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“Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier”



- Colin Powell

AFRICAN SAYINGS

“A diamond does not lose its value due to lack of admiration”

(African Proverbs)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

WEATHER

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ASR	4:05	4:05	4:05	4:00	4:04	4:22	3:43	4:08	4:12
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SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna



PHOTO OF THE DAY

Performers dressed as superhero characters pose with a child receiving a Covid vaccine dose in San Juan city, Manila, Philippines

Photo: AFP/Getty Images

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IN-DEPTH

How Kano women entrepreneurs are bridging gaps, changing narratives

From Lubabatu I. Garba & Usman B. Balarabe, Kano

Amina Abdullahi Shuaib is a young entrepreneur who ventured into poultry business after secondary school education in 2018 after getting her inspiration from her mother who was also into the business.

She has been able to grow the business from a few birds to 100 over the course of four years but a grant intervention of N50,000 from StartUpKano, a business incubation and acceleration hub, has now enabled her to increase her business capacity by 50%.

Amina is among the 10 rising women entrepreneurs in Kano State out of 200 applicants to have won the N50,000 grant interventions each from StartUpKano to boost their businesses.

"I can now stretch my budget to increase the number of poultry I put from 100 to 150 especially now that the agro foods are expensive; the grant intervention from StartupKano will augment my budget to make my poultry business flourish," Amina said.

Aside these 10 women, over 800 other women entrepreneurs were also mentored on entrepreneurship, business start-ups and sustainability.

Despite the daunting challenges of starting up a business, a lot of women have been able to fight against all odds in standing out among their peers, making fortunes by diving into the world entrepreneurship in various businesses.

In an effort to promote technology, entrepreneurship and agribusiness by women, young girls and youth in Kano State, StartupKano in collaboration with Sterling Bank Ltd and support from Daily Trust, organised the 5th edition of the Women Founders Conference 2022 to focus on mentoring women in business and start-ups.

The conference which was held in Kano brought together women in businesses to share their stories and practical advice to help and inspire other women entrepreneurs and start-ups to take their dreams with compassion and pride.

Some of the Speakers are Hajjiya Amal Hassan, CEO of Outsource Global; Zainab Buba Galadima, a grassroots politician; Hauwa Bako, CEO HB Green Acres Farm & Agro Allied Ltd; Hajara Masaga, Founder of The Airmingle; Dr Amina Sambo Magaji from Digital Economy, NITDA, as well as Mr Abubakar Suleiman, MD/CEO of Sterling Bank Plc.

One of the participants,



■ Some of the beneficiaries



■ A cross section of the participants

Maryam Umar, who owns a catering business, explained how the conference inspired and helped her to network with other women in business.

"I am excited to have met with great minds and strong women in businesses, and I have also learnt from their stories in order to surmount the challenges in my business."

Amira Yusif, who is also a Kano-based entrepreneur with an established make-up business, pointed out that having attended the women conference, she can now leverage the technological ideas discussed at the gathering to promote her business and increase her customers.

Several other women also bagged awards of excellence of the 50 inspiring women in northern Nigeria for their mammoth contribution in the state towards changing the narratives of entrepreneurship and women growth.

A chef, Hafsat Ibrahim Yahaya, was among others who received

the award of recognition for their immense efforts and contribution in society. Hafsat, who started her company, Safron Catering, in 2006, has been an advocate for promoting and remodelling Arewa (northern) dishes and delicacies to achieve international recognition.

"I have been teaching women how to cook, partnering with companies and organisations on different types of Arewa dishes as well as their nutritional values. I have been doing this for 16 years and that is why I am so grateful that the Women Founders' conference recognised my effort and contributions to society," she added.

Intisar Bashir Kurfi, who owns Ifrik Eco Solutions, a company that recycles waste into interlocks, said the award given to her will serve as a motivation to other women to realise the value of establishing problem-solving businesses that would bring change in society.

Another entrepreneur, Farida Yahaya, the founder of the Brief Academy also received the award

of the 50 inspiring women in northern Nigeria. She said she received the award for her effort in working with female founders to help women to meet their businesses better, enter the markets and scale their businesses in the best way.

In her remarks, Aisha Tofa, the co-founder of StartupKano, said having realised the unavailability of job opportunities for the youths, StartupKano was established in order to create a platform for young people to interact, network and provide solutions and opportunities among themselves.

Tofa pointed out that the women in northern Nigeria have been left behind and facing religious, traditional, and socio-economic challenges that stop them from achieving their goals.

She further explained that the Women Founders' Conference was organised to bring together women in businesses to give talks, advice and share experiences for other women to learn among each other in order to be able to

compete locally and globally.

Some participants who spoke to Daily Trust expressed their satisfaction with the program, calling on the organisers to continue. Halima Aminu, a housewife who ventured into interior decoration business in the past two years, said that she has been motivated and inspired by the people she met at the event.

"To me, the Women Founders' Conference is like an eye opener, because I am now being motivated and inspired by the speakers who talked not only on their success stories but also on the challenges that a business owner may encounter in her day-to-day affairs business," she said.

Halima added that she also benefited from the conference as she used the gathering as an avenue to advertise her wares to the participants.

"You know these days, networking is very important in the business. So I used the conference as an avenue to get contact of other business women. I also shared my flyers to the new people I met at the conference. And Alhamdulillah! Since then people have started calling me and buying my wares."

Working with these other businesses can help you reach new customers and establish your credentials on a national or even international scale, all of which can help grow your business, she added.

In her remarks at the conference, a business consultant, Malama Hafsat Ahmad said that a business has both good and bad sides that an entrepreneur has to believe in.

"As a business owner, you have to understand that the path of business isn't always smooth; just ask any entrepreneur. Sometimes, it helps to hear some business success stories, especially when you're mired in the details of writing a business plan, getting a business loan, or finding a space. Even the most successful businesses-small, medium, and large alike-went through their share of challenges. And it can be so helpful to remind yourself you're not crazy for feeling overwhelmed. When you're deep in the weeds of starting your business, it can be easy to think about quitting, but learning about others' success can help lift your spirits," she advised.

She added that determination is the key of any successful business, calling on the entrepreneurs to shun the compelling desires to go for quick wins.

"In each case, determination and willpower helped the entrepreneurs to take an idea and convert it into a profitable venture," she said.

Why 104 more ISWAP fighters surrendered

By Idowu Isamotu (Abuja),
Tijani Labaran (Lokoja) &
Ahmed Ali (Kafanchan)

An additional 104 fighters loyal to Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) have surrendered in Borno State, the military said on Monday, citing increased bombardment by ground troops and air force as the reason.

The military authorities explained that the fighters and members of their families surrendered to the 25 Task Force Brigade of the Nigerian Army in Damboa, Borno State.

According to the military on its official Facebook page, those that surrendered were 22 males, 27 females and 55 children, noting that they took the decisions following persistent troops' operations.

It said the deadly assaults on the terrorists by the military forced the fighters and their families out of hiding. Damboa is approximately 90km southwest of Maiduguri, the state capital and is in the southern part of Borno State.

Daily Trust reports that recently, the attention of political and military leaders had shifted to southern Borno following increased terrorists' activities around Damboa, Chibok and Askira Uba, among others following the massive relocation of ISWAP fighters from northern Borno and the fringes of the Lake Chad.

Credible sources told Daily Trust that the terrorists were finding it easy to manoeuvre their way back to Sambisa or Alagarno forests whenever they launched attacks on nearby locations in the affected LGAs.

It was around Askira Uba that Brigadier General Dzarma Zirkushu, the commander of the 28 Task Force Brigade of the Nigerian Army and three other officers were killed in November last year when they were ambushed by the terrorists.

'It's a new dawn for us'

A military source told one of our correspondents last night that more terrorists and their families would surrender in the coming days because they have no option.

"Sustained operation is ongoing. Take it from me; it will never be the same because a lot of factors hampering our operations have been addressed," he said.



■ CDS Irabor

"It is now dry season and the visibility is clearer. Also, our Super Tucano jets and other fighting equipment have been deployed to both northern and southern Borno.

"And as you can see, the actual fighters from the 104 that surrendered are not more than 25; the rest are vulnerable women and children and this is what is slowing massive bombardment.

"It will not be good to kill the vulnerable and that is why the operation is taking longer time. But then, you can see them coming out from their hideouts because they know the situation is no longer the same.

"We have neutralised scores of ISWAP commanders especially around the shores of Lake Chad in the last few days.

"Their massive relocation to southern Borno from northern Borno following sustained operation has further weakened them," he said.

Our correspondent reports that since June 2021, hundreds of Boko Haram fighters and their families have surrendered following the killing of their leader, Abubakar Shekau, in May of the same year.

Also, the killing of ISWAP leader Abu Musab Albarnawi and those who took over from him in succession has thrown the group into disarray with barely a central command.

Sources said many of the frontline commanders have dropped their arms with some of them being rehabilitated by Operation Safe Corridor in Gombe camp and other places.

On July 30, 2021, the Nigerian Army said the troops of Operation

Hadin Kai took custody of 91 Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorists and their families who surrendered in the North East.

Similarly, in August 2021, the Army through its spokesman, Onyema Nwachukwu, a Brigadier-General, disclosed that 56 terrorists and their families laid down their arms.

In September 2021, the Nigerian military high command said 8,000 Boko Haram commanders, fighters, and their family members had surrendered since June 2021.

'Terrorists likely behind Okene police station attack'

Terrorists were likely responsible for the attack on the Divisional Police Headquarters in Okene, Kogi State in the late hours of Sunday, Daily Trust learnt.

Authorities and locals said the attackers were chanting religious incantations during the attack.

Some of the sources said the attackers wanted to seize the opportunity to steal arms in the station.

The Kogi State Police Command Public Relations Officer, William Aya, said the state Police Commissioner, Edward Ebuka, had drafted a crack team from the headquarters to trail and arrest the perpetrators.

In a statement made available to Daily Trust on Monday in Lokoja, he said: "On February 6 at about 2200hrs, some armed hoodlums attacked the Okene Area Command Headquarters with sporadic gunshots and explosives chanting 'Allahu Akbar'.

"The officers on duty gallantly repelled the hoodlums, shot dead one of them which forced them to flee before the arrival of



■ IGP Usman

backup teams from neighbouring divisions."

It was learnt that the hoodlums went to the town on motorbikes and rode straight to the police area command headquarters with explosives and other dangerous weapons, shooting sporadically.

"The attack has the hallmark of how terrorists operate," one of our sources said.

"The Boko Haram, the ISWAP and Ansaru fighters raid security formations to get arms. And let me remind you that in the last 10 years or thereabouts, we have picked many Boko Haram and Ansaru fighters in Kogi State.

"They capitalise on the relative peace in the state to hibernate. Abu Dardaa, who is in our custody after his arrest in Kaduna, has a lot of contacts in Kogi," he said.

"The truth is that Kogi deserves special attention because of its proximity to Abuja and other states," another source said.

"Some of these miscreants hide there. Even though they rarely launch an attack there, they organise criminal activities from there. What happened yesterday was surprising," he said.

Meanwhile, the Kogi State Government has commended the gallantry of the police operatives, hunters and others who repelled the attack on the Okene police divisional headquarters.

A statement by Kinsley Fanwo, Commissioner of Information and Communication, said 30 hoodlums armed to the teeth invaded the station.

Daily Trust reports that in April 2016, Khalid al-Barnawi, the leader of the al-Qaeda-linked Islamist group, Ansaru, was

captured at a facility in Lokoja, the capital of Kogi State. He is still in detention.

The United States had placed a \$5m (£3.5m) bounty on his head after branding him one of three Nigerian "specially designated global terrorists" in 2012.

Ansaru is a splinter group of Boko Haram.

Abductors of Kaduna Catholic priest demand N60m

Abductors of a Catholic Priest in Chawai Chieftdom in Kauru Local Government Area of Kaduna State have demanded N60m, Daily Trust gathered.

Reverend Father Joseph Danjuma Shekari was abducted in the parish house located in Chawai, Kauru LGA on Sunday night.

A source from the community who spoke with Daily Trust said when they called the priest's number on Monday, the abductors said they would only release the cleric if paid N60m.

It was gathered that his aide, Mr Sati Musa, was shot dead by the abductors who stormed the house between 10 and 11 pm.

The 20-year-old Musa was a student of St. Monica's Secondary School Ikulu-Pari, Chawai who was preparing to write final year exams.

A statement signed by the Chancellor, Catholic Diocese of Kafanchan, Bishop Emmanuel Uchechukwu Okolo, called for serious prayers for the release of the clergy and urged the people to refrain from taking laws into their hands.

The Catholic priest is the fifth priest abducted in Southern Kaduna between 2021 and now.

EU donates 2m Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines to Nigeria

By Ojoma Akor

The European Union has donated two million doses of Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines to Nigeria.

The vaccines were donated through the COVAX facility by Finland, Greece and Slovenia.

Handing over the vaccines to the Federal Government yesterday in Abuja, Samuela Isopi, Ambassador of the EU, said the donation was part of a global

donation of 20 million Johnson & Johnson doses from EU member states to Nigeria.

He noted that the EU is the largest contributor to the UN Basket Fund and would continue to support Nigeria in the weeks and months ahead.

"As we head into the third year since COVID-19 outbreak, the pandemic is not yet defeated. We must continue to work together, help partner countries to speed up vaccinations and to develop the

capacity to manufacture vaccines locally."

Dr Faisal Shuaib, Executive Director, NPHCDA, said the donation by the European Union brought the total number of Johnson & Johnson vaccine doses available to Nigeria to about 51 million.

"At the moment, Nigeria currently has in country 12,916,450 doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccines," he said.

He said government would be

focusing the Johnson & Johnson vaccines on people in hard-to-reach areas such as riverine areas, desert areas and security-compromised areas because only a single dose is required for full vaccination.

He said Nigeria had so far vaccinated 15, 792, 392 persons with the first dose of COVID-19 vaccination.

Dr Walter Kazadi Mulombo, WHO Nigeria Country Representative, said the

vaccination of over 15 million and six million persons with first dose and second dose of COVID-19 vaccine respectively was a feat.

He said the WHO's goal remained for every country, including Nigeria, to fully vaccinate 70 percent of its population by mid-2022.

He said: "There's no path out unless we achieve our shared target of vaccinating 70 percent of the population by the middle of this year."

Hanifa: Court orders legal representation for Tanko, others

From Salim Umar Ibrahim, Kano

A high court at Audu Bako Way, Kano presided over by Justice Usman Na'abba, has ordered legal representation for Abdulmalik Tanko and his accomplices.

Tanko, the proprietor of Noble Kids School in Kano was, last

month, arrested over the killing of Hanifa Abubakar, a five-year-old pupil. He has confessed that he killed her with rat poison.

Tanko, 34, and his accomplices - Hashim Isyaku, 37 years, and Fatima Jibrin, 26 years, all residents of Tudun Murtala in Nasarawa LGA of Kano State, were accused of criminal conspiracy, kidnap, confinement

and culpable homicide contrary to sections 97, 274, 277, 221 of the penal code.

The Magistrate Court 12, sitting at Gidan Murtala and presided over by Chief Magistrate Muhammad Jibril, had asked for Tanko and his accomplices' case to be transferred to the state high court number 6.

Counsel to the state government, led by Aisha Mahmoud, applied to the court to adjourn the case to the higher court as the magistrate had no jurisdiction over the case.

On Monday, the state high court, therefore, adjourned the case to February 14 and ordered the suspects to be remanded in prison custody.



■ Hanifa

7 students remanded over 'murder' of colleague in Kwara

From Mumini AbdulKareem, Ilorin

A magistrate court in Ilorin, the Kwara State capital, has ordered the remand of seven suspects over alleged killing of a student, Ridwan Ajibiye, during a cultists' clash in Malet.

The suspects, all students, are Victor Okpara, Zubair Baba, Samuel Ogundele, Stephen Oluwafemi, Oyebanji Sodiq, Oladipupo Mukaram and Salau Joshua. They are between 22 and 26 years of age.

They were charged with criminal conspiracy, illegal possession of firearms, membership of secret cult and secret

societies and culpable homicide.

The offences contravened sections 6(B) and 27(IXC) of the Robbery and Firearms (special provision) Act CAP R11 LFN 2006, Section 221 of the penal code law punishable under Section 14 of Secret Cult and Secret Societies Prohibition Law 2016.

The defense counsel, Barrister Toyin Onalolapo, urged the court to grant them bail.

Magistrate O. A. Adeniyi, in her ruling, remanded the suspects at the correctional centre and adjourned the case to February 24, 2022 for further mention.

Troops rescue seven kidnapped persons in Kaduna

From Mohammed I. Yaba, Kaduna

Seven persons abducted by bandits in Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna State have been rescued.

They were kidnapped when the assailants invaded Ungwan Garama located in the Maraban Rido general area of the local government.

It was gathered that a distress call was received from the area and security forces responded and engaged the bandits.

Samuel Aruwan, Commissioner for

Internal Security and Home Affairs, in a statement, said the superior firepower of the troops forced the criminals to flee.

He explained that the security forces exploited the withdrawal route of the bandits, and were able to rescue seven persons who had been kidnapped.

He said all the rescued persons have been reunited with their families.

He said Governor Nasir El-Rufa'i commended the security forces for their efforts and speed of response.



Promises cannot replace implementation of agreement – ASUU

From Jeremiah Oke (Ibadan) & Usman A. Bello (Benin City)

The Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho chapter of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) yesterday said it is tired of what it called the insincerity of the federal government in implementing agreements reached with the union.

The chairman and secretary of the branch, Biodun Olaniran and Toyin Abegunrin, respectively, stated this in a statement after the congress of the union.

The national body of the union had urged its chapters nationwide to declare a lecture-free day to sensitise Nigerians on the failure of government to implement the contents of the Memorandum of Action (MoA) entered with the union in 2020 which led to the suspension of the then nine-month-long industrial action.

President Muhammadu Buhari had promised to fulfill agreements reached with the union.

Biodun Olaniran and Toyin Abegunrin stated that the promise could not replace implementation of the agreement.

They said their members had

resolved to embark on an indefinite strike since government was not ready to do the needful.

While asking Nigerians to prevail on government to avert the impending strike, the union said it has allowed many stakeholders to talk to government saying "government is portraying the union as a dog who can only bark not bite," they said.

Also, the University of Benin branch of the union appealed to the federal government to honour its agreement with the union and prevent the nation's educational sector from sliding further into an undesirable level of decay and dysfunction.

Speaking at the end of its meeting, the branch chairman, Ray Chikogu and Secretary, Success Abusomwan, lamented that the federal government was paying lip service to funding education and fulfilling its obligations to the nation's university system and lecturers.

"For the records, the renegotiation of the FGN-ASUU 2009 agreement that took about four years and was eventually concluded with a draft document in May 2021, the federal government has refused to sign the said document for implementation," they said.

My vision for Almajiri education – Jonathan

From Bassey Willie, Yenagoa

A former President, Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, has disclosed that he embarked on the Almajiri schools programme in the North while he was in office to infused western education curriculum into Islamic education to make the pupils employable and to check insecurity.

Jonathan stated this yesterday while delivering a keynote address at the maiden Bayelsa State Education Summit, themed 'Optimizing the Delivery, Performance and Sustainability of Outcomes in the Education Sector', in Yenagoa, the state capital.

He said: "When I was the vice president, I was discussing with one of my technical assistants from Anambra State about the crisis in the North and said we must frame how we will tackle it. "Some group of young boys appears not to have future and we cannot allow the system to remain like that so that we don't have crisis tomorrow.

"We went around the North, discussed with the clerics who

teach the boys under trees and makeshift buildings, we also discussed with the emirs and so on.

"We identified a group of boys who are Muslims and for most Muslims, when you understand the Qur'an it is like you are more than a professor of law and through the Almajiri programme, they understand the Qur'an and you cannot underrate them.

"Some of them can even memorize the Qur'an as voluminous as the Qur'an is, and for someone to memorize the Qur'an and you say that person is not educated, you are not telling the truth.

"They (Almajirai) felt that they were educated but the society still rejected them, that even their local government council cannot employ them even as messengers because they don't have any element of Western education attached to the Quranic education.

"That is why the federal government said we must assist the states, that this young people must be encouraged to study Islamic education but in addition to the Islamic

education we are not going to remove anything from it, they should also take some parts of Western education, so that when they finished at that level they can go on to study other things like Engineering, Medicine.

"That was what motivated us to go into Almajiri education," he said.

Meanwhile, Jonathan called for greater attention to Information Communication Technology (ICT), saying ICT education is gradually phasing out other disciplines.

Bayelsa State Governor Douye Diri, while declaring the summit open, stressed the need for a central language and urged the summit to look at all the missing links and explore avenues for the private sector to partner with government in implementing its vision for education.

Diri also called on international oil companies to provide special scholarships for children from oil-producing communities as part of their corporate social responsibility in addition to the provision of basic social amenities.



■ Fuel hawkers at one of the filling stations on Kubwa Expressway waiting for customers as a result of fuel scarcity in Abuja yesterday

2023: Expect enormous challenges, Sanusi tells presidential aspirants

- Nigerian politicians put the cart before the horse – Kari
- Wike rules out zoning in PDP

From Peter Moses (Abeokuta) & Maryam Ahmadu-Suka (Kaduna)

Former Emir of Kano, Muhammadu Sanusi II, has told presidential aspirants that enormous challenges await them as Nigeria will be in a deeper crisis in 2023.

He spoke in Abeokuta, Ogun State, yesterday at a reception for him (Sanusi) as part of activities marking the 80th birthday of Babanla Adinni of Egbaland, Chief Tayo Sowunmi.

The former governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria also said Nigeri “is living on extra time”

He said: “To be honest, we’re living on extra time. In 2015, we were in a deep hole. In 2023, we’ll be in an even much deeper hole than in 2015.

“The challenges facing all those people who are struggling to be president, I hope they understand that the problems that they’re going to face are multiples of the problems that we were faced in 2015 and all of us have to be ready for difficult decisions and if they’re not taken, we’re all going to pay for it.

“But the solution is not for all of us to jump into politics. This country needs good politicians, it needs imams and pastors and bishops who are going to stand up and remind them (politicians) of the fear of God. It needs technocrats who are going to critique their policies, it needs traditional rulers who are going to speak as the conscience of the people, everyone has a role to play and we should try to play that role

to the best of our ability.”

Sanusi also denied eyeing the presidency in 2023, saying he was contented being spiritual leader of the Tijaniyyah sect.

He said he had served in various capacities both in past and present “and I’ll forever be grateful to Allah.”

According to him, joining politics amounts to setting aside what “God has given me to look for something else.”

Sanusi, however, said that as a Muslim, he could not determine what the future holds for him.

He said: “People don’t understand the role we play as traditional rulers, as religious leaders that they think you should go and be a governor, or be a president. To be honest, I think that the role I play can be more important than that of the president, it is different, it has a different content.

“But to be Khalifa Tijaniyyaa of Nigeria is an office that personally, given the choice between that office and the presidency, I’ll choose that office.

“I thank Allah that as Emir of Kano and Khalifa of Tijaniyyaa, He has given me traditional-religious authority over God knows how many million people across the West African region and He has also blessed me with authority in my personal capacity that people tell me that they accept that authority because of who I’m not because of the position.

“I tell people when you tell me to go to politics, you’re telling me set aside one type of authority and look for another type of authority. Set aside the one that God has given me to

look for something else.

“In this same life, God has made me governor of Central Bank, He has made me Emir of Kano, He has made me Khalifa of Tijaniyyah, what am I looking for?”

“This is not to say that I’m retiring from service, constantly, life has to be about service and leadership has to be about service and that service involves obviously doing whatever is in my power to do. It involves speaking from conscience to those in authority.”

Earlier, Segun Sowunmi, who spoke on behalf of the family, had asked if Nigeria should be expecting a future president in Sanusi.

Nigerian politicians put the cart before the horse – Kari

Commenting, an associate Professor of Political Sociology, University of Abuja, Dr Abubakar Umar Kari, said: “it is the nature of Nigerian politicians to put the cart before the horse.

“Ordinarily those who aspire for positions should first tell the people their plans, should state what they will do differently if given the opportunity, etc. In this clime, people crave power for its own sake and only begin to think of what to do after they get the elective position. Plans and programmes are no priority.

“But then, Nigerian electorates do not care about a candidate’s or a party’s manifesto or plans or programmes. Persons get elected often not account of what they can offer or do, but for sundry - mainly primordial - reasons such as the candidate’s

region, religion, ethnic group or capacity to compromise the electoral process. Politicians know this fact only too well. That is why they bother less about elaborate plans, manifestos or programmes.

“Even those who have such plans, they do so simply to fulfill all righteousness, not that they believe in or stand by the plans or even intend to implement them if and when they get there.”

Wike rules out zoning in PDP

Rivers State Governor Nyesom Wike yesterday visited to the former governor of Kaduna State, Senator Ahmed Mohammed Makarfi, in Kaduna.

Wike said his visit was not about his presidential ambition, to unite the People’s Democratic Party (PDP) to defeat the All Progressives Congress (APC).

Wike said the PDP presidential ticket would not be given based on where the candidate comes from, on the capacity of the candidate.

Wike, who was received at the Kaduna residence of the former Governor, by Makarfi himself, former Governor Mukhtar Yero, former Deputy Governor Bajoga and other PDP leaders, said: “Nigerians are hoping that PDP will come and stop the country from bleeding, and they’ll not forgive the party leaders if they fail to chase out APC in 2023.

“The issue at stake now is not who wants to run for presidency or where to zone presidency, the issue now is that all party members must be united because if you like, zone presidency to the west, if

you’re not united, you cannot achieve anything. So, the most important thing now is the unity of the party, forgive anybody who may have gone astray, bring back everybody and use your leadership qualities to forgive.

“When our party was in crisis, when Ali Modu Sheriff was to be used to kill our party, you (Makarfi) stood firm, committed and showed boldness and said I have no other place to go other than the PDP, he built the party from the shackles of Ali Modu Sheriff.

“There’s still time, you should recover fully so that you can be battle ready against them come 2023. I want to also urge all of you to be focused. In every family, there are bound to be problems, put yourselves together. Nigeria is bleeding and if we’re not united, Nigeria will not forgive us because every Nigerian is hoping that PDP must come and stop this bleeding.”

He however assured of his unwavering support whenever it is needed to move the party forward as the PDP is the only party in the country which has hope, adding, “The All Progressive Congress (APC) has finished Nigeria, they no longer have new ideas and if they had ideas, they did not use it.”

Responding, Makarfi said but for the solid support Wike gave when they were in the caretaker committee, there would not have been PDP, saying, “we played our role, but you played a key role.”

“I absolutely believe that with the same energy and perseverance, we can do it again. If there’s no party, what is the point of your ticket; therefore, we’ve to build the party first, we’ve to be united and when a consensus is decided, we should all have one voice.

“I agree with you that we’ll be disappointing Nigeria if we do not come together and take over power to recover Nigeria for Nigerians. We’ll not rest on our oars until we see the PDP in the overwhelming majority of states in power and at the center,” Makarfi said.

Sanwo-Olu signs bills to regulate real estate, others

From Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos

Lagos State Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu yesterday assented to three bills during the weekly State Executive Council meeting at Lagos House, Ikeja.

The bills included the law regulating real estate transactions and the law to provide for the registration of Cooperative Societies in Lagos State.

It also included the law to regulate ownership, licensing and sales of pets and to prohibit and restrict people from having in custody dangerous animals in

public places. Sanwo-Olu said the new bills would strengthen government and citizens' engagement and relationships.

The governor said the law to regulate real estate transactions would protect unsuspecting Lagosians from falling prey to dubious real estate professionals.

"We believe this law will be the very first in the country that has taken a deep dive into what is

happening in that space, and it further strengthens our intervention in housing through the Ministry of Housing," he said.

"The new bills assented to will strengthen government and citizens' engagement and relationships as well as allow residents of the state to continue to live in an atmosphere where the rule of law is enshrined for the people," the governor added.

Court jails Kannywood actress

From Sani I. Paki, Kano

A magistrates' court sitting at Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport in Kano has sentenced Kannywood actress, Sadiya Haruna, to six months in prison without the option of a fine.

She was arraigned before the court on charges of defaming her ex-boyfriend and singer, Isa A. Isa.

In a viral video, the actress was seen describing Isa as a "homosexual, bastard

and an unrepentant womaniser".

She had alleged that the actor demanded anal sex from her.

The actress and social media blogger had earlier been arrested by the Kano State Hisbah Board for allegedly sharing sexual content on her handles.

The court presided over by Justice Muntari Garba Dandago, sentenced the controversial ex-actress for defaming Isa's character.

In 2019, Sadiya had accused Isa of initiating her into "short term

marriage", while she continued to share his videos on her Instagram page.

He, however, denied the allegation and dragged her before the court for alleged character assassination.

Just last week Friday, Sadiya alleged threat to her life, saying some hired thugs tried to pour acid on her face.

In 2021, the actress was arrested by the Hisbah Board and ordered her to go back to Islamiyyah School to acquire more Islamic knowledge.

Gombe to recruit 2,000 youths as security, traffic corps

From Haruna G. Yaya, Gombe

The Gombe State Government says it will engage over 2,000 youths to be deployed as security, traffic and environmental corps across the state.

Coordinator of Gombe State Security, Traffic and Environmental Corps (GoSTEC), Barrister Sani Ahmed, disclosed this yesterday at the induction ceremony of 500 youths recruited for the programme at the NYSC temporary orientation camp, Amada in Akko GA of the state.

He said the personnel will serve as managers of vehicular, human and animal traffic, support security agencies and help to keep the state clean.

Ahmed, who is also the Special Adviser to the governor on Human Capital Development, added that the programme was part of the plans to employ 20,000 graduates.

The state's governor, Inuwa Yahaya, said the programme was a replacement of the disbanded special marshals under the Gombe State Agency for Social Services, initiated during the administration of Governor Ibrahim Hassan Dankwambo.

Governor Yahaya reiterated commitment to tackling youth restiveness and social vices by providing them with the needed skills to be self-reliant.



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Court remands 23-yr-old for allegedly killing his father

An Ado-Ekiti Chief Magistrates' Court, yesterday, ordered the remand of 23-year-old Waheed Olayinka in the Correctional Centre, Ado-Ekiti for allegedly killing his father.

Olayinka, whose address was not provided, is being tried for murder.

The Police Prosecutor, Insp. Olubu Apata, told the court that

the defendant committed the offence on Jan. 27 in Ipoti-Ekiti.

Apata alleged that the defendant, together with his friend, allegedly murdered his father, Mr Adebayo Olayinka.

He said that the defendant claimed in his statement that he and his friend laid ambush for the deceased in his farm.

The prosecutor further said

that the defendant claimed that he and his friend hit his father with a big stick about four times on the forehead.

The deceased was said have slumped and fell out from his motorcycle unconscious and they both covered him with cocoa leaves.

He said the defendant further said he and his friend took

cannabis sativa before they embarked on the mission.

According to him, the offence contravenes Section 319(1) of the Criminal Code, Laws of Ekiti State, 2012.

The prosecutor urged the court to remand the defendant in a correctional centre, pending legal advice from the office of Director of Public Prosecution.

The plea of the defendant was however not taken by the Chief Magistrate, Mrs Kehinde Awosika.

Awosika rather ordered that he be remanded in the correctional centre, pending the issuance of a legal advice.

She adjourned the case to March 3 for mention. (NAN)

JAMB announces additional code for UTME registration, introduces WhatsApp platform

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), has announced the adoption of an additional code, 66019 to its already existing 55019 code for registration.

The board disclosed this in its Weekly Bulletin of the Office of the Registrar, obtained by the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Monday in Abuja.

JAMB said that it adopted the 66019 as an optional USSD code to its 55019 code, which had been operational since 2018, for Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) and its other services.

"This is to facilitate a hitch-free 2022 UTME/ Direct Entry (DE) exercise, by ensuring that there was no difficulty whatsoever, in creation of profiles by candidates.

"In essence, both codes are to be used to create profile for the registration by candidates sitting for the 2022/23 examination.

"Candidates are expected to send their NIN, via either of the codes for their details to be pulled out from the NIMC database before they proceed to any accredited centre for biometric capturing," JAMB said.

The board further explained that the effort was earlier planned to eliminate all bottlenecks associated with the creation of profiles.

Similarly, JAMB said that it had also introduced the use of a WhatsApp platform, as an additional support and complaint platform for clients.

The board also said that the platform was also part of measures to effectively attend to diverse needs of candidates and its other clients alike.

"With the platform, candidates and other stakeholders would have the benefit of instant messaging and solutions to whatever query they might have regarding any of the operations of the board.

"The platform is not meant to replace, but complement the existing ticketing system, thereby expanding access to critical services among others," JAMB said.

The WhatsApp number was yet to be released by the board. (NAN)



■ From left: Vice President Yemi Osinbajo; former Bauchi State governor, Isa Yuguda; former National Secretary of the APC, Arc. Waziri Bulama and others during the party's professionals' forum held in Abuja yesterday

Photo: Felix Onigbinde

Lawmaker, council chairmen bicker over 'diversion' of N50m medical equipment

By Balarabe Alkassim & Ado Abubakar Musa

The vice chairman of the House of Representatives Committee on Anti-Corruption, Dachung Musa Bagos (PDP, Plateau), has accused the chairmen of Jos South and Jos East local government councils of Plateau State of diverting medical equipment worth N50 million.

Bagos said the medical equipment, which is his constituency projects in

2020, was supplied through the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA).

He disclosed that the items were supplied in 2021 but were not distributed to the various primary health care centres in his federal constituency.

Bagos said he was dismayed that his constituents were denied access to the equipment despite a letter from NPHCDA to the local government councils to distribute the items

to the beneficiaries.

"This is unacceptable and it is inhuman to prevent people from accessing health equipment and items meant for their wellbeing.

"Our people are in dire need of healthcare and here we have the equipment, yet we cannot put them to use because of a few powerful individuals.

"If these items were not supplied by the agency, we would have known. The equipment was duly supplied and some people decided to

divert them since 2021."

He urged anti-corruption agencies to investigate the alleged diversion.

The chairman of Jos South LGA, Gideon Dandareng, who confirmed the receipt of the health equipment, denied that the items were diverted.

He dismissed the allegation as baseless.

He said the items had been distributed to the targeted health centres in the local government areas.

Afenifere kicks over extension of Igboho's incarceration in Benin Republic

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The pan Yoruba socio-political organisation, Afenifere, has expressed disappointment over the six month extension of the incarceration of Yoruba nation agitator, Mr. Sunday Adeyemo popularly known as Sunday Igboho.

The national publicity secretary of the organization, Comrade Jare Ajayi stated that extending the detention of anyone who had not been convicted of any offence is against the law of any country that claims to be guided by the rule of law.

Afenifere noted that as at today, Sunday Igboho has spent about 204 days in Benin detention while expressing "profound

regret" over development.

The group also urged President Muhammadu Buhari-led government to loosen the grip it has on nation-state agitators like Sunday Igboho and Nnamdi Kanu as well as enhance its human rights record.

Daily Trust reports that one of Igboho's counsel, Mr. Yomi Alliyu SAN, had announced the extension of Igboho's detention for six months by the Benionise authorities in Cotonou. He however disclosed his intention to challenge it at at ECOWAS Court.

However, Afenifere said Igboho's incarceration "is much longer than it should be for a person who had not been convicted of any offence and a person who is not a criminal by

any standard."

The prolongation of his detention was a negation of the announcement on Saturday by the Abuja-based lawyer, Mr. Pelumi Olajengbesi, that Igboho would be released soon, it said.

The Afenifere spokesman however commended Mr. Yomi Alliyu SAN for his doggedness in pursuing Igboho's case and urged him to continue.

"Alliyu's decision to resort to the ECOWAS Court to challenge the extension is quite welcomed. We are prayerful that the Court will reverse the decision by the Benin Court and set Igboho free soonest."

Ajayi called on Benin Republic government to rescind this ruling by its court in order to redeem its receding image on its respect for the rule of law.

He recalled a 2021 Report by The World Justice Project (WJP) which placed Benin at 91st position out of 139 countries where the rule of law is not being respected.

According to Afenifere, Benin deserves a better record. Its extension of Igboho's detention would only worsen its image if not reversed. The pan Yoruba body urged Benin not to descend to the level of Nigeria which ranks 121st out of 139.

It also urged the government to be more sincere in its fight against terrorism.

"By so doing, political tension in the country will reduce; socio-economic activities will be boosted with an improvement on the welfare of the people just as lives and properties in Nigeria would be more secure," it said.



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VAT row: S/Court fixes May 6 for ruling

By John Chuks Azu

The Supreme Court has fixed May 6 for ruling on an appeal by the Rivers State Government against the Federal Inland Revenue Service over the Value Added Tax collection by the state.

A panel of justices led by

Justice Olukayode Ariwoola on Monday fixed the date after parties adopted their briefs of argument on the matter.

The Court of Appeal in Abuja had, on September 10, 2021, ordered status quo in the laws by states to collect the VAT in their domain.

The Rivers State Government

had then filed the appeal challenging the appellate court's order for status quo in the matter.

The FIRS had filed the appeal at the Court of Appeal challenging an order of a Federal High Court in Port Harcourt on August 9, 2021 which upheld the powers of

the Rivers State Government to collect VAT and Personal Income Tax.

Following the appeal, the appellate court ruled that status quo be maintained in the law passed by both Rivers and Lagos State Houses of Assembly assented by both state governors for the collection of VAT.

NHRC seeks end to female genital mutilation

By Maureen Onochie

Executive Secretary, National Human Rights Commission, Tony Ojukwu, yesterday called for an end to the practice of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in Nigeria.

Okujwu, according to a statement by the Deputy Director, Public Affairs, NHRC, Fatimah Mohammed, made the call in Abuja weekend on the occasion of this year's World Day of Zero Tolerance for the Practice of FGM.

He said the NHRC, in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund and the Civil Resource Documentation Development Centre, had produced a training manual on human rights and other related issues of FGM in Nigeria.

He urged well-meaning individuals and organisations to join the commission in its resolve to do more to end female genital mutilation in Nigeria.

Nollywood artists using drugs, encouraging abuse – NDLEA

By Abbas Jimoh

The chairman of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, Mohamed Buba Marwa, says a number of Nollywood artists use drugs and encourage others to abuse drugs through their work and activities on social media.

He said this in Abuja yesterday when the leaders of the Nollywood industry, under the aegis of Actors Guild of Nigeria (AGN) visited him.

Marwa asked the Guild to set a good example by leading the war within its circle.

He instructed: "Your movies must promote messages against the use of illicit drugs because the minds of millions are shaped by what they watch in movies.

"We need you to set up War Against Drug Abuse (WADA) committees within your industry".

He said with drug use prevalence in the country three times the global average, the agency needed committed partners like the Guild to mobilise the citizenry against the menace.

Earlier, the president of the Guild, Emeka Rollas Ejezie, assured the NDLEA of the Guild's support for the ongoing war against drug abuse in the country.



■ From left: Former governor of Kaduna State, Senator Ahmed Makarfi; Rivers State Governor, Nyesom Wike and another former governor of Kaduna State, Mukhtar Ramalan Yero, during Wike's visit to Makarfi's residence in Kaduna yesterday
Photo: Maryam Ahmadu-Suka

Oil wells: Rivers, Imo to know fate May 6

By John Chuks Azu

The Supreme Court yesterday fixed May 6 for judgment in the suit over the ownership of 17 oil wells between Rivers and Imo States.

A panel of justices led by Justice Olukayode Ariwoola fixed the date after parties adopted their written addresses on the matter.

Counsel to Rivers State,

Joseph Daudi, asked the apex court to rule in favour of his client as historical evidence since 1927 and the 1976 boundary adjustment showed that Egbema and Ndoni belonged to the state.

Counsel to Imo State, Olusola Oke asked the court to dismiss the suit for wrong procedure of not emanating from a high court.

Similarly, counsel to the Attorney-General of the

Federation, Remi Peter Olatubora, agreed with Imo State that proper procedure for such a suit was not adopted by Rivers State.

He said witnesses, including officials of the National Boundary Commission, the Surveyor-General of the Federation and indigenes of the disputed areas ought to be heard to enable the court arrive at a decision.

Benin Republic extends Igboho's detention for 6 months

By Idowu Isamotu

The government of the Republic of Benin has extended the detention of the self-acclaimed Yoruba activist, Sunday Adeyemo, popularly known as Sunday Igboho, for six months.

This is contrary to an announcement made by an Abuja-based human rights lawyer, Pelumi Olajengbesi, during the weekend that Igboho would be released soon.

But reacting to the announcement Sunday night, counsel to Igboho, Yomi Alliyu, said:

"The government of the Republic of Benin has renewed the incarceration of Chief Sunday Adeyemo a.k.a Igboho Oosa for another six months even though there is no criminal charge in their file in Cotonou and without extradition request from Nigeria."

Daily Trust reports that Igboho has been in detention in Benin Republic since he was arrested at the Cotonou airport by the West Africa's nation security forces while he was trying to visit Germany in July 2021.

He had left Nigeria for Benin Republic after the Federal Government declared him wanted and he has since spent over 200 days in detention in Benin Republic prison.

A Beninese court had blocked the extradition move of Igboho to Nigeria while ruling that the activist be remanded in prison pending further hearing.

Media Trust trains journalists on conflict reporting

From Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

Media Trust Limited (publishers of Daily Trust and other titles) has trained its journalists on conflict reporting.

The journalists were drawn from conflict areas where banditry, kidnapping and ethno-religious crises become rampant.

The Editor-in-Chief of Daily Trust, Naziru Mikail Abubakar, said the training was to empower the reporters to stay on top of happenings in the affected areas.

He said: "It is high time we looked at issues beyond the surface. Reporting conflict is not only about giving it as it happens.

"The basic thing in conflict reporting is how deeply we investigate the matter, how it affects the common man and how we provide solutions to the

problem."

The General Editor, Hamza Idris, Daily Trust General Editor, noted that investigative journalism and conflict reporting involve risk and require self-confidence.

He told the reporters that they should not be afraid of doing their work diligently.

He advised them to always be truthful and consistent with their information.

The Deputy General Editor, Abdulaziz Abdulaziz, said the engagement was to enrich the reporters' approach, urging them to develop sources to ensure their reports are factual, elaborate and complete.

He said they were expected to take charge of their areas of coverage by getting firsthand information using their cultural composition.

Don't go on strike, FG begs aviation workers

By Idowu Isamotu

The Minister of Labour and Employment, Chris Ngige, yesterday appealed to aviation workers not to embark on strike, assuring that their demands will be addressed.

The National Union of Air Transport Employees and the Association of Nigerian Aviation Professionals had threatened to down tools nationwide today over "poor welfare" and non-implementation of agreements with the government.

Ngige met with the unions in Abuja yesterday. The meeting, which was still ongoing as of the time of filing this report, was

attended by the Minister of Aviation, Hadi Sirika and other government officials.

At the commencement of the meeting, Ngige assured that "we're going to reach agreements here."

President, Air Transport Services Senior Staff Association of Nigeria, Ahmadu Ilitrus, said since the Minimum Wage Bill was signed in 2019, aviation workers had not benefitted from it.

He called for the approval/release of the reviewed conditions of service for aviation workers.

He also asked the government to address the issue of suppression of unionization in the aviation industry.

Congratulations, TRUSTED SON OF DAURA



I, Senator (Dr.) Abdullahi Adamu, CON, Turakin Keffi, on behalf of my family, my associates and members of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in my constituency, heartily rejoice with my brother, **Rt. Hon. Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi**, on his coronation as the **Dan Amanar Daura (The Trusted Son of Daura)**, by His Highness, the Emir of Daura, Alhaji (Dr.) Umar Farouk Umar, CON.

This is a well-deserved honour, considering your diligence in executing the National assignments entrusted in you. Your conscientious efforts to turn the old rustic railway infrastructure in the country to a modern efficient means of transportation, is a notable example, given your conviction in the rail system's potential for movement of heavy goods and large number of people from one place to another.

I pray to Almighty God to grant you more wisdom in good health, to continue to make giant contributions towards the development of our country.

Once again, Congratulations.

**Rt. Hon. Chibuike Rotimi
AMEACHI**

Honourable Minister of Transportation
Dan Amanar Daura



Signed:

Senator (Dr) Abdullahi Adamu, CON,
Turakin Keffi
Senator representing Nasarawa West

INSIDE POLITICS

“Governors who emerged in the APC became emperors, they want to dictate to the party and everyone. If they like you, you are a member of the party and if they don't, you cannot be a member – Senator Shehu Sani

Ganduje leads as APC unveils sharing template for Kano

By Ismail Mudashir, Saawua Terzungwe (Abuja) & Clement A. Oloyede (Kano)

The national caretaker committee of the All Progressives Congress (APC) has set up a five-man “National/State Joint Supervisory Committee” for the party in Kano State to be headed by the state governor, Abdullahi Umar Ganduje and assisted by Senator Ibrahim Shekarau.

Other members of the committee are Governor Bello Muhammad Matawalle of Zamfara State, former Speaker of the House of Representatives, Yakubu Dogara and Senator Abba Ali, with the national secretariat expected to also be represented.

The committee is expected to sit in Kano and within seven days complete and submit its report.

This was contained in a letter communicating the template for the harmonization of the party structure in the state addressed last night to Governor Ganduje and signed by Abdullahi Gashua, the Chief of Staff to the

- Shekarau/Barau camp demands chairmanship, 55 per cent exco
- Our challenges surmountable – Buni

national chairman of the party. It was stated in the template that all stakeholders at the reconciliation meetings came to a consensus among others that Ganduje “is the undisputed APC leader in Kano State and as the leader, he is encouraged to demonstrate leadership to accommodating key stakeholders.”

The template also stated that a “bottom-top caucus shall be constituted at each local government area.”

The national caretaker committee of the party under the leadership of Yobe State Governor Mai Mala Buni, had after a meeting with the warring camps on Saturday, resolved to share party positions for the groups.

The battle for the APC structure in Kano State involves the state governor's camp and the members of the G-7, comprising Senator Shekarau, Senator Jibrin Barau and five others.



■ Buni

The party had on Sunday said the sharing formula would be released yesterday.

But the G-7 has demanded 55 per cent of the party positions including the chairmanship.

One of the leaders of the G-7 told *Daily Trust* that they have presented their demands to the

national caretaker committee of the party.

“We requested that the party positions be shared 55 – 45 positions in favour of our camp, the G-7. We are to produce the chairman. Based on the ongoing litigation. The party leadership is with us,” he told one of our

correspondents last night.

He also said they are mulling the rejection of the template released by the national caretaker committee. He said a statement would be released last night to announce the rejection.

Challenges surmountable – Buni

Yobe State Governor and Chairman of the APC committee, Mai Mala Buni, has said the challenges faced by the party are surmountable.

He stated this on Monday when he received members of the Buhari Campaign Organisation (BCO) who paid him a courtesy visit, according to a statement signed by his Director-General Media and Press Affairs, Mamman Mohammed.

The governor, who said the challenges do not constitute any threat to the party, added that the ruling party was waxing stronger.

Earlier, the grand patron of the organisation, Sen. Abba Aji Katsina, said the organisation was making contributions to promote unity in the party.

Kwankwaso, others meet as third force mega party ready in three weeks

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

Leaders of Conscience and key stakeholders and partners in the emergent Third Force Movement of Nigeria have concluded plan to form a Third Force mega political party in the next three weeks.

Daily Trust learnt that the expected party, which identity is yet to be revealed, would be an existing political party that has agreed to fuse its structure into the mega platform.

The Leaders of Conscience under the aegis of the Nigerian Consultative Front (NCfront) met in Lagos over the weekend where the decision was reached.

The meeting, it

was gathered, was to consummate the various consultations and negotiations among parties and stakeholders aimed at forming a formidable alternative democratic mega party to drive the political rescue and salvation of Nigeria through the ballot in 2023.

At the meeting were Prof. Pat Utomi, Dr. Usman Bugaje, former Kano governor, Engr Musa Rabiu Kwankwaso, presidential aspirant, Prof Kingsley Moghalu, chairman, NRM, Senator Saidu Dansadau, chairman, chairman, ADC, Chief Raph Okey Nwosu and Prof. Osita Ogbu, a former Economic Adviser to the President of Nigeria.

Others were Hadjia Naja'atu Mohammed, Prof Mrs Remi Sonaiya, Pastor Ituah Ighodalo, Dr Sadiq Gombe, Comrade Promise Adewusi, Mni, former Deputy President of the NLC, Chief Akin Braithwaite, Arc Ezekiel Nya Etok, and Lady Khadija Okunnu-Lamidi, among others.

It was however learnt at the meeting that only two political parties that are members of the NCFront agreed to the Memorandum Of Understanding (MoU) to fuse into the proposed coalition party.

A statement by the NCFront endorsed by Ms Bilikis Bello indicated that the meeting set up an all-inclusive transition/harmonisation council.

Leadership crisis: SDP gets national c'ttee to reconcile members

By Baba Martins

Following the leadership crisis rocking it, the Social Democratic Party (SDP) has set up a national reconciliation committee to reconcile aggrieved members and also find a way of bringing back some of those suspended by the former executive.

Addressing a press conference in Abuja,

Dr. Abdul Ahmed Isiaq, national chairman of the party said the party has also gone to court to stop the former acting chairman, Dr. Olu Agunloye, and the former secretary, Shehu Musa Gabam, from parading themselves as acting chairman and secretary respectively.

The new chairman said the reconciliation became necessary following

threat, intimidation and impunity perpetrated by the former executives that led to all the elective public officers leaving the party and the suspension of prominent members.

He explained that a national reconciliation committee that is being populated by respected party men and women from all the geo-political zones will soon start work.

Osinbajo to Nigerians: Reject politicians using sectional sentiments

By Muideen Olaniyi

Vice President Yemi Osinbajo has advised Nigerians to reject politicians trying to use “sectional sentiments” to grab power.

The vice president gave the advice on Monday while speaking at the inaugural conference of APC Professional Forum themed ‘The Role of Professionals in Politics and National Building’ held at the Old Banquet Hall of the State House, Abuja.

He also said professionals who are politicians must stand out as people acquainted with an assessment based on their achievements and used to making competence as the first means of showcasing their acumen.

He said there was no point to have professionals in politics if they were “driven by ethnic, religious and other

parochial considerations”, stressing that “the whole point of professionalism is that you are defined by merit, you are defined by your professional acumen.”

Osinbajo stressed the need for all stakeholders to realise that it was no longer sustainable to keep finding individual solutions to collective challenges.

While fielding questions, the senator representing Nasarawa Central, Umaru Tanko Al-Makura, said efforts would be made to make people considering politics a profession to lose their jobs.

Earlier, Dr Isa Yuguda, former Governor of Bauchi State and Chairman, Board of Trustees (BoT), APC Professionals Forum, said the success of any political party in government was majorly dependent on the delivery of democratic dividends and good governance to the people.

PDP tackles Senate president over endorsement of Kwara gov

By Mumini AbdulKareem, Ilorin

The Kwara State chapter of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has called on the Senate President, Ahmed Lawan, to rise above petty politics over his comments on the politics of the state.

The party, in a statement on Monday signed by its publicity secretary, Tunde Ashaolu, expressed disappointment with the Senate president over his blanket commendation for Governor Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq on his performance in the last 32 months.

Lawan, during a mega empowerment by the senator representing Kwara North in the National Assembly, Umar Sadiq

held in Ilorin, had chided the party that it had little to show for the 16 years it had ruled the state.

He also called for the reelection of the governor in 2023.

But PDP said Lawan's understanding of what constitutes good governance is “too low, warped, pedestrian and archaic”.

It queried him to explain what informed his judgment about the good performance of Abdulrazaq when he (Lawan) did not inspect any completed or ongoing project or policy initiative by the government during the visit.

Several calls to get the response of spokesman of the Senate President, Ola Awoniyi, were not answered.

Electoral bill: I'll advise Buhari against assent if... – Malami

By John Chuks Azu

The Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Abubakar Malami says, President Muhammadu Buhari has sought his advice on the reworked electoral bill.

He said if he was not satisfied and if the reviewed electoral bill was against the public interest, he would advise the president accordingly.

Malami said this last night while featuring on Channels TV programme, Politics Today, monitored by our correspondent.

"If I am not satisfied, and I am of the opinion that it is against the public interest, the national

interest, and against the dictates of the democratic process, I will advise accordingly.

"But then, one thing I can tell you is that we can all be interested in leaving behind a legacy of a lasting democracy that accommodates the interest of Nigerians," he said.

Speaking on the fate of a former acting chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Ibrahim Magu, the AGF said the delay in concluding the matter was due to the multiple agencies investigating the matter.

On Hushpuppi and ACP Abba Kyari, he said there were exchanges of correspondence between the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and

the Federal Government of Nigeria for extradition and investigation.

"You can't find someone guilty, but perhaps a reasonable ground for suspicion can establish which would translate to the possibility of prosecution which would lead to conviction, if indeed, one is adjudged guilty by a court of law," he said.

He said the government cannot rule out the possibility of a political solution to the cases of secessionist agitators, Sunday Igboho, and Nnamdi Kanu.

He reiterated the determination of the government to name the identified suspected terrorism financiers.



■ Malami

2023: South East intensifies lobby, seeks Yoruba leaders' backing

From Abdulateef Aliyu, Lagos

As the battle over the zoning of 2023 Presidency rages, the South East has intensified lobby to get the ticket zoned to the geopolitical zone, findings by Daily Trust have shown.

A highly placed source said the move by the zone which cuts across party line is aimed at securing sufficient support of other zones for the South East to produce the next president.

It was learnt that the zone is particularly lobbying other zones within the South to get their support with the Southwest being used as a springboard for the now intense lobby.

Several politicians of Igbo extraction have declared for the

presidency including Governor David Umahi of Ebonyi State, Senate Chief Whip and former Abia Governor, Senator Orji Uzor Kalu, former Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Senator Pius Anyim, among others.

Anyim was in Lagos over the weekend where he met some Yoruba leaders including the Leader of the Pan-Yoruba socio-political organisation, Afenifere, Chief Ayo Adebajo.

Contacted, the spokesman of Afenifere, Comrade Jare Ajayi said the position of Afenifere remains that the South should produce the President in 2023 but yet to decide on which of the zones within the Southern region.

APC clears Kebbi LGs poll

From Aliyu M. Hamagam, Birnin Kebbi

The All Progressives Congress (APC) in Kebbi State has swept all the chairmanship and councillorships positions in last Saturday's councils elections.

Kebbi State Independent Electoral Commission (KESIEC) had recently said 18 political parties indicated interest to participate in the February 5 council polls, but only 17 took part in the election. The result was declared on

Monday in Birnin Kebbi by the Chairman of (KESIEC), Aliyu Muhammad Mera saying, APC won all the 21 chairmanship seats and 225 councillorship positions in the state.

"In view of the compilation of the result which was declared at the ward and local government levels, I wish to announce that All Progressives Congress (APC) has won all the 21 chairmanship and all the 225 councillorship positions," he said.

APC chair: Group woos stakeholders for Sen. Musa

By Faruk Shuaibu

Stakeholders of the APC across the country have been urged to support the candidature of Niger State senator, Sani Musa, for the national chairmanship seat of the party.

The coordinator of Joint APC Stakeholders, Umar Waziri Kumo, in a statement, said talks and mobilization of delegates and influential party bigwigs were on to rally support for the

Niger East senator to emerge as the next elected national chairman of APC.

Kumo added that the party was trying hard to avoid repeating mistakes of the past, particularly that of taking the sensibilities of Nigerians for granted.

He explained further that party stakeholders had agreed not to fall into the pothole that became the nemesis of the previous party in power.

Confirmation of Gumus as INEC Commissioner 'coup' against democracy – PDP

By Baba Martins

The opposition Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has rejected the confirmation of Prof. Rhoda Gumus, as a National Commissioner (South South) of the Independent National Electoral Commission

(INEC).

The party which described Gumus as "a card-carrying member of the All Progressives Congress (APC)," said her confirmation was a coup against democracy in Nigeria.

Debo Ologunagba, National Publicity Secretary of the

party, in a statement, said her confirmation was "a 'coup' against democracy and an open invitation to serious political crisis that can derail the country's hard-earned democracy and lead to breakdown of law and order if not immediately reversed.

Nobody will be persecuted for opposing Gov Emmanuel's candidate – Govt



■ Gov Emmanuel

From Iniabasi Umo, Uyo

The Akwa Ibom State Government has said there is no cause for alarm over Governor Udom Emmanuel's choice of Mr

Umo Eno, the Commissioner of Lands and Water Resources as his successor.

Speaking on Monday in Uyo during a press conference to address the issue which has caused a lot of controversy in the state, the Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Mr Ini Emembong, said Governor Emmanuel's preference is his conviction and nobody would be persecuted for making an alternative choice.

He said there was currently no aspirant but intending aspirants for the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), as only the party's primaries would determine who

emerges as its flag bearer.

Meanwhile, youths under the aegis of the Coalition of Akwa Ibom Youth Groups (CAIG), have said it was wrong for Governor Emmanuel to pick a successor which was the mandate of only political parties, and not an individual.

Speaker of the South-South Youth Assembly (SSYA), Comrade Victor Thompson and leader Youth Democratic Movement (YDM), maintained that handpicking a successor before the party's primary amounted to imposition and an appointment of a governor for the people.

Why legislators are badly misunderstood – NILDS DG

By Idowu Isamotu

The National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies (NILDS) says non-effectiveness of some bills passed by the national and state assemblies on the citizenry is one of the main

reasons legislators are "badly misunderstood".

The institute, while lamenting the development, said it was expedient for Nigerians to be aware that legislators are very hardworking when it comes to sound legislations to make life better for the citizenry.

The Director-General of the institute, Prof. Abubakar Sulaiman, stated this on Monday in an interview with journalists when he formally declared open the Post Legislative Scrutiny (PLS) training organised in collaboration with Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD).

Sulaiman, who was represented by NILDS Director of Democracy and Governance,

Dr Adewale Aderemi, explained that PLS is a legislative process that measures the impact of legislation on the population.

He said: "It is one thing to pass legislation and another to know whether it is effective, serving the intended purpose of its passage. What PLS does is measure the impact of legislation on the population.

"When you pass a bill into law, you have something at the back of your mind whether the law, as passed, is actually doing what you intended it to do is completely different.

"PLS is important to know whether it is actually working that way or not. This is how you know whether a review is due or not."



■ Prof Sulaiman

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CITY & CRIME

Gunmen abduct PDP vice chairman's wife, 10 others in Abuja

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

Gunmen have abducted the wife of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Vice Chairman in Gwargwada Ward, Kuje Area Council, Mrs Asabe Mohammed Korija. She was abducted alongside 10 others.

A relation of one of the victims, Salihu Ibrahim, said the incident happened on Friday, about 5pm, along Gwargwada-Gwombe junction near Rubochi community.

He said the victims were returning to Gwombe and Pesu villages after attending a political function at neighbouring

...demand N25m ransoms

Gwargwada village. He said the gunmen, who are over 30 in number and armed with guns, barricaded the road with logs of wood.

They flagged down motorcycles and whisked the victims into the bush.

"But two other persons who are on a motorcycle escaped. Upon sighting the kidnappers, they abandoned the motorcycle and fled into the bush but the kidnappers set the motorcycle ablaze," he said.

The Agabe of Gwargwada-Ugbada, Alhaji Hussaini Agabi

Mam, confirmed the abduction of 11 people, including the wife of the PDP ward chairman of the area.

"Three of the victims are from my place, four from Pesu while the remaining victims are from neighbouring Gwombe village," he said.

The monarch said the kidnappers were yet to make contact with the family of the people abducted. He called on security agents to rescue the victims.

The spokesperson of the FCT police command, DSP Adeb



■ FCT CP, Sunday Babaji Josephine, was yet to reply to a text message sent to her on the incident. Meanwhile, the abductors

were said to have demanded for N25 million ransoms before the victims will be set free.

The Agabe of Gwargwada-Ugbada chifedom, Alhaji Hussaini Agabi Mam, confirmed this to City News in his palace yesterday, saying the kidnappers called at about 9am on Monday to inform that the victims are in their custody.

The monarch added that a relative of one of the victims told the kidnappers that no one among the victims can afford N100,000 not to talk of raising a million naira.

He said the kidnappers had since stopped picking calls.

Unclaimed corpses worry Keffi Medical Centre

●Threatens mass burial

By Hussein Yahaya

The management of the Federal Medical Centre, Keffi, has said that the hospital is having not less than 10 unclaimed/unidentified corpses brought in by the police and men of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC).

The Centre said the corpses were brought in between 2018 and 2020 and were still lying at the Centre's mortuary.

The Public Relations Officer of the Centre Muhammed Adamu, said the corpses had exceeded the time limit of six months as permitted by law and as such the Centre is calling on members of the public, whose their loved ones were missing within the period to visit the hospital for possible identification.

He said the hospital would be left with no option than mass burial if the corpses were not claimed within the next two weeks.



■ An overloaded commercial bus on Third Mainland Bridge in Lagos Photo: Benedict Uwalaka

2 killed, 10 arrested in Kwara Varsity cultists clash

From Mumini Abdulkareem, Ilorin

One person, identified as Ajibiye Ridwan, was killed last week as alleged rival cultist groups from Kwara State University, Malet, clashed in a battle for supremacy.

It was gathered that the bloody fight between the cult groups, Buccaneer and Eiye, at Tarmac area, Malet, witnessed the use of guns and other

weapons which left the students community in a serious panic.

Speaking on the incident, the police said the remains of the deceased had been deposited at the morgue of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital while seven suspects were arrested.

Meanwhile, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Ajayi Okasanmi, has confirmed the death of an unidentified young man left lying in a pool of his blood.

Trans-border kidnapper arrested with N2.3m cash in Kwara forest

From Mumini Abdulkareem, Ilorin

The Kwara State Police Command at the weekend arrested one Mohammed Alo, a citizen of Benin Republic, alleged to be a suspected trans-border kidnapper.

According to the police, the suspect was nabbed in Kosubosu Forest, Baruten Local Government Area of Kwara State with the assistance of vigilantes.

Items recovered from Mohammed, the command said, included one locally-made gun, a machete, jackknife, two handsets of different makes, one Bluetooth and N2.3m cash.

"The suspect confessed to being a member of a trans-border kidnapping gang, whose other members are now in Benin Republic.

"The suspect will be charged to court as soon as investigation is concluded", a statement by the command's spokesman, Ajayi Okasanmi, said.

The arrest of the suspect is coming on the heels of increased kidnapping activities in the state with travellers and farmers the worst hit.



■ The suspect, Mohammed

Pharmacist, 4 others remanded for trafficking tramadol

From Adelanwa Bamgboye, Lagos

Justice Lewis Allagoa of a Lagos Federal High Court, on Friday, ordered the remand of a 54-year-old pharmacist, Okafor Christian Chibuzor and four others, for allegedly trafficking in banned tramadol brands.

Others ordered to be remanded in the custody of the Nigerian Correctional Services (NCoS) are Alhaji Siwidi Isyaku, 39, Aliyu Mohammed, 35, Emmanuel Bassey, 63 and Lawrence Ezekwe Nwachukwu, 42.

Justice Allagoa made the remand order, after they all pleaded not guilty to the charges of conspiracy, unlawful dealing in the banned drugs, and obstructing the officials of NDLEA from carrying out their lawful duty.

Arraigning the pharmacist and

others on Friday, the prosecutor, Abdullahi Hussain, told the court that all the defendants were arrested on December 16, 2021, at Justrite area, Agege, Lagos.

He told the court that during the arrest, all the defendants unlawfully had in their possession the following brand and quantities of tramadol: 50,000 tablets of Tramadol 225mg, 46,000 tablets of Tapentadol; 50,000 tablets of Ticmadol and 36,000 tablets of Fakadol.

The prosecutor also told the court that one of the defendants, Lawrence Ezekwe Nwachukwu, used his Toyota Camry car with registration number APP193-GF, Lagos, to convey the banned drugs, which were concealed in two Ghana-must-go bags.

Abdullahi also told the court that Nwachukwu, obstructed officials of the NDLEA from performing their lawful duty and also instigated others to attack them.

The prosecutor told the court that the offences of the defendants were punishable under sections 14(b); 20(c); 11(c); 11(b) and 49 of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency Act, Cap N30 Laws of the Federation of Nigerian 2004.

All the defendants pleaded not guilty to the charges. With the defendants' not guilty plea, the prosecutor asked the court for a trial date, and to remand them in the NCoS' custody, till the determination of the charge.

Counsel to the defendants, Benson Ndakara, informed the court that the defendants' bail applications had been filed and served on the prosecutor whom, he said, had responded through a counter.

Ndakara pleaded with the court that in the case of deferment of ruling on the application, the court should remand the pharmacist, Okafor Christian Chibuzor, whom



■ Tramadol pills

he said is battling leg cancer, in the custody of NDLEA for proper medical care.

Justice Allagoa in his bench ruling, while granting Ndakara's request on the pharmacist, ordered that other

defendants, be remanded in the NCoS' custody, till February 18, when decision will be taken on their bail applications.



■ Some motorcycles seized by men of the FCT Directorate of Road Traffic Service in Abuja yesterday

Fake soldier arrested with stolen phone in Oyo

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

A 33-years-old man, Paul Ade, said to be parading himself as a soldier in Ogbomoso area of Oyo State has been arrested by the police.

The police commissioner, Ngozi Onadeko, who paraded the suspect, said he was caught with an Infinix cell phone belonging to one Olayiwola Mary.

According to her, the suspect had always been parading himself as a serving military personnel and when search warrant was executed in his house, military exhibits were recovered.

The police boss said exhibits caught with the suspect were two pairs of military camouflage uniforms, one military cardigan, one empty pistol jacket, two military face caps, one military raincoat, one lanyard, one military camouflage knicker, one smokebox, and one Infinix Hot0-5 phone.

"Upon interrogation, the suspect confessed to the crime

and also confirmed that he had been using the military uniforms and accoutrements to disguise as a serving soldier so as to conceal his criminal activities. Investigation is now in progress," he said.

But reacting to his arrest, the suspect said "I bought the phone from somebody. When they arrested me, I told them to follow me to where I bought the phone but they didn't answer me."

"After that, they checked through the phone and saw a picture I took with military

uniform. They asked me about the uniform and I told them it belongs to my friend serving in Borno State.

"They asked me to follow them to my house and they searched my room and met all these uniforms. I only use the uniform to take pictures. I have given the police my friend's phone number. They can call to confirm with him."

"I have been using the phone for the last eight months. I never knew it was a stolen phone. I bought the phone from somebody."



■ The Suspect

Man turns underage girl into sex slave in Lagos

From Eugene Agha Lagos

The police in Lagos, on Friday, arraigned a 25-year old man, Haruna Jimoh, for allegedly abducting a 12-year-old girl and turning her into a sex slave.

The accused is currently standing trial at the Ogba Chief Magistrates' Court, Lagos charged with abduction and rape.

If found guilty, Jimoh may get a minimum of 14-years' imprisonment in line with the Lagos State law on defilement.

The police said the accused allegedly abducted the little girl while she was on an errand for her grandfather around 8pm.

The police said the accused hid the girl in a nearby bush close to Erewa quarters, in Ojo



■ Lagos CP, Silvester Abiodun Alabi

Local Government Area of Lagos. The prosecutor, Victor Eruada, told the presiding

magistrate that the accused kept the victim in the bush overnight and that when her grandfather went to rescue her, the accused smashed his head with a wood.

"The girls' grandfather raised the alarm that attracted some passerby to the scene of crime. He was consequently arrested and handed over to the police in Ojo," the prosecutor said.

The prosecutor further stated that the case was later transferred to the gender section of the command headquarters in Ikeja for further investigation.

The court did not take the plea of the accused following a motion moved by the prosecutor, Supol Victor Eruada, asking the court to refer the matter to the Department of Public Prosecution (DPP) for legal advice since the girl involved is a minor.

The presiding magistrate, Mrs. M. O. Tanimola, ordered the accused to be remanded in correctional centre at Kirikiri town, Lagos and directed the prosecutor to send the file to the DPP and adjourned the matter to March 4, 2022.

QUICK READ

Kano LG chair commissions over N1bn projects

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano

The chairman Ungogo local government council of Kano State, Engr. Abdullahi Garba Ramat, has inaugurated and flagged off three projects valued at over N1 billion.

The three projects are renovation and upgrade of Abdullahi bin Mas'ud Primary School at Bachirawa, perimeter fencing of Bachirwa Abattoir, the on-going 5km dual carriage road with drainages from both side and culverts at strategic locations from kwanar Ungogo to Ungogo town and inauguration of Juma'at/Eid prayer mosque at Karo ward.

Engr. Ramat said the projects were embarked upon based on need assessment conducted in the area.

Jonathan's cousin regains freedom from kidnappers' den

From Bassey Willie, Yenagoa

Mr Jephthah Robert Yekorogha, abducted cousin of the former President Goodluck Jonathan has regained freedom from the kidnappers' den after spending 14 days in captivity.

Yekorogha, was abducted by heavily armed gunmen on January 24 at his residence in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State capital.

He was taken to unknown destination for over two weeks without any communication with the family members.

Also, the police spokesman in Bayelsa State, SP Asinim Butswat, who confirmed the release, said the detail was still sketchy.

Court dissolves 9-year-old marriage over wife's ill-temper

A Jos Upper Area Court in Kasuwan Nama, on Monday, dissolved the 9-year old marriage between Sadiya Adamu and her husband, Ifeanyi Nnadili, over her ill-temper.

Delivering judgment, the Judge, Suleiman Lawal, granted Nnadili's divorce petition and ordered both parties to go their separate ways.

In his petition, Nnadili told the court that he could no longer cope and tolerate his wife's temper.

"She is angry and hostile towards me. We fight all the time," he said.(NAN)

FCT agency trains 326 civil servants on entrepreneurship

By Daniel Dada

The Abuja Enterprise Agency (AEA) has begun pre-retirement training for 326 civil servants in the Federal Capital Territory Authority.

The Managing Director of the Agency, Shehu Abdulkadir, in his opening address at the event yesterday, said the training would facilitate the participant's transition from public service to become successful entrepreneurs.

"The training will cover critical areas such as idea generation, making safe investment decision, building business model and more."

The Director, Human Resources FCTA, Mal Muhammed Bashir Mni, said the training was apt and would help equip their staff preparing for retirement to explore their skills entrepreneurship.

One of the trainees, Mrs Enah Ebitto, said the training was an opportunity to acquire knowledge on how to start and sustain a business after retirement.

OPINION

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APC chairmanship: Sen. Al-Makura on a rescue mission

By Mohammed Baba Busu

The days are counting. The day for the convention of the All Progressives Congress (APC) is drawing near hence, all aspirants are putting finishing touches on their mobilisation for support from different parts of the country.

There is no doubt, all the eminent Nigerians who have so far indicated interest to occupy the number one seat of the APC are qualified to run the affairs of the party. This is because of their experience as politicians and many other positions they have held in the past.

However, a careful assessment of all the contestants indicates that Sen. Umaru Tanko Al-Makura is the man that has the capacity to rescue the party and restore its near-lost glory.

Senator Al-Makura, a former governor of Nasarawa State and now senator, has shown capacity and leadership over the years as a man that can be trusted with power at any level.

When he was governor of Nasarawa State, there was no doubt, even enemies of the state attested to the fact that the state witnessed tremendous development in all facets within the eight years of his administration.

That is why many Nigerians, both within and outside the APC, believe that Sen. Al-Makura is the messiah that is coming to transform the party from its many challenges, including internal squabbles and divisions, and take it to victory in the 2023 general elections.

The confidence of most Nigerians on Sen. Al-Makura is based on the fact that even when he was in a minority party - the Congress for Progressive Change (CPC) - he was able to dislodge well-established and strong party in power.

It would be recalled that in 2011, Tanko Al-Makura demonstrated uncommon political prowess when he led the newly formed CPC to upstage a well-entrenched incumbent PDP government in his state in the governorship election, thereby becoming the only CPC governor in the country.

As the APC is facing a very delicate and dicey moment in its history where there is so much uncertainty and anxiety giving that President Muhammadu Buhari will no more be contesting in 2023, the party needs strong people to take-over and lead it to victory in 2023.

Another factor that is making Sen. Al-Makura's candidature appealing is the fact that it is time to pay back the elements of the old CPC who worked tirelessly for the emergence of the APC.

The Governor of Nasarawa State, Abdullahi Sule, reiterated this fact recently while speaking at Gudi, his home town.

The governor had appealed to the party leaders to consider Nasarawa State because it was the only state that provided the CPC a platform

leading to the merger in 2013 that gave birth to the APC.

"Two of the legacy parties; ACN and ANPP, each produced two national chairmen of the APC. The only legacy party that is yet to produce the national chairman is the CPC," Gov. Sule stressed.

It is also worth noting that despite the massive support it has given over the years, the North Central geopolitical zone of the country has not been given the opportunity to provide the leader of the ruling APC since the party's formation. This, therefore, provides an opportunity for the APC leadership to consider Nasarawa State, and indeed Sen. Al-Makura is the man whose head fits the cap.

It is also important to note that President Muhammadu Buhari, who was at the centre of the merger in order to provide a platform for him to win the 2015 general election, had Nasarawa State as the only state controlled by his party - the CPC and as providence would have it, Senator Umaru Tanko Al-Makura was the governor of the state.

Many stakeholders of the APC across the country believe that CPC and, indeed, the two-term governor of Nasarawa State, Senator Al-Makura, should be rewarded for his patience, resilience and immense contributions to the success of the APC over the years.

They also postulate that Senator Al-Makura has demonstrated, over the years, that he is a good ambassador of the party following the legacy projects he executed in Nasarawa State. This led him to be nick-named as the 'Architect of modern Nasarawa State'.

While re-echoing the need to reward the CPC and Senator Al-Makura, one of his supporters, Professor Mohammed Mainoma, recently said: "The contributions of Tanko Al-Makura at the national sphere are commendable. It was in Nasarawa State that the real Buhari agenda was implemented. It was what made the nation to become more convinced to accept Buhari as a leader.

"The actual implementation of CPC agenda in Nasarawa has cleared the minds of sceptics as to the capacity of the new party to do magic.

"It was therefore easy after the merger for people to have confidence in APC. Indeed, Nasarawa became the laboratory for APC."

It is, therefore, important to reiterated that as far as the APC is concerned and as far as the party wants to win the 2023 general elections, it needs a party chairman who has the capacity and the gift to make that possible.

Leaders and, indeed, members of the party, should therefore, rally round Sen. Al-Makura because he is on a mission to rescue and restore the glory of the party.

Busu sent this piece from Lafia

OPINION

The West might have stumbled in handling Russian/Ukrainian crisis

By Lindsay Barrett

The American government's insistence that the drums of war be beaten over what it insists is Russia's intention to usurp its neighbouring nation Ukraine's independence and sovereignty might appear to many observers to be the product of genuine concern. However, on closer examination of the issues at stake this American policy might appear to be a product of the superiority complex that the West continues to manifest as its response to the collapse of the Soviet Union back in the early 1990s.

Ukraine, during the Soviet era, was an important part of the strategic military assets of the USSR and the repository of a major portion of its nuclear arsenal. When the so-called Cold War ended the reform of the nations that made up the USSR in the communist era led to the re-drawing of the Russian federation's boundaries in ways that were not satisfactory to patriotic Russian nationalists. President Vladimir Putin is the symbolic and the most important representative of those interests in the political arena of modern Russia.

The West should take this reality into consideration and try to develop a responsible dialogue with Vladimir Putin. When Volodymyr Zelensky the Ukrainian President said recently that he did not believe the Russians were about to invade he was signaling the need for diplomatic caution to those allies that he did not hesitate to acknowledge and whom he still asked for support. He openly acknowledged his need for American pledges of military support at the very time when he was denying the veracity of American assessment of the situation

The American Government cannot pretend to be unaware of these impulses and when dealing with Russian intervention in global affairs it must take this reality into consideration. The situation in which the world finds itself has Russia flexing its military muscles on the border with Ukraine while America which has just had to acknowledge its failure in Afghanistan is constrained to pose as the guarantor of democracy for the former communist nations of what was actually the modern Russian empire.

Since the end of the so-called Cold War the major impulse of the leadership of the Russian nation has been the restoration of Russian control over as much of the former USSR as possible and this has led to military conflicts in Russia's neighbours like Georgia, Azerbaijan, and Ukraine. It is this historical background that has provided the justification for the West, led by America, to reject Russia's denial of invasion as its objective.

The classic conventions of diplomacy hold that the objectives that major nations advocate are often symptomatic of their selfish interests rather than of what is best for the collective interest of all those involved in decision-

making over specific events and issues. Recent events and opinions expressed by American diplomats on the Russian and Ukrainian military conditions have reinforced this cynical presumption as the escalation of Russian deployment on the border with Ukraine and in neighbouring Belarus prompted the American president to pronounce an invasion as being 'imminent'. Once he used this term the Russian government's response was to deny the assumption so that all negotiation that followed would be based on whether the American government, as the leader of the Western Alliance, could prove its allegation to be true. To do this the West must be able to convince the world that its leaders have the ability to read the mind of Vladimir Putin in spite of his actions and are, therefore, able to predict his intentions. They have been unable to verify that they have this ability and as a result as the crisis develops it is the West rather than Russia that has taken on the semblance of provocateurs rather than mediators.

The deployment of American soldiers to join their NATO allies in Eastern Europe especially in Romania and Poland and parts of Germany has added to this perception while Russia's argument is that it has simply been involved in tactical training exercises on its own territory and at the invitation of its ally Belarus. However, Russia has exhibited its ability and willingness to invade and destabilise the Ukrainian territorial space in the past even though contemporary circumstances suggest that it might be strategically unwise for it to follow that course in these times. As a consequence, it appears to be tactically correct for Russia to provoke a situation in which it appears to be the aggrieved party and the West, led by America, is seen as the antagonist. So far it seems as if the West has stumbled into just such a dilemma.

It should not surprise any conscientious observer that Russia has garnered the support of the Chinese government and people in its confrontation with the West. Right from the time of the Trump administration America has chosen to bully the Chinese on issues of trade and diplomatic relations. The profile of discourse between America and the Chinese authorities has hardly been transformed since the Biden administration took over and so it will certainly serve the global interests of the Chinese for them to be strongly supportive of the Russians in any conflict between them and America. Ukraine will be an unfortunate pawn in any such crisis as it will suffer the fate of a small country stymied by its geographical location since the Russian nationalists regard it as an extension of their territorial space.

The West should take this reality into consideration and try to develop a responsible dialogue with Vladimir Putin. When Volodymyr Zelensky the Ukrainian President said recently that he did not believe the Russians were about to invade he was signaling the need for diplomatic caution to those allies that he did not hesitate to acknowledge and whom he still asked for support. He openly acknowledged his need for American pledges of military support at the very time when he was denying the veracity of American assessment of the situation. Zelensky's utterances should have indicated the depth of his dilemma to his Western allies as he confronts a political situation that must be deeply confusing. It is obvious that the domestic polity of Ukraine includes a substantial pro-Russian element and that while Mr. Putin is determined to aggravate this the West needs to decide how best to deal with the reality without stumbling into war.

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Lessons from AFCON 2021

With the full trappings of high drama and frenzied expectations, the final match of the 2022 African Cup of Nations (tagged AFCON 2021) came to a most interesting close last Sunday as Senegal defeated Egypt 4-2 in a penalties shoot-out to lift the coveted continental soccer trophy. The penalties followed a gruelling contest over full and extra time that ended in a goalless draw.

This 33rd edition of the tournament which was hosted by Cameroon, lasted from January 9 – February 6, 2022, and featured the 24 teams that qualified through preliminary group stage tournaments played earlier. Among the highlights of the tournament was a seemingly personal tussle for superiority by two of Africa's best footballers of the moment - Mohamed Sallah of Egypt and Sadio Mane of Senegal. Both currently play for Liverpool Football Club in England but had to face each other playing for their respective countries. Eventually, Mane and Senegal carried the day.

Nigeria had unceremoniously crashed out earlier at the first knockout stage through a 1-0 defeat by Tunisia.

We commend Cameroon for successfully hosting the tournament despite the challenges of COVID-19. We also commend the various players who showed up for their countries amidst resistance from their clubs. Apart from the football, there was also the rich display of African culture which was worth showing to the world. And as usual, the tournament proved itself as a unifying factor as Africans came out in their numbers, either physically or on social media platforms, to support their teams.

With the tournament over and winners as well as losers returning home to celebrate or rue over their fortunes or otherwise, not a few Nigerians have continued to lament the dismal state of football in the country, as was demonstrated in the country's outing at AFCON. Media reports indicate that not a few Nigerians rained expletives on the players over the poor outing by the country and the unimpressive exit it suffered. Nigeria had started on a promising note, having qualified as one of the final 24 teams and even progressed to lead Group D, comprising Egypt, Sudan and Guinea Bissau, with nine points from three matches.

However, it crashed out at the Round of 16 knock-out stage through a lone goal defeat by Tunisia, a country ranked 30th in the world on FIFA rankings; 6 spaces above Nigeria. Still, the manner of Nigeria's exit was seen by many Nigerians as leaving much to be desired.

Against the popularity of football in Nigeria and its role as the most unifying factor in the country, the early exit of the country from the AFCON 2021 tournament attracted sharp reactions from sundry quarters, over the remote and proximate causes of the sad development. While it would be presumptuous to expect the country to win every football tournament, AFCON is largely seen by Nigerians as one tournament in which the country should give a good account of itself at any stage.

Indeed, some observers have noted that the country's poor outing during the tournament could have had a bearing with the sack by the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) of the former coach, only weeks to the commencement of the tournament, Gernot Rohr and the appointment of a new foreign one Jose Peseiro, who would take over after AFCON 2021. To fill in the gap, the NFF appointed Nigeria's ex-international Austen Eguavon as interim coach for the continental tournament. This is precisely why many Nigerians have accused the NFF of not at all being prepared for the tournament, and therefore, was destined to early return, regardless of the initial brilliance of the team in the first three group-stage games.

Furthermore, and as has been pointed out on several occasions, Nigeria's rather poor fortunes in local and international football tournaments in particular and sports development, in general, arise from the low premium we place on sports development and our perennial lack of early preparations for tournaments. Sporting activities all over the world are driven by the spirit and ethos of fair play and competitiveness. This calls for effective development strategies and commitment to preparedness. Yet this is an area where the country's sports development regime demonstrates significant weaknesses.

The result is that Nigeria has often had to rely largely on foreign-based Nigerian sporting assets to represent it in topical tournaments, often even without significant government support. This is a critical indictment of the country's sports development regime. Therefore, we call on the NFF, the Sports ministry, the federal and state governments to take football development—and sports more generally—more seriously and build from the ground up for the future.

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Delayed prosecution of terror sponsors

Along with many other individuals and groups Emmanuel Onwubiko the national coordinator of the Human Rights Writers Association of Nigeria (HURIWA) has accused the federal government of shielding persons responsible for financing terrorism in Nigeria. He said, quite correctly, that Nigerians have the right to know who is making life unbearable for them, and concluded by saying that the secrecy surrounding exposing the identities of terror sponsors is a pointer to the fact that there are skeletons in the cupboard.

Renowned legal luminary Femi Falana asks government to "stop deceiving" Nigerians over the matter because their penchant for parading suspects in robbery and internet fraud cases seems to disappear when it comes to parading suspected financiers of terror. Falana penned a "freedom of information" request seeking an update on the postponed arraignment of identified suspects, but as is usual with requests under the Freedom of Information Act no information was released. Instead Dr Umar Gwandu a spokesman for the office of the Attorney-General of the Federation (AGF) said the identities of the suspects would be revealed in court!

The official reason given for the non-prosecution of terror sponsors at the time was that court workers were on strike. Eight months after the judiciary workers called off their strike no arraignment has taken place!

More than 10,000 Nigerians were killed by terrorists in 2021 and it's difficult to comprehend why government prevaricates on revealing and prosecuting their sponsors. This is a disservice to humanity because it's on record that both the intelligence community and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) government have provided names.

According to court proceedings in the UAE there is a "Nigerian government official and senior undercover member of Boko Haram" who facilitated the transfer of misappropriated public funds to the group. Perhaps this is why government

refuses to act with dispatch. Even more condemnable is the fact that in 2020 six Boko Haram sponsors were convicted in the UAE for funding terrorism through money transfers from Dubai. Two of the convicts were jailed for life while the rest received prison sentences of up to 10 years. Apparently overseas governments care more about the welfare of Nigerians than the Nigerian government!

The Convener of the Coalition in Defense of Nigerian Democracy and Constitution Dare Ariyo-Atoye says the refusal of government to act promptly is an indictment of their administration. He is one of many who believe that authorities are doing significantly more to cover the terrorist sponsors than to unearth and prosecute them.

It doesn't require any special process to charge such suspects since their details and the transactions made are readily available. Government spokespersons are struggling to disclaim the only conclusion which can be drawn from this, which the general public is beginning to accept, that there are skeletons in government official's cupboards.

Alhaji Aminu Gwadabe the President of the Association of Bureaux de Change Operators of Nigeria (ABCON) has expressed concern over the continued detention of his members without due process. He denies the accusation that BDC operators have been facilitating the foreign exchange requirements of terror sponsors. Gwadabe said ABCON is a self-regulatory body with zero tolerance for non-compliance with anti-money laundering laws. As far as he is concerned government should name, shame and prosecute terrorism sponsors whoever they may be.

The National Publicity Secretary of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Dele Ogunagba says this administration has no moral right to play games with the identities of terrorism sponsors while hundreds of innocent law-abiding Nigerian citizens are murdered daily and thousands annually.

Regrettably, Nigeria has become a country where abnormalities reign with impunity. The nation's seemingly irredeemable woes are transparent to everyone except those within the corridors of power. According to maligned *Financial Times* journalist David Pilling, this administration has "sleepwalked closer to disaster" presiding over two terms of calamitous increase in kidnapping and banditry – the one thing you might have thought a former general could control.

To all intents and purposes it's too late for this administration to turn the nation's fortunes around. The fact is that only truth and justice will uplift the nation to greater heights.

Next year Nigerians have the opportunity to install an administration whose energies won't be directed towards preserving its privileges, but towards the primary task of providing security of lives and property. All that needs to be done is to show some love of humanity and consideration for the rights of the poor and needy by containing terrorism through arrest and prosecution of suspects.

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CARTOON by Bulama



Between NDLEA and the drug war

The seizure of 48,000 tablets of 225mg Tramadol and the arrest of the three trans-border traffickers heading out of Nigeria through Mubi in Adamawa State to Cameroon Republic via Bagira border town on January 28, 2022 by the operatives of the NDLEA has again brought to the fore the problem of drug abuse especially controlled drugs like Tramadol.

According to the latest report of the NDLEA, there have been seizures of 3.4 million kilogrammes of illicit drugs, arrest of 12,306 drug dealing suspects and a number of cases in courts which have resulted in the conviction of 1,400 offenders.

With all these facts, one will wonder what audacity and guts these crime-oriented persons possess to still engage in the illegal importation, transportation, and distribution and trafficking of illicit drugs within the country.

Ignorance, they say, is not an excuse in law. Hence, I urge Nigerians not to weep for those caught in possession of illicit drugs, for soon the triple eyes of the NDLEA consisting of their intelligence, arrest and prosecution will meet up with them.

In view of the roof tops campaigns against drug abuse and trafficking from various civil society groups and NGOs, parents and teachers alike must sit up to do their work by talking to their children and wards. Nigerians must own the fight against trafficking in illicit drugs.

Francis Okogun wrote from Benin City, Edo State

Nigeria's legion of ghost workers

At the core of every content citizenry is the relative ease of finding profitable work or doing business which all go into providing the engagement that translates into employment and counts among its unique powers the ability to keep some of man's most twisted tormentors and most vicious vices away.

As the statistics of unemployment continue to hit double figures in Nigeria, it has become ever more imperative, in fact a matter of life and death, for many to have their names listed in the 'book of life' somewhere, so that at the end of every month, they are able to count their account numbers as being among those that would line up to be counted to receive bank alerts.

This usually means stability, necessarily less anxiety to induce sleepless nights. So, there are those who have their names in

the payrolls in different state governments and those who have theirs in the payrolls of the federal government.

As a country, Nigeria's struggle to collect reliable data is as historic as it is annoying. Dependable data is often lacking and the effect of this on the Giant of Africa is that many Nigerians are left uncounted and unaccounted for in a world where everyone should count.

So, in Nigeria's civil service, there are those who exist only on government payrolls, come alive only when the month ends and salary is due, and generally clog wage bills. They are many and they pose considerable challenges to everything that dignified and responsible work represents.

There are those who do not exactly have any axe to grind with Nigeria but absolutely and gleefully take any opportunity to grind down the country with

both hands. When people like these find themselves in public office, they soon subject whatever is placed under their watch to unprecedented heists.

It is through people like these that ghost workers sneak into the payrolls of government at different levels. In fact, once they get into office and have some access to determine who gets in and who stays, they act ruthlessly. Sensing the opportunity to reward their cronies, they staff government payrolls with names of the living, the dead and the flagrantly fictitious.

Corruption in Nigeria does not only exist at the highest levels. It trickles down. Of course, it begins from the head. But like water poured on the head, it trickles down until every part of the body is soaked. So, what obtains in Nigeria is simply that the higher the office, the more toxic the tendency to be

corrupt.

Thus, the one who has her name on the payroll of a local government in Delta State but never as much as visits the local government in a year is as guilty as the one who as director in any of the MDAs doles out contracts that will never be executed to their cronies.

There are also wage bills that are laden with ghosts – real dead people. When payday comes around, the living live off the property of the dead.

While the country continues to pay ghosts, work ethic remains painfully poor. It is little wonder that nothing really works. To do that effectively and comprehensively would mean that all those who reap where they did not sow in the country necessarily have to be shown the way out.

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Ending harassment of FCT development control staff

It is pertinent to note that the Development Control Department of the FCT Administration under the Abuja Metropolitan Management Council (AMMC) does not allocate land in the FCT and has no power to revoke any plot allocation but we must ensure there is no contending issue(s) surrounding ownership before the grant of a building permit.

Unfortunately, our staff sometimes become victims of unwarranted harassment with framed-up charges against them by some dubious developers.

Other challenges associated with legal bottlenecks include court actions and orders that hinder the delay of grant of development permit. The department is most times compelled to abide by such court injunctions in order not to be charged with contempt of

court.

We, therefore, wish to call on the public to always abide by the rules and our security agencies to thoroughly investigate land matters before prosecution, as not doing these will deprive or delay rightful owners' access to the development of their plots.

The development control department is the one saddled with the responsibility of guiding and controlling physical development as well as ensuring the implementation of the Abuja Master Plan.

Specifically, the department is responsible for granting official permit for all forms of physical development (private and public) and monitoring same to ensure suitability of completed development for human habitation.

The department also grants setting

out permit, stage approval permit, and continuous monitoring to ensure implementation, and also determines and applies appropriate sanction for non-compliance with development guidelines and regulations.

It also provides guidelines for improvement of aesthetics for private and public properties and streetscape, and offers advice and counselling services to prospective developers.

The appropriate documents required by the department for processing building plan approval include a completed application form, title document, e.g. C of O, Right of Occupancy, title deed plan and evidence of statutory payment.

Other requirements include site location plan, site analysis report, geo-technical or soil

analysis report, and environmental impact analysis report for different categories of land uses, and of course any other document or plan as prescribed by the department as necessary.

The department usually grants building approval plans with an average period of 90 days provided all the requirements are met. This is in line with Section 34 (4) of the Nigerian Urban and Regional Planning Law CAP N138, LFN 2004, as amended.

It is, however, worrisome to note that while the department has simplified the processes, there are many recalcitrant developers that always refuse to abide by the set rules and regulations, and these escalate to become security, legal and social matters, with dire consequences for our society.

Tpl. Umar Shuaibu, Coordinator, AMMC

Pension Matters

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How PenCom recovers outstanding pension contributions from employers

The National Pension Commission (PenCom) has recovered about N20.979 billion from 793 employers who defaulted in remittance of mandatory pension contributions from June 2012 to December 2021.

A breakdown of the recovery within the period shows that about N10.796 billion was recovered as principal contributions while N10.182 billion was the penalty paid by employers for the non-timely remittance of the contributions.

The recovery was in line with Section 11 of the Pension Reform Act 2014 (PRA 2014), which provides that the employer shall deduct at source, the monthly contribution of the employee in his employment and not later than seven working days from the day the employee is paid his salary, remit an amount comprising the employee's contribution and the employer's contribution to the custodian specified by the Pension Fund Administrator (PFA) of the employee.

It is pertinent to note that the principal contributions are remitted along with the penalties recovered and paid into employees' RSAs to make up for the accruable

income from investment of pension funds which may have been lost due to non or late remittances by employers. PenCom and PFAs bear the recovery cost due to RAs as it comes at no cost to RSA holders.

In order to ensure compliance with the provisions of the PRA 2014 by private sector employers and mitigate the complaints from employees and Pension Fund Administrators (PFAs) on non-remittance of pension contributions by some employers, PenCom invoked Sections 92 and 93 of the PRA 2014 which empowers it to authorise the examination, inspection or investigation of an employer relating to pension funds or assets. Accordingly, PenCom appoints Recovery Agents to carry out the examination of private sector employers to determine their level of compliance.

The PRA 2014 provides that every eligible employee shall maintain a Retirement Savings Account (RSA) with any PFA of choice. Once an RSA is opened, it is the responsibility of the employee to inform his/her employer by submitting the RSA Personal Identification Number (PIN) issued by the PFA.

Subsequently, the employer is required to

deduct at source, the monthly contributions of the employee, not later than seven working days from the day salary is paid, remit an amount comprising of 8 percent employee and 10 percent employer contribution to the Pension Fund Custodian (PFC) specified by the PFA of the employee.

It should be noted however, that the 18 percent pension total monthly contribution is a prescribed minimum as the employer may elect to increase the rate or bear the whole burden on behalf of the employee.

Section 11 (6) of the PRA, 2014 states that an employer who fails to deduct or remit the contributions within the stipulated time frame of seven working days from the day salaries are paid, shall in addition to making the remittances already due, be liable to a penalty, which shall not be less than 2 percent of the total contributions that remain unpaid for each month or part of each month the default continues and the amount of the penalty shall be recovered as a debt owed and paid into the employee's RSA.

The recovery of outstanding pension contributions carried out by appointed Recovery Agents (RAs) commenced in July,



**DG of PenCom,
Aisha Dahir-Umar**

2012 and there are 28 RAs engaged currently by the Commission as at February, 2022. The exercise sets out to achieve amongst others, the recovery of all unremitted pension contributions of employees with penalty so as to ensure that affected employees do not lose any income that they would have earned from investment of the funds, secure full compliance of organizations with the PRA 2014, and also, reduce complaints of

non-remittance of pension contributions by employees' thereby boosting confidence and acceptability of the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS).

The recovery process requires the RA to diligently follow the outlined steps which commences with obtaining a list of assigned defaulting employers and letters of introduction from PenCom to the employer. The RA is granted access by the employer to conduct a thorough review of pension records so as to determine the pension liabilities. Thereafter, the RA serves demand notices to the employer to remit the outstanding pension liabilities and penalties.

Consequently, the RA follows up with the defaulting employers to ensure remittances of outstanding pension contribution. Evidence of payments are obtained and forwarded to the Commission for onward

confirmation by the PFCs.

The recovery process is still ongoing and substantial outstanding contributions and penalties are being recovered from employers. For instance, during the fourth quarter of 2021, about N984.295 million was recovered from 36 defaulting employers. The recovery represented N406.421 million principal contributions and a penalty of N577.874 million.

Finally, it is pertinent to note that PenCom also prosecutes recalcitrant employers who persistently default in remittance of pension contributions.

The Commission encourages employees to report employers who are not remitting their pension contributions or are not remitting the full 10 percent employer and 8 percent employee components of the contributions as specified in the PRA 2014.



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APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS

Pharmacists Council of Nigeria (PCN) is parastatal of the Federal Government, established through Act 91 of 1992 and charged with the responsibility of regulating and controlling the practice of pharmacy in all its aspects and ramifications.

The Council requires the services of an Audit firm for appointment as external Auditor for the statutory annual audit of its accounts. Interested reputable and duly registered firms of professionally qualified Accountants with such bodies as ICAN or ANAN are eligible to apply.

The firm must have its employees, Principal Partners with a minimum of ten (10) years auditing experience and also have other complimentary audit staff that must be able to effectively handle Audits. Curriculum vitae of professional staff should be provided.

The firm must provide evidence of:

- Current practicing licence either of ICAN or ANAN
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- Registration with the Office of the Auditor General for the Federation
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- Registration with the Federal Inland Revenue Services
- Employees' Compensation Scheme (ECS) Compliance Certificate
- Successfully executed audits preferably Audit of Tertiary/Regulatory Health Institutions

Applicants are also to submit a profile of their firms including contact address, e-mail address and telephone number(s)

Submission

Interested Firms should submit twelve (12) copies of the above documents in a sealed envelope within two (2) weeks from the date of this publication and address the envelope to:

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P.M.B. 415, Garki
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Signed

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BUSINESS

CBN EXCHANGE RATES

	US DOLLAR	Pound STERLING	EURO	YUAN/ RENMINBI	RIVAL	CFA
Buying	410	558	478	58.57	101.02	0.69
Central NGN	410.43	558.10	478.24	58.65	101.15	0.70
Selling NGN	410.87	558.20	478.48	58.73	101.29	0.71

COMMODITIES PRICE (January 10, 2022)

CRUDE OIL BRENT	\$83.57
GOLD	\$1,740.60
SILVER	\$22.60
NATURAL GAS	\$5.4

BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES

	Dollar	Euro	Pound S.
BUYING	N563	N580	N694
SELLING	N565	N595	N705

Fuel queues linger in Abuja, Lagos as NARTO protests diesel price

By Simon Echowofun Sunday

Queues at filling stations have lingered in Abuja and Lagos, according to observations and motorists' comments.

This is just as the Nigerian Association of Road Transport Owners (NARTO), on Monday, vowed to withdraw its haulage service if the federal government fails to address its rising operating cost.

In parts of Abuja like Lugbe, Kubwa and even within the city centre, our reporter observed that some of the few stations selling were dispensing from only two to three pumps, thereby causing vehicular queues, while most other stations remained shut.

"I struggled to buy fuel yesterday. I believe these people have fuel but most of them are dispensing from just one or two pumps," said Olu Muyiwa, an Abuja motorist.

At the Shema Filling Station in Kugbo, Silas Isaac said of the 20 pumps, just four were dispensing.

"This station is a place we often resort to because of its massive capacity, but this has been the trend for two weeks," Isaac lamented.

The trend was the same at the A.A. Rano and NIPCO filling stations in Jabi. An operator in one of the stations said the issue was due to logistics and that it started in late January, when the organised labour threatened strike over the planned removal of subsidy.

In Lagos, a Twitter user, Aku Nwafor, confirmed fuel scarcity in Lagos Island, saying: "Who knows why there's fuel scarcity on the island in Lagos. Which kind of suffering is this?"



Kate Henshaw, a popular entertainer, also complained of the queue on Twitter on Monday: "The fuel queue in my area is bad! Oh Nigeria ooooooo!! When will our suffering end??? Not on a Monday... not any day!!!!"

Seun Oreks, who noted that commuters were getting stranded on Lagos roads, asked, "Why is there a shortage of commercial buses on Lagos roads this morning? Commuters are stranded at almost all the bus stops this morning"

Another motorist said she saw queues build up on Awolowo Road for the third night, an apparent fuel scarcity indicator.

"Is there fuel scarcity in Lagos? This is the third day I'm seeing this type of

fuel queue very early in the morning on Awolowo Road, and it's the same thing at night when I'm leaving work at 9pm," she said.

Geetika S. Bhandari, on Twitter, also confirmed the Lagos Island scarcity: "Scarcity of fuel causes huge traffic jams in the island area of Lagos. Happy Monday!"

NARTO decries rising diesel, spare parts prices

Meanwhile, NARTO in a statement by its National President, Alhaji Yusuf Lawal Othman, said the members found it difficult to sustain the business as diesel price rose along with spare parts costs, while the freight rate they charged was regulated and paid in arrears.

"And then we will also tell them to park if nothing is done because we can't operate in such a way. We can't operate. We can't work if nothing is done to increase the freight rate. The condition is unbearable because of the cost of diesel," said Othman whose members haul petroleum products in trucks from the ports and depots to retailing fuel stations nationwide.

He, therefore, urged the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA) to urgently increase the freight rate to reflect the present costs of Automotive Gas Oil (AGO) or diesel and spare parts.

Othman further said the ex-depot cost of diesel rose to N401 per litre on Monday, noting that it could hit N420 per litre soon if it was not checked.

"Today, the price of AGO ex-depot is N401 per litre. It means that in Abuja, Kaduna, Kano, it will reach N420 to N430. At the fuel stations it will reach like N450," he said.

Just over a week ago, NNPC Ltd, the sole importer of petrol, assured that the company had sufficient Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) or petrol in stock to meet the needs of Nigerians.

The Group General Manager, Public Affairs Division of NNPC Ltd, Garba Deen Muhammad, had in a statement said: "The public is, therefore, advised not to engage in panic buying of petrol and to ignore all rumours that may suggest otherwise.

"In line with the existing laws of the land, NNPC Ltd is deeply committed to ensuring energy security for the country."

The latest enquiry to Mr Muhammad on the rising fuel queues and the NARTO concerns has not been responded to.

Fiscal performance: BudgIT ranks Gombe State 7th

By Faruk Shuaibu

In its 2021 State-of-the-states Report released recently which reflected on the states' performance in 2020, Gombe State, the Jewel in the Savannah, has been ranked 7th out of the 36 states of the country.

It got higher score points in the fiscal performance index owing to the sound economic policies and good governance of

Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya (Dan Majen Gombe), the report said.

Gombe State beat all Northern states with the exception of Kebbi and Kaduna which came 5th and 6th respectively.

Overall, Rivers, Ebonyi, Anambra and Lagos topped the list.

The report said, "despite the distortion of COVID-19 pandemic to local economies

and government revenues worldwide, Gombe State's Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) witnessed a +25.50% year-on-year increase from N6.80 billion in 2019 to N8.54 billion in 2020."

BudgIT noted that Gombe State pruned its operating expenses by -22.8% from N42.88 billion in 2019 to N32.62 billion in 2020, with its overhead cost component experiencing the

greatest cut of -47.16% from N9.89 billion in 2019 to N5.25 billion in 2020.

This, the report said, has contributed immensely to the state's improvement in fiscal performance in the 2021 report.

Recall that the Inuwa Yahaya administration came to power when Gombe State has accumulated debt to the tune of about N119 billion comprising of bonds, external and internal

debt.

BudgIT revealed that "as of December 31, 2020, Gombe's total debt stock was N98.86 billion, making it the 25th most indebted in the country, with N84.97 billion domestic and \$36.55m foreign debt.

"The state spent N13.92bn on servicing internal loans and N616.68 million on servicing external loans in the 2020 fiscal year", the report stated.

NIGERIAN RAILWAY CORPORATION ABUJA – SUMMARY OF TRAIN HEADWAY AT IDU AND RIGASA

TRAIN NO.	DEPARTURE										ARRIVAL									
	AK 1 (Exp)	KA 2 (Exp)	AK 3	AK 4	AK 5 (Exp)	KA 6	AK 7	KA 8 (Exp)	AK 9	KA 10	AK 1	KA 2 (Exp)	AK 3	AK 4	AK 5 (Exp)	KA 6	AK 7	KA 8 (Exp)	AK 9	KA 10
IDU	07:00	--	9:50	--	12:20	--	14:20	--	--	18:10	--	8:50	--	12:58	--	16:12	--	18:01	20:14	--
RIGASA	--	6:40	--	10:35	--	14:00	--	15:55	18:10	--	09:15	--	12:01	--	14:31	--	16:37	--	--	20:32

CROSSINGS DETAILS	STATION ▶	JERE	JERE	RUANA	RUANA	KUBWA	KUBWA	KAKAU	KAKAU	JERE	JERE	DUTSE	DUTSE	GIDAN	GIDAN
	TIME (HH:MM)	7:56	7:58	11:23	11:20	12:38	12:35	14:15	14:13	15:16	15:14	16:11	16:14	19:15	19:19
	DWELL TIME	7:59	Pass through	Pass through	11:24	Pass	Pass	Pass through	Pass through	Pass through	15:17	19:15	Pass through	19:20	Pass through

Reps' panel directs CBN to provide details of 45m accounts not linked to BVN

By Itodo Daniel Sule

The House of Representatives Ad-hoc Committee on unclaimed funds in Nigerian commercial banks and infractions by the Central Bank of Nigeria has directed the CBN to furnish it with details of 45 million bank accounts that are not linked with the Bank Verification Number (BVN).

Chairman of the committee, Rep Unyime Idem, who gave the directive during the inauguration

of the committee at the National Assembly yesterday, said the move was to assist the committee to unearth and recover all federal government's funds trapped in commercial banks.

Recall that the House of rep had earlier noted that seven years after the introduction of the BVN into Nigeria banking system, about 45.85 million bank accounts across Nigeria are yet to be linked to BVNs as data released by the Nigerian Inter-Bank Settlement Systems (NIBSS) on June 23, 2021, disclosed that

the total number of bank accounts in Nigeria as of May 2019 is pegged at 122.071 million and the active accounts as of May, 2020 stood at 72.936 million.

Idem said the committee will, among others, probe the level of compliance with the Treasury Single Account (TSA) policy by the MDAs since its commencement in December 2015.

Idem charged all concerned commercial banks and other relevant organisations to cooperate with the

committee or face sanctions.

He said the exercise became imperative in view of the need for the country to generate more money to fund its budget deficits which are now being serviced through domestic and foreign loans which he said are no longer sustainable.

He said the committee will also review long outstanding Advance Payment Guarantees (APGs) issued on federal government projects, and monies held because of failed and unexecuted contracts.

'Why Lagos unemployment rate is high'

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The Lagos State Government has said it will continue to drive the conversation on tackling unemployment because it carries the burden of the entire country.

The Commissioner for Physical Planning and Budget, Mr Sam Ebube, however, stated that the high unemployment rate in the state was expected due to the level of migration of Nigerians into Lagos for greener pasture.

He spoke at the weekend during a briefing by the Lagos State Employment Trust Fund (LSETF) and the ministry on the second edition of the Lagos Employment Summit, a 2-day hybrid event scheduled for March 3 and 4, 2022.

Themed: "Sustainable Job Creation Strategies: Collective Action and Prosperity for All", this year's edition of the summit will foster deliberations about progressive economic and social solutions to unemployment problems in

the state.

The commissioner also disclosed that the revised 30-year development plan which would soon be unveiled was aimed at "creating high value works."

He said, "So the unemployment rate of Lagos is expected because of the burden that Lagos carries on behalf of the country. It would be higher because we also have unemployment migration into Lagos."

"Those coming into Lagos, a lot of them are unskilled, a lot of them unemployed, a lot of them come here because they believe that magic happens here in Lagos."

The Executive Secretary of LSETF, Mrs Teju Abisoye, stated that sustainable job creation strategies were a much-needed conversation among industry players in the entire socio-economic space.

Mrs Abisoye said, "This event will spotlight various speakers with a diverse wealth of experience across the entrepreneurial, advocacy, governmental and private sectors."

NDIC partners BPP on challenges in procurement processes

From Abiodun Alade, Lagos

The Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) has partnered the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) in capacity building and compliance with procurement processes.

The Managing Director/Chief Executive of NDIC, Mr Bello Hassan, who spoke at a two-day management retreat held in Lagos at the weekend, noted that the programme offers opportunities to engage the BPP as well as keep abreast with the development in the procurement processes.

"The aim of this management retreat is to ensure that participants acquaint themselves with salient provisions of the Public Procurement Act, 2007 and to have a

greater understanding of the procurement processes. The desire for continued engagement and partnership with a critical Stakeholder like the bureau stands as my unequivocal commitment and determination to ensure that the corporation discharges its mandate successfully to the benefit of depositors and the nation's financial system as a whole," he said.

Bello stressed that the retreat would give an in-depth view of the processes and issues emanating in Public Procurement Management as well as critical issues to be addressed in order for the corporation to effectively implement its public policy objectives and achieve its ultimate vision of becoming one of the best deposit insurers in the world.



■ From left: Director Corporate Planning Department of the National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion (NOTAP), Mrs Ideroyin Imiyoho; Director General of NOTAP, Dr DanAzumi Ibrahim; the Chief Registrar, Trademarks, Patents and Designs Registry, Mrs Stella Ezenduka and the State Coordinator, Association of Nigerian Inventor (ANI), Imo Eteko at the Patentees Forum in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, yesterday

NIN portal breakdown: FG chides banks, telcos for turning back customers

By Zakariyya Adaramola

The federal government has said there is no justification for some commercial banks and telecommunication providers to fail attending to their customers over the breakdown of the country's identity portal.

The government, through the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC), also said the Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS) had no reason for refusing to attend to international passport seekers on the ground that its officials could not access NIMC's portal.

Daily Trust reports that some banks and telecommunication operators in the country have refused to attend to some customers due to

the maintenance being carried out on the identity portal.

It would be recalled that the federal government has made it compulsory for Nigerians to supply their unique identity numbers otherwise known as NIN before they can access certain services offered by some private companies and government agencies.

However, NIMC's portal has been down since last week, and the development is said to have affected the issuance of international passports, account opening at banks and access to telecommunication services.

But NIMC on Monday chided the banks and telcos, as well as the NIS, for blaming it for their inability to offer services to their customers.

NIMC in a statement by its

spokesperson, Kayode Adegoke, said it was an unreasonable action for the organisations to shirk their duties.

The commission said the organisations had an alternative platform through which they could render services. The alternative platform according to NIMC is TOKENISATION. "Tokenization is working!!!" Declared NIMC.

Adegoke, who is the NIMC Head Corporate Communications, said, "Even though the NIN Verification Service (NVS) might be down due to maintenance by one of our service providers of its infrastructure, the alternative platform - TOKENISATION is up and running. No one should be debarred of any service on the guise of NIN not being verified."

Redmi Note 11 series to debut in Nigeria tomorrow

By Zakariyya Adaramola

The Xiaomi Corporation has announced yesterday that the much-anticipated Redmi Note 11 series will launch in Nigeria on Wednesday.

As a hugely popular product series with over 240 million units sold worldwide, Redmi Note Series gives Nigerians affordable device.

This series of mid-range devices is set to offer superior specs in the realms of camera, display, battery and charging efficiency, providing high-level performance to suit the ever-evolving needs of consumers across the board.

A statement by the phone maker said Redmi Note 11 Series is the next step in Xiaomi's global mandate to

make innovative technology both accessible and affordable.

"Introducing the Redmi Note 11 Series is just the beginning of Xiaomi's 2022 objective to satisfy Xiaomi fans' appetite for cutting-edge technology and further elevate user experiences," the statement said

As the year progresses, the company is set to release smartphones

and AIoT technologies that enables Nigerians to maximise their lifestyles and make the most of every moment.

Xiaomi has been in the Nigerian market since 2019. Xiaomi is actively expanding its networks through mobile operators and online distributors to increase the availability of their devices at multiple touchpoints.

NEWS

Electricity union threatens strike over worsening insecurity in Shiroro

By Dalhatu Liman

The National Union of Electricity Employees (NUEE) has raised the alarm over the continuing deterioration of security within Shiroro and its environs in Niger State.

The union in a press release signed by its general secretary, Joe Ajaero, said it is deeply disturbed about the safety of not only the locals

inhabiting the area but its members that are residing in the neighbouring communities.

According to NUEE from the reports it gathered, the insecurity around Shiroro might have been worsened with the recent havoc and killings that occurred at Galadima-Kogo, which is a neighbouring village to Shiroro.

The statement said: "With the deepening

security concerns, it is becoming more difficult to vouch for the safety of lives and properties especially with pockets of cases of electricity workers' abduction in some parts of the country.

"And with the level of destruction of properties and the proximity to Shiroro where we have great national power assets, we are calling on the federal government to be proactive in providing immediate

security for the protection of these national assets and electricity workers to and from their duty posts," it added.

However, the union warned that if the government fails to provide the needed security, the union will have no option other than to call off its members in Shiroro and environs until the security situation is improved and the safety of its staff is guaranteed.



■ President Muhammadu Buhari (left) and President, African Development Bank Group, Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, at the 35th Ordinary Assembly of the African Union in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on Saturday

FG commences 7th 60-day action plan on ease of doing business

By Abbas Jimoh

The Presidential Enabling Business Environment Council (PEBEC) has commenced the seventh National Action Plan (NAP 7.0) to drive systemic business climate reforms in line with the federal government's commitment to improving the business environment in Nigeria.

NAP was introduced for the first time in February, 2017, and has since become a signature homegrown 60-day accelerator and reform tool designed to coordinate the effective delivery of priority reforms of select Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) annually.

Speaking at the formal launch and stakeholder engagement on NAP 7.0 yesterday in Abuja, the PEBEC Secretary and Special Adviser to the President on Ease of Doing Business,

Dr Jumoke Oduwole, said that the seventh NAP was designed to break away from the recent lacklustre performances of the fifth and sixth NAP editions which ended at 44 per cent and 43 per cent respectively.

The PEBEC approved the NAP 7.0 at its first meeting of 2022 held on February 1. NAP 7.0, which will run from February 7 to April 7, 2022, aims to further reduce the challenges faced by MSMEs across five areas: Agro-Export Implementation Action Plan, Automation Reforms, Regulatory Reforms, Legislative/Judicial Reforms and Executive Order 01/ReportGov.NG compliance reforms.

Dr Oduwole further said, "The reforms include the streamlining and simplification of agro-export regulatory practices with a view to boosting the competitiveness

of Nigeria's agro-exports while enhancing Nigeria's foreign exchange earnings as stated in the Agro-Export Plan.

NAP 7.0 seeks to intensify effort at improving the travel experience at airports and to strengthen the automation of the business incorporation process of the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC). Other reforms include the establishment of Small Claims Court across more states of the federation, as well as to drive adoption of electronic filing of taxes by taxpayers.

At the end of the 60-day window, it is expected that MSMEs will experience an enhanced trademark registration process with vast improvements in the tracking and evaluation of MDAs' compliance with the directives of the Executive Order 01 (EO1).

GTCO acquires mutual fund, pension subsidiaries of Investment One

By Sunday Michael Ogwu

Guaranty Trust Holding Company Plc (GTCO Plc), yesterday notified the Nigerian Exchange Group (NGX) and the investing public that it has concluded the acquisition of the 100% equity stake in Investment One Pension Managers Limited (IOPM) and Investment One Funds Management Limited (IOFM) (together,

the Companies) held by Investment One Financial Services Limited (IOFS or the Seller).

IOPM is licensed by the Nigerian Pensions Commission (PenCom) to operate as a Pension Fund Administrator in Nigeria. On the other hand, IOFM is licensed by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to undertake fund management and investment services on behalf of clients and manage

collective investments schemes as a corporate investment adviser.

In line with GTCO Plc's aspirations to operate across the financial services sector value chain in Africa, these acquisitions would expand the product and service offerings of the Group into the Assets and Funds management segments whilst positioning GTCO Plc as a dominant player for all critical financial services.

Commenting on the

completion of the corporate reorganization, Mr Segun Agbaje, the Group Chief Executive Officer of Guaranty Trust Holding Company Plc, said: "We are very excited to get started on the next phase of our incredible journey to driving Africa's growth by making end-to-end financial services easily accessible to every African and African Business by leveraging technology and strategic partnerships."

MainOne empowers enterprises to adopt cloud tech

From Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos

Leading provider of connectivity solutions for businesses in West Africa, MainOne, is empowering enterprises to adopt cloud technology (cloud tech) by connecting businesses across the region directly and privately to public cloud service providers.

The MainOne Cloud Connect service, according to the Head, Technical Solutions and Management Services, Oluwasayo Oshadami, ensures direct and secured network connectivity between enterprise data centres or office locations and public cloud providers such as Microsoft, and Amazon web services.

Oshadami disclosed that MainOne had a partnership with Equinix-Telecity that granted the company direct access to other global providers such as Oracle and IBM, thereby giving customers access to the services they needed.

She noted that the cloud connect solution was backed by MainOne's private submarine cable and supported direct connections to Cloud services at speeds from 10 Mbps to 100 Gbps.

"Our Cloud Connect service enables businesses in Nigeria, Ghana, and Cote d'Ivoire to adapt to the rapid growth of cloud solutions with always-on, secure access to their cloud-enabled applications.

3 privatised firms free from BPE's monitoring activities

By Zakariyya Adaramola

The National Council on Privatisation (NCP) chaired by the Vice President, Yemi Osinbajo, has approved the delisting of three privatised enterprises from routine monitoring activities of the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE).

This is after they had fulfilled their covenants as identified in the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) contained in the Share Sale and Purchase Agreement (SSAP) signed with the BPE.

The companies are Federal Superphosphate Fertilizer Company (FSFC), Kaduna; Cement Company of Northern

Nigeria (CCNN), Sokoto; and Ikoyi Hotel (now Southern Sun), Lagos.

"Their delisting followed a request by the BPE to the NCP for approval at its maiden meeting for 2022 which was held for two days (Monday, January 31, 2022 and February 1, 2022) at the Presidential Villa, Aso Rock, Abuja.

In its request, the bureau noted that it had carried out a review of the enterprises in line with BPE's mandate to manage post-privatisation issues of privatised public companies and was satisfied the core investors had ensured compliance with the covenants", a statement by BPE said yesterday.

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CO-CREATED CONTENT

100 for 100 Policy: As more companies jostle for CBN's lifeline

The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) penultimate week released the list of 28 companies that took home N23.2 billion from the first cycle of the 100 for 100 Policy on Production and Productivity (PPP).

The CBN Governor, Mr Godwin Emefiele while speaking at the launch of the 100 for 100 Policy for Production and Productivity (PPP), in Abuja on the 31st of January said the ultimate goal of the policy is to reverse the nation's reliance on imports by creating an ecosystem that targets and supports the right companies and projects.

Emefiele said 28 enterprises were identified qualified and selected for finance, with projects totalling N23.2bn. He went on to say that the scheme would provide low-cost finance to both new and current productive ventures.

Emefiele disclosed at the launch that specifically, "for the first cycle of the initiative, 243 applications valued at N321.06 bn, spread over key sectors such as agriculture, energy, healthcare, manufacturing, and services sectors were submitted on the portal.

"After much engagement, 79 applications were received from banks, valued at N121.87 bn, for projects in six (6) sectors, namely agriculture, energy, healthcare, manufacturing, mining, and services sectors. The requests were carefully screened and scrutinized against a set-out selection criterion, which is categorized into production efficiency and scalability; local content capacity; job creation and human capital development; operating sector relevance; and potential contribution to economic growth.

He said following the due screening of the applications received, 28 companies with projects that have clearly articulated proposals were selected for funding. "These projects, valued at N23.20 billion, comprise 14 in the manufacturing sector, 12 in the agricultural sector, and 2 in the healthcare sector.

"When fully operational, these projects are expected to create over 20,000 direct and indirect jobs across multiple sectors of the economy, as well as generate close to US\$125.80 million in foreign exchange earnings. It is important to note that five (5) of the selected projects are greenfield projects seeking to exploit the huge opportunities in key sectors of our economy."

List of recipient companies of CBN's 100 for 100 loan

100 for 100 approved applications as of January 28, 2022, are: UCICO Nig LTD, Springfield Agro Limited, Jeokol Farm Limited, Diamond Super Sacks LTD, Mecure Healthcare, Juddy Bolema Industries Limited, Vital Products PLC, Lamb Ranches Limited, Harvest Feed & Agro Processing LTD, Transnational Green Pastures LTD, Wewood Limited, LanreShittuMotors,PallyAgroProducts LTD, RotoPrint Limited, Premier Seed Nigeria LTD, Jubaili Agrotec, Food



■ The Managing Director of First City Monument Bank Limited, Yemisi Edun received the symbolic cheque on behalf of the bank's customers from the Governor, CBN, Godwin Emefiele at the formal launch of the 100 for 100 Productive and Production Policy of the CBN in Abuja recently

Solutions Livestock Limited, Summit Health Care, Aikson Global ASS LTD, Metal World Recycling Ltd, Reliance Chemical Products Limited, Sonhart Investment Ltd, Taraba Farms Limited, Crutech Consultancy Services Limited, Lofeta Global Merchants Company Limited, Sarsoli Industrial Company Limited, J.O.F. Nigeria Limited and Salient Industries LTD

The CBN Governor presented symbolic cheques to the seven (7) participating financial institutions whose customers have been selected as pioneer beneficiaries under the PPP's first cycle.

First City Monument Bank (FCMB) received a total of N1.1bn. Fidelity bank received N5.7bn. Keystone bank, N998million. Stanbic IBTC N3.3bn. Union Bank, N2.3bn. Wema bank N450million and Zenith bank, N9.2bn

What you should know

Speaking on the application that was not successful, Emefiele said: "For the ones that have not qualified, we will go back and review the applications and deal with the issues to enable them to qualify."

He also disclosed that the Apex bank will engage with commercial banks on the non-oil stimulation facilities in the coming days because there is a need to look into export stimulation in Nigeria.

"We have to make sure that all the transactions are properly recorded to boost export earnings in the country," He added.

There are no limitations about the sectors. It only just happens that they brought just a few of these sectors.

The governor further hinted that the selection of subsequent beneficiaries will be rolled over every 100 days with new sets of 100 companies and details of these companies will be published in the major national dailies.

Emefiele said for those seeking to invest in new greenfield or existing brownfield projects, the Bank will continue to provide all the needed

support, both in Naira and dollars specifically for the importation of plants and equipment to actualize these investments.

He said: "It is pertinent to point out that the foreign exchange support will be solely for the importation of spares, plants and equipment needed to increase production capacities of these companies.

"Let me emphasize that our mission through this initiative is to ensure that priority is accorded to companies who display verifiable progress in our imports substitution and job creation drive. Consequently, we would soon unveil a new FX bidding regime that is market-driven and supports companies that accord utmost priority for our local production and job creation drive."

Testimonials from the first beneficiaries

The Emir if Muri and the proprietor of Taraba farms ltd, Alhaji Abbas Jidda Tafida said: "With the direction of the CBN, I believe that the policy will bring the job we need to occupy the youths and take them away from societal vices.

"Nigeria needs approximately a billion litres of milk a week but unfortunately, all are coming from imports. For the meat, we are carelessly running the beef market, thus, the price of beef has gone out of the reach of most the people who are supposed to be consuming. As a result, they are hungry and unproductive. So, if we get the youth into beef production, they will also be the consumers of the beef. The economy is a circle. Once the circle breaks somewhere, then everything collapses.

"I will add something, all this I am talking of would have been a dream without the creativity and brilliance of the CBN's governor because he came up with a lot of ideas that simply fit that logic and when two intelligent people are discussing, the answer it is very

easy."

Another beneficiary, the Chief Operating Officer of Harvest field and Agro-processing ltd, Adedolapo Adeyemi said: "With the new finance, we will be able to increase production by 60 per cent and employ additional 300 people.

"This is a breakthrough for us and we are really happy and we hope to take the Agriculture sector forward."

Other stakeholders speak

The Minister for Labour and Employment, Dr Chris Ngige in his remarks said: "Unless the country gets to be productive, all we are doing comes to nothing.

"All the CBN innovative finance has paid a lot of attention to agriculture because it is a low hanging fruit and it is in agriculture that you have real production.

"These initiatives align with the federal government drive to lift 100 million Nigerians out of poverty. So we have no choice but to stimulate productivity programme in the country."

He called for sustained collaboration between the Monetary and the fiscal authorities noting that the economy will suffer the most if they fail to synergize to move the economy forward.

The Chairman of the Body of banks CEOs and Chief Executive Officer of Access Bank, Herbert Wigwe in his remarks said: "We take our responsibility to economic development very seriously because Nigeria has for its benefit, a very young population.

"COVID-19 has proved to us the need to come together to support production, increase and reduce import."

He said the CEOs will do all they can to support the policy.



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HEALTH

COVID-19: How to tackle challenges of routine immunisation financing

By Ojoma Akor

● Local governments not investing enough in routine immunisation — Experts

Nigeria ranks the highest in the number of under-five deaths as a direct result of vaccine preventable diseases.

According to UNICEF, about three out of 10 under-five deaths are caused by diseases for which there are preventive vaccines, such as pneumonia, diarrhoea, and tetanus.

Routine immunisation coverage still remains low in Nigeria. The COVID-19 pandemic in the country further caused disruptions in routine immunisation and other vaccination programmes.

Vaccination is the process of administering vaccines to a person, either through oral drops or by injection while immunisation refers to the protection that is acquired after vaccination.

Funding of immunisation services is the responsibility of all tiers of government through statutory budgetary allocations.

Other sources include development partners, external donors, private sector and the community. States also fund routine immunisation through the Basic HealthCare Provision Fund (BHCPF).

The funds for routine immunisation are used to procure vaccines and for storage of vaccines, transportation of vaccines to state Central Medical Stores (CMS), maintenance of cold chain, immunisation outreach to hard-to-reach areas, programme management for immunisation, advocacy, communications and social mobilisation.

However, while the federal government's routine immunisation budget has witnessed an increase over the years, the situation has not been the same at the state and local government levels.

Daily Trust reports that the budgetary allocation for routine immunisation in some states have either been grossly inadequate, or suffer from late and poor releases.

Findings revealed that there are also concerns about the sustainability of the donor-funded or supported immunisation programmes.

Experts say inadequate and untimely releases of funding to immunisation related activities could lead to non-vaccination and under-vaccination of children under-five.

This, they said, could in turn create a potential risk for the outbreak of some other preventable diseases in the country.

All vaccines given via the routine immunisation programme in Nigeria are free in government owned or public health facilities across the country.

The free vaccines include BCG (against tuberculosis), polio, Pentavalent vaccines (against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, Hepatitis B and Haemophilus influenza type B - Hib), pneumococcal conjugate vaccines, measles and yellow fever.

The concerns around financing routine immunisation in Nigeria came to the fore recently during a session organised by the Partnership for Advocacy in Child & Family Health at Scale (PAS) project at the 52nd /53rd Annual General Meeting and scientific conference of the Pediatric Association of Nigeria (PAN) in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State.

Experts on immunisation and the executive secretaries of primary healthcare boards of Kano, Kaduna, Niger and Lagos states, PAS focal states brainstormed on ways to sustain routine immunisation financing beyond the context of COVID.

According to Prof. Enobong Ikpeme, a pediatric nephrologist at the University of Uyo, and a consultant pediatrician at the University of Uyo Teaching Hospital, there is need for increased coverage

of routine immunisation across the country particularly in rural and hard to reach areas.

Prof Ikpeme, who is also the chairman local organising committee of the conference, said, "Government needs to do more by not just allocating the funds but also by ensuring that it is timely released."

Chairing the session, Dr Olufemi Mobolaji Lawal, a consultant pediatrician explained that costs are incurred for every vaccine delivered to children.

He said, "Financing is crucial and it has to be sustainable, reliable and infact be able to expand when necessary, as is the case of COVID-19 for instance.

The moderator of the session, General Shina Ogunbiyi, a consultant anesthesiologist and Project Director of the Alumni of the National Institute- PACFaH@Scale project in Lagos State, said as a result of COVID-19, some essential health services including routine immunisation were reportedly disrupted in some states due to the lockdown and distribution of resources to states.

He said the PACFaH@Scale project is a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation investment in health and social accountability project which aims to advocate to the executive and legislators at federal, state and local government levels to fulfill their services and social contract to the citizens.

He said Kano, Kaduna and

Niger states on their part signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation on strengthening PHC and routine immunisation.

The executive secretaries of the primary healthcare boards of the various states, while saying that the MOU helped strengthen Primary Health care (PHC) services and routine immunisation, outlined the challenges still bedeviling them admit the pandemic as well as opportunities to harness to ensure improved financing and quality health service delivery.

They lamented the poor financing from the local government tier for routine immunisation in particular.

Dr Hamza Abubakar, Executive Secretary Kaduna State Primary Healthcare Development Agency, said, "We hope the economic situation in the country will improve so we can have better performance when it comes to cash back. We need to plan better, budget better and actually target routine immunisation a bit more specifically as well as raising awareness and motivating parents and care givers to bring their children to the hospital for immunisation."

While saying partnership is very important, he added that routine immunisation and health in general has to be multi-sectoral.

Dr Ibrahim Dangana, the Executive Secretary, Niger, State Primary Healthcare Development Agency, said one of the principal

challenges is that Niger State constitutes 10 per cent of the landmass of Nigeria.

He said, "There is a logistics challenge in reaching well over 6,000 communities with majority being hard to reach communities.

He said the MOU helped to rejuvenate the healthcare system and provide crucial funding.

However, he said local government autonomy has affected financing for routine immunisation.

"We are doing everything we can in our advocacy to our local government areas system to understand that pooling resources together gives a better economic scale and allows you to plan and achieve results together," Dr Dangana said.

He said transportation of vaccines to the local government areas, putting them in cold stores, electricity to maintain them all cost a lot of money.

Dr Tijjani Hussaini, Executive Secretary, Kano State Primary Healthcare Management Board, said Kano was the first state to sign the MOU in 2016.

He said before the intervention, Kano had 19 per cent routine immunisation coverage but with the intervention it has now increased to 46 per cent.

He said, "Over the years there have been awareness creation about routine immunisation, and the issues of resistance are gradually coming down."

He said the Basic Healthcare Fund (BHCPF) is an opportunity to ensure that health services are sustained at state and facility levels.

Dr Mustapha Ibrahim, the Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Primary Healthcare Board, said as a result of the focus on COVID-19 vaccination, the health seeking behaviours of mothers dwindled and many of them stopped bringing their children for routine immunisation for fear of getting infected.

Represented by Dr Benedicta Adejola, director medical services at the board, there was need to harness the private sector for routine immunisation as was done for COVID-19.

He stressed the need for the country to be wholly responsible for routine immunisation instead of relying on external donors.



Pancreatic cancer: Biggest breakthrough as scientists hail treatment for the disease

Scientists are on the verge of the 'biggest ever' breakthrough in the treatment of pancreatic cancer.

UK researchers have developed a two-in-one treatment that could dramatically improve survival and even cure the disease, which is one of the deadliest cancers.

Survival rates for pancreatic

cancer have barely improved in the last 50 years and it has the worst prognosis of any common cancer.

In tests, mice given the new therapy – a combination of two treatments already used in hospitals – lived up to 40 per cent longer.

The researchers, from the Institute of Cancer Research in London, say

that it is potentially the biggest-ever breakthrough in the treatment of the disease and, if human trials are successful, it could be in widespread use within just five years.

One of the treatments is immunotherapy, whereby a drug fires up the immune system to fight the cancer.

The drug is a checkpoint inhibitor, which means it blocks proteins that stop the immune system from attacking cancer cells. It has had stunning results against some types of cancer.

But pancreatic cancer tumours have a thick outer layer which stops the drug in its tracks.

The second treatment, known as high intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU), involves blasting the tumour with pulses of sound waves.

This creates tiny bubbles in the cells, which bounce around with such force that they puncture holes in the protective barrier – allowing the immunotherapy drug to get to work. *Mail Online*

'Cancer no longer a death sentence'

By **Maureen Onochie**

A Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), **Onyebuchi Chris Ifediora Foundation (OCIF)**, has declared that **cancer is no longer a death sentence as widely perceived.**

The founder and President of the foundation, Associate Professor Chris Ifediora, stated this during the flag off ceremony of the Arm Our Youths (ArOY) anti-cancer health campaign in collaboration with the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) in Abuja.

Dr Ifediora said the best way to go about cancer was to seek help on time and get regular treatment, noting that

developed countries like Australia were already targeting the elimination of cancer by 2028, adding that the same was possible in Nigeria if people were properly empowered and had positive views about screening and vaccines.

He explained that the anti-cancer campaign was geared towards sensitising youths about cancer and how to prevent it, noting that the disease had its roots in teenagers.

While launching the CerviBreast app, Ifediora said it was a free and interactive mobile phone application that would assist in keeping track of breast and cervical cancer screenings and would also help Nigerians locate service providers.

A breast cancer survivor, Gloria Orji,

said when she was diagnosed, her doctor advised her not be scared; that she would not die if she adhered to her treatment.

She added that she walked through the treatment journey for 12 years and survived the disease.

She frowned at the fact that some employers sacked their staff because they were diagnosed with cancer, while some clergymen blamed one for having the disease on their sins.

The First Lady, Hajiya Aisha Buhari, who was represented by the wife of the Vice President, Mrs Dolapo Osinbajo, said it was important to ensure that everything possible was done to reduce the rate of mortality associated with cancer, especially cervical.

Experts urge FG to implement cancer institute act

By **Ojoma Akor**

The Executive Director of Project Pink Blue, an NGO, **Runcie Chidebe**, has called on the federal government to implement the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment Act.

Mr Chidebe made the call in Abuja during an awareness walk organised by the organisation in collaboration with Transcorp Hilton Hotel and other partners to commemorate this year's World Cancer Day.

He said the National Assembly passed the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment Bill into law and President Muhammadu Buhari assented to it in December, 2017,

adding that till date the act had neither been gazetted nor implemented.

He said, "The National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment Act will help to coordinate funding, prevention and to ensure that people get access to cancer treatment."

He further said 124,000 Nigerians were diagnosed with cancer every year out of which 72,000 of them died of various forms of cancer.

While calling on the private sector and individuals to invest in cancer control, he said cancer patients in the country still faced challenges accessing care.

According to him, about 60 per cent of Nigerians have to travel for four

hours to access cancer care.

He enjoined Nigerians to imbibe a healthy lifestyle and also go for prostate cancer screening, cervical cancer screening, breast examination and Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination, among others, to protect themselves from the disease.

A cancer survivor, **Ochai Igba Friday**, called on the federal government to support cancer patients with funds for treatment, saying many of them died as a result of lack of finance to fund care.

He also called for the establishment of specialist cancer treatment hospitals to improve access to care in the country.

NCDs now a pandemic, can be fought through technology – Experts

From **Abdulateef Aliyu, Lagos**

Medical experts say Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) constitute the next global pandemic, even as the world is yet to recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), 41 million people die annually from NCDs which include heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes and chronic lung disease, that are not mainly caused by acute infection but which result in long-term health consequences.

The experts say regular checks are effective in controlling any NCD, adding that adoption of technology is a veritable control mechanism which will go a long way in improving the health of the people.

Stakeholders spoke last week at the launch of the "Wellness Plus" app by Wellness HMO aimed at revolutionising healthcare service delivery in the country.

This aligns with the programme of the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) electronic insurance model designed to improve access to quality healthcare

delivery by Nigerians.

The e-NHIS project, according to the Executive Secretary of the scheme, Prof Mohammed Sambo, is 80 per cent completed.

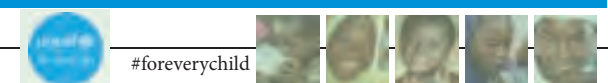
Represented by a Deputy General Manager, NHIS Lagos Zonal Office, Dr Bethel-Kasimu Abraham, the Prof Sambo said all IT equipment had been deployed to states and would be linked to the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) satellite.

He emphasised that the e-insurance project would impact all stakeholders, HMOs and healthcare providers.

In his keynote address, CEO of Bloom Public Health, Prof Chimezie Anyakora, said, "We are entering another pandemic of NCDs. NCDs are becoming a leading cause of death; a very serious burden. Our weak health system is overstretched. With technology, we can stop having an overstretched healthcare system."

Group MD/CEO of Wellness HMO, Pharm Adetutu Afolabi, disclosed that the app was the first of its kind in Nigeria, and that it gave its users the freedom to choose and customise the healthcare plan that suited their budgets.

CO-CREATED CONTENT



Female genital mutilation: Painful cultural practice that refuses to go

By **Ojoma Akor**

Alima, 46, says she was circumcised as a young girl. She said she began to feel the negative impact of the practice after she got married. She said she developed some complications during the delivery of her first child and had to undergo surgery.

Although Female genital mutilation (FGM) has no benefits for women and has a lot of health implications, the practice still continues in Nigeria.

According to UNICEF Female genital mutilation remains widespread in Nigeria. It says with an estimated 19.9 million survivors, Nigeria accounts for the third-highest number of women and girls who have undergone FGM worldwide.

In a statement on Sunday to commemorate this year's International Day of Zero Tolerance of FGM, UNICEF said female genital mutilation is on the rise among Nigerian girls aged 0-14. While describing it as 'a worrying trend' it said the rates have risen from 16.9 per cent in 2013 to 19.2 per cent in 2018.

"While the national prevalence of FGM among women in Nigeria aged 15-49 dropped from 25 per cent in 2013 to 20 per cent in 2018, prevalence among girls aged 0-14 increased from 16.9 per cent to 19.2 per cent in the same period,



according to NDHS figures," UNICEF said in the statement.

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), FGM comprises all procedures that involve partial or total removal of the external female genitalia, or other injuries to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons.

Female genital mutilation is classified into four major types, the first type called clitoridectomy involves the partial or total removal of the clitoris. The second type referred to as excision, involves the partial or total removal of the clitoris and the labia minora (the inner folds of the vulva).

The third type called infibulation involves the narrowing of the vaginal opening through the creation of a covering seal. The seal is formed by cutting and repositioning the labia minora, or labia majora (the outer folds of skin of the vulva), sometimes through stitching, with or without removal of the clitoris

according to WHO.

This allows only a small hole for urinating and menstrual bleeding. The woman and girl may later be deinfibulated, that is cutting open the sealed vaginal opening to allow intercourse and childbirth.

The last type includes all other harmful procedures to the female genitalia for non-medical purposes, such as pricking, stretching, piercing, incising, scraping and cauterizing or inserting herbs to the genital area. Some effects of female genital mutilation include, urinary problems, sexual problems, infertility, infections, severe pain, maternal death, psychological problems and death.

Some parents for fear of infection seek the help of medical personnel to carry out the procedure on their children.

Experts have said that since female genital mutilation has no benefits for women and girls, there is no need to do it, whether in bits

or full, and that healthcare providers should not be involved in the practice.

"Millions of girls are being robbed of their childhoods, health, education and aspirations every day by harmful practices such as FGM," said Peter Hawkins, UNICEF Representative in Nigeria.

"The practice of FGM not only has no health benefits – it is deeply harmful to girls and women, both physically and psychologically. It is a practice that has no place in our society today and must be ended, as many Nigerian communities have already pledged to do," he said.

Dr Kayode Afolabi, a reproductive health expert said the Violence Against Persons Prohibition Act (VAPP) criminalises female genital mutilation.

"The VAPP law completely outlaws female genital mutilation of any form. Since female genital mutilation is outlawed, it also covers whether it is done by a health

provider or by a non-qualified traditional provider. It has short and long term effects that is why it needs to stop. It is also an infringement of the women who are exposed to such mutilation," he said.

He said there is need for domestication of the law across all states of the country so that the practice can be phased out of the country.

Meanwhile, UNICEF said it is initiating a community-led movement to eliminate FGM in five Nigerian states where it is highly prevalent: Ebonyi, Ekiti, Imo, Osun and Oyo.

Nearly three million girls and women would have undergone FGM in these states in the last five years.

"The Movement for Good" will reach five million adolescent girls and boys, women - including especially pregnant and lactating mothers - men, grandparents, and traditional, community and religious leaders, legislators, justice sector actors, and state officials through an online pledge to 'say no' to FGM."

The movement will mobilise affected communities for concrete action at the household level to protect girls at risk of FGM. It will challenge misconceptions on FGM and the discriminatory reasons for which it is practised and break the silence around the practice together with communities, the statement said.

LAW

“It is impossible to tell where the law stops and justice begins — Arthur Beer

When confessional statements may not lead to conviction

By John Chuks Azu

Several times people make confessional statements about the commission of offences during pre-trial investigation which turn out not enough evidence to convict them.

Lawyers say the requirements for proving criminal cases in court are rigorous and sometimes weigh in favour of the defendant due to the country's adversarial system as against the inquisitorial system practiced in most countries colonised by France, which makes the defendant to prove their innocence.

Section 27(1) of the Law of Evidence 2010 states that confession is “an admission made at any time by a person charged with a crime, stating or suggesting the inference that he committed that crime.”

Sub-section 2 states that: “Confession, if voluntary, are deemed to be relevant facts as against the persons who make them orally.”

Confessional statements, alongside witness testimonies and circumstantial evidence, are important elements for a criminal conviction.

However, the law provides for conditions in which a confessional statement may be dispensed with by the court.

Section 28 reads: “A confession made by an accused person is irrelevant in a criminal proceeding, if the making of the confession appears to the court to have been caused by any inducement, threat or promise to having reference to the charge against the accused person, proceeding from a person in authority and sufficient, in the opinion of the court, to give the accused person grounds which would appear to him reasonable for supposing that by making it he would gain any advantage or avoid any evil of a temporal nature.”

Although judges have relied on this provision in the Evidence Act to question the voluntariness



of a confessional statement, the provisions of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA) 2015 intend that such doubt shall not cause the delay of a criminal trial but could be cited in the final determination of the matter.

Also, the provision of Section 15 of the ACJA on the electronic recording of statements has

made it difficult for defendants to deny statements they made.

The Sub-section 4 provides that: “Where a suspect who is arrested with or without warrant volunteers to make a confessional statement, the police officer shall ensure that the making and taking of the statement shall be in writing and may be recorded

electronically on a retrievable video compact disc or such other audio-visual means.”

Lawyers say police parading suspects who also speak to the media, admitting offences, amounts to a violation of their fundamental rights, as sometimes the offences are not proven in court.

Where defendants accuse the police of torture in the course of statement-taking, judges usually order trial-within-trial to determine the voluntariness of the confessional statement.

Speaking during a law dialogue last year, Justice Danlami Senchi, formerly of the FCT High Court, said, “Where inadmissible evidence is received or admitted in evidence by a court, such court has the power, and duty, to treat

such inadmissible evidence as if it had been admitted, i.e. expunge it from the records even when no objection had been raised to its admissibility (Hashidu v. Goje (2003) LPELR-10310 (CA)).”

In his contribution, Ali Zubairu Esq attributed the practice of weighing evidence in a criminal trial in favour of the defendant, where there is doubt about the mode it was obtained to the country's adversarial system of criminal justice “where the defendant is presumed innocent until the contrary is proved.”

Zubairu added that, “It is a constitutional provisional provision in Section 36 of the Nigerian Constitution of 1999. So, the burden of proof is on the prosecution, and until the prosecution discharges that burden, the defendant will be discharged and acquitted.”

He, however, said, “A defendant can be convicted on his confessional statement alone in so far the confessional statement was made voluntarily.”

In the same vein, a member of the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, Kevin A. Mejulu Esq, submitted that the law tried to strike a balance between the prosecution, the defence and the victim in criminal proceedings.

Mejulu said, “There is no law that says that confessional statement is not sufficient to secure a conviction. Where a confessional statement has been proven to be voluntarily obtained, that confessional statement alone can ground a conviction.

“Where a confessional statement is retracted, the court can convict on it, but it has to warn itself and also find other corroborative evidence before convicting.

“Where the confessional statement is proven to have been obtained involuntarily, such a confessional statement will not be admissible in law and so the court cannot act on it.”

Where a suspect who is arrested with or without warrant volunteers to make a confessional statement, the police officer shall ensure that the making and taking of the statement shall be in writing and may be recorded electronically on a retrievable video compact disc or such other audio-visual means.

NBA joins in selection of Federal High Court judges

By John Chuks Azu

The Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) has explained why it nominated 164 aspirants to the bench of the Federal High Court.

In a statement, the Chairman of the NBA Judiciary Committee, Dr Babatunde

Ajibade (SAN), stated that the association received a letter from the Chief Judge (CJ) of the Federal High Court, Justice John Tsoho, to nominate suitable candidates for appointment to the Federal High Court bench, hence the release of the notice on January 7.

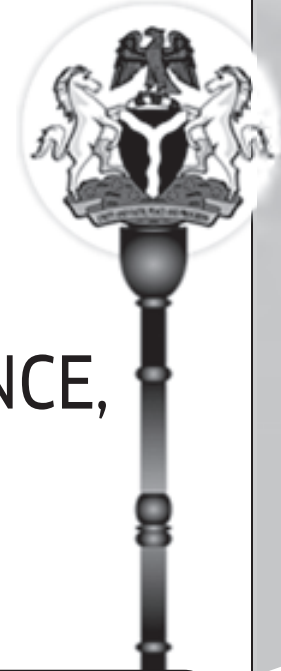
The NBA said it shortlisted 164 aspiring judges from the referred states of Akwa Ibom, Bauchi, Benue, Ekiti, Enugu, FCT, Kaduna, Katsina, Kogi, Kwara, Lagos, Rivers, Sokoto and Zamfara.

The NBA explained that it decided to publish the list to facilitate transparency,

explaining: “The NBA received expressions of interest from 164 of its members in its commitment to ensuring that the process for the appointment of judicial officers of our superior courts is made more transparent and that only persons of the appropriate character and reputation are

appointed to the bench.

“This exercise is aimed at fostering the resolve and commitment of the NBA to strengthen our judiciary by enthroning a transparent process which would ensure that only suitably qualified candidates are appointed to the bench.”



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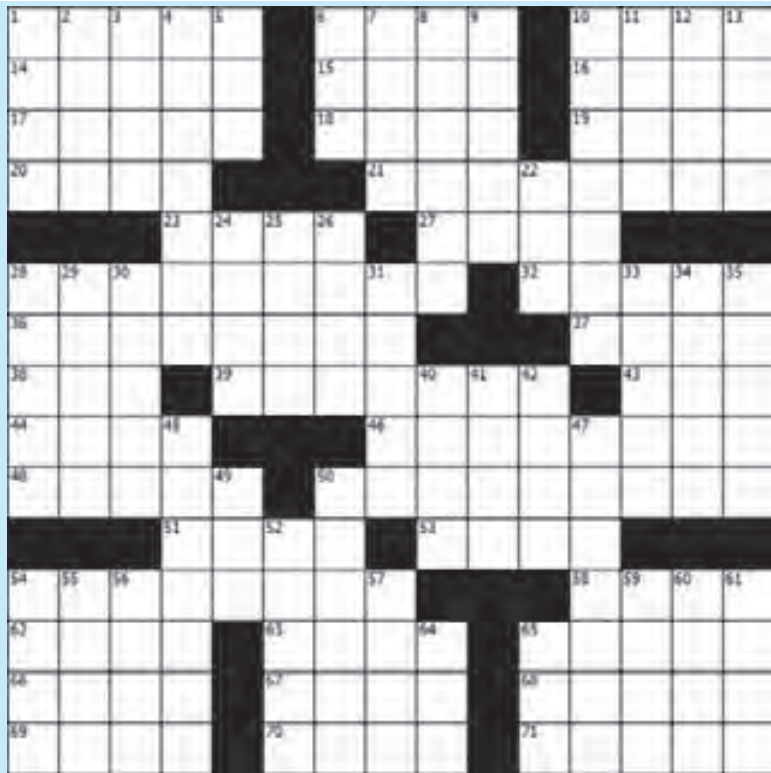
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EASY CROSSWORD >>



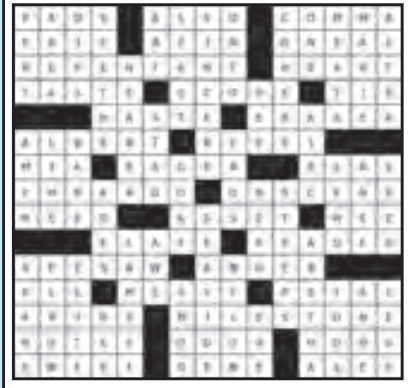
Across

- 1. Streamlined
- 6. Omit
- 10. Sherlock's find
- 14. Soup dipper
- 15. Song
- 16. Breezy
- 17. Adversary
- 18. Fine _____
- 19. Craze
- 20. Left
- 21. Tied up
- 23. Intermission
- 27. Stood up
- 28. Declaration
- 32. Horses' gaits
- 36. Innate
- 37. Gush
- 38. Fawn's mama
- 39. Bowl scraper
- 43. WSW's opposite
- 44. Ages
- 46. Captivated
- 48. Stroke a guitar
- 50. Interest benchmark (2 wds.)
- 51. Book leaf
- 53. Look after
- 54. Cooked too long
- 58. Brim
- 62. Cleopatra's river
- 63. "Once _____ a time..."

Down

- 65. Groom
- 66. Peaceful
- 67. Copenhagen resident
- 68. Listened to
- 69. Ultimatum word
- 70. Furthermore
- 71. Does nothing
- 1. Whole bunch
- 2. Highway division
- 3. Adam's home
- 4. Shade source (2 wds.)
- 5. Piano part
- 6. RR terminal
- 7. Actor _____ Russell
- 8. New doctor
- 9. Green sauce
- 10. Vocations
- 11. One who fibs
- 12. Craving
- 13. Looked at
- 22. DDE's predecessor
- 24. Blunders
- 25. Ladder rung
- 26. Rocker _____ Turner
- 28. Helpers
- 29. Nasal sound
- 30. Clip
- 31. Furry swimmer
- 33. Musical drama
- 34. Dogma
- 35. Stockholm native
- 40. Army division
- 41. Gold fabric
- 42. Church word
- 45. Ultimate
- 47. Made a menu selection
- 49. Angry
- 50. Mail friend (2 wds.)
- 52. Cheese type
- 54. _____ in a while
- 55. Small bottle
- 56. Building extensions
- 57. Ages and ages
- 59. Transaction
- 60. Richard _____ of "Chicago"
- 61. Terminates
- 64. Trinity's boyfriend
- 65. _____ Beta Kappa

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD (37)



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 37

7		6	3						8	7	3	1	9	5	4	2	6
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SNAPSHOT >>

Clever canine: This injured South African dog found his way to an animal hospital all by himself



Never underestimate a dog's resilience or his ability to find exactly what he needs. Rio certainly has both—and soon he'll be ready for adoption. The black dog found his way unaccompanied to the Cape of Good Hope SPCA hospital in South Africa last Friday. Rio had bite wounds on his neck and needed help. According to the SPCA's website, he sniffed his way over to the animal hospital where Moyo Ndukwana, SPCA's CEO, came up to him with a tin of treats and secured him on a leash. Medical staff quickly tended to his wounds with antibiotics, and he's already healed up. Sadly, no one has come in to claim him and he doesn't have a microchip, the SPCA reports. There is a silver lining, however: After passing his health and behaviour assessments, Rio will join the SPCA's adoption ward where a family can find him and take him home. But how did he find his way to the veterinarian's office? There are several possibilities, according to Jenna Stregowski, RVT, *Daily Paws* Pet Health and Behaviour Editor. She says it could've been a "happy accident" in which Rio was hurt in the area and was seeking humans to help. He'd been around humans before, so it's also possible he recognized the smells and sounds of the shelter and veterinary office and knew to go there for help, Stregowski says. Dogs are incredibly good at tracking and scouting, after all. "When I worked in vet clinics, we would sometimes find stray animals nearby—especially dogs," Stregowski says. "We always figured they were attracted to the unique smells and sounds of the vet. Lots of dogs love going to the vet because they associate it with treats and attention, so maybe this was Rio's past experience." The SPCA said it logs about 100 missing pet reports monthly, so let this serve as yet another reminder to microchip your pet.

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SIGN LANGUAGE >>

Funny signs about coronavirus at shops



Is Russia preparing to invade Ukraine and what does Putin want?

Are Russian forces getting ready for war in Ukraine? At least 100,000 troops are positioned within reach of Ukraine's borders and US President Joe Biden is expecting some kind of military move.

Russia may deny any plans for invasion but it has carved out a series of demands from the West that cannot be met. What happens next could jeopardise Europe's entire security structure.

Why is Russia threatening Ukraine?

Russia has long resisted Ukraine's move towards European institutions, and Nato in particular. Its core demand is for the West to guarantee Ukraine will not join Nato, a defensive alliance of 30 countries.

Ukraine shares borders with both the EU and Russia, but as a former Soviet republic it has deep social and cultural ties with Russia, and Russian is widely spoken there.

The threat is being taken seriously because Russia has invaded Ukraine before.

When Ukrainians deposed their pro-Russian president in early 2014, Russia annexed Ukraine's southern Crimean peninsula and backed separatists who captured large swathes of eastern Ukraine. The rebels have fought the Ukrainian military ever since in a conflict that has claimed more than 14,000 lives.

How big is the risk of invasion?

Russia says it has no plans to attack Ukraine: and armed forces chief Valery Gerasimov even denounced reports of an impending invasion as a lie.

Nato's secretary general

warns the risk of conflict is real, but US officials have stressed they do not believe Russia has decided on an invasion, and it is not imminent. Ukraine's president has appealed to the West not to spread "panic".

However, President Vladimir Putin has threatened "appropriate retaliatory military-technical measures" if what he calls the West's aggressive approach continues.

The US says Russia has offered no explanation for the troops posted close to Ukraine - and thousands of Russian troops have headed to Belarus, close to Ukraine's northern border, for exercises.

Russia's deputy foreign minister compared the current situation to the 1962 Cuban missile crisis, when the US and Soviet Union came close to nuclear conflict.

Western intelligence suggests a Russian incursion or invasion could happen some time in early 2022. President Biden's top military officer, Gen Mark Milley, said that the scale of the Russian forces would cause a significant amount of casualties and fighting in urban areas would be horrific.

What does Russia want from Nato?

Russia has spoken of a "moment of truth" in recasting its relationship with Nato. "For us it's absolutely mandatory to ensure Ukraine never, ever becomes a member of Nato," said Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov.

President Putin explained that if Ukraine joined Nato, the alliance might try to recapture Crimea.

Moscow accuses Nato countries of "pumping" Ukraine



■ Putin

with weapons and the US of stoking tensions to contain Russia's development. Mr Putin has complained Russia has "nowhere further to retreat to - do they think we'll just sit idly by?"

It demands no more eastward expansion and an end to Nato military activity in Eastern Europe. That would mean combat units being pulled out of Poland and the Baltic republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, and no missiles deployed in countries such as Poland and Romania.

In President Putin's eyes, the West promised back in 1990 that Nato would expand "not an inch to the east" but did so anyway.

That was before the collapse of the Soviet Union, however, so the promise made to then Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev only referred to East Germany in the context of a reunified Germany.

Mr Gorbachev said later that "the topic of Nato expansion was never discussed" at the time. Russia has also proposed

a treaty with the US barring nuclear weapons from being deployed beyond their national territories.

What does Russia want with Ukraine?

Russia seized Crimea in 2014 arguing it had a historic claim to it. Ukraine was part of the Soviet Union, which collapsed in December 1991 and Mr Putin said it was the "disintegration of historical Russia".

A clue to President Putin's thinking on Ukraine came in a lengthy piece last year when he called Russians and Ukrainians "one nation". He labelled Ukraine's current leaders as running an "anti-Russian project".

Russia has also become frustrated that a 2015 Minsk peace deal for eastern Ukraine is far from being fulfilled.

There are still no arrangements for independently monitored elections in the separatist regions. Russia denies accusations that it is part of the lingering conflict.

Can Russian action be stopped?

President Putin has spoken several times to Mr Biden and high-level talks continue. He has expressed hope that a solution can be found, but Russian officials have warned that Western rejection of their key demands is leading to a "dead end".

Ukraine: How big is Russia's military build-up?

The question is how far Russia will go. President Biden has warned that a full-scale invasion would be a disaster for Russia. But if it was a minor incursion, he said controversially that the West would "end up having to fight

about what to do".

The White House has stressed any move across the border constitutes a renewed invasion - but points out Russia has other weapons, including cyber-attacks and paramilitary tactics. When 70 Ukrainian government websites went down in January, Russia denied Ukrainian accusations that it was behind the attack.

The Pentagon has accused Russia of preparing a so-called false-flag operation, with operatives ready to carry out acts of sabotage against Russian-backed rebels, to provide a pretext for invasion. Russia has denied it.

Russia has also handed out 500,000 passports in rebel-run areas, so if it does not get what it wants then it could justify any action as protecting its own citizens.

However, if Russia's only aim is to force Nato away from its backyard, there is no sign of it succeeding.

Nato's 30 members have turned down flat any attempt to tie their hands for the future. "We will not allow anyone to slam closed Nato's open-door policy," said US Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman.

Ukraine is looking for a clear timeline to join and Nato says Russia has "no veto, no right to interfere in that process".

And non-Nato members Sweden and Finland have also rejected Russia's attempt to stop them beefing up their ties with the alliance. "We will not let go of our room for manoeuvre," said Finland's prime minister.

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Monday, February 7, 2022

 OIL AND GAS 416.46 -1.48%	 BANKING 448.16 1.14%	 CONSUMER GOODS 568.86 -0.43%	 INSURANCE 181.55 -0.84%	 INDUSTRIAL 2137.09 0.00%
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NSE GENERAL INDEX						COMMODITIES PRICE	
COMPANY NAME	MARKET(NM)	PRICE	CHANGE	TRADES	VOLUME	CRUDE OIL (BRENT)	NATURAL GAS
BANKING						\$73.46	\$4.09
ACCESS BANK PLC	366,115.82	10.30	0.98	224	8,039,412		
UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA PLC	295,824.99	8.65	1.17	215	9,188,853		
ZENITH BANK PLC	846,135.51	26.95	2.28	270	9,716,650		
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS							
FBN HOLDINGS PLC	394,848.22	11.00	-0.90	227	13,460,382		
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES							
MTN NIGERIA COMMUNICATIONS PLC	4,059,548.10	199.00	-0.65	301	1,735,801		
BUILDING MATERIALS							
DANGOTE CEMENT PLC	4,682,731.43	274.80	-	92	113,587		
LAFARGE AFRICA PLC	426,856.58	26.50	1.32	124	4,248,889		
BERGER PAINTS PLC	2,420.03	8.35	-	27	161,998		
BUA CEMENT PLC	2,395,903.05	70.75	-	31	33,969		
CAP PLC	15,371.06	19.50	-	14	194,347		
MEYER PLC	292.18	0.55	-	0	0		
PREMIER PAINTS PLC	1,230.00	10.00	-	0	0		
EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION							
SEPLAT ENERGY PLC	509,592.99	866.00	-0.46	40	809,804		
AGRICULTURE							
ELLAH LAKES PLC	8,500.00	4.25	-	3	26,250		
FTN COCOA PROCESSORS PLC	792.00	0.36	-5.26	19	1,721,527		
OKOMU OIL PALM PLC	121,909.70	127.80	-10.00	54	857,326		
PRESCO PLC	95,000.00	95.00	0.53	75	970,162		
LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC	6,000.00	2.00	-1.96	39	1,777,413		
JOHN HOLT PLC	307.43	0.79	-	4	2,427		
S C O A NIG. PLC	890.26	1.37	9.60	22	1,041,224		
TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATION OF NIGERIA PLC	46,745.19	1.15	0.88	171	23,590,940		
U A C N PLC	25,787.60	8.95	-0.56	41	2,167,583		
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION							
ARBICO PLC	152.96	1.03	-	0	0		
INFRASTRUCTURE/HEAVY CONSTRUCTION							
JULIUS BERGER NIG. PLC	41,600.00	26.00	-	28	285,946		
REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT							
UPDC PLC	19,673.57	1.06	-1.85	27	856,880		
AUTOMOBILES/AUTO PARTS							
DI TYRE & RUBBER PLC	954.53	0.20	-	0	0		
BEVERAGES - BREWERS/DISTILLERS							
CHAMPION BREW. PLC	17,224.89	2.20	-0.45	54	2,184,718		
GOLDEN GUINEA BREW. PLC	829.98	0.81	-	0	0		
GUINNESS NIG PLC	106,343.09	48.55	-	74	414,140		
INTERNATIONAL BREWERIES PLC	134,310.34	5.00	-5.66	74	4,486,719		
NIGERIAN BREW. PLC	387,639.93	48.00	-	104	18,175,080		
BUA FOODS PLC	1,159,200.00	64.40	-	57	439,426		
DANGOTE SUGAR REFINERY PLC	213,177.71	17.55	0.29	144	1,116,746		
FLOUR MILLS NIG. PLC	119,731.08	29.20	-	57	336,279		
HONEYWELL FLOUR MILL PLC	27,359.18	3.45	-1.43	67	2,612,544		
MULTI-TREX INTEGRATED FOODS PLC	1,340.10	0.36	-	0	0		
N NIG. FLOUR MILLS PLC	1,603.80	9.00	-	5	4,200		
NASCION ALLIED INDUSTRIES PLC	35,105.06	13.25	-	27	287,228		
UNION DICON SALT PLC	2,706.05	9.90	-	0	0		
CADBURY NIGERIA PLC	16,340.36	8.70	-	29	147,672		
NESTLE NIGERIA PLC	1,137,461.72	1,435.00	-	69	306,158		
HOUSEHOLD DURABLES							
NIGERIAN ENAMELWARE PLC	1,231.72	16.20	-	1	5		
VITAFORM NIG PLC	30,520.60	24.40	-	38	221,062		
PERSONAL/HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS							
P Z CUSSONS NIGERIA PLC	25,609.58	6.45	-7.19	40	454,065		
UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC	78,993.82	13.75	-	30	83,995		
FINANCIAL SERVICES							
ECOBANK TRANSNATIONAL INCORPORATED	221,112.09	12.05	-0.41	58	703,331		
FIDELITY BANK PLC	83,157.67	2.87	0.70	147	23,210,401		
GUARANTY TRUST HOLDING COMPANY PLC	804,942.75	27.35	-0.55	362	44,942,831		
JAIZ BANK PLC	24,178.82	0.70	-1.41	57	3,924,252		
STERLING BANK PLC	48,943.71	1.70	-2.94	57	7,147,875		
UNION BANK NIG. PLC	170,356.40	5.85	-0.85	65	1,640,250		
UNITY BANK PLC	5,844.67	0.50	-4.00	15	1,788,578		
WEMA BANK PLC	32,788.30	0.85	-2.35	58	3,035,974		
INSURANCE CARRIERS, BROKERS AND SERVICES							
AFRICAN ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	4,117.00	0.20	-	0	0		
AICO INSURANCE PLC	25,257.64	0.69	-4.17	81	12,930,228		
AXAMANSARD INSURANCE PLC	21,960.00	2.44	3.83	25	470,947		
CONSOLIDATED HALLMARK INSURANCE PLC	6,850.88	0.64	1.59	9	1,052,234		
CORNERSTONE INSURANCE PLC	10,354.84	0.57	-	6	246,201		
CORONATION INSURANCE PLC	11,995.84	0.50	-	35	3,271,960		
GOLDFLINK INSURANCE PLC	909.99	0.20	-	0	0		
GUINEA INSURANCE PLC	1,228.00	0.20	-9.09	26	8,300,698		
INTERNATIONAL ENERGY INSURANCE PLC	487.95	0.38	-	0	0		
LASACO ASSURANCE PLC	1,943.60	1.06	-	13	165,227		
LINKAGE ASSURANCE PLC	7,140.00	0.51	-	8	324,990		
MUTUAL BENEFITS ASSURANCE PLC	5,216.02	0.26	-	20	719,054		
NEM INSURANCE PLC	15,099.60	3.01	-9.61	41	650,881		
NIGER INSURANCE PLC	1,547.90	0.20	-	0	0		
PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC	5,963.65	0.45	7.14	5	567,619		
REGENCY ASSURANCE PLC	2,667.50	0.40	-	3	152,500		
SOVEREIGN TRUST INSURANCE PLC	2,727.47	0.24	-4.17	13	12,522,500		
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	1,917.56	0.33	10.00	12	1,339,400		
UNIVERSAL ASSURANCE PLC	3,200.00	0.23	-	1	4,000		
VERITAS CAPITAL ASSURANCE PLC	3,189.33	0.20	-	5	165,363		
MICRO-FINANCE BANKS							
NFI MICROFINANCE BANK PLC	4,801.94	2.10	-2.78	13	318,336		
ABBEY MORTGAGE BANK PLC	6,720.00	1.04	-	0	0		
ASD SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	7,370.87	0.50	-	0	0		
INFINITY TRUST MORTGAGE BANK PLC	5,505.00	1.32	-	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	13,000.00	6.50	-	38	1,140,679		
CUSTODIAN INVESTMENT PLC	46,466.73	7.90	-	5	5,029		
DEAP CAPITAL MANAGEMENT & TRUST PLC	300.00	0.20	-	0	0		
FCMB GROUP PLC	59,408.13	3.00	-	54	2,335,269		
NIGERIAN EXCHANGE GROUP	48,120.84	24.50	1.03	99	4,169,560		
ROYAL EXCHANGE PLC	4,322.11	0.84	-	338,093	338,093		
STANBIC IBTC HOLDINGS PLC	453,494.90	35.00	-	66	537,629		
UNITED CAPITAL PLC	67,200.00	11.20	-0.89	81	1,985,119		
HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS							
EKO CORP. PLC	2,886.90	5.79	-	1	300		
MEDICAL SUPPLIES							
MORISON INDUSTRIES PLC	1,968.43	1.99	-	1	14,000		
PHARMACEUTICALS							
FIDSON HEALTHCARE PLC	16,878.65	8.09	-0.25	33	439,696		
GLAXO SMITHKLINE CONSUMER NIG. PLC	7,235.05	6.05	-	26	122,308		
MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC	7,677.30	4.45	3.49	21	318,265		
NEIMETH INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICALS PLC	3,437.47	1.81	0.56	25	554,388		
PHARMA-DEKO PLC	392.45	1.81	-8.59	9	484,368		
COMPUTER BASED SYSTEMS							
COURTVILLE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PLC	1,953.60	0.55	3.77	29	5,957,260		
COMPUTERS AND PERIPHERALS							
OMATEK VENTURES PLC	588.36	0.20	-	0	0		
IT SERVICES							
CSG PLC	3,105.54	1.23	-	3	10,000		
NCR (NIGERIA) PLC	324.00	3.00	-	0	0		
CHAMS PLC	986.17	0.21	5.00	15	2,505,487		
E-TRANZACT INTERNATIONAL PLC	13,269.13	2.00	-	1	250		
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES							
AIRTEL AFRICA PLC	4,776,610.56	1,271.00	-	42	39,918		
ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS							
AUSTIN LAZ & COMPANY PLC	2,192.12	2.03	-	0	0		
CUTIX PLC	8,771.38	2.49	2.89	16	705,728		
PACKAGING/CONTAINERS							
BETA GLASS PLC	26,473.52	52.95	-	7	1,232		
GREIF NIGERIA PLC	232.39	5.45	-	0	0		
TRIPLE GEE AND COMPANY PLC	475.16	0.96	-	1	1,500		
AGRO-ALLIED & CHEMICALS							
NOTORE CHEMICAL IND PLC	100,754.14	62.50	-	0	0		

GAINERS

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PRESTIGE	0.03	7.14%

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- The Officer in Charge, IPPIS
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SUDAN

Anti-coup protesters march in Khartoum, other cities

Sudanese security forces have fired tear gas to disperse demonstrators marching towards the presidential palace in the capital Khartoum, witnesses said, as protesters rallied across several cities to demand a return to civilian rule and justice for protesters killed since last year's coup.

"On Monday, security forces once again used tear gas to disperse protesters from the vicinity of the presidential palace," Al Jazeera's Hiba Morgan said from Khartoum.

Protesters were seen hurling stones at security forces while others were helping people injured by the tear gas canisters, AFP news agency reported.

Anti-coup protesters in the city of Wad Madani, south of Khartoum, were seen waving Sudanese flags and carrying posters of people killed in the crackdown.

"No, no to military rule" and "blood for blood", they chanted, according to witnesses.

Hundreds also gathered in the Red Sea city of Port Sudan,

residents there said.

Regular mass protests have been held in Sudan since the October 25 coup led by army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, which derailed the country's rocky transition to civilian rule following the 2019 removal of longtime leader Omar al-Bashir.

At least 79 people have been killed and hundreds wounded in the crackdown on anti-coup demonstrations, according to the Sudan Doctors Committee, a medical group tracking casualties among protesters. There were also widescale arrests of activists leading the anti-coup protests and allegations of sexual violence, including rape and gang rape, in a December 19 protest in Khartoum, according to the United Nations.

Morgan said while protesters are demanding that the military "return to the barracks", they also have other demands including accountability for the protesters who have been killed since the military took over power. Aljazeera

GUINEA BISSAU'

Panic after gunmen target G/Bissau radio station

The sound of heavy gunfire heard in Guinea Bissau's capital created panic among some civil servants nearly a week after an attempted coup.

The attack by unknown gunmen was not on government buildings however, but rather the offices of a private radio station.

Capital Radio's equipment - including its transmitter, mixing console and computers - were destroyed.

The station is an affiliate of the US international broadcaster,

Voice of America (VOA), but it is not clear who carried out the attack or why.

The same radio station was previously targeted in July 2020.

After hearing the gunshots, some civil servants were seen fleeing home. At least 11 people were killed last Tuesday when soldiers attempted to overthrow President Umaro Sissoco Embaló, according to the authorities.

The president has announced an inquiry into the attempted coup. BBC

ISRAEL

Group: Israel launches inquiry into police hacking claims

Israel's government will set up a commission of inquiry to examine reports the police used spyware made by NSO Group to hack the phones of Israeli public figures without authorisation.

Officials, protesters, journalists and a son of former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu were among those targeted, the local newspaper Calcalist said.

A witness in Mr Netanyahu's corruption trial was also allegedly monitored. Prime Minister Naftali Bennett said the reports, if true, were "very serious".

NSO Group, an Israeli surveillance firm, has faced widespread allegations that its hacking software Pegasus has been sold to and misused by authoritarian governments across the world. The company has insisted that it does not operate the software once it is sold to clients and has previously stated that it could not be used to track Israeli citizens. It has not commented on the latest development. Pegasus

infests phones, allowing operators to extract messages, photos and emails, record calls and secretly activate microphones and cameras. "This tool (Pegasus) and similar tools are important tools in the fight against terrorism and severe crime. But they were not intended to be used in phishing campaigns targeting the Israeli public or officials, which is why we need to understand exactly what happened," Mr Bennett said in a statement.

The prime minister said he would discuss the matter with the newly appointed Attorney General, Gali Baharav-Miara, and that they would "not leave the public without answers".

President Isaac Herzog also expressed concern.

"We must not lose our democracy. We must not lose our police. And we must certainly not lose public trust in them. This requires an in-depth and thorough investigation," he said.

Aljazeera

FRANCE

Ukraine crisis: World leaders step up talks amid invasion fears

World leaders are stepping up efforts to reduce tensions over Ukraine as fears of a Russian invasion grow.

French President Emmanuel Macron expressed hope that war could be avoided as he met Russian leader Vladimir Putin in Moscow.

In Washington, US President Joe Biden hosted German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and said they were "in lockstep to address Russian aggression".

Russia currently has more than 100,000 troops massed on Ukraine's borders.

Western powers accuse the

country of planning an invasion, something Russia has repeatedly denied.

US officials said on Sunday that Russia has assembled 70% of military forces needed for a full-scale invasion.

In recent weeks, Moscow has demanded that the Western military alliance Nato ban Ukraine from ever becoming a member, and that the group cuts its troop numbers in eastern Europe.

Nato has rejected both demands. It has instead suggested talks on other areas, such as limiting nuclear weapons.

The tensions between Russia, Ukraine and the West come nearly eight years after Russia annexed Ukraine's southern Crimea peninsula and backed a bloody rebellion in the eastern Donbas region.

Moscow accuses the Ukrainian government of failing to implement the Minsk agreement - an international deal sponsored by Germany and France to restore peace to the east, where Russian-backed rebels control swathes of territory and at least 14,000 people have been killed since 2014. BBC



■ Supporters of the presidential candidate José María Figueres celebrate the results of the first round of the election in San Jose, Costa Rica

Photo: AFP/Getty Images

MADAGASCAR

At least 10 killed as cyclone sweeps through Madagascar

At least 10 people have been killed and nearly 48,000 forced from their homes after Cyclone Batsirai struck Madagascar overnight, according to the island country's office of disaster and risk management.

The agency reported the deaths in a bulletin late on Sunday while state radio said some died when their house collapsed in the town of Ambalavao, about 460km (286 miles) south of the capital Antananarivo.

It was the second major storm to hit the poor Indian Ocean island nation in two weeks.

The cyclone made landfall in Mananjary, with winds of

165 kilometres (103 miles) per hour, uprooting trees, destroying buildings and forcing residents to weigh down flimsy corrugated iron roofs along its path.

"Mananjary is completely destroyed, no matter where you go everything is destroyed," one resident named Faby told the AFP news agency.

Willy Raharijaona, technical adviser to the vice president of Madagascar's Senate, said some parts of the southeast had been cut off from the surrounding areas by flooding.

"It's as if we had just been bombed. The city of Nosy Varika

is almost 95 percent destroyed," he told the Reuters news agency. "The solid houses saw their roofs torn off by the wind. The wooden huts have for the most part been destroyed."

The Meteo-France weather service had earlier predicted Batsirai would pose a "very serious threat" to Madagascar, after passing Mauritius and drenching the French island of La Reunion with torrential rain.

Some 10,000 people on La Reunion were still without electricity on Sunday, three days after the tropical cyclone passed through the island, injuring 12 people on its path. Aljazeera

PAKISTAN

Hundreds holds funeral for five-year-old who died trapped in well

Hundreds of Moroccans have gathered to pay their last respects to "little Rayan", the five-year-old boy who died after being trapped in a well for four days. Rayan Oram fell down the 32m (104ft) well on 1 February, prompting painstaking efforts to rescue him.

The rescue effort garnered media attention worldwide.

Hundreds of mourners attended his funeral on Monday in his home village where the tragedy unfolded.

There were so many people that

they could not all fit in the hilltop cemetery and prayer site in the northern Rif mountains.

"I am over 50 years old and [have] never seen as many people in a funeral. Rayan is the son of us all," one villager told Reuters news agency. When the boy was finally pulled from the well on Saturday evening, his apparent rescue was initially met with cheers from crowds by the well. But this turned to heartbreak minutes later when it was announced that the rescue was

too late, and that Rayan had died.

The rescue mission had been watched across the world - and soon after death was announced, tributes poured in.

On social media, where the hashtag #SaveRayan had been trending, people expressed their sympathy and sadness.

How Morocco held its breath for Rayan Morocco's King Mohammed VI called the parents of the boy and offered them his deepest condolences. Aljazeera

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NGWUJOZO I Formerly known and address as EUQUENE UGWUZOR now wish to be known and address as CHUKWUNJOYEREM L NGWUJOZO all former documents remain valid general public should take note.

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ASMAU I formerly known and address as ASMAU ALHAJI, ASMAU ALHAJI BALARABE AND ASMAU BALARABE now wish to be known and address as ASMAU BALARABE MUHAMMAD with date of birth 02/01/2000 all former documents remain valid general public should take note

FYENTIRIMAM-FAITH: I formerly known as FYENTIRIMAM-FAITH PHELIMON YAMUSA, now wish to be known as TAFIYA, FYENTIRIMAM-FAITH FELIX. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

ESTHER: I, formerly known as NWALIMA UCHECHI ESTHER, now wish to be known as NWALIMA ESTHER KODIRINYE. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note

. SAIDU I formerly known as SAIDU ABDULKADIR now wish to be called and addressed as SAIDU KADIRI. All former documents remain valid. SEMUMI, NIMC Authorities concern and the general public should please take note

HAUWA, I formerly known as HAUWA MUSA ABDULLAHI now wish to be called and addressed as HAUWA ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ABDULBARIU, I formerly known as BARIO ZAKARI now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULBARIU YA'U. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ABDULLAHI I Formerly known and address as AROWOLO ABDULLAH now wish to be known and address as MUSTAPHA ABDULLAHI OLAJIDE all former documents remain valid general public should take note

GODIYA: I formerly known as MRS. MAIJINYA GODIYA BONNET, now wish to be known as MRS. MAIJINYA GODIYA BAKO. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

HADIZAT: I, formerly known as RASHEED HADIZA OMENEKE and HADIZA ABDULRASHEED, now wish to be known as HADIZAT OMENEKE ABDULRASHEED. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note

SAMAIIA I formerly known as MAL SAMAILA SHEHU now wish to be called and addressed as SAMAILA BELLO SHEHU All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and the general public should please take note

SALE, I formerly known as ALHAJI SALEH now wish to be called and addressed as SALE SOJA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ABDULLAHI, I formerly known as ABDULLAHI ALHAJI GARBA now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULLAHI GARBA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

KABIR I Formerly known and address as KABIR ABDULRAHAMAN now wish to be known and address as KABIR ABDULRAHAMAN all former documents remain valid general public should take note

RECONCILIATION OF NAME: I formerly known as BAKTOK NANDOM and BAKTOK NANDOM TANGNI, now wish to be known as BAKTOK NANDOM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

ESTHER, I formerly known as ESTHER CHINEDU AMAOGE now wish to be called and addressed as MRS ESTHER CHINEDU OBINNA FELIX. All former documents remain valid. NYSC and the general public should please take note.

YAU I formerly known as YAU ADAMU now wish to be called and addressed as YAU MAGAJI All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and the general public should please take note

UMAR, I formerly known as UMMARU SANI DANSANGO now wish to be called and addressed as UMAR SANI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

HADIZA, I formerly known as HADIZA MAMAN ALI now wish to be called and addressed as HADIZA MUSTAPHA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

MARYAM I Formerly known and address as ISHAQ MARYAM now wish to be known and address as IBRAHIM MARYAM all former documents remain valid general public should take note

JAMES: I formerly known as ALI JAMES IJE, now wish to be known as ALI JAMES KAJERE. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known as KHADIJA JAFAR ABUBAKAR now wish to be called and addressed as HADIZA JAFAR ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

. MUSA I formerly known as MUSA MUSTAPHA SULEIMAN now wish to be called and addressed as MUSA MUSTAPHA All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and the general public should please take note

MUHAMMED, I formerly known as USMAN MUHAMMED GANJI now wish to be called and addressed as MUHAMMED MUHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ALHASSAN, I formerly known as ALHASSAN MALAM TAILA now wish to be called and addressed as ALHASSAN MALLAM TAILA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

DOGONDAJI I Formerly known and address as MUHAMMAD A. DOGONDAJI now wish to be known and address as. MOHAMMAD DOGONDAJI ALHAJI all former documents remain valid general public should take note

CHRISTOPHER: I formerly known as GYANG CHRISTOPHER PAM on my NIMC Identity card, now wish to be known as PAM CHRISTOPHER GYANG. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known as RAKIYA AMINU now wish to be called and addressed as ALIYA AWAISU ALIYU. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

SABIU I formerly known as SAIYE M. SABIU & SABIU MUHD SAIYE now wish to be called and addressed as SABIU MUHD LAWAN All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and the general public should please take note

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

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

YUSUF I Formerly known and address as YAHAYA A. YUSUF now wish to be known and address as YAHUZA A. YUSUF all former documents remain valid general public should take note

FAITH: I formerly known as ADENU ASHEPO JOSHUA, now wish to be known as JOSHUA, FAITH. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known as BILKISU SALISU SAAD now wish to be called and addressed as BILKISU SALI SAAD. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

. KABIRU I formerly known as KABIRU ABUBAKAR MUHAMMAD now wish to be called and addressed as KABIRU ABUBAKAR SANI All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and the general public should please take note

ILYAS, I formerly known as ILIYASU SAGIR now wish to be called and addressed as ILYAS SAGIR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ABDULHAMID, I formerly known as ABDULHAMID IBRAHIM now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULHAMID IBRAHIM AKUYAM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

NAFISA: I, formerly known as MISS. SALIHU NAFISA GATAWA, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. SALIHU NAFISA GATAWA. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

CHRISTIANA: I formerly known as MISS. SUNDAY CHRISTIANA BIDEI, now wish to be known as MRS. OLUWAROTIMI CHRISTIANA BIDEI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known as HAJARA IDRIS now wish to be called and addressed as HAJARA MUHAMMAD IDRIS. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as Sa'adatu Abdussalam Abubakar now wish to be called and addressed as Sa'adatu Abubakar Abdussalam. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known and addressed as SANUSI DANGI wish to be known and addressed as SANUSI DANGI ABBAS former documents remain valid general public should take note

ADAMU, I formerly known as ADAMU MOHAMMED now wish to be called and addressed as ADAMU ALHAJI MUHAMMADU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ASMAU: I, formerly known as MISS. ASMAU MU'AZU DONOR, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. ASMAU MU'AZU DONOR. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

PRECIOUS: I formerly known as DAVID PRECIOUS, now wish to be known as NIKORO PRECIOUS ONOKEME. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

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

I formerly known as DERNAN TERKULA TITUS now wish to be called and addressed as AERNAN TERKULA TITUS. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known and addressed as ZAINAB LAWAL AJI wish to be known and addressed as MRS ZAINAB AJI LAWAL former documents remain valid general public should take note

KHADIJA, I formerly known as KHADIJAT ADAMU now wish to be called and addressed as KHADIJA BABA ADAMU with new DOB 10_06_1987. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

AHMED: I formally known as AHMED ALIYU, now wish to be known and addressed as AHMED ALIYU BABANGIDA. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

TABITHA: I formerly known as AZANGO TABITHA, now wish to be known as MATHEW TABITHA OYIKU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known as SALISU MUSTAPHANow wish to be called and addressed as SALISU MUSTAPHA ABBA. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

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

I formerly known and addressed as Indimi Rukaiya Mohammed wish to be known and addressed as Dantata Rukaiya Mohammed former documents remain valid general public should take note

SALISU, I formerly known as SALE MUHAMMAD AUWALU now wish to be called and addressed as SALISU AUWALU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

. ADAMU: I formerly known as ISA ADAMU, now wish to be known and addressed as ISAH ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

CHUNDUNG: I formerly known as CHUNDUNG YOHANNA, now wish to be known as GYANG CHUNDUNG ZARAM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

NAFISA, I formerly known as RAMATU UMAR USMAN now wish to be called and addressed as NAFISA IBRAHIM JIBRIL. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as SADIYA ABDULMUMIN AHMAD now wish to be called and addressed as SADIYA IBRAHIM ABDULMUMIN. All former documents remain valid NYSC Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known and addressed as KHADIJA MUHAMMAD MUHAMMAD wish to be known and addressed as KHADIJAT MUHAMMAD BAWO former documents remain valid general public should take note

MARYAM, I formerly known as MARYAM SALISU HARUNA now wish to be called and addressed as MRS MARYAM SALISU ISA. All former documents remain valid. NYSC and the general public should please take note.

ENOBONG: I formerly known as ENOBONG IDORENYIN NOAH, now wish to be known and addressed as PRECIOUS NOAH ENOBONG. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ENOCH: I formerly known as ATUWA ENOCH FATER, now wish to be known as AKAA ENOCH FATER. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

DAHIRU, I formerly known as AMINA DAHIRU DAHIRU now wish to be called and addressed as DAHIRU AMINU. All former documents remain valid. UNITY BANK PLC and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as CHARITY TOBI ISHAKU now wish to be called and addressed as TOBI INUWA. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known and addressed as ABDURAHMAN ABUBAKAR wish to be known and addressed as ABDURAHMAN ABUBAKAR SULEMAN former documents remain valid general public should take note

ADAMU, I formerly known as SIDDI BUBA now wish to be called and addressed as ADAMU BUBA SIDDI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

SANI: I formerly known as SADIYA SANI, now wish to be known and addressed as SADIYA GAMBO SANI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

OMOLARA: I formerly known as ADELEKE SHERIFAT OMOLARA and ADELEKE SHERIFATU OMOLARA, now wish to be known as ABDULHAKHEEM SHERIFAT OMOLARA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

ABBA, I formerly known as HABIJU UMAR now wish to be called and addressed as ABBA ISMAIL ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as AHMED YAU now wish to be called and addressed as YAU AMADU. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

BILKISU: I formerly known as BILKISU LAWRENCE, now wish to be called and addressed as BILKISU PINDAR. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

KABIR, I formerly known as KABIR RABI now wish to be called and addressed as KABIR RABI LADI and DOB 10-01-1971 - 25-06-1968. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

AHMED: I formerly known as ABDULBASI AHMED, now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULBASI SIRAJ AHMED. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

UMOH: I formerly known as UMOH JULIET UDEME and UMOH JULIET IMOH, But now wish to be known and addressed as UMOH JULIET SUNDAY. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ILIYASU, I formerly known as KABI ABUBAKAR now wish to be called and addressed as ILIYASU SALISU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as Ali Umar now wish to be called and addressed as Aliyu Umar Aliyu. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

KHADIJA: I formerly known as KHADIJA HARUNA, now wish to be called and addressed as KHADIJA HARUNA Sadiq. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

AISHA, I formerly known as AISHATU UMAR now wish to be called and addressed as AISHA UMAR KAILANI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

TUKUR : I formerly known as MUHAMMAD AHMAD TUKUR, now wish to be known and addressed as AMADU MUHAMMAD TUKUR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

OJUMOLA: I formerly known as OJUMOLA MEKA, now wish to be known and addressed as OJUMOLA MEKA RACHEAL. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

RALIYA, I formerly known as RALIYA MUBARAK MAHMUD now wish to be called and addressed as RALIYA UMAR ABDUL. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as YUSUF ABUBAKAR BADAMASI wish to be known and addressed as YUSUF BADAMASI. All former documents remain valid general public should take note

I formerly known and addressed as HADIJA HABIJU wish to be known and addressed as MRS HADIJA HABIJU former documents remain valid general public should take note

ABDURRAHMAN, I formerly known as YASIR ZAKARI ISHAQ now wish to be called and addressed as ABDURRAHMAN IBRAHIM MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ANIGBOGU: I formerly known as FAVOUR CHINAZA UMEH, now wish to be known and addressed as CHINAZA JOHN ANIGBOGU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

SANI: I formerly known as MOHAMMAD SANI SAKO, now wish to be known and addressed as SANI MOHAMMADU. And my correct date of birth is 01-01-1975 not 12-05-1979. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as Amina Iliyasa now wish to be called and addressed as Amina Muhammad Iliyasa. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

SALISU, I formerly known as ABUBAKAR SALISU DANKANO 20-04-1988 now wish to be called and addressed as SALISU IDRIS 01-08-1991. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as UMAR MUSA wish to be known and addressed as UMAR MUSA MASUGARI former documents remain valid general public should take note

BINTA, I formerly known as BINTA ABUBAKAR SODANGI now wish to be called and addressed as BINTA SODANGI ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

CHINKINAN: I formerly known as MANASSEH CHINKWAN JOSEPH, now wish to be known as DAWAT CHINKINAN MANASSEH. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

BLESSING: I formerly known and addressed as BLESSING CHIDINMA OKECHUKWU, now wish to be known and addressed as BLESSING CHIDINMA SUMAILA. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

IDRIS, I formerly known as IDRIS BASO GUMEL now wish to be called and addressed as IDRIS BASO. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ASMAU, I formerly known as TALATU ISAH now wish to be called and addressed as ASMAU ISAH. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as HALIMATU ABUBAKAR KOFAR BAI wish to be known and addressed as HALIMATU ZAHARADEEN ABDULLAHI former documents remain valid general public should take note

NAIMA, I formerly known as NAIMA AMINU ABUBAKAR now wish to be called and addressed as NAIMA AMINU NAZIRU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

GARBA: I formerly known as GARBA ADAMU MUHAMMED, now wish to be known as MUHAMMED GARBA and my date of birth was wrongly captured during my NIMC Registration as 1st January, 1940 instead of 1st January, 1965. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note

YOHANNA: I formerly known as YOHANNA BENJAMIN MANU, now wish to be known and addressed as YOHANNA BENJAMIN. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

CLEMENT, I formerly known as CLEMENT MATHEW now wish to be called and addressed as CLEMENT MATHEW. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD, I formerly known as BABA MALAM now wish to be called and addressed as MUHAMMAD UMAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as NASIRU MOHAMMED wish to be known and addressed as NASIRU MOHAMMAD WILSON former documents remain valid general public should take note

HUWUA, I formerly known as HAUWA MUSTAPHA now wish to be called and addressed as HAUWA ALI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

VERA: I formerly known as MAMSIING VERA MONICA, now wish to be known as MRS. ELAM VERA CHANLAHAM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

AISHA: I, formerly known as AISHA AHMAD MUHAMMAD BALA, now wish to be known as AISHA AHMAD MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

AISHA, I formerly known as AISHA SALEH HOTORO now wish to be called and addressed as MRS AISHA SALEH HOTORO. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as HUSIBA SUNUSI wish to be known and addressed as SUNUSIBA SUNUSI MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid general public should take note

I formerly known and addressed as KHADIJA ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD wish to be known and addressed as MRS KHADIJA ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD former documents remain valid general public should take note

HUSSAINI, I formerly known as HUSSAINI UMAR BABA UBA now wish to be called and addressed as HUSSAINI UMAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

FELIX: I formerly known as FELIX MICK GAIYA, now wish to be known as TAFIYA FELIX DAUJI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note

BASIRA: I, formerly known as BASIRA MUHAMMED, now wish to be known as BASIRA YUSUF ADAM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note

FATIMA, I formerly known as FATIMA SALEH now wish to be called and addressed as MRS FATIMA SALEH ALIYU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as MARYAM SAIDU wish to be known and addressed as SAIDU MARYAM ASI. All former documents remain valid general public should take note

I formerly known and addressed as MUHAMMAD LAWAL HASSAN, MUHAMMAD AUWAL, LAWAL TINAU to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD AUWAL HASSAN former documents remain valid general public should take note

USMAN, I formerly known as USMAN AHMED YALLEMAN now wish to be called and addressed as USMAN AHMAD YUNUSA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

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I formerly known and addressed as RABI IBRAHIM wish to be known and addressed as RABI IBRAHIM SAIDU former documents remain valid general public should take note

I was formerly known as KABIRU GARBA now wish to be known and called as KABIRU WADA GARO. My corrected date of birth is 2nd June, 1989. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

ISA: I, formerly known as MOHAMMED ISA SAS Now wish to be known and addressed as ISA SAS MOHAMMED. All my documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.

SAMBA: I, formerly known and addressed as OGUNKOYA OLUWATOBI RACHAEL. Now wish to be known and addressed as SAMBA OLUWATOBI RACHAEL. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADEKOYA: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss OLADIPO ABIMBOLA MUNIAT. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs ADEKOYA ABIMBOLA MUNIAT. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

TIJJANI I formerly known TIJJANI LAWAN KEKENO now wish to be known and addressed as TIJJANI LAWAN MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

I formerly known and addressed as TANIMU AHMED wish to be known and addressed as TANIMU AHAMED former documents remain valid general public should take note

I formerly known as ABDULLAHI UMAR now wish to be known as NURA UMAR. All formal documents remain valid. General public should take note

ABDULKAREEM: I formerly known as ABDULKAREEM NUHU ANUHI now wish to be called as ABDULKAREEM NUHU OKATAHI all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

OPEYEMI: I, formerly known and addressed as EDUNFUNKE ABIMBOLA ABOSEDE. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs OPEYEMI ABIMBOLA ABOSEDE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADAMS: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss MURRAY JENNIFFER. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs ADAMS AMAKA JENNIFFER. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known as MOHAMMED AUDU NIL now wish to be known as MOHAMMED AUDU. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note.

YAHAYA, I formerly known as YAHAYA SHAMSU now wish to be called and addressed as YAHAYA SHAMSU KABARA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I was formerly known as MARYAM ALIYU ISA now wish to be known and called as MARYAM DANLADI ISAH. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

MUSA: I, formerly known as MUSA MUHAMMAD and MUSA BALARABE MUHAMMAD are one and same person, now wish to be known and called MUSA BALA MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

CORRECTION OF NAME That my name was mistakenly written as LAWAL RASAK OSENI instead of LAWAL RASAK OSENI. That my correct name is LAWAL RASAK OSENI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ABATAN: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss OKESHIPE ABIMBOLA AMINAT. Now wish to be called and addressed as Mrs ABATAN ABIMBOLA AMINAT. All former documents remain valid. Nigeria Youth Service Corps (NYSC) and General public please take note.

I, formerly known as JOSHUA K. AKAWU now wish to be known and addressed as JOSHUA KALVINSON AKAWU. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

I formerly known and addressed as HARUNA MOHDA DATE OF BIRTH 13/02/1988 wish to be known and addressed as HARUNA ALMUSTAPHA MUHAMMAD 01/01/1987. All former documents remain valid general public should take note

AISHATU: I formerly known as AISHATU SANUSI now wish to be called and addressed as AISHATU HALADU All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

SAKIRU: I, formerly known as MISS SAKIRU NAFISAT OLAWUMI, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS SAKIRU NAFISAT OLAWUMI OLAJIDE All former documents remain valid. NYSC - general public and any authority concerned to please take note

AJOSE-HARRISON: I, formerly known and addressed as ADEBAYO MOSOPELOLUWA OLUWABUKUNMI. Now wish to be known and addressed as AJOSE-HARRISON MOSOPELOLUWA OLUWABUKUNMI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ARIDEGBE: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss ADEBAYO TEMITAYO TEMITOPE. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs ARIDEGBE TEMITAYO TEMITOPE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I, formerly known as KEI EBIPANIPRE now wish to be known and addressed as EBIPANIPRE E. ORUBO. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

I formerly known and addressed as UMAR JIBRIN wish to be known and addressed as IBRAHIM JIBRIN former documents remain valid general public should take note

RABI, I formerly known as RABI MUHAMMAD NAZIFI now wish to be called and addressed as RABI MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM: IBRAHIM: I formerly known as IBRAHIM MOHD RABU SHIKA, now wish to be known and called as IBRAHIM MOHAMMED RABU SHIKA, all former documents remain valid general public, all authority concerned should take note please.

OLUDEWA: I, formerly known and addressed as OJOMU FAIDAT ONOJUNMI. Now wish to be known and addressed as OLUDEWA OJOMU FAIDAT OMOJUNMI. All former documents remain valid. Banks and General public please take note.

ELEBUTE: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss OLASEGE KEHINDE SALAMOT OLAMIDE. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs ELEBUTE KEHINDE SALAMOT OLAMIDE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I, formerly known as NAJI BU MUSA now wish to be known and addressed as NAJEEB MUSA. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

I formerly known and addressed as ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD ADO wish to be known and addressed as ABDULLAHI ADO MUHAMMAD All former documents remain valid general public should take note

UMAR, I formerly known as LAWAN ABDULKADIR now wish to be called and addressed as UMAR BILYAMINU ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM: I, formerly known as IBRAHIM HABIBU, now wish to be known and called IBRAHIM KABIRU. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

ODEYINDE: I formerly known and addressed as OYOLOLA FOLASHADE BLESSING now wish to be known and addressed as MRS ODEYINDE FOLASHADE. Due to change in marital status. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

OYELUDE: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss ALADESUYI OLUWADAMILOLA JUSTINA. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs OYELUDE OLUWADAMILOLA JUSTINA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I, formerly known as GANA GABTO, Now wish to be known and addressed as GABTO GANA. All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.

FATIMA, I formerly known as FATIMA ZARA YUSUF now wish to be called and addressed as FATIMA ZARA RILWAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

HARUNA, I formerly known as HARUNA MUHAMMED now wish to be called and addressed as HARUNA MUHAMMED LAWAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

MERCY: I, formerly known as MERCY OBENDA, now wish to be known and addressed as MERCY OBENDA OKWOLL All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

SALAU: I Formerly known and addressed as MISS LAWAL SHUKURAT MORAYO now wish to be known and addressed as MRS SALAU SHUKURAT MORAYO. Due to marriage. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

AKINSOLA: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss ADEWOLE BUKKY BUKAYO. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs AKINSOLA BUKAYO OPEYEMI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

LIMAN: I formerly known as LIMAN BUKAR, now wish to be known and addressed as LIMAN BUKAR ALHAJI KINDIN. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public should please take notes.

I formerly known and addressed as ISYAKU AHMED wish to be known and addressed as ISYAKU AHMED KAROFI former documents remain valid general public should take note

MARYAM, I formerly known as MARYAM JIBRIL IDRIS, now wish to be called and addressed as MARYAM JIBRIL AHMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

OKORO: I formerly known as OKORO MUHAMMAD ZAKARI Now wish to be known, Called and addressed as MUHAMMAD SAKARIYYAH. Former documents remain valid. Public note.

CHANGE OF NAME ON ACCOUNT, BVN AND NATIONAL ID CARD. I formerly known and addressed as OKUNOLA OLAI TAN YEMISI, now wish to be known and addressed as OKUNOLA MIRACLE YEMISI. All Financial institutions, NIMC and general public to take note.

IDOWU: I, formerly known and addressed as JIMOH ROSELINE OLUWASEUN. Now wish to be known and addressed as IDOWU ROSELINE OLUWASEUN. All former documents remain valid. Banks and General public please take note.

I formerly known as Alhaji Aliyu Babangida. Now wish to be known and addressed as Aliyu Babangida. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as AISHA MUHAMMAD wish to be known and addressed as AISHA MUHAMMAD NADABO former documents remain valid general public should take note

SHUAIBU, I formerly known as SHUAIBU MUSA now wish to be called and addressed as SHUAIBU MUSA AHMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

YUSUF: I formerly known as YUSUF B SA'ID, YUSUF SAEED BALARABE now wish to be called as YUSUF BALARABE SAEED all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note.

FASANYA: I, formerly known and addressed as SALAMI AGBAJE FASANYA, now wish to be known and addressed as SAMUEL ADESINA AGBAJE FASANYA. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

OYEYIGA: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss IBITOYE ABIOLA RACHAEL. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs OYEYIGA ABIOLA RACHAEL. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known as ILIYA SURAJO with date of birth as 22/12/1988. Now wish to be known and addressed as ILIYASU SURAJO 01/03/1986. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as IBRAHIM ABDULSALAM wish to be known and addressed as IBRAHIM ABDULSALAM JIKAMSHI former documents remain valid general public should take note

ABUBAKAR, I formerly known as ABUBAKAR ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD now wish to be called and addressed as ABUBAKAR ABDULLAHI MUHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM: I formerly known as IBRAHIM MALIKE BELLO now wish to be known called and addressed as IBRAHIM BELLO all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note

AKOLAWOLE: I, formerly known and addressed as BUSARI SOFIAT ADEDAMOLA. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs AKOLAWOLE SOFIAT ADEDAMOLA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

SUNDAY: I, formerly known and addressed as AYODELE OLANREWAJU OBE. Now wish to be known and addressed as SUNDAY OLANREWAJU PHILIP. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

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

I formerly known and addressed as MUBARAK ABDULSALAM wish to be known and addressed as MUBARAK ABDULSALAM JIKAMSHI former documents remain valid general public should take note

SALIM, I formerly known as SHUAIBU USMAN now wish to be called and addressed as SALIM USMAN WADA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

YOHANNA: I formerly known as OSOKS FORTUNE now wish to be called and addressed as YOHANNA RAHILA all former documents remain valid. Any authority concerned and general public should please take note

REMOVAL OF NAME That on my documents, my name appears as OKAFOR BEATRICE ONYENWE, while on my NIN, it appears as CHUKWUNEKE OKAFOR BEATRICE ONYENWE. That I wish to remove CHUKWUNEKE from my names. That henceforth, I wish to be known and addressed as OKAFOR BEATRICE ONYENWE. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

OLUBIYI: I, formerly known and addressed as OLUBIYI SAIDI AJANI. Now wish to be known and addressed as OLUBIYI SAHEED AJANI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

JONATHAN: I formally known as JOEFFRE EZRA, now wish to be known and addressed as GODIYA JONATHAN, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as MUSTAFA ILA AMINU wish to be known and addressed as MUSTAFA ILA former documents remain valid general public should take note

AHMAD, I formerly known as EBIANGASUO OFONGO JOSHUA now wish to be called and addressed as AHMAD OFONGO JOSHUA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

AISHAT: I formerly known as AISHAT MUHAMMAD now wish to be called and address as AISHAT MUHAMMAD MRS SHAAIBU, All former documents remain valid, Authority concern and general public should please take note

ADIJAT: I, formerly known and addressed as ORITOKO ABENI BARNES. Now wish to be known as ADIJAT ORITOKO ABENI FOLAWIYO. All former documents remain valid, general public should take note.

FAMUYIWA-AGBOOLA: I, formerly known and addressed as AGBOOLA PRAISE AANULUWAPO. Now wish to be known and addressed as FAMUYIWA-AGBOOLA PRAISE AANULUWAPO. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

WILLIAMS: I formally known as FRANCIS WILLIAMS, now wish to be known and addressed as FRANCIS KEVIN WILLIAMS, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

I formerly known and addressed as SHAMSU YAHUZA wish to be known and addressed as ABUBAKAR SADIQ YAHUZA former documents remain valid general public should take note

ZIKRAH: I, formerly known as MISS SIKIRAT AMINU AHUOIZA, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS ZIKRAH AMINU ISMAIL AHUOIZA. All former documents remain valid. General public note.

AGNES: I Formerly known as LUIS SYLVESTER Now wish to be called and addressed as AGNES SYLVESTER to update My BVN D.O.B From 12/04/1980 to 12/11/1978 All former documents remain valid UNITY BANK PLC Any Authority concern and the general public to please take note

OMOBOLANLE: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss MOBOLANLE M. AFOLABI. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs OMOBOLANLE SOSANYA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AKINOLA: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss LUKMON KAOSARAT OMOLABAKE. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs AKINOLA KAOSARAT OMOLABAKE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

MURTALA: I formally known as HUSSAINI YAKUBU, now wish to be known and addressed as SADIQ MURTALA, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as NANA YAHAYA wish to be known and addressed as MANSIR YAHAYA former documents remain valid general public should take note

AISHA: I formerly known as AISHA AMINU now wish to be called and addressed as AISHA ANAS AMINU all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note

That I am the same person bearing the underlisted name and they appears differently on my credentials. ABIOLA FATIMO ALAKE, ABIOLA FATIMAT ALAKE and ABIOLA ALAKE FATIMOH. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public take note

AZEZ: I, formerly known and addressed as AJIFAROWE SAIDAT DOYIN. Now wish to be known called and addressed as AZEEZ SAIDAT ADEDOYIN. All former documents remain valid. Bank Authority and General public please take note.

ADEYEMO: I, formerly known and addressed as FAGITE OLUWABUNMI HELEN. Now wish to be known and addressed as ADEYEMO OLUWABUNMI HELEN. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

TEACHER: I formally known as HUSSAINI YAKUBU, now wish to be known and addressed as HUSSAINI TANKO TEACHER, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

I formerly known and addressed as MOHAMMED AMINU NASIR wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD ABDULKADIR NASIR former documents remain valid general public should take note

FATIMA: I formerly known as FATIMA MOHAMMED KABIR now wish to be called and addressed as FATIMA ADAMU all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note

OFUBU: I, formerly known and addressed as JAMES EBIMOBOWEI OFUBU. Now wish to be known and addressed as OFUBU LUCKY DIPREYE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

DARAMOLA: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss YUSUFF BARAKAT OLAJUMOKE. Now wish to be known called and addressed as Mrs DARAMOLA BARAKAT OLAJUMOKE. All former documents remain valid. NYSC and General public please take note.

OBADIMU: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss DAVIDS EUNICE ANENGIBO. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs OBADIMU EUNICE ANENGIBO. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ABDULLAHI: I formally known as HADIZA ABDULLAHI, now wish to be known and addressed as HADIZA ABUBAKAR ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as ABUBAKAR UMAR UMAR wish to be known and addressed as ABUBAKAR ISAH ABDULLAHI former documents remain valid general public should take note

HUSSAINA: I formerly known as HUSSAINA AUWAL now wish to be called and address as HUSSAINA A. AUWAL, All former documents remain valid, Authority concern and general public should please take note.

MICHEAL: I, formerly known and addressed as OCHI GRACE AMADOKWE. Now wish to be known and addressed as MICHEAL GRACE MNASINACHI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

EMMANUEL BOLLUWATIFE DEBORAH also as the person bearing EMMANUEL BOLLUWATIFE D. Now wish to be known called and addressed as EMMANUEL BOLLUWATIFE DEBORAH. All former documents remain valid. Bank Authority and General public please take note.

LATEEFAT: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss AJAYI LATEEFAT AJIBOLA. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs LATEEFAT AJIBOLA AJAYI-AKALA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AMOS: I formally known as SAMSON AMOS, now wish to be known and addressed as SAMSON FOLARANMI AMOS, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

I formerly known as hannatu mordekai mshelia now wish to be known as mordekai hannatu mshelia. All formal documents remain valid. General public should take note.

TANYAKALA: I, formerly known as TANYA VOH, now wish to be known and called TANYAKALA JACOB VOH. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

I, formerly known and addressed as MASTER DAVID OLUWAFERANMI BANIRE. Now wish to be known and addressed as MASTER DAVID OLUWAFERANMI SOAGA. All former documents remain valid. ISOBRITTE SCHOOL FESTAC and General public please take note.

OYETUNJI: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss AZEEZ ADEBOYIN OLUFUNKE. Now wish to be known called and addressed as Mrs OYETUNJI ADEBOYIN OLUFUNKE. All former documents remain valid. Bank Authority and General public please take note.

FABIAN: I, formerly known and addressed as NMOR BLESSING OLIVIA. Now wish to be known and addressed as FABIAN BLESSING OLIVIA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADEKUNLE: I formally known as ADEYEMI ADEKUNLE, now wish to be known and addressed as ADEYEMI EMMANUEL ADEKUNLE, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as Ahmed Shuaibu Kwajaffa now wish to be known as Ahmad Shuaibu. All formal documents remain valid. General public should take note.

AISHA: I, formerly known as AISHA ABUBAKAR, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS AISHA ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. NYSC - general public and any authority concerned to please take note

ADEBIYI: I, formerly known and addressed as ADEBIYI GOKE MAKANJU. Now wish to be known and addressed as ADEBIYI ADEGOKE OLATUNDE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

EMEM: I, formerly known and addressed as UDO EMEM COSMAS. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs EMEM THEOPHILUS ELOMAFUWE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I, ABDULKARIM HUSSAINI ABDULKARIM do solemnly declare that: The names ABDULKARIM HUSSAINI ABDULKARIM and ABDULKARIM HUSSAINI are referred to me, as I used to answer either of the names. Now I wish to be known and called ABDULKARIM HUSSAINI ABDULKARIM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

DIRYA: I formally known as ADAMU ADAMU DIRYA, now wish to be known and addressed as ALHAJI DABO DIRYA, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

I was formerly known as MAHMUD AYUBA KULO now wish to be known and called as MAHMUD AYUBA KULO. My corrected date is 10th February, 1969. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

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

OLADAYO-AJAYI: I, formerly known and addressed as AKINDANIYI OLUWAYEMISI HANNAH. Now wish to be known and addressed as OLADAYO-AJAYI OLUWAYEMISI HANNAH. All former documents remain valid. Authorities Concerned and General public please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME OJUDUN: I, formerly known and addressed as OJUDUN BOLANLE OLUWABUKOLA. Now wish to be known and addressed as OJUDUN BOLANLE OLUWABUKOLA. All former documents remain valid. Access Bank and General public please take note.

NANA, I formerly known and addressed as HAJJA AMSA, now wish to be known and addressed as NANA SHERIFF. All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

SA'ADIYYA I formerly known as FATIMA HAFIZ HASSAN now wish to be known and addressed as SA'ADIYYA HAFIZ HASSAN with DOB: 21/05/1999 not 13/12/1997. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

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ABDULRAHMAN I formerly known as ABDULRAHMAN IBRAHIM USMAN now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULRAHMAN IBRAHIM USMAN. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

FALMATA : I formerly known as YA'AJI MODU now wish to be known as FALMATA MODU. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

ABDULKARIM I formerly known and addressed as ABDULKARIM A IBRAHIM now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULKARIM IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

LARABA. I, formerly known as LARABA LINUS now wish to be known and called LARABA LINUS AYUBA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

EDIMAH - I, formerly known as *EDIMA ROSELINE ATING*. Now wish to be known as *EDIMAH ROSELINE ADANNE*. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

EJIMOFOR: I, Formerly known and addressed as EJIMOFOR LAWRENCE JOHN, now wish to be known and addressed as EJIMOFOR RAYMOND OSONDU. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

MALLAM I formerly known and addressed as UMAR MODU, now wish to be known and addressed as MALLAM U. Awana All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

HAJJA : I formerly known as HAJJA AITA MAINA now wish to be known as HAJJA AITA MAINA NGELA. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

AMINA I formerly known and addressed as AMINA SULTAN now wish to be known and addressed as AMINA SULEIMAN. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

I, AHMED INUWA do solemnly declare that: The names AHMED MUHAMMED INUWA and AHMED INUWA are referred to me, as I used to answer either of the names. Now I wish to be known and called AHMED INUWA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

DEBORAH - I, formerly known as *WORO CHIMENEM DEBORAH*. Now wish to be known as *DEBORAH CHIMEZULEM-WEJINYA*. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ONYEBUCHI: I, Formerly known and addressed as ONYEBUCHI AMANDA, now wish to be known and addressed as ONYEBUCHI CHIMAMANDA VICTORY. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

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

USMAN : I formerly known as UTHMAN HARUN now wish to be known as USMAN HARUNA ABDULLAHI. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

ZAINAB I formerly known and addressed as ZAINAB ALI now wish to be known and addressed as ZAINAB ALI KOLU. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

LENGI-I Formerly known as TENICHA ISHAYA NOW wish to be known and addressed as LENGI ISHAYA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take

GRACE - I, formerly known as *MISS. GRACE UFUOMA INOTU*. Now wish to be known as *MRS. GRACE UFUOMA ODJEGBA*. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as SALAWUDEEN AKEEM now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULAKEEM SALAWUDEEN. All former documents remain valid. First Bank, general public and authorities concerned should please take note.

MARYAM: I formerly known as MARYAM USMAN with now wish to be known and addressed as MARYAM ALIYU USMAN. All former documents remain valid. With DOB 01/09/1994. Authorities concern and general public should please take note.

TAHIR : I formerly known as the TAHIRU LAWAN now wish to be known as TAHIR LAWAN DALORIMA. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

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

FATIMA. I formerly known and addressed as FATIMA ALHAJI MUSA, now wish to be known and addressed as FATIMA MUSA. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

CHIEMENA - I, formerly known as *MISS. CHIEMENA DANITA OGBONNA*. Now wish to be known, address as *MRS. CHIEMENA DANITA AKUJOBI-EMETUCHE*. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as ZUBAIRU BALA now wish to be known and addressed as ZUBAIRU BALA SHAGARI with D.O.B 08-09-1987. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

RASHIDA: I, formerly known as RASHIDA DANLADI, now wish to be known and addressed as RASHIDA IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. NYSC and general public should please take note.

TUNGWAL I formerly known as MARYAM MAGAJI now wish to be called as MARYAM MAGAJI TUNGWAL. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

ALI I formerly known and addressed as ALI GOYA now wish to be known and addressed as ALI NGAUYA. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

ADAMA. I formerly known and addressed as ADAMA BABAGANA, now wish to be known and addressed as ADAMA MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

Mrs ANOCHIRIONYE : I, Formerly known and addressed as Miss MADU CHINASA THECLA, Now Wish to be known and addressed as Mrs ANOCHIRIONYE CHINASA THECLA. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

I, formerly known as OKORO COMFORT MGBAFOR now wish to be known and addressed as OKORO MARY COMFORT ONYINYECHUKWU. All former documents remain valid. The dominican sisters of St. Catherine of Siena Gusau, general public and authorities concerned should please take note.

JOEL: I, formerly known as USIJU ADAMU, now wish to be known and addressed as JOEL JOHN. All former documents remain valid. First bank Plc and general public should please take note.

MAKAMA I formerly known as AISHA HAMISU MAKAMA now wish to be called as AISHATU HAMISU MAKAMA. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

SALAMATU I formerly known and addressed as SALAMATU MOHAMMED now wish to be called as SALAMATU ABUBAKAR HABIB, All former documents remain valid, NYSC authority concern and general public to take note,

YAKAKA. I formerly known and addressed as YAKARA KURA LAWAN And YAKAKA LAWAN KAWURI now wish to be known and addressed as YAKAKA LAWAN BUKAR. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

MRS NWAOREHU: I, formerly known as MISS. OKEKPE NNEOMA BEAUTY now wish to be known and addressed as MRS NWAOREHU NNEOMA BEAUTY. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

I, formerly known as ZAINAB ABDULLAHI now wish to be known and addressed as ZAINAB ABDULLAHI DANTAGAGO. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

ALIYU: I, formerly known as ALIYU UMAR HAMMAN, now wish to be known and addressed as ALIYU UMAR. All former documents remain valid. First bank Plc and general public should please take note.

ABUBAKAR I formerly known as RUKAYYA ABUBAKAR IBRAHIM now wish to be called as RUKAYYA IBRAHIM ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take

I Formally known as. BABA ALH ISA. now wish to be known and addressed as. BABA ISA. All my former documents remain valid. general public should please take note

MRS EMMANUEL: I, Formerly known and addressed as MISS NKEKKA LOVELYN CHINWENDU, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS EMMANUEL LOVELYN CHINWENDU, All former documents remain valid. general public take note.

IFEANYI: I formerly known and addressed as Miss GIFT JOSEPH, now wish to be known and addressed as IFEANYI GIFT JOSEPH. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

I, formerly known as JANE OGCHUKWU AGBAKAA now wish to be known and addressed as JANE OGCHUKWU AGBAKAA ADIE. All former documents remain valid. NYSC, general public and authorities concerned should please take note.

ISHIYAKU: I, formerly known as ISHIYAKU ILIYASU, now wish to be known and addressed as ISHIYAKU ILIYA GATTIYANAI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and general public should please take note.

AHMAD I formerly known as HAUWA BABA MAIKAYI now wish to be called as MARYAM ABDULLAHI AHMAD. All former documents remain valid. B.V.N Authorities and General public to please take note

MALAH. I formerly known as MALA KACHALLA, now wish to be known as addressed as MALAH KACHALLA. All former documents remain valid. With DOB 01/01/1995, General public should please take note

ONUEGBU-EJERE: I, Formerly known and addressed as EJERE ISRAEL CHINA, now wish to be known and addressed as ONUEGBU-EJERE CHINAGOROM ISRAEL. All former documents remain valid. general public take note.

ISRAEL: I, formerly known and addressed as MISS ANYAMELE JOY CHIOMA, now wish to be known and addressed as ISRAEL JOY CHIOMA. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note

I, formerly known as MOHAMMED HAJIYA AMINA now wish to be known and addressed as AMINA MOHAMMED NASSARAWA. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

JANET: I, formerly known as JANET PETER LAMTUDA, now wish to be known and addressed as JANET GBENGA OMOFA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and general public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD I formerly known as AHMAD MUHAMMAD now wish to be called as BABANGIDA MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

RILWAN I formerly known and addressed as JOSEPH REUBEN GANA, now wish to be known and addressed as RILWAN YUSUF GANA. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

ACHOLONU: I, Formerly known and addressed as ACHOLONU MARY UKACHI, now wish to be known and addressed as ACHOLONU REJOICE CHIBUENYIM, All former documents remain valid. general public take note.

TITUS: I, Formerly known and addressed as TITUS MIRACLE OLUEBUBE, Now Wish to be known and addressed as TITUS MIRACLE JOSHUA. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

I, formerly known as FARUKU ALHAJI UMARU now wish to be known and addressed as FARUKU UMAR. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

ALIYU: I formerly known as ALIYU MUHAMMAD NASIR now wish to be known and addressed as ALIYU MUHAMMAD NASIR. All former documents remain valid. General Public Should please take note.

ZULAI I formerly known and addressed as ZULAI ALHYARO now wish to be known and addressed as ZULAI ALHAJI YARO. All former documents remain valid. DOB 01/01/1995 to 01/01/1999 All concern and authority General public should please take note.

GUJBA I, formerly known as BUKAR GUJBA UMAR now wish to be known and called GUJBA BUKAR CHIDAMI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

MISS. DIRIYAI = I, formerly known, called and addressed as MRS. ONYEDIRE DENGIYEFA, now wish to be known, called and addressed as MISS. DIRIYAI DENGIYEFA. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should take note.

FRANCIS: I, formerly known and addressed as NWAOGU FRANCIS XAVIER CHIKADIBIA, Now Wish to be known and addressed as FRANCIS CHIKADIBIA OGBONNA. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

I, formerly known as HAUWU ABDULLAHI now wish to be known and addressed as HAUWU BALA UMAR ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. NYSC, general public and authorities concerned should please take note.

YOHANNA : I formerly known as YOHANNA DRAMBI KWATITI now wish to be known as YOHANNA NAHA. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

MRS NACHAIDA. I formerly known and addressed as MISS NACHAIDA SARDAU DUNOMA, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS NACHAIDA SARDAU BWALA. All former documents remain valid. NYSC All concern and authority General public should please take note.

HAMIDU I, formerly known as ALHAJI HAMI DU now wish to be known and called ALHAJI HAMI DU GUJBA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

CHINONVEREM = I, formerly known as OZOEEMEN DEBORAH AMARACHI. Now wish to be known as CHINONVEREM DEBORAH AMARACHI. All former documents remain valid. The general public please take note.

MRS NGOZI: I, Formerly known and addressed as MISS NGOZI FORTUNE AFUNANYA EGEKWU, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS NGOZI FORTUNE AFUNANYA ELOAGU. All former documents remain valid. general public take note.

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SANI I formerly known and addressed as SANI MUSA now wish to be known and addressed as SANI MUSA ALARABA. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

AISHA I, formerly known as AISHA MALAH KACHALLAH now wish to be known and called AISHA MALAH MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public to note

CORRECTION OF NAME I, *GOODLIVE CHISA EUCHARIA*, wish to correct that my name was wrongly captured on my BVN as *GOODLIVE CHISA EUCHARIA* instead of *GOODLIVE CHISA EUCHARIA*. That my correct name and date of birth is *GOODLIVE CHISA EUCHARIA* and 15th April, 1978. All documents bearing the above names remain valid. The general public should please take note.

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

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

INUWA. I, formerly known as AHMED YARO MALLAM now wish to be known and called MUHAMMED INUWA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

That I was formerly known and address as MISS. DAN PEGGY JOSEPH. That I now wish to be known and address as MRS. LAWRENCE PEGGY JOSEPH. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should take note.

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■ Austin Eguavoen gestures during a training session with the Super Eagles at the 2021 AFCON

Ekiti wins U-17 female S/W zonal cricket qualification series

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

The Ekiti State U-17 female cricket team has won the 3rd edition of the just concluded South West Zonal qualification series of the National Under-17 Cricket Championship held in Ibadan, Oyo State.

The General Manager of the State Sports Council, Mr. Kunle Adeyemi who made this known in Ado Ekiti, said that the team also won the last edition in 2021.

While commending the resilience of the players and their coaches, Adeyemi described their success as a product of hard-work.

He stressed the need for the team to keep up the good work and assured that the State Government would leave no stone unturned towards ensuring their general well-being.

Adeyemi also called on parents and guardians to encourage their children and wards to participate in sports, stressing that it is also a veritable avenue for scholarship and employment opportunities.

In a related development, the State under-12 female handball team has also won the Southwest Under-12 Handball Championship similarly held in Ibadan, Oyo State.

Adeyemi said a member of the team, Joy Momodu, emerged the Most valuable Player and also the Highest Goal Scorer of the tournament just as

a few other players in the team were also selected to represent the South West Team at the national level.

NFF dumps Peseiro, retains Eguavoen as Interim Super Eagles coach

...Appoints Amuneke Chief Coach, Aigbogun, Eguaoje dropped

By David Ngobua

The Nigeria Football Federation yesterday retained its Technical Director, Augustine Eguavoen, as the Interim Technical Adviser of the Super Eagles while a former Golden Eaglets and Flying Eagles coach, Emmanuel Amuneke will serve as his immediate assistant.

Amuneke who had a hugely successful career at both club and international levels is a member of both the FIFA and CAF Technical Study Group.

Announcing the appointments yesterday, the General Secretary of the NFF, Dr. Mohammed Sanusi said "The NFF Board has approved

a recommendation of the Technical and Development Committee retaining Augustine Eguavoen as Technical Director/Technical Adviser (interim) while Emmanuel Amuneke becomes the Chief Coach of the Super Eagles.

"Salisu Yusuf will be the 2nd Assistant Coach/Chief Coach of the CHAN team and Joseph Yobo will be 3rd Assistant while Aloysius Agu remains the Goalkeepers' Trainer."

The reconstitution comes after the Super Eagles' outing at the 33rd Africa Cup of Nations finals in Cameroon, and ahead of the potentially -explosive FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 play-off round against the Black Stars of

Ghana next month.

Sanusi also explained that the 'positive' performance of the Super Eagles at the just concluded AFCON in Cameroon was responsible for the decision by the NFF to shelve plans to hire Jose Peseiro who was earlier announced as Super Eagles incoming technical Adviser.

"We acknowledge and appreciate the interest that Mr. Jose Peseiro has shown in Nigeria Football during our very cordial discussions and have absolutely no doubt about his capacity. We believe that perhaps in the future, there could be an opportunity to work with him.

"However, in view of the positive performance of the

Super Eagles at the just-concluded Africa Cup of Nations which has given hope to Nigerians and boosted our confidence in the present coaching crew to qualify us for the World Cup in Qatar, we have decided to accept the recommendation of the Technical and Development Committee to retain the Eguavoen-led coaching crew and strengthen it with the addition of Emmanuel Amuneke."

Although no mention was made of Paul Aigbogun and Dr. Terry Eguaoje who both served as assistant coaches in the last dispensation, a source in the NFF told our reporter that they may be considered as backroom staff.

Senegal over-respected Pharaohs of Egypt – Lumumba

By David Ngobua

A former Nigeria Football Federation presidential candidate, Hon. Lumumba Dah Adeh, has said the Teranga Lions of Senegal who just emerged champions of Africa had given too much respect to their opponents in the finals of the 2021 Africa Cup of Nations.

The finals which was played last Sunday at the Paul Biya stadium in Olembe, Yaounde between Senegal and Egypt was decided on penalties after both teams fought to a 0-0 draw after regulation and extra-time.

The Teranga Lions who were in their third finals since the tournament began in 1957 held their nerves to beat the seven-time winners Egypt 4-2 on penalties.

Speaking to Daily Trust, Lumumba said Senegal are deserving of their title as he maintained that there was even



no reason for them to allow the match to get to extra-time.

According to the former member of the House of Representatives from Plateau State, the Teranga Lions were the better side and should have wrapped up proceedings even in the first half of the match.

"I want to congratulate Senegal on their victory. It was well deserved. I am only surprised that they allowed the match to get to extra-time. They had enough opportunities to win in regulation time.

"I think they over respected Egypt. They gave them too much respect. The match was there for the taking but they continued to dilly-dally," said Lumumba.

The proprietor of the defunct Jos City Raiders also rated the finals high as he said both teams deserve commendation for generously advertising African football to the rest of the world.

Poor funding responsible for constant relegation of northern clubs in NPFL – Zubairu

By David Ngobua

The Technical Adviser of Gombe United, Coach Aliyu Zubairu, has blamed the constant relegation of northern clubs taking part in the Nigeria Professional Football League (NPFL) on poor funding by state governments.

Speaking to *Daily Trust* on why clubs in the north struggle to stay long in the NPFL, the gaffer said that unlike their counterparts in the south who are well funded by their governments, clubs in the north are made to endure so many financial challenges.

"Most clubs in the north are good but they constantly struggle against relegation because of poor funding. Clubs in the south travel by air. Like MFM came by air to play us in Gombe. When Remo were coming to play with Wikki Tourists, they did the same thing. It was the same when they came to play



Kano Pillars in Kaduna.

"These are some of the privileges northern clubs don't have. Maybe it is due to lack of exposure, I don't really know. That is what has been affecting northern clubs.

"At the start of the season, northern clubs do well but before the end of the season, they struggle and most are relegated," he lamented.

Zubairu, therefore, called on northern state governors to change their attitude towards the clubs so that the north will be well represented in the NPFL.

It will be recalled that in recent years, El-Kanemi Warriors, Jigawa Golden Stars, Adamawa United, Taraba United have been relegated to the lower division.

Even Gombe United and Wikki Tourists which are presently campaigning in the topflight have had their share of relegation

