, which expires today.

The association advised that the criminals involved in kidnapping and committing other crimes in the state should be fished out and prosecuted based on their crimes, saying criminalising the whole Fulani herders was not the best approach.

In a statement signed by the secretary-general of the association, His Highness Oba (Dr) Alani Kolawole Adeyemi, made available to newsmen in Abuja, yesterday, the obas noted that the menace of kidnapping and other violent crimes, which have become a nightmare for Nigerians, requires a holistic approach.

Oba Adeyemi, who is also the Sarkin Yoruba of Guyaku in Adamawa State, stressed that the Ondo State governor, though a seasoned administrator and a Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN), needs not be lectured on the implications of the quit order on national security, adding that "the Fulani herders are also citizens of his state whose welfare and well-being are part of his responsibilities."

The statement advised that concerted efforts should be made so that both the security apparatus of the state, the leaders of Fulani herders in the state and at the national level, as well as all well-meaning Nigerians work towards bringing amicable resolution to the crisis.

The obas reiterated that the Fulani herders have the inalienable constitutional rights to live and work peacefully in any part of the country, hence they appealed to revered paramount traditional rulers across the country to immediately wade into the matter.

QUICK READ

FCT:
JAAN trains rice processors on parboiling techniques

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

The Japan International Agency Alumni Association of Nigeria (JAAN) has, in collaboration with the Japan International Agency (JICA), organised a three-day training workshop for rice processors on rice perboiling techniques in Karu, Nasarawa State.

Speaking at the occasion, the second vice president of JAAN, Hajiya Aishatu Baba Jakada, said the training was organised for women who are into rice business so they can be self- reliant and to tackle the unemployment caused by the COVID-19 in the country.

Bauchi:
1 killed, 3 injured as vehicle loses control

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has confirmed that a pick-up van driver lost his life while three others were injured in a road accident in Bauchi, on Saturday, according to Mr Muhammed Bature, Deputy Corps Commander, Operation, Bauchi.

He explained that the driver, who died instantly, lost control of the vehicle and veered off the road to hit two women and a motorcyclist. They were taken to the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital (ATBU-TH). (NAN)

Plateau:
PLSG to establish NIN registration centres in 17 LGAs

Governor Simon Lalong of Plateau State says the government will establish National Identity Number (NIN) registration centres in the 17 LGAs of the state.

He said this in a statement by his Director of Press and Public Affairs, Dr Makut Macham, made available to newsmen in Jos on Sunday.

He said the move followed the license granted the state by the Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy to serve as a service provider for the NIN enrolment process.

"By that license, we are empowered to provide data capture and enrolment services for the issuance of the national identity number.

Lalong directed the state Ministry of Science and Technology to liaise with the Plateau State Information and Communication Technology Development Agency and the National Identity Management Commission to fast-track the process.

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Gunmen invade orphanage, kidnap 11 in FCT council

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

Gunmen suspected to be kidnappers invaded Rachael's Orphanage Home, opposite UBE Junior Secondary School in Naharati, Abaji Area Council, Federal Capital Territory (FCT) and abducted seven orphans and a security guard of the home.

Daily Trust also learnt that three persons, Mrs Rukayyat Salihu, Mrs Suwaiba Momoh and Momoh Jimoh, who reside behind the orphanage were abducted by the kidnappers.

The kidnapped orphans were identified as Elizabeth Andrew, Dayo Udeh, Jacob Ukpas, Melody Ijeh, Benard Itim, Isaac Mathew and Laruba Emmanuel as well as the security guard of the home, Joseph Mathew.

A resident of the area, who preferred anonymity, said the gunmen invaded the orphanage on Saturday around 1. am

He said the armed men forced their way through the gate and went straight into the rooms of the orphans and whisked away seven of them, alongside the security guard.

"They came in large numbers heavily armed, though they did not shoot as they carried out the operation before they proceeded to neighbouring houses," he said.

A victim, Mohammed Nurudeen, whose wife, Rukayyat Salihu, was abducted by the gunmen, said he was asleep when gunmen came and forcefully opened the door and whisked his wife away.

"I was awoken by them and they threatened to shoot me if I didn't open the door but I refused until they forced the door open and entered the room and whisked my wife away," he said.

Nurudeen, who sustained a bullet wound from a shot by one of the armed men said the gunmen didn't finish him off after they discovered that he was bleeding profusely.

The Chairman of the Council, Alhaji Abdulrahman Ajiya, confirmed the incident via telephone interview with our reporter, saying he had alerted security agents on the incident.

When contacted, the spokesperson of the FCT Police Command, ASP Maryam Yusuf, confirmed the incident. She said six persons were kidnapped while one was rescued.

She said the command had deployed its men to the neighbouring forest to ensure that other victims were rescued.

Internet scam: We are students, not criminals, arrested Osun youths insist

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

Some youths arrested by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) in Osogbo, Osun State at the weekend over alleged internet scam have insisted that they were students, not criminals.

The suspects were arrested by EFCC operatives during a raid on their abode in Osogbo.

The anti-graft body said it recovered 12 cars which included three Toyota Highlander SUVs, one Mercedes Benz GLK 350 SUV, One Acura SUV, two Honda Crosstour, two Toyota Venza and three other Toyota brands from the suspects.

The commission also recovered phones, laptops and other devices from them.

A top operative of the commission, while confirming the arrest, said the suspects would be charged to court as soon as investigations are concluded.

But the suspects maintained that they were students and not criminals, though, they didn't disclose the names of their schools.

■ Suspected internet scammers paraded by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, (EFCC) in Osogbo, Osun State Photo: **Hameed Oyegbade**

2 suspected motorcycle thieves burnt to death

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

Two suspected motorcycle thieves were on Sunday burnt to death by mobs in separate incidents in Makurdi metropolis of Benue State.

Daily Trust reports that one of the suspects was set ablaze by a mob in front of LGEA Primary School in Wurukum while the other suspect was said to have met his death at Gyado Villa when he attempted to dispossess a commercial rider of his bike.

A witness told our correspondent at the scene of the Wurukum incident that the suspect was killed and burnt with tyres after he made an unsuccessful effort to snatch a motorcycle from its owner.

The witness, a food vendor, whose makeshift shop was situated close to the scene of the incident, further said it was about 5:20 am when a commercial motorcyclist and his two passengers alighted at the gate of the primary school.

"An argument ensued between them after the motorcyclist noted that he was yet to arrive where the duo told him was their destination. The two passengers had earlier forced him to drop them at the primary school at gunpoint and then demanded the key of the bike.

"But, the motorcyclist refused to hand them the key so they shot at him but the bullet didn't penetrate. The motorcyclist on his part picked a stone and hit it one of the suspects with it. He also raised an alarm which attracted people to the scene.

"One of the suspects escaped while the other was unlucky as the people who got to the scene to help the cyclist set him ablaze," the food vendor said.

The Police Public Relations Officer for Benue Command (PPRO), DSP Catherine Anene, stated that only one of the two incidents was reported.

"At Wurukum area, information was received that a young man attempted to snatch a motorcycle and was arrested by a mob.

"The police on reaching the scene discovered that the suspect had been set ablaze. The command condemns such lawlessness and warns that members of the public should seek justice through the appropriate channels," she said.

Court convicts 9 for flouting COVID-19 protocols

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

An Oredo magistrate court in Benin presided by Chief Magistrate Bright Eraze Oniha, has convicted nine persons for violating the coronavirus protocols in the state.

The convicts were sentenced to community service for not wearing facemasks in public and breaking the 10 pm to 5 am curfew in the state.

Twelve suspects were arraigned before the mobile court for violating coronavirus protocols, while eight were sentenced for refusing to wear face mask in public while one other was sentenced for breaking the curfew.

The suspects convicted for facemasks violation include Abu Sani, Umaru Ali, Emmanuella Sylvester, Desmond Victory, Peter Nyashi, Franca Osas, Kashatu Mahmud and Clement Palmer while Sylvester Alufokhai, was convicted for curfew violation.

They were convicted for violating Regulations 8(6)(c) of the Edo State Dangerous Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Regulations 2020 and Section 203 of the Criminal Code Law as well as Regulation 16 (3) of the Edo State Dangerous Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Regulations (2020).

The court found nine of the accused guilty of the offence preferred against them and discharged three other persons.

Man, 23, beaten to death over phone theft

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

The Police in Ogun State have arrested three suspects for beating a 23-year-old man to death over an alleged phone theft.

The trio Ugo Obi, Chinonso Jude and Chibuke Samson, all of MTN Street, Iju Ota, were arrested following a report by one Ajibade Gbenga at Onipanu divisional headquarters.

The complainant told the police that his son, Samuel Ajibade, accused of stealing two handsets, was beaten into unconsciousness by the suspects.

He further reported that the victim was rushed to General Hospital, Ota for medical attention, but was confirmed dead on arrival.

The spokesman of the State Command, Abimbola Oyeyemi, told newsmen on Sunday that following the report, the DPO Onipanu Division, Bamidele Job, led detectives to the scene where the three suspects were arrested.

Oyeyemi said the corpse of the deceased had been deposited at the morgue of General Hospital, Ota for post mortem.

He said the suspects would be transferred to the homicide section of the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department.

Gunmen kill Ibadan socialite, Gatuso

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

Armed men on Saturday evening killed an Ibadan socialite, Olaleye Ajibola, popularly called Gatuso at a hotel located in NTC, Iyaganku, Ibadan.

Daily Trust gathered that Gatuso was making a call while entering the hotel premises when the robbers shot him in the stomach.

The source told our correspondent that a robbery operation was on at the hotel when the socialite arrived.

A witness told *Daily Trust* that the robbers must have thought Gatuso was calling security agencies, hence they shot him.

It was gathered that guests, members of staff and other people at the hotel lost valuables in the robbery incident.

"Those criminals collected our phones and other belongings. It is unfortunate for Gatuso. He was just coming into the hotel when they shot him at very close range.

"They collected all our phones and other valuables. For the period they operated, no security agencies came to challenge them. I now know we don't have security in Oyo State," he said.

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President Muhammadu Buhari has disappointed so many people. He still has time to correct things if he has the capacity to do that. But frankly, his government has been very disappointing – **Prof Attahiru Jega**

2023: Kogi lawmakers under attack over Bello's campaigns

● Gov not funding our trips - Speaker

By Adama John (Lokoja) & Faruk Shuaibu (Abuja)

Members of Kogi State House of Assembly are under intense attack following their campaign tour to states to canvas support for the presidential ambition of Governor Yahaya Bello.

The lawmakers, who have visited Plateau, Ebonyi and Kogi states, have urged their colleagues to support the presidential ambition of Governor Bello, come 2023.

They noted that since the North Central is yet to produce a president, APC should consider zoning its presidential ticket to the geopolitical zone for Bello to contest under its platform.

During a visit to Ebonyi, the Speaker of Kogi House of Assembly, Matthew Kolawole, urged his counterpart to inform David Umahi to drop his rumoured quest for the presidency and support Bello's bid for the top political seat in the country.

■ Yahaya Bello

Mixed reactions have continued to trail the lawmakers' campaign tour. Many Kogites have expressed reservations, alleging that the governor is bankrolling the campaign trips.

Idris Miliki Abdul, Executive Director of Conscience for Human Rights and Conflict Resolution faulted the lawmakers' campaign trip to states.

He said the state's parliament could be described as the worst assembly in terms of the number of bills passed, motions moved and the relationship that exists between the legislature and the people in terms of public hearing and encouragement of citizenry participation.

"Specifically speaking, what is happening in the state legislature is a product of idle mind", he said, adding "These are people who don't have anything or much to do."

Also speaking, Chairman of the Social Democratic Party (SDP), Muktar Attimah, said the speaker was only making a mockery of the people, adding that the state and its legislature were not serious.

He wondered why in a state that does not provide social amenities or paid workers their due salaries, the legislature has kept mute, adding, certainly it is not a serious state.

Speaking, the publicity secretary of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Mr Bode Ogunmola, said no decision has been taken on the campaign tour.

However, the Speaker, Kogi State House of Assembly, Prince Mathew Kolawole, has defended his action, saying, "There is no constitutional provision that frowns at the legislature for supporting the executive governor on his political ambition."

He said the tour is bankrolled by him, insisting that the governor did not contribute anything to it.

Anxiety as Niger gov panel acts on Kwara APC crisis today

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

There is anxiety in the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Kwara State as the panel mandated to look into the crisis rocking it is expected to announce its decision on the way out of the feud between camps in the party today.

Even before the swearing in of Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq after winning the 2019 governorship election in the state on the pedestal of the 'Otoge' revolution, the APC in Kwara State had been deeply polarised. Rather than thaw, the internal squabble has continued to worsen.

On one hand, are those categorised as Abuja-based politicians and on the other are the governor who has done and is doing everything possible to assert his authority as the overall leader of the party who should command the respect and obeisance of every member.

But as this seems a tall expectation, peace has been elusive in the party from day one, after the governor took over the mantle of leadership on that incredible mantra of 'Otoge' which upset the status quo.

Virtually all the aspirants who contested against the governor have deserted him and the battle for the soul of the party has been vociferous.

Also, those who referred to themselves as 'Otoge' champions, like the Minister of Information and Culture, Alhaji Lai Mohammed, a one-time chairman of PDP in the state, Akogun Iyiola Oyedepo, former chairman of the Federal Character Commission (FCC), Prof. Shuaib Abdulraheem, and several others are not only disappointed with the running of the government, but are equally disenchanted.

This, observers said, is where the state chairman of the party, Bashir Omolaja Bolarinwa, a one-time House of Representatives member in Lagos, belongs.

But the governor is not an orphan in the political sphere. In fact, he has a long list of stakeholders and chieftains of the party queuing behind him as the governor's men. They include but are not limited to Senator Mokanjuola Ajadi, Hon. Iliyasu Ibrahim, Barr. Kunle Sulaiman, Senator Ahmed Mohammed, among others who align with the AA Group being championed by the governor.

The composition of the cabinet by the governor in December 2019 came as a disappointment to many party members who felt they were not consulted or their candidates were not considered in political appointments, thereby deepening the division within the party.

However, the lingering war deteriorated penultimate week when news filtered in that Hon. Bolarinwa has been sacked by the national caretaker committee of the party chaired by Governor Mai Mala Buni of Yobe State.

The news, which seems like a rumour, was later confirmed by the secretary of the committee, John Akpanudoedehe, amidst shock by the aggrieved members who are solidly behind the suspended chairman.

At a press conference addressed in Abuja on the day the news of Bolarinwa's suspension was confirmed, Oyedepo who is well known for his stiff opposition to the dominance of former Senate President Senator Bukola Saraki in Kwara politics which was demystified in the 2019 election when APC won all the elective seats 100 per cent, rejected the sack of Bolarinwa.

But the national caretaker committee has referred the issue to the North Central Zonal Committee to reconcile the aggrieved members with a resolution being expected on Monday (today) but as it is, that is not likely to resolve the impasse, except the sack of Bolarinwa is reversed which is the condition given by his group.

A source who spoke with our correspondent on condition of anonymity said, "The challenge here is that the people appointed to reconcile the aggrieved members are governors who have not hidden their preference for their colleague's candidate. So do you expect any fair deal in this kind of circumstances? We are waiting to see what will happen on Monday before deciding on the next step."

Another source, however, added that the North Central Committee under the leadership of Governor Sani Bello of Niger State and Governor Yahaya Bello of Kogi State is committed to resolving the impasse fairly and freely with the interest of all the parties protected.

■ Abdulrahman Abdulrasaq

Speaking with our correspondent, Akogun said his group is waiting for the decision of the national caretaker committee on Monday before deciding on the next move.

He blamed the crisis in the party on what he called indiscipline on the part of members and failure of leadership on the part of the governor who is supposed to be the leader of the party.

According to him, the governor is not running an inclusive administration. "And what is bad in consulting people? That's why I said it is a leadership failure," he added.

But Hon. Ibrahim, a former House of Assembly member and one of the loyalists of the governor, insists the suspension of the chairman stands.

He also took a swipe at those who contested the primaries with the governor, accusing them of working against the governor even during the elections.

Even as stakeholders await the decision of the national secretariat on Monday, the crisis may persist until the 2023 elections as the gladiators warm up to take over from the governor. But the governor, too, on the other hand, may want to take a shot for a second term as his people have started making a case for him. This, analysts say, may jeopardise the fortunes of the party in future elections and create room for the possible return of PDP to power.

Nigeria ripe for female presidency – NDIC chair

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

The Chairman of Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC), Mrs. Ronke Sokefun, has said that Nigeria is ripe for a female presidency.

Citing the example of Kamala Harris, the first female Vice President of the US, who was sworn in last week, Sokefun said female presidency "is inevitable in Nigeria."

She spoke while fielding questions from journalists, shortly after she was honoured for her contribution in the education sector by the Baptist Boys' High School, Abeokuta Old Boys Association.

The award was presented to her during the 'Presidential Endowment Dinner and launching of the N1bn Development Fund' which was attended by former President Olusegun Obasanjo, the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Adedotun Gbadebo and other prominent members of the old boys association.

Sokefun, who was a commissioner in Ogun State, called for more engagement of women in politics and leadership positions.

She expressed optimism that a female will rule Nigeria, the most populous black nation in the world soon.

■ From right: Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya of Gombe State; Group General Manager, Renewable Energy Division of the NNPC, Dr. David Balarabe Ture and Deputy Governor of the State, Dr. Manassah Daniel Jatau during a meeting in Gombe, weekend

19 killed in Kaduna-Abuja, Kwara road crashes

From Lami Sadiq, Kaduna & Romoke W. Ahmad

Nineteen people have died in separate road accidents along the Kaduna-Abuja highway and at Otte town, close to Ilorin International Airport road along Ilorin-Ogbomoso highway.

The Kaduna State Government on Sunday said that 15 people were killed in road traffic accidents along the Kaduna-Abuja highway in the last three days.

It said the accidents occurred due to speed limit violation and driving against traffic, among others.

The state Commissioner of Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, said the latest accident, which occurred early Sunday morning around Greenfield University in Chikun LGA, claimed seven lives with five injured, while two lives were lost on Saturday morning in a crash around Olam Farms.

He said that four other persons had died in another accident on Thursday close to the NYSC camp while another, which occurred on Wednesday, claimed two lives.

In the Kwara accident four persons were said to have died in an auto crash that happened in on Sunday afternoon.

The accident occurred at Otte town, close to Ilorin International Airport road along Ilorin-Ogbomoso highway.

It was a collision involving a commercial Toyota Hummer bus with registration number FFA717YR and a truck.

It was gathered that the accident, caused by excessive speed and dangerous driving, caused the bus to burst into flames.

It was gathered that the four dead passengers were two males and two females, while no item was recovered at the scene.

Kwara Sector Commander, FRSC, Jonathan Owoade, confirmed the incident.

Immigration PRO kidnapped in Edo

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

A Nigeria Immigration Service officer, Mrs Bridget Esene, has been reportedly kidnapped in Benin City, the Edo State capital.

Mrs. Esene, who is the Public Relations Officer of the Edo State Command of the service, was reportedly kidnapped at Ikhueniro, near Benin City, on the Benin-Agbor road on her way to church yesterday.

The gunmen were alleged to have trailed Mrs Esene, who was driving to church on Sunday morning. They blocked her vehicle and kidnapped her at gunpoint.

Effort to get confirmation from the police was unsuccessful as calls to the police PRO's phone were not answered and text message not replied as at the time of filing this report.

Gunmen kill police officer, steal AK-47 rifle in Kafanchan

From Ahmed Ali, Kafanchan

A police officer was reportedly shot dead and his rifle carted away by gunmen on Saturday night along Jos Street in Kafanchan, headquarters of Jema'a LGA of Kaduna State.

The officer, identified as Sergeant John Auta, was said to have been working at Wonderland Hotel Annex in Ogbomosho Street, Kafanchan.

Daily Trust source who pleaded anonymity said the victim was conveying a suspect, who was apprehended smoking Indian hemp, to the divisional headquarters.

The source said as the officer was returning to the headquarters when he was shot dead. His corpse was discovered later by some police officers on patrol.

When contacted, the State Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Mohammed Jalige, said he had no details of the incident but promised to get back to our reporter.

Tertiary institutions can resume on Monday- Kaduna govt

From Lami Sadiq, Kaduna

Kaduna State Government has approved Monday 25th January 2021 as resumption date for tertiary institutions across the state but warned that the school's management must ensure strict adherence to all the guidelines and protocols put in place by the state.

A statement by the state Ministry of Education and signed by the Permanent Secretary, Phoebe Sukai Yayi stated that the approval came after an assessment team had gone round all tertiary institutions in the state to ensure their level of preparedness and plans for reopening are in full compliance with the state COVID-19 preventive protocols.

Daily Trust reports that the state government's directive came a few hours after the Management of Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) hinted that it could not go on with its scheduled reopening date of Monday, 25th January 2021 as it was still awaiting the state government's directive.

However, the latest statement by the Ministry of Education on Sunday evening stated that:

"Resumption by all tertiary institutions will be in phases as provided by the Institutions and according to their academic levels and subject to school's compliance with guidelines in place," it stated.

Gas explosion rocks Port Harcourt community

From Victor Edozie, Port Harcourt

An explosion has been reported at a retail gas outlet in Rumudomaya community in Obio Akpor Local Government Area of Rivers State.

Witnesses said the explosion was at a private gas retail outlet on the popular Airport road in Rumudomaya by 8.39 pm on Saturday.

The cause of the explosion could not be established at press time but witnesses in the neighbourhood said that the explosion occurred from a spark in one of the refill tanks located close to the entrance gate of the outlet.

The Chairman of Obio Akpor Local Government Area, Barrister Solomon Eke who was alerted over the incident was said to have mobilised security agencies and firefighters who eventually put out the fire.

Shehu of Dikwa buried in Maiduguri

From Misbahu Bashir, Maiduguri

The late Shehu of Dikwa, Borno State, Alhaji Mohammed Ibn Masta II El-Kanemi, who died on Saturday, was yesterday buried at the Shehu's Palace in Maiduguri.

Governor Babagana Zulum, the Shehu of Borno, Alhaji Abubakar Ibn Umar Garbai Al-Amin El-Kanemi, as well many emirs and personalities attended the burial.

The late Shehu was treated at a hospital in Abuja where he later died.

The death was announced by the Secretary to State Government, Alhaji Usman Jidda Shuwa in Biu, shortly after presentation of staff of office to the Emir of Biu, Alhaji Mai Mustapha Umar Mustapha by Governor Zulum.

The funeral prayer was led by the Imam Idaini of Borno, Shettima Mamman Saleh.

The death of Shehu Mohammed Ibn Masta II, aged 75 set off widespread grief in the state.

Governor Zulum said the death of the royal father was a great loss that plunged the people into deep mourning.

"It was so shocking, because he was a unifying factor in Dikwa Emirate Council. His absence will seriously create a vacuum," he said.

3 arrested over killing of Taraba council chair, nephew

From Magaji Isa Hunkuyi, Jalingo

The Taraba State police spokesman, DSP David Misal, has revealed that three persons have been arrested in connection with the killing of the Chairman of Ardo-Kola Local Government Area of Taraba State, Hon Salihu Dovo, and his nephew, Timothy Aminu.

DSP Misal said the gunmen suspected to be kidnappers invaded the deceased's residence at the Sabon-Gari area of Jalingo at about 1am on Sunday and shot sporadically for over 30 minutes before abducting the council boss.

DSP Misal said the gunmen took away the chairman and crossed River Lamurde at the border between Jalingo and Ardo-Kola LGAs.

He further stated that vigilantes and policemen trailed the gunmen and that the gunmen then shot the victim on noticing they could not escape with him and dumped his corpse in Nahuta village across the River Lamurde.

He said Aminu, a nephew of the chairman, who attempted to prevent the abduction of the council boss, was also killed.

The police spokesperson explained that, "We have arrested three suspects and I can assure you that the killers of the council boss and his nephew would be brought to book."

OBITUARY

With gratitude to the Almighty God for a life well spent, the Family of Late Pa Daniel Waya Anyam of Mbakena, Mbayongo District of Vandeikya Local Government Area of Benue State announces the passage to eternal glory of our Matriach, **Mama Monica Atese Waya** who slept in the Lord on **January 10 2021 aged 79.**

Mama is survived by children. They are,
Brig Gen T T Waya (rtd)
Chief Dzer Waya
Mr Terry T Waya
Mr Joseph Waya
Mr Chia Waya
Mrs Patricia Tsebee (Nee waya).

She is also survived by grand children and great grand Children,brothers and sisters.

Funeral Arrangements are as follows

Wednesday 27 January 2021. Service of Songs/ Christian wake at her residence in Gboko.

Thursday,28 January 2021.

Farewell Mass at St Paul's Catholic Church, Kontien Gboko.

The interment shall strictly be a private family affair in compliance with COVID 19 protocols.

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Mama Monica Atese Waya

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I formerly known as Bintinlaye Alfulany, now wish to be called and addressed as yahya Abdulrasaq Bintinlaye. All former documents remain valid. General Public and authorities concern should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **USMAN** ALIYU now wish to be known and addresses as **USMAN ALIYU HAJJI,** all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

MALAMI , I formerly known as **YUSIF SARKIN RUWA 13/03/1979** now wish to be called and addressed as **MALAMI SARKIN RUWA YUSIF 15/3/1959 .** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

HAMZA, I formerly known as **IBRAHIM LAWAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **HAMZA USAINI WUDIL.** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SABIU: I, formerly known as **GAMBO ALHAJI SALEH,** now wish to be known and called **SABIU ALHAJI** ISYAKU.All former documents remain valid.The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

MUAWUYYA I formally known as **MUAWUYYA ABUDULLAHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUAWUYYA SANI** all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

MUSTAPHA: I formerly known as **MUSTAPHA IBRAHIM ABIODUN** now wish to be called and addressed as **OLUWASEGUN ABRAHAM ABIODUN.** All former documents remain valid. General Public and authorities concern should please take note.

I was formerly KNOWN as **MOHAMMED MADU NOW** wish to be known and called **MOHAMMED DAUDA** .All my former documents remain same and valid. General public should take note.

NURA, I formerly known as **NURA IBRAHIM** MUAZU now wish to be called and addressed as **NURA IBRAHIM ILIYASU.** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

BASHIR, I formerly known as **SULAIMAN MUHAMMAD IDRIS** now wish to be called and addressed as **BASHIR MUHAMMAD IDRIS.** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

AREO : I, formerly known and addressed as Mrs **OLABOYE MAGRET OMOLOLA.** Now wish to be known and addressed as Miss **AREO MAGRET OMOLOLA.** All former documents remain valid, General public please take note.

MUHAMMAD I formally known as **MUHAMMAD KANYA MUSA** now wish **DOB 04-01-1976** to be known and addressed as **MUSA KANYA MUHAMMED** all former documents remain valid **DOB 17-04-1976** general public should please take note.

OGUNBUNMI: I formerly known as **OGUNBUNMI BASIRAT OMOBOLA** now wish to be called and addressed as OLUWASEGUN **OMOBOLA TEMITOPE.** All former documents remain valid. General Public and authorities concern should please take note.

I formerly called as **ABDULRAHMAN LAWAN,** wish to be know and called as **MUHAMMED** SANI. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

SULEIMAN, I formerly known as **SULEMAN ISA** now wish to be called and addressed as **SULEIMAN ISAH.** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MUHD, I formerly known as **MUHAMMAD ISA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUHD ISAH ABDULMALIK.** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

OLABINJO : I, formerly known and addressed as Miss **SHITTU ADIJAT MOTUNRAYO.** Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs **OLABINJO ADIJAT MOTUNRAYO.** All former documents remain valid, General public please take note.

SAKINA I formally known as **SAKINA MUHAMMAD** now wish to be known and addressed as **SAKINA NURA HUSSAINI** all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

HABIBA,I FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESS AS HABIBA TAISA HALILU, NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND CALL HABIBA HALILU. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID ACCESS BANK AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO TAKE NOTE

I formerly known as **EMMANUELLA FAUSTINA CHIDINMA EKECHI** now wishes to be known and addressed as **EMMANUELLA EKECHI OHASHIEGBULAM ALL** former documents remain valid general public to take note

AHMAD, I formerly known as **DAPBUGA YAHAYA** now wish to be called and addressed as **AHMAD YAHYA..** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ISAH: I, formerly known as **ISAH UMAR,** now wish to be known and called **ISAH UMAR HIDIMAH** .All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

OYEBADE : I, formerly known and addressed as Miss **AFOLABI BLESSING CHRISTIANAH.** Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs **OYEBADE BLESSING CHRISTIANAH.** All former documents remain valid. **GTB,** Zenith Bank and General public please take note.

BALA I formally known as **BALA PRECIOUS UMAR** now wish **DOB 05-05-1985** to be known and addressed as **BALA UMAR** all former documents remain valid **DOB 05-07-1985** general public should please take note.

SAIFUDDIN: I, formerly known and addressed as **SAMIRA MORA** now wish to be known and addressed as **SAMIRA SAIFUDDIN MORA.** All former document remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly know as Yusuf yahya now to be call Isa Usman all my documents remain valid. General public to note

SAMMANI, I formerly known as **MOHD SANI** now wish to be called and addressed as **SAMMANI ISMAIL UMAR.** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

JULIUS: I Formerly known as **JULIUS KIDON TANKO** Now wish to be called and addressed as **JULIUS KOGI TANKO** To correspond with My credentials All Former documents remain Valid.The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

JAYEOLA : I, formerly known and addressed as **JAYEOLA OLAJUMOKE ADEDAMOLA.** Now wish to be known and addressed as **JAYEOLA OLAJUMOKE ABIGAEL.** All former documents remain valid. **GTB** and General public please take note.

USMAN: I formerly known as **USMAN YAKUBU** now wish to be known and addressed as **USMAN YAKUBU FADA.** All former documents remain valid **.** General Public Should please take note.

IMAN: I, formerly known and addressed as **HASSANA AHMAD MUHAMMAD** now wish to be known and addressed as **IMAN AHMAD.** All former document remain valid. Union Bank and the general public to take note.

BASHEER: I, formerly known and addressed as **RABIU BASHIR**, now wish to be called and addressed as **BASHEER RABIU ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note

I formerly known as **USMAN ABDULLAHI USMAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **USMAN ABDULLAHI.** All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

JANETH: I Formerly known as **JANETH MATHEW WYOM** Now wish to be called and addressed as **JANETH MATHEW** My correct **DOB** is 27/July/1971 not 1st/Jan/1972 All Former documents remain valid.The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

SUFIANU: I, formerly known and addressed as **RAHEEM ADISA ISMAILA.** Now wish to be known and addressed as **SUFIANU ISMAILA ADISA.** All former documents remain valid, General public please take note.

USMAN: I formerly known as **KABIRU GARBA** now wish to be known and addressed as **USMAN YAHAYA.** All former documents remain valid **.** General Public Should please take note.

AKINPELLU: I, formerly known and addressed as **ISOLA MORUFAT JOKE** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS MORUFAT ISOLA AKINPELLU.** All former document remain valid. General public to take note.

SAMBO: I, formerly known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR MUSA**, now wish to be called and addressed as **SAMBO HUSSAINI**. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note

I formerly known as **USAINA MUSA** now wish to be called and addressed as **USAINA MUSA GAMBO.** All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

DORATHY: I Formerly known as **JUSTINA DOGARA** Now wish to be called and addressed as **DORATHY** DOGARA.All Former documents remain valid. Any Authority concern and the general public to please take note

AJAYI: I, formerly known and addressed as **ADEPOJU OPEYEMI IFEOLUWA .** Now wish to be known and addressed as **AJAYI OPEYEMI IFEOLUWA.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

SHARIFATU: I formerly known as **AMINATU BAKARI** now wish to be known and addressed as **SHARIFATU YA'U ALIYU.** All former documents remain valid **.** General Public Should please take note.

HUSSAINI: I, formerly known and addressed as **YAKON OSENI JOHN** now wish to be known and addressed as **HUSSAINI YAKONG JOHN.** All former document remain valid. General public to take note.

DAVID: I formerly known as **DAVID DUNG KWANG**, now wish to be known as **BOT DAVID DUNG.** All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

I formerly known as **ISMAILA SARKIN FAWA** now wish to be called and addressed as **ISMAILA FAWARI.** All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

JIBRIN: I, formerly known as **JIBRIN ABDULLAHI,** now wish to be known and called **JIBRIN ABDULLAHI** SHEHI.All former documents remain valid.UBA Plc ,the general public and any authority concerned to please take note

AYOKEJI: I, formerly known and addressed as **AYOKEJI ARIYIKE OGUNTUASE.** Now wish to be known and addressed as **AYOKEJI TUASE OTOKPA.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

YAHAYA I formerly known and addressed as **YAHAYA ABUBAKAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **YAHAYA ABUBAKAR KANOMA.** All former document remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note please.

SARAKI: I, formerly known and addressed as **ABDULSABUR HASSAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **HASSAN MUHAMMED SARAKI.** All former document remain valid. General public to take note.

BARNABAS: I formerly called **BARNABAS ABASIDO GIFT**, now wish to be addressed as **IORPENDA ABASIDO GIFT. All** former documents remain valid. **ECO BANK PLC,** Authorities Concerned and general public should take note.

I formerly known as **DAUDA USAINI** now wish to be called and addressed as **DAUDA YANBIYU.** All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

YAHANASU: I, formerly known as **YAHANASU ADAMU,** now wish to be known and addressed as **YAHANASU** MUSTAPHA.All former documents remain valid.The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

OLUGBODE: I, formerly known and addressed as Mrs **GBODE SHERIFAT ARIKE** also Miss **BELLO SHERIFAT ARIKE.** Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs **OLUGBODE SHERIFAT ARIKE.** All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ABDULLAHI I formerly known and addressed as **HARUNA YUNUSA** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULLAHI MOHAMMED** All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

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Bank: First Bank Plc
Account No: 2002911690
Sort Code: 011084060

Bank: UBA Plc
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Bank: GTBank Plc
Account No: 0024570856
Sort Code: 058083231

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DAODU : I formerly known as **DAODU JACKSON OLUWAYEMI** now wish to be known as **DAODU KINGSLEY OJEIFO.** All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

BABALE I formerly known and addressed as **KADIJA BABALE** now wish to be known and addressed as **KHADIJA BABALE** All former documents remain valid.my correct date of birth is 19/oct/1992 All concern and authority General public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD I formerly known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD GONI ALI,** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD ALHAJI ZARMA.** All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

AMINA I formerly known as **Amina Ismail**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Amina Ismail Gwarzo.** All former documents remain valid. **First Bank, Eco Bank,** Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

MARYAM I formerly known as **AMINA MOHAMMED** now wish to be known as **MARYAM UMAR.** All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note.

MAMUDA: I formerly known and addressed as **MAMUDA ZANGO ABDULLAHI** Now **I** wish to be known and address as **MAMUDA ABDULLAHI** all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

SADDAM. I formerly known as **SADAM HASSAN ADAM,** now wish to be known and addressed as **SADDAM HASSAN ADAM DOB 8-8-1995.** All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

HABIBA I formerly known as **HABIBA HUSSAINI ZAKARI** now wish to be called and addressed as **HABIBA HUSSAINI.** Old **DOB 1/1/1996** New **DOB 10/10/1999.** All former document remain valid. Authority concern and general public to take note

DAUDA I formerly known as **LUKA BITRUS,** now wish to be known and addressed as **DAUDA IBRAHIM .** All former documents remains valid. Authorities concerned and general public to take note.

AHMAD I formerly known as **AUWAL AHMAD,** now wish to be known and addressed as **AHMAD AUWAL ADAMU.** All former documents remains valid. Authorities concerned and general public to take note.

ADAM: I formerly known as **ABDULSALAM ADAM UMAR,** now wish to be known as **ABDULSALAM ADAM.** All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

VAZILI : I formerly known as **VAZILI MUSA** now wish to be known as **VAZILI GIDEON MUSA.** All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

YUSUF: I formerly known as **ABUBAKAR WAZIRI** now wish to be known as **ISHAYA YUSUF** All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

FATIMA. I formerly known as **NA'OMI WAZIRI,** now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA UMAR IDI.** All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

SARKI: I formerly known as **YUSUF IBRAHIM KAULAHA,** now wish to be known as **YUSUF SARKI ADAM.** All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

SABO: I formerly known as **BABANGIDA YAU SABO,** now wish to be known as **BABANGIDA SABO** All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

GARBA : I formally known as **MUHAMMAD ABUBAKAR,** now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED KABIR GARBA,** All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

HARUNA: I Formerly known as **Haruna Muhammad** Now wish to be known and addressed as **Haruna Muhammad Maigari.** All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

AISHA : I formerly known as **AISHA MUHAMMED** now wish to be known as **AISHA AMBIYE MUHAMMED.** All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

- EKU : I formerly known as **EKU VISION JONAH** now wish to be known as **EKU BERMU VISION.** All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

ABUBAKAR : I formerly known as **ABUBAKAR MOHAMMED** now wish to be known as **ABUBAKAR LAWAN.** All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

SHERIFF : I formerly known as **SHERIFF SATUMI SALI** and **SATOMI SHERIFF** now wish to be known as **SHERIFF SATUMI SALEH.** All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

LAWAN : I formerly known as **LAWAN MUSTAPHA** now wish to known as **LAWAN MUSTAPHA GANA.** All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

MUHAMMAD : I formerly known as **ALHAJI MAMMAN MAINA** now wish to be known as **MUHAMMAD MAINA.** All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

I formerly known and addressed as, **MISS. CHIDIOGO MELVIN AFUGBUOM,** now wish to be known and addressed as, **MRS. CHIDIOGO MELVIN UMEADI.** All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

CONFIRMATION OF NAMEI hereby confirm that the names: Bassey Nyong Okon and Roland Nyong Okon belong to me as sworn to before commissioner for oaths. All documents bearing these names belong to me. General public should please take note

JEMIMA: - I, former known as **MISS. IYOLOMA THOMPSON.** That **I** now wish to be known as **MRS. JEMIMA SELEMA UMOH.** All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

DEINMA: - I, former known as **DEINMA AMBA WELLINGTON.** That **I** now wish to be known as **DEINMA AMBA DERIKOMA.** All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known, called and addressed as **GRACE EDET EFFIOM,** now wish to be called and known as **OKECHUKWU, GRACE CHIDIMMA.** Documents bearing my former name remain valid. Banks, schools, banks please note

Change of name: **VIVIAN NIABARI COSY-ESSIEN.I** formerly known and refered to as **VIVIAN NIABARI NDII,** now wish to be called and refered to as **VIVIAN NIABARI COSY-ESSIEN.** The general public please take note.

OWUAMANAM - I, formerly known as **UJU, EMILIA ULOAKU,** now wish to be known as **OWUAMANAM, EMILIA ULOAKU.** All documents bearing my former name whoever remain valid. Imo State government and the general public to take note.

OKPARA : Formerly known as **: MISS. EGBUJOR CHINEDU ESTHER . I** wish to be known as **: MRS. OKPARA CHINEDU ESTHER .** That all documents bearing my former names remains valid, financial institutions and general public should please take note.

KYONYOM: I formerly known as **IKYERNUM AONDOAHEMEN JACOB** and KYONYOM **AONDOAHEMEN,** now wish to be known as **KYONYOM AONDOAHEMEN JACOB.** All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public should take note.

.I, formerly known as **ZAKARI TELAH MUHAMMED** Now wish to be known and addressed as **ZAKARIYA'U MOHAMMAD BARE.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **FATIMA ZUBAIRU** with **D.O.B 31-08-1992** Now wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM UMAR** with **D.O.B 01-01-1998.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

. I, formerly known as **AISHA** MUKHTAR Now wish to be known and addressed as **AISHA** ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. Access bank and general public should please take note.

. I, formerly known as BELLO HAMZA Now wish to be known and addressed as BELLO **HAMZA** S/GALMA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

. I, formerly known as BAHINDI **SULAIMAN WITH D.O.B** 19-01-1992 Now wish to be known and addressed as SULEIMAN **DANGALADIMA BAHINDI WITH D.O.B** 04-06-1993. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

Requirement for Change of Name Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit; Men: Court Affidavit

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

I, Mrs. Alice Morenike Ogunjimi of No. 22 Bonny Road Kaduna, Kaduna State wish to inform the general public of the loss through a fire incident of original Certificate of Occupancy in respect of Plot No.15A Hayin Baiki Kaduna issued to me on the 16th January 1982 (Land Tenure Law 1962), got lost and all effort made to trace same proved abortive. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF LOSS OF ORIGINAL RIGHT OF OCCUPANCY (R OF O) IN RESPECT OF PLOT NO: 1965 CADASTRAL ZONE A02 WUSE I, ABUJA, WITH OLD FILE NO: MISC 258 AND NEW FILE NO: MISC 51887, BELONGING TO GARACHI & BROTHERS CO. LIMITED. ALL EFFORTS MADE TO TRACE THE SAID MISSING DOCUMENT PROVED ABORTIVE. IF FOUND KINDLY RETURN TO AGIS OR THE NEAREST POLICE STATION. GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

SIGNED:
SANUSI I. GARACHI

LEGAL NOTICE:
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, KANO STATE OF NIGERIA

IN THE HIGH COURT PROBATE REGISTRY WHEREAS the persons whose names are set out in the first column hereunder died intestate in the date and at the specified place in the said column.

AND WHEREAS the persons whose names and addresses appear below in the second column (Herein-after called the claimants) claim relationship to the deceased persons named opposite in the first column and have applied to High Court of Justice, Kano State for the grant of 'Letters of Administration' of the personal properties of the said deceased.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HERE BY GIVEN. That letters of administration will be granted to the claimants, 'UNLESS A NOTICE TO PROHIBIT' the grant is filed in the probate Registry, High Court of Justice, Kano State within TWENTY ONE (21) DAYS of the publication of notice.

DECEASED	APPLICANTS
RAKIYA B.M NANA OF GAMA BRIGADE QTRS. NASSARAWA L.G.A, Kano. Died on 8-9- 2018 AT HOME.	AMINA BABANGIDA OF GAMA N0. 1958 BRIGADE QTRS. NASSARAWA LG.A, KANO. The proposed Administratrix of the deceased.

DATED 22th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021

PROBATE REGISTRAR
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, Kano

ABDULLAHI ADO BAYERO
PROBATE REGISTRAR

LEGAL NOTICE:
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DECEASED	APPLICANTS
IBRAHIM SULE, LATE OF NIGERIAN AIRWAYS LIMITED KADUNA. Who Died on 15th May, 2018 At Health Service Management Plateau State.	MALLO SALVATION DANIEL OF NO. 44 LERE STREET, HAYIN BANKI, KADUNA. To proposed latter of administrations of the deceased.

DATED 22th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021

PROBATE REGISTRAR
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, Kaduna.

AUCTION AUCTION AUCTION

The jigawa state police command wishes to I form the general public that the following items are due for auction .The properties are
1 three boxer motorcycle
2 one Jincheng motorcycle
3One lifan CG Motorcycle
4 Zonsheng ladies motorcycle
5 One Deawo motor Vehicle
6 one Toyota 16 valve motorcycle
7one Iron Gate.
2 All claim of ownership should be made within three weeks after this publication, thereafter,the properties will be auction at police state Headquater, Dutse, please

Sign,.....,.....
ASP ZUBAIRU AMINUDEEN ISMAIL
Police Public Relations Officer
Jigawa state command

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DECEASED	APPLICANTS
GAMBO HASSAN OF NPF JIGAWA WHO DIED ON THE 5/06/2014 AT YOBE	SAPHINATU GAMBO & JOB GAMBO OF PANSHEKARA TOWN . THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATORS.
USAINI MADAKI OF TAURA LEA WHO DIED ON THE 29/3/2018 AT HOME	FATIHI USAINI OF TAURA . THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATRIX.
MUSTAPHA ALI DABA OF RINGIM LGA WHO DIED ON THE 25/12/2020 AT AKTH KANO	AHMED MUSTAPHA DABA OF NO 120B YAMADAWA QTRS KANO . THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATOR.
SALE AHMED OF KIYAWA LEA WHO DIED ON THE 18/11/2016 AT HOME	KAMALU SALE OF KIYAWA LGA THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATOR.

DATED 20th JANUARY, 2021
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE JIGAWA
(AISHA AHMAD BABURA ESQ.) AG. PROBATE REGISTRAR

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DECEASED	APPLICANTS
ABDULLAHI ZUBAIRU OF S.T.O.W.A JIGAWA WHO DIED ON THE 17/10/2020 AT HOSPITAL	ABDULHAMID ZUBAIRU OF AUYO LGA . THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATORS.
AUDU NIHU OF FGGC KAZAURE WHO DIED ON THE 11/11/2020 AT HOSPITAL	MOHAMMED MOHAMMED NUHU OF GWIWA LGA . THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATRIX.
JOSEPH ANDIRYA OF NPF WHO DIED ON THE 12/6/2017 AT HOSPITAL	RIFKATU JOSEPH & SAMUEL JOSEPH . THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATOR.
RAMOTA ABDULRASHEED OF NPF WHO DIED ON THE 8/1/2016 AT HOME	MAIMUNA ABDULFATAI OF DUTSE LGA THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATOR.

DATED 20th JANUARY, 2021
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE JIGAWA
(AISHA AHMAD BABURA ESQ.) AG. PROBATE REGISTRAR

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DECEASED	APPLICANTS
ABDULKADIR M TAURA OF M.O.E JIGAWA WHO DIED ON THE 29/05/2020 AT HOME	RABI ABDULKADIR TAURA TOWN. THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATORS.
SHITU UMAR OF NPF JIGAWA WHO DIED ON THE 25/12/2020 AT HOSPITAL	AMIRU BALA SHITU OF ZOO ROAD HOUSING ESTATE KANO . THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATRIX.
UBALE USMAN OF BABURA LEA WHO DIED ON THE 17/10/2019 AT HOME	HARUNA MOHAMMED OF BABURA LGA . THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATOR.
ADAMU USMAN MAIGARI OF INTERNAL REVENUE JIGAWA WHO DIED ON THE 6/1/200 AT HOME	ABDULKADIR M USMAN OF F.M.B.N DUTSE THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATOR.

DATED 20th JANUARY, 2021
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE JIGAWA
(AISHA AHMAD BABURA ESQ.) AG. PROBATE REGISTRAR

FOUNDATION FOR EQUAL PATHWAY

This is to inform the general public that the above name has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part 'C' of the companies and allied Matters Act 1990.

THE TRUSTEES ARE:
1) MOHAMMED KABIR IBRAHIM
2) ABDULMUMUNI SULAYMAN UJAH

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:
The aim of the foundation is to advocate for equal access to education, health, and employment opportunities by persons with disabilities, women and youth.
The objectives are:
1) To ensure that the rights of persons with disabilities are protected.
2) To secure and implement projects and programs for the benefit of persons with disabilities, women and youth.
3) To collaborate with government agencies and other non-gover mental organizations on policy and projects of mutual interest.

Any objection to this registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General Corporate Affairs Commission Plot 420 Tigris Crescent off Aguiyi Ironsi street Maitama Abuja , within 28 days from the date of this publication

Signed:
MOHAMMED KABIR IBRAHIM
CHAIRMAN/TRUSTEE.

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AISHA DAUDA UMAR WHO DIED ON THE 26TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FINANCE.	**DAUDA UMAR** AND **FATIMA KASSIM RAHMAN** OF TA4 FLOWER GAT ESTATE, ABUJA – APO DUTSE. WIDOWER AND SISTER.

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INSPR. AGADA MICHAEL AP/NO.188181 WHO DIED ON THE 26TH DAY OF APRIL, 2020 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE NIGERIA POLICE FORCE.	**MRS. SIMBIAT MICHAEL AGADA** GUARDIAN TO AND **MISS. JOSEPHINE MICHAEL** OF KODAPE KARU L.G.A AREA OF NASARAWA STATE. WIDOW AND DAUGHTER.

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ZUBAIRU ALHAJI USMAN WHO DIED ON THE 3RD DAY OF JULY, 2020 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE UNIVERSAL BASIC EDUCATION BOARD (UBEB).	**MOHAMMED MANZUMA ZUBAIRU** AKA **MOHAMMED ZUBAIRU** AND **MANZUMA AMINA ZUBAIRU** AKA **AMINA ZUBAIRU** OF OPP. OLD JIBECO FILLING STATION GWAGWALADA ABUJA. SON AND DAUGHTER.
LIANCIT CHRISTIANA IBRAHIM WHO DIED ON THE 10TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2017 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GIRLS COLLEGE LANGTANG.	**PONMWA RINDAP** AND **NIMKUR DADI** OF SHWAM LANGTANG NORTH. SON AND SON.
IBRAHIM MURTALA WHO DIED ON THE 2ND DAY OF JUNE, 2020 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY WATER BOARD.	**IBRAHIM LATIFAT** GRD TO AND **IBRAHIM AYOMIDE** OF NO 56, LOWER USUMA DAM, BWARI ROAD. WIDOW AND SON.

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NWUFO INNOCENT EYUICHE WHO DIED ON THE 13TH DAY OF MARCH, 2019 WHO WAS SELF EMPLOYED.	**NWUFO TOCHUKWU JOSHUA** AND **NWUFO CHUKWUDUMEBI CHLOE** OF PLOT 123 DR NNAMDI AZIKIWE CRESCENT KARU SITE, ABUJA. SON AND DAUGHTER.
BACHAM DAUDA WHO DIED ON THE 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 2019 AND WAS WORKING WITH THE NIGERIAN POLICE FORCE.	**ANGELA TACHIO** GRD TO **EZEKIEL BACHAM** OF JIDNA ASO B' MARARABA. WIDOW AND SON.
ABBA TIJJANI GALADANCHI WHO DIED ON THE 31ST DAY OF JANUARY, 2019 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE NIGERIAN ARMY (RETIRED).	**TIJJANI MUHAMMAD ABBA** AND **TIJJANI HAJARA ABBA** OF PLOT 891, ZONE C, ANGUWAN MADA ESTATE OROZO, ABUJA FCT. SON AND WIDOW.

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OKAFOR EDITH UKAMAKA WHO DIED ON THE 31ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE GOVERNMENT GIRL'S SCIENCE SECONDARY SCHOOL, KUJE.	**OKAFOR CHUKWUDI IKECHUKWU** AND **PASCHAL DAVID SHARON IFUNANYA** OF 31C UNITY ESTATE. WIDOWER AND SON.
ADAMS SAMUEL (A.K.A SAMAILA) WHO DIED ON THE 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE, NIGERIA.	**ADAMS JONATHAN OSIGBODI** AND **MRS. GRACE ADAMS** OF ADO KUGBARU ROAD, NASARAWA STATE. SON AND WIDOW.
CHINENYE ANABA WHO DIED ON THE 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017 AND WAS WORKING WITH JULIUS BERGER.	**ALEXANDER CHINENYE A.K.A ALEX CHINENYE** AND **UCHENNA ANABA JULIANA** OF MASHAFA ROAD, MPAPE ABUJA. SON AND WIDOW.

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SUNDAY NWANEKA IGBONOBA WHO DIED ON THE 21ST DAY OF APRIL, 2020 AND WAS RETIRED.	**IGBONOBA NGOZI ROSEANN** AND **OTUORIMUO CHUKWUFUMNAYA SANDRA** OF NO. 23 IK8 ROAD SECTOR, F SOLOMON STREET, LUGBE ABUJA. DAUGHTER AND DAUGHTER.
AYENI JACOB WHO DIED ON THE 5TH DAY OF JUNE, 2019 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE FEDERAL INLAND REVENUE SERVICE.	**AYENI MAYOMI** AND **JACOB COMFORT FUNMILAYO** OF BEHIND REDEEM CHURCH MADAM MERCY ROAD GWAGWALADA AND POLY VILLAGE FELELE LOKOJA KOGI STATE. WIDOW AND DAUGHTER.
MAIKASUWA DANLAMI AVERIK WHO DIED ON THE 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE FEDERAL ROAD SAFETY CORPS (FRSC).	**RITA DANLAMI MAIKASUWA** AND **VICTORIA DANLAMI** OF MASAKA, ANGWAN BOKOLO, NASARAWA STATE. DAUGHTER AND WIDOW.

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MRS. NDIFE STELLA WHO DIED ON THE 12TH DAY OF JUNE, 2017 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE NIGERIA POSTAL SERVICE.	**MR NDIFE JOSEPH EMEKA** AND **MR NDIFE EMEKA JOSEPH.** WIDOWER AND SON.
GEORGE ALEXANDER PARET WHO DIED ON THE 31ST DAY OF MAY, 2019 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE KADUNA STATE POLYTECHINIC.	**PARET PATRICIA E,** AND **PARET A, A LEONARDO** OF HOUSE NO 15, BQ APO RESTTLEMENT, ZONE C EXTENTION FCT ABUJA AND OGANENIGU STREET DAWAKI ABUJA. WIDOW AND SON.
BABI J, SAIDU WHO DIED ON THE 2ND DAY OF JANUARY, 2019 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE EFCC.	**BABI HELEN** GRD TO **PADIO BABI** OF JIKWOYI PHASE 4 FCT ABUJA. WIDOW AND SON.

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RITA CHINYERE IFEOBU WHO DIED ON THE 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2012 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE FCT UNIVERSAL BASIC EDUCATION BOARD, LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY (AMAC).	**IFEOBU, CHIAZO CHRISTIAN A.K.A CHIAZO IFEOBU** AND **IFEOBU, IFEANYI CHUKWUDUBEM A.K.A IFEANYI IFEOBU** OF FLAT 4, BLOCK 2, BICHI CLOSE AREA 1, SECT 1, GARKI ABUJA. WIDOWER AND SON.
MRS HELEN ENO UMOSEN OLIH WHO DIED ON THE 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE N.N.P.C (MEDICAL ABUJA).	**ANITA UMOSEN OLIH (A.K.A) ANITA IMABONG UMOSEN – OLIH, VERONICA FADAYOMI, DOMINIC UMOSEN** AND **MARGARET UMOSEN** GUARDIAN TO PEARL EDIDONG UMOSEN OF FLAT 3 BLOCK 2, BWARI CLOSE AREA 8, GARKI. DAUGHTER, SISTER, BROTHER, SISTER AND DAUGHTER.
CHIKERE CORNELL CHIKPANDU WHO DIED ON THE 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019 AND WAS A BUSINESS MAN.	**CHIKERE CHIMEZIE CYRILLA** AND **CHIKERE CHISOM BENITA** GRD TO **CHIKERE TOCHI CASEY** OF PLOT 234, S.E ASHER DRIVE, KUBWA EXT. III ABUJA. WIDOWER AND DAUGHTER AND SON.

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NCS 46549 ASSISTANT INSPECTOR OF CUSTOMS, EYAM NKWAM NTUN WHO DIED ON THE 14TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2019 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE NIGERIA CUSTOMS SERVICE.	**NTUN NKWAM NTUN** AND **OYAMA EKOK** OF CITEC EST. JABI ABUJA. BROTHER AND UNCLE.
MR. STEPHEN A. ARABA (JP) WHO DIED ON THE 30TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENT AGENCY (RETIRED).	**FOLUSOLA LILIAN ARABA** AND **ADEMOLA S. ARABA** OF B38 AINA ESTATE, FHA, PHASE 1, KARU SITE. WIDOW AND SON.
MRS. NKEIRU OJO WHO DIED ON THE 10TH DAY OF APRIL, 2020 AND WAS SELF EMPLOYED.	**MR. FELIX FOLARIN OJO** AND **REBECCA** OF 159 A NEW MAITAMA, KUBWA FCT ABUJA. WIDOWER AND DAUGHTER.

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OLUGBENGA AFOLABI (AKA GBENGA AFOLABI, YIMINO ITO LTD & HABITAT FPOS) WHO DIED ON THE 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020 AND WAS SELF EMPLOYED.	**RHODA MOSES AFOLABI** AND **BLAKE BOLAJI AFOLABI** OF 10 OGIDI STREET GARKI ABUJA. WIDOW AND SON.
NDUBUISI JOHN NJOKU WHO DIED ON THE 8TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE VALENCIA HOTEL ABUJA.	**IJEOMA CONSTANCE NJOKU** GUARDIAN TO **UCHECHUKWU NJOKU** AND **IFEKANSO JESSICA NJOKU** OF BACK OF MAJOR HOSPITAL KWAMBA SULEJA. WIDOW, DAUGHTER AND SON.
ADIGIZI SABO WHO DIED ON THE 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE NIGERIAN POLICE FORCE.	**ADIGIZI MARTHA** GUARDIAN TO AND **HAPPINESS ADIGIZI** OF KETI, KAGUSA, ABUJA. WIDOW AND DAUGHTER.

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UCHE NWACHUKWU OKPARA (A.K.A BLESSED U.C SUPERSTORE) WHO DIED ON THE 6TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE WUSE MARKET.	**ROSELINE ELIGBUO (A.K.A. ROSELINE OKPARA)** GUARDIAN TO **SAMUEL NWACHUKWU OKPARA** AND **DAVID NWACHUKWU OKPARA** OF LUGBE ZONE 6, ABUJA. WIDOW AND SON.
IKWOR OGBONNAYA PATRICK WHO DIED ON THE 6TH DAY OF JUNE, 2019 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE NIGERIA POLICE FORCE (NPF)	**OGBONNAYA DAVID SOROCHUKWU** AND **CHIWENDU ESTHER IKWOR** OF LUGBE ZONE 8, AIRPORT ROAD, ABUJA. SON AND DAUGHTER.
MRS. OLUMAYOWA UVI (A.K.A) FREDRICK WHO DIED ON THE 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE A & A YAWASA INTERNATIONAL.	**UVI FREDRICK** GRD TO, **MOYINOLUWA FREDRICK UVI** AND **BISOLA FREDRICK UVI** OF NO. 2, UVI FREDRICK CRESECNT HILLSIDE COMMUNITY GBAZANGO NORTH KUBWA ABUJA. WIDOWER AND DAUGHTER AND DAUGHTER.

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F/NO.152864 SGT. SAMUEL MANASSEH WHO DIED ON THE 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 2013 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE FCT POLICE COMMAND ABUJA.	**DEBORAH SAMUEL** AND **ISREAL SAMUEL MANASSEH** OF RCM CHURCH KATSIT II KAFANCHAN. WIDOW AND SON.
ANTHONY ONOME UNUODE WHO DID ON THE 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.	**AUSTINE OGHENEROHO UNUODE** AND **DIANA UFOMA UNUODE** OF NO 5, BOGORO CLOSE, KUBWA, ABUJA. BROTHER AND SISTER.
UMEJIAKU CHIMEZIE WHO DIED ON THE 13TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2020 AND WAS A BUSINESS MAN.	**UMEJIAKU ANTHONIA NGOZI** AND **CHIMEZIE PRINCE SOMTOCHUKWU** OF 282 GBAZANGO EXTENSION KUBWA ABUJA. WIDOWER AND SON.

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LINUS IDAH IMEJE WHO DIED ON THE 26TH DAY OF APRIL, 2018 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE LINUS GLOBAL VENTURE.	**KENNEDY IMEJE IMEJE** AND **IMEJE ADIKPE SIMON** OF BS686 BASSA VILLAGE, NNAMDI AZIKIWE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ABUJA. SON AND SON.
USMAN ABUBAKAR IZZAT WHO DIED ON THE 26TH DAY OF APRIL, 2019 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE UNIVERSAL BASIC EDUCATION BOARD GARKI, ABUJA.	**MUHAMMAD AUWAL USMAN** AND **JUMMAI USMAN MAIWADA** OF NO 9 MUHAMMAD DAN ASHABA STREET NASARAWA STATE. SON AND WIDOW.
PHARM. JOHNBAPTIST CHUKWUDI OKAFOR WHO DIED ON THE 20TH DAY OF JULY, 2019 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE PHARMACISTS COUNCIL OF NIGERIA, ABUJA.	**MRS. ETHEL NGOZI OKAFOR** GUARDIAN TO **MASTER BENEDICT CHIDOZIE OKAFOR** OF OKAFOR – UGWUMBA'S COMPOUND ABIDI VILLAGE, UMUOJI, IDEMILI NORTH LGA, ANAMBRA STATE. WIDOW AND SON.

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AIYEDOGBON CHARITY CHIDIEBERE WHO DIED ON THE 9TH DAY OF MAY, 2016 AND WAS A BUSINESS WOMAN.	**AIYEDOGBON DAVID SHOLA** AND **AIYEDOGBON ABIDEMI SMART** OF HOUSE 18, RD114, FIRST AVENUE GWARINPA ABUJA. WIDOWER AND SON.
GATA GABRIEL JIBRIN WHO DIED ON THE 15TH DAY OF JUNE, 2020 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL COURT OF NIGERIA.	**TANKO MURNA** GUARDIAN TO AND **GABRIEL FAVOUR WOYILO** OF BEHIND AGUMA PALACE, GIRI GAUTA – ABUJA. WIDOW AND DAUGHTER.
MRS. RAKIYAT O. SALAMI WHO DIED ON THE 8TH DAY OF JULY, 2020 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE GWAGWALADA AREA COUNCIL CLINIC, ABUJA.	**AHUREDA UMAR JIMOH** GUARDIAN TO AND **JIMOH O. RIZIKAT** OF NEW KUTUNKU (4) EXTENSION BAC OF ABATOIR, ABUJA. WIDOWER AND DAUGHTER.

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JIMOH ABDULAZEEZ OVAVI WHO DIED ON THE 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020 AND WAS SELF EMPLOYED.	**ABDULAZEEZ O. KHADIJAT** GRD TO AND **ABDULAZEEZ O. IBRAHIM** OF PLOT 179 EXT II KUBWA ABUJA. WIDOW AND SON.
ARC. OCHOLI JOHN ABRAHAM WHO DIED ON THE 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019 AND WAS SELF EMPLOYED.	**MRS SALOME FITUMI ABRAHAM, DIVIN O ABRAHAM, SHARON ABRAHAM FAVOUR** GUARDIAN TO **DESTINY ABRAHAM** OF PLOT 179, HOUSE 5, YUSUF DAMBO STREET, KARU SITE. WIDOW, SON, DAUGHTER AND SON.
SULEIMAN YAU BUKU WHO DIED ON THE 26TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2019 AND WAS WORKING UNDER THE FCTA UBEB.	**MRS. ADAMA YAU** GRD. TO **HAUWA YAU** OF DUTSE MAKARANTA, DUTSE ALHAJI, ABUJA. WIDOW AND DAUGHTER.

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Transition to Glory

The National Council of the Nigerian Institute of Building (NIOB) regrets to announce the death of Bldr. (Hon.) Bala Bawa Ka'oje, FNIOB, PPNIOB, Past President of the Institute, Former Board Member of the Council of Registered Builders of Nigeria (CORBON), Past President of Association of Professional Bodies of Nigeria (APBN), Former Member of the House of Representatives, and Former Minister/ Chairman, National Sports Commission, who passed unto Glory on Tuesday, 19th January, 2021 in Abuja.

He will forever live in our hearts and will be remembered for his love and dedication to the Nation, the Building Profession and NIOB. May Allah forgive his shortcomings and admit him to *Aljannah Firdaus. Ameen.*

May the immediate family and the Building profession be strengthened to bear this irreparable loss.

Bldr. Kunle Awobodu, FNIOB
National President, NIOB

Bldr. (Hon.) Bala Bawa Ka'oje, FNIOB
20th September, 1960 - 19th January, 2021

SPORT

Yesterday's Results

The FA Cup
Chelsea 3 - 1 Luton Town
Brentford 1 - 3 Leicester City
Fulham 0 - 3 Burnley
Man United 3 - 2 Liverpool

German Bundesliga
Schalke 0 - 4 Bayern Munich
Hoffenheim 3 - 0 Cologne

Spanish La Liga
Osasuna 3 - 1 Granada
Elche 0 - 2 Barcelona

Italian Serie A
Juventus 2 - 0 Bologna
Verona 3 - 1 Napoli

Fernandes stunner seals Cup win for Man Utd over Liverpool

■ Bruno Fernandes

Bruno Fernandes' superb free-kick sent troubled Liverpool crashing out of the FA Cup as Manchester United beat their bitter rivals 3-2 in the fourth round.

Fernandes struck with 12 minutes left at Old Trafford to cap a thrilling clash that left Liverpool searching for answers after another painful defeat.

Jurgen Klopp's side took the lead through Mohamed Salah's first-half goal, but Mason Greenwood equalised before the interval.

Marcus Rashford put United in front after the break and, although Salah equalised, Portugal midfielder Fernandes came off the bench to fire his free-kick past Alisson Becker.

After slumping to fourth in the Premier League following Thursday's shock 1-0 defeat against Burnley – their first league loss at Anfield since 2017 – Liverpool have to lick their wounds again.

Liverpool, who trail leaders United by six points, have won only one of their last seven games in all competitions and that lone success came against Aston Villa's youth team in the FA Cup third round.

United will host West Ham in the fifth round as their momentum continues to build.

Liverpool have never got past the fifth round in Klopp's reign, but that will be the least of his concerns as he tries to spark a revival from his spluttering team.

Nasarawa Utd cage Wolves 2-1 to maintain unbeaten run

By David Ngobua

...As Heartland, Kwara United record home victories

■ Scorer of Nasarawa United's winning goal against Warri Wolves, Chinedu Ohanachom controls the ball under pressure from a Wikki Tourists defender during their opening match of the season in Lafiya

Red-hot Nasarawa United yesterday defeated Warri Wolves 2-1 at the Warri Township stadium in one of the week six matches to maintain their unbeaten run in the ongoing Nigeria Professional Football League, NPFL, season.

With their second away victory of the season, Nasarawa United have shot to the top of the table with 14 points from six matches and are closely followed by Rivers United on 12 points but victory over Kano Pillars on Wednesday in Kaduna will see the 'Pride of Rivers' topple Nasarawa United.

Although Uche Ihuarulam had put Warri Wolves ahead in the 21st minute, Silas Nwankwo capitalised on poor defending by the home lads to equalise for the visitors in the 63rd minute.

The keenly contested match was heading for a 1-1 draw before experienced striker Chinedu Ohanachom struck in the 78th minute to hand Nasarawa United the crucial away victory.

In other week six matches decided yesterday, Gbenga Ogunbote led Sunshine stars also recorded a 2-1 victory in Uyo against Dakkada FC.

Sadeeq Yusuf scored a brace in the 12th and 67th minute before Jesam Edet got the consolation goal for Dakkada in the 71st minute.

And still basking in the euphoria of their 1-0 win over Enyimba FC in the rescheduled week 2 match on Wednesday, Kwara United recorded another 1-0 win over FC IfeanyiUbah in Ilorin.

Substitute Olawale Farayola's strike in the 87th was enough to hand the 'Afonja Warriors' the maximum points against the 'Nnewi Millionaires'.

In Okigwe, Heartland left it late to beat Akwa United 2-1 after Mfon Udoh gave the visitors the lead in the 34th minute before Samuel Nnosiri equalised for the home side from the spot, seven minutes into the second half.

Pascal Eze then beat an offside trap to jab home Emmanuel Nnamani's cross from the deep in the 79th minute to send Akwa United home empty handed.

In Enugu, Rangers were forced to 0-0 draw by visiting Lobi Stars and the fixture between Abia Warriors and MFM of Lagos ended in a barren draw in Aba.

Week six matches continue today and it will be a double header in Bauchi where Wikki Tourists host Jigawa Golden Stars while Adamawa United entertain Enyimba FC.

Osimhen returns in Napoli defeat at Hellas Verona

Victor Osimhen made his much-awaited return for Napoli in their 3-1 defeat to Hellas Verona in Sunday's Serie A game.

The Super Eagles forward last featured for the Parthenopeans in November against Bologna due to injury and coronavirus problems.

The centre-forward suffered a shoulder injury on international duty with Nigeria against Sierra Leone in the 2022 Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers.

Osimhen suffered a further setback when he tested positive for Covid-19 after returning from the West African country, where he had gone to celebrate the yuletide season and attend his birthday party.

Napoli started the game brightly when Hirving Lozano opened the scoring only one minute into the game after receiving a timely assist from Diego Demme.

Federico Dimarco then levelled matters for Hellas Verona in the 34th minute after he was set up by Marco Davide Faraoni.

Antonin Barak then gave Ivan Juric's men the lead moments before the hour mark after benefitting from an assist from Mattia Zaccagni.

In an effort to try and avoid defeat, manager Gattuso brought on his club-record signing, Osimhen, in the 65th minute for Andrea Petagna.

Ex-NEXIM Bank MD, Orya boosts Galaxy Sports Academy

By David Ngobua

Huge support has come the way of Galaxy Sports Academy Makurdi as a former Managing Director/CEO of Nigerian Export-Import Bank, Mr. Roberts Orya has thrown his weight behind the fast rising football academy.

Speaking during a recent courtesy call on him by a delegation of the academy, the former Executive Director with Afribank Capital Ltd stressed the need for public spirited Nigerians to come to the aid of grassroots sports, particularly youth football clubs.

Consequently, Orya immediately accepted to be Patron of the academy just as he offered a luxury Hall in Benue Hotels worth N850,000 a day for the academy's launching coming up in the first quarter of this year.

Furthermore, he has approved for Benue Hotels to be the shirt sponsor of the academy which means jerseys to be worn by the academy henceforth would carry the logo of the hotel.

And apart from accepting to facilitate all activities to welcome and host guests from Europe, Asia and America for the academy's launching, he also appointed his wife the Matron of the academy and pledged to be the sponsor of Galaxy Sports female club.

In a chat with Daily Trust, the Chief Executive Officer of Galaxy Sports International, Mr. Austin Akpehe said Orya's generosity didn't come to him as a surprise because he has a track record in philanthropic works.

"We had a fruitful meeting with him. He has given us a big boost. This to us is a harbinger of the good news that will continue to come out of Galaxy Sports Academy in 2021.

"Our plan is to formally launch this one of a kind academy in no distant future. Already we have put the machineries in motion for a hitch-free launching," he said.

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Pol Pot, Shah, Hirohito and Mobutu

As President of the United States, leader of the Western World and most prominent political figure in the world, Donald Trump was a shock experience, but only for youngsters. From the day in 1970 when my primary school teacher Mr. Obinwe handed to me his newspaper when he noticed that I sneaked up and was reading the back page while he read the front page, I have read stories about thousands of world leaders. Some of them were queer, some were nasty, others tyrannical, some others comical, many were despotic, still others incredulous, while some others were garrulously expensive. To my then young mind, they looked at a time like they will be here forever. Most of them are gone now, so I no longer entertain fears about permanency when a man like Donald Trump comes around.

Being around here for several decades and reading newspapers, magazines, books and surfing the net has almost taught me the patience of Chinese. Henry Kissinger wrote in his memoirs that the most patient statesmen he ever dealt with were the Chinese. With 5,000 years of civilization behind them, they have a very patient attitude to life, unlike our old comrades the Soviets. When, in 1898, the British forced China to lease Hong Kong to them for 99 years, some other countries will go to war over that, but the Chinese patiently waited until 1997, and told the Brits that the time was up.

Americans themselves never thought that they would ever have another president as crookish as Richard Nixon, who stonily covered up the Watergate scandal perpetrated by his men. When Trump came along, his lying, philandering, immorality, arrogance, impatience, egotism, tax evasion, bullying, racism, autocracy, nepotism, revolving door appointments, aversion to media scrutiny, subversion of justice and diplomatic tradition, abuse of office for personal gain and concerted effort to subvert the will of voters suddenly made Nixon to look like a saint.

From our standpoint here in the Third World, US President Ronald Reagan was another nightmare that we could not wait to see the back of. In the 1980s when Africa's top quest was to dismantle apartheid rule in South Africa, that arch-conservative resolutely stood in the way. He blocked all efforts at international sanctions. We also feared that Reagan could start a nuclear war with his anti-communist obsession. One day when he was asked to test a microphone before a studio interview, he said, "I will sign a law to outlaw the Soviet Union and we will start bombing in five minutes."

Reagan's fellow traveller, equally hated here in Africa, was British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. She was hard as steel towards labour unions and immigrants, and just as resolute as Reagan against imposing sanctions on Apartheid South Africa. Although Mrs. Thatcher ultimately hosted the 1979 Lancaster House talks that led to Zimbabwe's independence, she did so when Ian Smith and his White minority Unilateral Declaration of Independence [UDI] could no longer stand.

We Africans tolerated other Western leaders while they lasted. French Presidents Charles DeGaulle, Georges Pompidou, Giscard D'Estaing, the socialist Francois Mitterrand and Jacques Chirac were all exceedingly patronising to Africa, kicking Francophone African nations about like a local football made of bull's bladder. German Chancellors Willi Brandt, Helmut Schmidt, Helmut Kohl and Angela Merkel treated us as their lost step-children, as if we were the ones who told the Kaiser to start and lose a war in 1918.

We Africans were grateful to the Soviets and their East Bloc allies who, together with Cubans and Chinese, gave us material support to rid Guinea Bissau, Cape Verde, Angola, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa of colonial rulers. Apart from Fidel Castro, those guys were hardly genuine friends. The veteran Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, for example, never set foot on any African country except Egypt during his nearly 30 years as Foreign Minister of USSR. I can however still see the picture of Fidel Castro attending Ethiopia's revolution day anniversary parade in 1977. He was suffering from jet lag after the long flight from Havana to Addis Ababa and he drew his famous cap over his face and dozed off during the parade.

During our lifetime, we saw the coming and going of General Alfredo Stroessner of Paraguay. This father of sit-tightism was elected to five consecutive seven-year terms as president of his country. He had one Interior Minister for 30 years. Nasty Latin American rulers such as General Augusto Pinochet of Chile, General Anastasio Somoza of Nicaragua, the murderous El Salvador right-wing politician Roberto "Major Bob" D'Aubisson, Haiti's Jean Claude "Papa Doc" Duvalier and his equally despotic and highly corrupt son "Baby Doc" Duvalier have all passed into history, so who is Trump?

For decades it looked like the Shah of Iran will never go away. Mohammed Reza Pahlevi had accumulated more American weapons than anyone else in the Middle East. He made all his soldiers to swear an oath to "Zhoda, Shah and Mihan" [God, King and Country]. Please take note of the order of allegiance. The Islamic Revolution suddenly swept him away in 1979. His wife, Queen Farah and his sister Princess Ashraf were probably the most expensive women in the Third World.

After Mrs. Imelda Marcos, I am sorry. While Ferdinand Marcos tyrannically ruled over the Philippines, his wife Imelda was the top customer of the most expensive Western shops. When they fled to Hawaii in 1986 following the People's Power revolution, Imelda left behind 6,000 pairs of shoes, after taking some along with her. Her husband defended it in an interview, saying she may not wear all of them but it gave her a choice whenever she was dressing.

Marcos was only one of the South Asian totalitarians that, during our young lives, we thought will never go away. Ngo Dinh Diem, Madam Nhu, Air Marshal Nguyen Cao Ky all of South Vietnam, South Korea's Park Chung-hee, Chun Doo-hwan and Roh Tae-woo, Indonesia's Suharto, Malaysia's Tunku Abdurrahman, Burma's Ne Win and Senior General Than Shwe, Bangladesh's Mujibur Rahman, Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej, Prime Ministers Kriangsak Chamanand and Admiral Prem Tinsulanond, not to mention Cambodia's genocidal Khmer Rouge ruler Pol Pot, were all so much etched in our minds during our youthful years that it looked like they were here to stay. What is Donald Trump's four years?

Look, in Africa here, Apartheid Prime Ministers John Vorster and "Der Grut Krokodil" P.W. Botha once looked like they will never go away. In North Africa, Egyptian Pharaohs (sorry, presidents) Gamal Abdel Nasser, Anwar Sadat and Hosni Mubarak each looked like eternity. Other North African rulers King Hassan of Morocco, Muammar Gaddafi of Libya, Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia and Hoari Boumedienne of Algeria all looked eternal to us. When Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia visited Nigeria in 1972, his white beard suggested that this grandson of the biblical King Solomon was there for eternity, until soldiers shoved him out in 1974.

Sergeant (sorry, President) Gnassingbe Eyadema of Togo, Siaka Stevens of Sierra Leone, General Aboubacar Sangoule Lamizana of Upper Volta [now called Burkina Faso], General Moussa Traore of Mali, Emperor Jean Bedel Salim Ahmed Bokassa of Central African Empire, Marshal Sese Seko Kuku Ngbendu wa Zabanga Mobutu of Zaire (now called DR Congo), Mzee Jomo Kenyatta of Kenya, Mwalimu Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, our neighbours Diori Hamani in Niger Republic, Ahmadou Ahidjo in Cameroon, Mathieu Kerekou in Dahomey (now called Benin Republic) and N'garta Tombalbaye on Chad, not to mention Agostinho Neto of Angola, Samora Machel of Mozambique, Siad Barre of Somalia and Field Marshal Idi Amin Dada of Uganda all looked to us like they were here to stay.

In 1989, I first heard on BBC of the death of Japanese Emperor Hirohito. I read much about this man, who became Emperor in 1926 and disastrously steered his country into World War II. Our military president Ibrahim Babangida took off for Tokyo to attend the funeral, which Margaret Thatcher boycotted and said Hirohito was a war criminal. These days I think like a Chinese Confucian philosopher; time does not scare me.

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Hatton outshines McIlroy for victory in Abu Dhabi

■ Tyrrell Hatton

Tyrrell Hatton is set to become the highest-ranked British golf player after outshining Rory McIlroy to win the $8 million Abu Dhabi Championship on Sunday.

The 29-year-old Englishman started the final round one shot behind world No 6 McIlroy, but left the field in his wake with a brilliant bogey-free six-under par 66 in windy conditions.

Winner of the Arnold Palmer Invitational on the PGA Tour last year, it was the fourth Rolex Series win for Hatton and he is now expected to climb to No 5 in the world rankings released on Monday, surpassing McIlroy.

Ozil completes move from Arsenal to Fenerbahce

■ Mesut Ozil

German midfielder Mesut Ozil has joined Turkish Super Lig team Fenerbahce on a permanent transfer, with the Arsenal outcast signing a three-and-a-half-year deal, the clubs announced on Sunday.

Fenerbahce declared their intention to sign Ozil last week after he fell out of favour at Arsenal and was not included in their Premier League or Europa League squads this season.

World Cup-winner Ozil, whose Arsenal contract was set to expire at the end of this campaign, was among the highest-paid players at the London club but had not featured since March.

He was signed in 2013 for a then-club record fee of about 42 million pounds from Real Madrid.

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