

STILL IN CAPTIVITY

11 SCHOOLGIRLS OF FGC, BIRNIN YAURI

598
DAYS

1 STUDENT OF BETHEL BAPTIST HIGH SCHOOL, KUJAMA

570
DAYS

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Insulting others is never a way of correcting them. Instead it causes more damage and proves that we need help ourselves

– Mufti Ismail Menk



AFRICAN SAYINGS

“The big game often appears when the hunter has given up the hunt for the day”

(African Proverbs)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

WEATHER

Compiled by JAMIL H. SALIM

ABUJA	KADUNA	KANO	MAIDUGURI	Jos	SOKOTO	IBADAN	ENUGU	P/HARCOURT	LAGOS
PARTIALLY CLOUD	PARTIALLY CLOUD	PARTIALLY CLOUD	PARTIALLY CLOUD	PARTIALLY CLOUD	PARTIALLY CLOUD	PARTIALLY CLOUD	PARTIALLY CLOUD	PARTIALLY CLOUD	PARTIALLY CLOUD
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(Temperature in centigrade)

PRAYERS TIMES

RAJAB 12, 1444 AH

PRAYERS	ABUJA	ENUGU	KADUNA	KANO	KATSINA	LAGOS	MAIDUGURI	P/HARCOURT	SOKOTO
FAJR	5:40	5:39	5:41	5:38	5:42	5:58	5:20	5:43	5:51
DHUHR	12:48	12:52	12:49	12:44	12:51	1:04	12:28	12:51	1:01
ASR	4:04	4:08	4:05	4:00	4:07	4:20	3:44	4:07	4:17
MAGHRIB	6:35	6:36	6:35	6:30	6:33	6:54	6:12	6:39	6:45
ISHA	7:40	7:41	7:40	7:35	7:38	7:59	7:17	7:44	7:50

SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna



PHOTO OF THE DAY

Customers wait to withdraw money from ATM machine in Jabai, Abuja yesterday

Photo: Onyekachukwu Obi

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GAINERS	MRS	NNFM	INTENEGINS	SEPLAT	CORNERST	LOSERS	MRS	NNFM	INTENEGINS	SEPLAT	CORNERST
OPEN	N17.60	N8.90	N0.90	N1325.00	N0.60	OPEN	N17.60	N8.90	N0.90	N1325.00	N0.60
CLOSE	1.60	0.80	0.08	115.00	0.05	CLOSE	1.60	0.80	0.08	115.00	0.05
CHANGE	10.00%	9.88%	9.76%	9.50%	9.09%	CHANGE	10.00%	9.88%	9.76%	9.50%	9.09%

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APC govs reject Feb 10 deadline, to meet Buhari

By Sunday M. Ogwu, Fidelis Mac-Leva (Abuja), Abiodun Alade, Abdullateef Aliyu & Ayobami Balogun (Lagos)

Governors elected on the platform of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) have rejected the February 10 deadline set by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to end the legal tender status of the old N1000, N500 and N200 notes.

Credible sources close to the governors said they were worried Nigerians have been finding it difficult to live a normal life in the last few days and therefore resolved to meet President Muhammadu Buhari on the matter.

The sources said the APC governors would tell the president most likely at 10am today that beyond whatever gains that would come with the naira swap, the wrong timing by the CBN is already hurting the economy, the wellbeing of the citizens and the security of the country.

Out of the 36 state governors in Nigeria, 21 of them are members of the ruling APC.

Before reaching the decision to meet the president, the governors had reportedly nominated Governors Babajide Sanwo-Olu (Lagos), Nasir El-Rufai (Kaduna), Mai Mala Buni (Yobe) and Dapo Abiodun (Ogun), who had met with CBN governor, Godwin Emefiele between January 30 and 31. During the meeting, they reportedly expressed their displeasure over the "hasty nature", the cashless policy transition was being managed.

They also told Emefiele that while the old naira notes were being mopped up, it was evident the CBN could not make the new notes available to commercial banks as Nigerians struggle to access the money they legally deposited in commercial banks.

The governors were also said to have told Emefiele that it was evident the commercial banks did not have the needed technology to absolve the shock of increasing pressure of customers as evident in failed transactions using various internet platforms.

One of our sources said the governors told Emefiele to extend the transition period to between six months and one year so as to have a realistic cashless society.

"But Emefiele told them that there was actually no ill-feeling while taking the decision to change the naira notes; and that it was not his unilateral decision. He told them the president has to be in the picture," the source said.

According to him, "All the APC governors are not happy because in the first instance, they were not consulted on the new naira policy and the timing and they felt that as a federating unit, states must be consulted before such a sensitive decision is taken.

"They told Emefiele that the anticipated gains of the policy have been deflated because Nigerians are



■ Emefiele CBN governor



■ President Buhari

angry; their economy is grounded and many of them have to pay money to access their monies.

"They told Emefiele that the approach is not in line with international best practices because the infrastructure that will support cashless policy is weak. There is no single state in the North for instance that all its LGAs have banks. There are similar challenges in some states in the South and that it is the informal sector that drives the economy and therefore, Nigerians require more time, knowledge and support to transit to a cashless society," he said.

He said the four governors had briefed their colleagues and they collectively agreed to seek audience with President Buhari saying the meeting will take place any moment from now.

'Military operations suffer as troops in bushes cash-strapped'

Another source said military operations in some hard-to-reach areas in parts of the country have been affected.

"You know that military operations, some of them being jointly executed with the police and civil defence are going in parts of the country.

"The commanders hold cash for some logistics operations and this is increasingly becoming difficult," he said.

"Even though the troops receive their salaries through their bank accounts, they get their duty allowances in cash. Also, their commanders use cash to buy foodstuff and condiments the troops use to feed them and buy basic needs, especially in difficult terrains. This is seriously affecting their morale," he said.

A unit commander in the Lake Chad region said the absence of the new naira notes is affecting them.

"There is no single bank in all the LGAs in northern Borno and even the GSM services are erratic, you cannot transfer money. Since the beginning of the operation against Boko Haram, most of the field logistics from both our high command and support from state governments are settled with cash. Some of these things are moving

smoothly, there is the need for more time," he said.

A civil defence official working around Birnin Gwari in Kaduna State concurred, saying their activities have been affected.

"We are conducting joint operations with the military and the police and our logistic support is by cash, the new naira notes are not there and even if they make a transfer to you, there are no banks here and PoS operatives have closed shop. This is a serious challenge," he said.

CSOs protest in Lagos, accuse, banks of hoarding new notes

The Coalition of Civil Society Groups yesterday staged protests at the headquarters of some commercial banks in Lagos.

The protesters called on the CBN to sanction the Deposit Money Banks (DMBs), which they accused of hoarding the redesigned naira notes.

Some of the inscriptions on their placards were "Economic saboteurs are on the same level with terrorists," "CBN sanctions banks now", among others.

They also urged the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission and other related agencies to arrest and prosecute those hoarding the notes. While protesting at the headquarters of Wema Bank, Marina, they accused banks of sabotaging the cashless policy.

Low compliance to CBN's directive for over-the-counter payment

Our correspondents observed low compliance to the CBN's latest directive to banks to commence the payment of the redesigned naira notes over the counter with a maximum daily payout limit of N20,000.

The CBN, in a statement yesterday by its Director of Corporate Communication, Osita Nwanisobi, said it observed, with grave concern, the activities of persons selling the newly redesigned banknotes and those flagrantly abusing the legal tender by hurling wads of naira notes in the air and stamping on the currency at social functions.

Nwanisobi said: "We have equally noticed the queues at Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) across the country and an upward trend in the cases of people stocking and aggregating the newly introduced banknotes they serially obtain from ATMs for reasons best known to them.

"Also worrisome are the reported cases of unregistered persons and non-bank officials swapping banknotes for members of the public, purportedly on behalf of the CBN.

"We wish to state unequivocally that, contrary to the practice of these unpatriotic persons, it is unlawful to sell the naira, hurl (spray), or stamp on the currency under any circumstance whatsoever."

It said the CBN was collaborating with the Nigeria Police, Federal Inland Revenue Service, the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission and the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit to address "the unpatriotic practice."

He warned Nigerians, particularly those at social functions such as birthdays, weddings and funerals, to desist from disrespecting the naira or risk being arrested by law enforcement agencies.

However, *Daily Trust* findings showed that commercial banks in the Ikeja axis of Lagos were not attending to customers.

While ATMs at the banks were not dispensing cash; bank officials said they only accepted deposits and transfers, insisting they were not taking withdrawals due to the shortage of cash.

In some commercial areas in Kano yesterday, there were long queues at the various ATM points up till around 8pm.

We're being pushed to the wall-Transporters

Daily Trust observed yesterday that the transportation system in Lagos was hampered by the scarcity of the new naira notes as many motorists were stranded.

A student, identified himself as Adebayo, said he could not go out because there was no cash to pay transport fares.

Alhaji Yusuf Sanni, a transport

union leader in Lagos, told our correspondent that transporters might be forced to take drastic action if the situation persists.

Sanni, who was the NURTW scribe around Seme Border, close to Benin Republic, said security agencies had stopped collecting old notes and prefer to be paid in CFA.

Banks merely complying with directive

Speaking on the allegation of hoarding the new naira note, the immediate past president of the Association of Senior Staff of Banks, Insurance and Financial Institutions (ASSBIFI), Oyinkan Olasanoye said: "The bank employees are not policymakers, whatever the policy makers dictate, we'll carry out."

She said, "With the unblocking of the over-the-counter payment, we should see some relief by next week."

Speaking on the commercial banks preferring to give cash to high end customers, she said the CBN should demonstrate the political will to deal with the perpetrators.

Only masses are suffering - Kwankwaso

"Big time politicians", particularly, the presidential candidates, either have controlling shares in the banks or have friends who can help them mobilise whatever amount of money they need, presidential candidate of the New Nigeria Peoples Party (NNPP), Rabiun Kwankwaso, has said. Kwankwaso, who spoke on Channel's Sunrise Daily Thursday, said the rich could not be affected by the policy because they own the banks.

"What the government is saying has to do with people who would want to take too much money, like leaders and politicians. They don't know that many of our colleagues, those who are contesting, especially the presidential candidates, and by extension all those in their parties are owners of the banks.

"Not only that; people close to them have banks everywhere, so they will lose nothing. PDP has governors, and APC has governors. Governors by now would have collected so much money from the banks in their states.

"If their friends have got banks, I'm sure one or two of them may have banks or own large shares in some of these banks," he said.

Accusing the CBN of punishing ordinary Nigerians with the naira redesign policy, he said: "Government should be in place to sort out issues for its people, not inflate unnecessary hardships.

"Some people in politics may for some strategic reasons be complaining but those complaining I believe are just a gimmick, I don't believe that they mean it. We believe they don't have issues. You see the people with real issues are the masses, businessmen, petty traders," he said.

Friday, February 3, 2023

JNI demands probe of NAF over Nasarawa herders' killing

From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka, Kaduna

The Jama'atu Nasril Islam (JNI) has called on the federal government to investigate all its security agencies, especially the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) over the airstrikes in Doma LGA of Nasarawa State in which 40 herders were killed.

JNI said the government should do well, beyond condemnation, and fish out the perpetrators, because "Nigerians are desperately yearning for concrete actions."

In a statement signed by its Secretary General, Dr Khalid Abubakar Aliyu, JNI said the incident was a calculated attempt to instill fear among farmers and herders "so as to jeopardise the frantic efforts of mutual harmony that has being built by the relevant stakeholders, especially the Nasarawa State Government, in recent years."

It also called on relevant

security agencies to mop up small arms and light weapons in the hands of criminals "or else Nigeria will continue to witness the rise in arms proliferation for self-defence among citizens since the government is seemingly not so disposed to doing so."

The statement reads further: "We call on the government to identify with victims and places of attacks by commiserating with the people; it is better late than

never. Convey a national broadcast after the visit to dissuade reprisals. Clearly, people are angered over many recent happenings affecting innocent defenseless people and the government needs to act fast.

"The Federal Government of Nigeria should pay compensation (diyya) to the bereaved families for equity, justice and foreclosing any possibility of vengeance or reprisal.

"Prosecute officials that are found wanting in the discharge of their assignment(s) so as to serve as a deterrent to other nonchalant officials; collaborate with relevant security agencies with a timeline to bringing an end, and/or at least avert all security threats bedeviling the country and also mop up small arms and light weapons in the hands of criminals or else Nigeria will continue to witness the

rise in arms proliferation for self-defence among citizens since the government is seemingly not so disposed to doing so."

The JNI further urged the government to spare no effort to immediately provide support to all the affected communities.

While appreciating the federal government for the 10-day extension granted in respect of the moping and collection of the old naira notes, the group implored

relevant agencies to ensure complete observance of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) guidelines in that regard in order to ameliorate the hardship being faced by Nigerians.

It also called on the Muslim ummah to intensify prayers seeking Allah's intervention for an end to the repeated pogroms and condoned the victims' families, the people and Government of Nasarawa State and Nigeria in general.

Scores injured, 11 arrested in rival cult clash in Lagos

From Eugene Agha Lagos

Several persons sustained severe injuries in a violent clash that erupted between two rival cult gangs in a hotel in the Shibiri area of Lagos and extended to Ajamgbadi and other adjoining streets.

Already, eleven members of the different gangs have been arrested and different weapons used recovered.

Members of a rival gang identified as Eiye confraternity were holding a secret meeting when those from Aiye allegedly stormed the hotel to disrupt the meeting.

A police source said the state Commissioner of Police, Abiodun Alabi, had ordered that those arrested should be transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Yaba where they would be interrogated.

It was learnt that the CP also directed that those found not to have anything to do with the fracas should be released immediately.

Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Benjamin Hundeyin, could not be reached for comments.

Trust TV PROGRAMME GUIDE

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
7:00-7:30AM	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	KIDDIES SHOW	ROUND UP
7:30-8:00AM	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	HEALTHY LIVING	KIDDIES SHOW
8:00-8:30AM	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK XTRA (LIVE)	DOCUMENTARY
8:30-9:00AM	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK (LIVE)	DAY BREAK XTRA (LIVE)	DIVINE PATH
9:00-9:03AM	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	DAY BREAK XTRA (LIVE)	DAILY POLITICS HIGHLIGHTS
9:03-10:00AM	EYEWITNESS	DAILY POLITICS	DAILY POLITICS	DAILY POLITICS	DAILY POLITICS	DAY BREAK XTRA (LIVE)	DAILY POLITICS HIGHLIGHTS
10:00-10:30AM	360 SPORTS (LIVE)	360 SPORTS (LIVE)	360 SPORTS (LIVE)	360 SPORTS (LIVE)	360 SPORTS (LIVE)	SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)
10:30-11:00AM	DOCUMENTARY	BBC/VOA	NATIONALIST	BBC/VOA	BBC/VOA	SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS (LIVE)	ADAMS KITCHEN
11:00-11:30AM	BUSINESS DAILY	DOCUMENTARY	BUSINESS DAILY	DOCUMENTARY	BUSINESS DAILY	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)
11:30-12:00PM	BBC/VOA	BBC/VOA	BBC/VOA	BBC/VOA	TRUST CHECK		VOA
12:00-12:30PM	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)
12:30-1:00PM	INSIDE ABUJJA	BBC/VOA	DOCUMENTARY	BBC/VOA	DOCUMENTARY	BBC: AFRICA EYE	BBC: SPORTS AFRICA
1:00-1:30PM	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)
1:30-2:00PM	360 SPORTS	360 SPORTS	360 SPORTS	360 SPORTS	360 SPORTS	SHOW TIME	INSIDE SOKOTO
2:00-2:03PM	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	VOA: STRAIGHT TALK AFRICA
2:03-2:30PM	TECH PROGRAM	REMINISCENCES	TODAY'S WOMAN	DOCUMENTARY	DOCUMENTARY	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	VOA: STRAIGHT TALK AFRICA
2:30-3:00PM	BBC MONEY DAILY	REMINISCENCES	BBC: MONEY DAILY	BBC: MONEY DAILY	BBC: MONEY DAILY	NEWSFEED	HEALTHY LIVING
3:00-3:03PM	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	SPORTS HIGHLIGHT	
3:03-3:30PM		NEWSFEED		NEWSFEED		SPORTS HIGHLIGHT	
3:30-4:00PM	YOUR RIGHTS	SHOWCASE	INSIDE SOKOTO	HEALTHY LIVING	POETRY WITH MARIAM	SPORTS HIGHLIGHT	SHOWCASE
4:00-4:03PM	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	NEWS SUMMARY (LIVE)	WEEK IN REVIEW	KIDDIES SHOW
4:03-4:30PM	BUSINESS DAILY	DOCUMENTARY	BUSINESS DAILY	DOCUMENTARY	BUSINESS DAILY	WEEK IN REVIEW	KIDDIES SHOW
4:30-5:00PM	VOA: AFRICA TO AMERICA	VOA TEK	YOUR RIGHTS	AGRIPRENIER	LIGHT OF ISLAM	INSIDE ABUJJA	AGRIPRENIER
5:00-5:30PM	BOOK READING	TRUST CHECK	KIDDIES SHOW	30 MINUTES	TRUST CHECK	TODAY'S WOMAN	POETRY WITH MARIAM
5:30-6:00PM	360 SPORTS EVENING	360 SPORTS EVENING	360 SPORTS EVENING	360 SPORTS EVENING	360 SPORTS EVENING	AFRICA UPDATE	DIVINE PATH
6:00-6:30PM	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	EYEWITNESS	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)
6:30-7:00PM	DOCUMENTARY	DOCUMENTARY	INSIDE KASTINA	ROUND UP	EYEWITNESS	ADAMS KITCHEN	AFRICA UPDATE
7:00-7:30PM	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	NEWS UPDATE (LIVE)	REMINISCENCES	
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Court dissolves Ganduje daughter's marriage, orders return of dowry

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano

Abdullahi Umar Ganduje and Inuwa Uba through a procedure known as khul'i.

The Kano State Upper Shari'ah Court has dissolved the marriage between Asiya

Asiya, a daughter to the Governor of Kano State, Abdullahi Ganduje,

had through her counsel, Ibrahim Aliyu Nassarawa, approached the court to dissolve her marriage because she was fed up and willing to return the N50,000 dowry she

received.

In his response, counsel to the respondent, Umar Umar, said the plaintiff held some property belonging to his client.

Delivering judgement,

Malam Abdullahi Haliru, said the evidence adduced during the course of the trial proved that the plaintiff received the sum of N50,000 as dowry and ordered her to return the N50,000.

But addressing the court after the judgement, Umar prayed for record of the proceedings, while indicating interest to go to a high court and test the analysis of the judgement.

Ondo cleric fakes own 'obituary' to avoid debt payment

From Tosin Tope, Akure

the promise to pay it back in seven days but defaulted.

An Ondo-based cleric, Paul Oyewole, was on Thursday, arraigned before a Magistrates' Court for allegedly faking his obituary to avoid a debt payment of N3 million.

The 43-year-old cleric, who was dragged before Chief Magistrate Mosunmola Ikujuni, was accused of fraud and pretense.

Oyewole had owed one of his church members, simply identified as Boyede Emmanuel, with

Moremi Akao, the prosecutor in charge of the case, told the court that the cleric committed the

offence sometime between November 25, 2021, and May 7, 2022, along the Valentino area in Ondo.

"The defendant alleged to have falsely published and posted his obituary on WhatsApp after he had sent a fake alert to (a bank account) knowing fully that he did not have such an amount in his bank account," he said.

"The defendant had earlier threatened the complainant (church member) on phone, with the intent to intimidate him, and also conducted himself in a manner likely to cause a breach of the peace, by stripping himself naked in front of the complainant's house.

He added that his offence was contrary to

and punishable under Sections 419, 86, and 125A(1) of the Criminal Code, Cap 37, Volume 1, Laws of Ondo State of Nigeria, 2006.

Oyewole pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Following a bail application by his counsel, Queen Arokoyo, Oyewole was granted N1 million bail with two sureties each

in like sum.

Magistrate Ikujuni added that one of the sureties must have a landed property, residing within the jurisdiction, while the original and photocopy of the identification card must be attached.

She, however, adjourned the case till February 13 for further hearing.

BUK to graduate 16,581 students at 36/37th combined convocation

From Salim Umar Ibrahim, Kano

Bayero University Kano (BUK) has said all arrangements have been made to graduate 16,581 students from the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 academic sessions.

He said no fewer than "8,777 postgraduate students, comprising 3,671 for the 2018/2019 session and 5,106 for the 2019/2020 session from the School of Postgraduate Studies and Dangote Business School were also among the graduands.

The Vice Chancellor of the university, Professor Sagir Abbas, disclosed this to journalists at a pre-convocation briefing held at the varsity's senate chamber on Thursday.

"Two hundred and eighty-five of the first degree graduands are graduating with first class, 359 of the higher degree graduates would receive PhDs; 5,936 would receive Master's Degree, while Postgraduate Diploma would be conferred on 2,484 candidates. All the graduates who would attend the convocation would receive their certificates same day."

He said the conferment of higher degrees and prizes to graduands of the School of Postgraduate Studies and Dangote Business School at its 36 and 37 combined convocation billed to hold from February 6 to 11 where a total of 7,362 undergraduate students for the 2018/2019 session and 9,219 for 2019/2020 sessions from 16 faculties would graduate.

Abbas added that the institution's Senate and Governing Council had decided not to award any honorary degree during the convocation.

Lagos police declare man holding rifle, threatening in viral video wanted

From Eugene Agha Lagos

in the Surulere area of the state and recovered three pump action rifles, one Beretta pistol magazine, one expended 9mm ammunition, one expended and three live cartridges, and a picture frame of the suspect.

The Lagos State Police Command has declared one Tajudeen Olanrewaju Bakare seen in a viral video wielding a rifle and threatening a breakdown of law and order in the state wanted.

"The suspect, Tajudeen Olanrewaju Bakare, narrowly escaped arrest and is hereby declared wanted. Any useful information leading to his arrest would be highly appreciated and treated with utmost confidentiality," he said.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Benjamin Hundeyin, in a statement said the Commander of Rapid Response Squad (RRS), Olayinka Egbeyemi, had been detailed to carry out a discrete investigation with a view of arresting him.

The PPRO warned troublemakers to steer clear of the state as anyone found wanting would be dealt with in accordance with the law.

Hundeyin said Egbeyemi carried out a sting operation on the residence of the man



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Elections: INEC assures corps members of safety

By Abbas Jimoh

The Independent National Electoral Commission yesterday assured the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) members participating in the 2023 elections of comfort, safety and security.

INEC Chairman, Prof. Mahmood Yakubu, gave the assurance in Abuja when he received a delegation of the NYSC.

According to him, it is unimaginable for INEC to conduct elections without the involvement of the NYSC.

He said INEC had been working over the years with the security agencies to protect youth corps members.

NYSC Director-General, Brig-Gen. Yushau Dogara Ahmed, said: "There are a lot of fears that this or that'll happen, but we try to make it clear to them that it's a duty and a responsibility for them to actually do their best and take responsibility."

Tinubu storms Osun, assures youths of jobs

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

The presidential candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Asiwaju Bola Tinubu on Thursday took his campaign to Osogbo, the capital of Osun State, where he assured youths of employment opportunities.

Tinubu also assured students of public universities and other higher institutions of learning that they would no longer experience long strikes by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) and other unions in the education system.

The APC candidate said he would set up industries to create jobs for young Nigerian.

He stated: "We will establish industries, we will have registration centres, you that have gone to the university and have gotten degrees, we will provide jobs for you."

"They didn't send you to schools to suffer in vain, you will prosper, you will become lawyers, doctors and great people."

'Nigeria recorded over 10,000 cancer cases in 1 month'

By Ojoma Akor

Nigeria has recorded over 10,000 new cancer cases since the beginning of this year, the founder of the Medicaid Cancer Foundation and Kebbi State First Lady, Zainab-Shinkafi Bagudu, has said.

Mrs Bagudu spoke yesterday in Abuja during

the launch of the book titled 'Footprints', by First Ladies Against Cancer (FLAC).

She cited the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) GLOBOCAN cancer statistics.

She noted that the book is a compilation of all FLAC activities and efforts to bridge the cancer care gaps in Nigeria.

She stressed the need to address the inequities around cancer by increasing awareness, building sustainable partnerships and creating innovative finance vehicles that could help reduce the cost of treatment.

Executive Director, National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA), Faisal Shuaib, said the federal government

would introduce Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in the country's routine immunization schedule this year.

The HPV vaccine helps to prevent cervical cancer, which is the second most common form of cancer diagnosed in women in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Shuaib said the agency was galvanising the sub-national

levels to make hepatitis B vaccine widely available in Nigeria to protect Nigerians against liver cancer.

The Minister of Health, Osagie Ehanire, advised Nigerians to shun life style practices such as sedentary lifestyle that increases risk of cancer.

He added that the country would also implement malaria vaccine this year.


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— Minister of Information and Culture, Lai Mohammed

El-Rufai to 'Villa cabal': We are not afraid of anybody

By Fidelis Mac-Leva

Controversial Kaduna State Governor, Nasir El-Rufai, has dared 'elements in Aso Rock' whom he alleged to be opposed to the presidential ambition of Asiwaju Bola Tinubu, candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC) for the 2023 presidential election.

El-Rufai, who was responding to a question in a yet to be fully released interview with the BBC Hausa, said: "Respecting people is not fear. I swear we don't fear anyone in this country; we are not fearful. But if you show us you are not an elder, I swear we will fight you."

The governor's latest comment, which was shared on social media ahead of the full release of the

interview, was in an apparent response to the "Villa elements" he referred to in an interview with Channels TV on Wednesday, saying they were working against Tinubu.

During the interview, El-Rufai said persons who backed a different aspirant in the APC presidential primary were now hiding behind President Buhari to pursue their interests.

"I believe there are elements in the villa who want us to lose the election because they didn't get their way; they had their candidate who did not win the primaries.

"They are trying to get us to lose the election, and they are hiding behind the president's desire to do what he thinks is right," he had said.

Aisha Buhari, wife of the president, backed El-Rufai over his claim that

some elements in the Presidency are plotting to sabotage Tinubu's victory.

The first lady, who wields great influence in the Villa, voiced her support for El-Rufai when she shared a clip of the interview containing the governor's main allegation against "saboteurs who are non-members of the party and are exploiting the president's goodwill for their selfish ends."

But the Minister of Information and Culture, Alhaji Lai Mohammed, responded saying officially, the government was not aware of anyone within the Presidential Villa engaging in such action.

Lai said the government had been fair to all candidates regardless of party affiliation and that Buhari had consistently demonstrated that he was for free, fair and credible elections.



■ Gov. El-Rufai

Vote your conscience for peace – Sultan, CAN president

By Abbas Jimoh

The Sultan of Sokoto and President General of the Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA), Alhaji Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar III, and the President of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Archbishop Daniel Okoh, have urged Nigerians to vote their conscience to achieve peace at this year's general elections.

They made the call yesterday at the 5th Inter-Faith Dialogue Forum for Peace (IDFP) General Assembly with the theme: 'Religion and Ethnicity: Safeguarding the 2023 General Elections'.

The Sultan, represented by the Director of Administration, NSCIA, Arch. Haruna Zubairu, said: "We have much to benefit if we stay together

in unity. Let us see ourselves as Nigerians first before ethnicity. Nigerians should go and get their PVCs, conduct themselves peacefully, go to the polling units (PUs), vote with wisdom and according to their conscience and should not be swayed with any other primordial sentiment, but with their conscience, leaving God to do the rest."

Also, CAN president, Daniel Okoh, represented by Most Rev Benebo Fubara-Manuel, said, "Our God is bigger than our understanding of the religion and our ethnic sentiments. Thus, we must respect God and listen to Him and be reminded that only God can give us credible leaders. But we on our part must vote our conscience. We must vote honestly; we must vote prayerfully without allowing our ethnic or religious sentiment to control us."

Court orders INEC to accept Labour Party's candidates in 24 states

By John Chuks Azu

A federal high court in Abuja has ordered the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to accept the nomination of candidates of the Labour Party (LP) in 24 states for the 2023 general elections.

Justice Inyang Ekwo on Thursday, while delivering judgment in the suits filed by LP to challenge the non-recognition of its candidates in 24 states, held that INEC violated sections 31, 33, and 36 of the Electoral Act 2022 in rejecting the party's candidates in the affected states on the ground of non-functioning of its nomination portal.

The judge, therefore, ordered INEC to accept the list of candidates in the 24 states either manually or through its electronic nomination portal.

Some of the 24 states affected by the court

order are Kwara, Plateau, Nasarawa, Lagos, Kaduna, Oyo, Benue, Bauchi, Ebonyi, and Ekiti.

The party had, last November, conducted substitution nominations for its candidates who withdrew from the 2023 general elections in the affected states.

The withdrawals were communicated to INEC by the national chairman and national secretary of the party along with notification of the October 27 date to conduct substitution nomination primary elections.

However, at the point of uploading the fresh candidates' names, INEC claimed that its nomination portal was faulty and declined to accept the candidates' list manually, prompting the 24 legal actions.

Justice Ekwo agreed with the Labour Party that nomination and submission of the candidates' list cannot be rejected by INEC from any party until 90 days before the general elections.

522,000 PVCs uncollected in Edo – INEC

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), yesterday, said a total of 522,000 Permanent Voter's Cards (PVCs) are yet to be collected in Edo State. The commission's Voter Education Officer in Edo, Mr Timidi Warriowie, disclosed this yesterday in Benin during a town hall meeting on youth participation in elections

organised by an NGO, Yes Project. He said when the distribution of the new PVCs commenced, the daily collection was above 20,000, but had now reduced to between 1,000 and 3,000 across the 18 LGAs.

He charged youths and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to continue to sensitise youths on the need to get their PVCs because it was the only means they could vote for their preferred

candidates during elections.

Earlier, the Executive Director, Yes Project, Oche Precious, said the event was to sensitise and reawaken the youths on the need to participate in the coming national elections.

Other participants who spoke at the event charged the youths not to sell their conscience through vote buying, saying this was the time for them to vote their conscience.

Southern, M/Belt leaders endorse Obi

● Let's build a new Nigeria together – Ex-Anambra gov

By Saawua Terzungwe (Abuja) & Ismail Adebayo (Birnin Kebbi)

The Southern and Middle Belt Leaders Forum (SMBLF) has endorsed Peter Obi of Labour Party (LP) as their preferred presidential candidate for the February 25 poll.

The forum reached the decision after its extraordinary meeting in Abuja yesterday.

Reading their communiqué at the end of the meeting, which lasted for several hours, a former President General of Ohanaeze Ndigbo and former Minister of Information, John Nwodo, said the stakeholders resolved to work assiduously to ensure Peter Obi wins the election and succeeds President Muhammadu Buhari on May 29.

Part of the communiqué reads, "We warn all those who want to change the hands of the clock of Nigeria by doing anything that will derail a peaceful transition to the next civilian government of this country, that we shall rise like one-man in defence of the ballot box and that Nigerians must go to

vote.

"We enjoin other Nigerians who do not belong to our organisation to join us in realising this for the betterment of Nigeria. Peter Obi is your son and he is the rock upon which Nigeria will stand."

The meeting was attended by elder statesman and leader of the forum, Chief Edwin Clark, Pa Ayo Adebajo (Afenifere); Dr Bitrus Pogu, (President of the Middle Belt Forum) and John Nwodo, representing the Ohanaeze Ndigbo, among other elders.

Meanwhile, Peter Obi on Thursday appealed to the Kebbi State electorate to vote for him to build a new Nigeria of their choice.

Addressing the party's supporters at a campaign rally in Birnin Kebbi, the state capital, Obi said the APC administration only succeeded in creating insecurity, poverty, corruption and hunger in the last seven years.

He said: "We must agree to take over from them. Nigeria is blessed. Nigerians should be able to feed themselves but people are hungry, there is poverty everywhere because of misrule."

Lagos CP assures adequate security

From Adebayo Gbenga, Lagos

The Lagos State Commissioner of Police (CP), Abiodun Alabi, has assured Lagosians of adequate security before, during and after the 2023 general elections.

He disclosed this at a town hall symposium with the states 2023 gubernatorial candidates at the Nigerian Institute of Journalism (NIJ), Ogba, Lagos.

The CP, who was represented by the Assistant Commissioner

of Police (ACP) in charge of operations, Oludotun Odubona, stated that the police would provide adequate security for all sensitive materials, which included BVAS and ballot boxes, and also strategically position armed policemen at polling units across the country.

Human rights lawyer, Femi Falana, who was represented by Comrade Kehinde Adeoye, lamented the poor attitude of citizens towards elections.

Resign as Atiku's running mate, Edwin Clark tells Okowa

By Saawua Terzungwe

An elder statesman and former Minister of Information, Chief Edwin Clark, has asked Ifeanyi Okowa, the Delta State governor and running mate to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) presidential candidate, Atiku Abubakar, to step down as the vice presidential candidate.

This was contained in a letter dated February 2, 2023, addressed to Governor Okowa and read by Clark during a press conference yesterday in Abuja.

Clark, who is the leader of the Pan-Niger Delta Forum (PANDEF) and Southern and Middle-Belt



Clark

Leaders Forum (SMBLF), said Okowa and Atiku won't win the presidency on a joint ticket.

He said Okowa went contrary to the resolutions of the Southern governors and other stakeholders that no politician from the South should accept to be a

running mate to a Northern politician, and particularly, Atiku.

Clark also accused Okowa of using money belonging to Delta people to fund his campaign with Atiku, and asked him to publicly apologise to the people of the South and

withdraw from the race.

Part of the letter reads: "I can, therefore, understand why you have deliberately and immorally betrayed your colleagues of Southern Nigeria and the people for your own selfish ambition by wanting to land on a safer ground by accepting to serve as running mate to Alhaji Atiku Abubakar.

"It is, therefore, in your own interest to openly apologise to your colleagues of both APC and PDP whom you deceived in taking a decision you never believed in. After your unreserved apology to your people and Southern Nigeria, you should step down your ambition of becoming vice presidential candidate of the PDP. There your honour lies."

Appeal court bars INEC, Imo PDP from conducting rerun primary

From Jude Aguguo Owuamanam, Owerri

The Court of Appeal in Owerri, Imo State, has barred the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) from conducting a rerun primary election of the PDP for Aboh Mbaise/Ngor Okpala Federal Constituency.

The immediate past governor of the state, Emeka Ihedioha, is from Aboh Mbaise/Ngor Okpala. A Federal High Court in Abuja had, last week, nullified the PDP primary election for the federal constituency, which produced Albert Agulanna as the winner and ordered a rerun within 14 days.

But Justice Rita Pemu, who sat on an appeal filed by Uzoma Ugochukwu against PDP, INEC, Bede Eke and Albert Agulanna, ordered that the proposed rerun primary election be

halted pending the hearing and the determination of the applicants' appeal before the Supreme Court.

In giving orders, the Justice said, "Accordingly, it is hereby ordered as follows, that the order of this honourable court made on January 20, 2023, ordering a fresh primary election for Aboh Mbaise/Ngor Okpala Federal Constituency of Imo State pending the hearing and final determination of the applicants appeal before the Supreme Court on the propriety of the said order of fresh primary be and is hereby stayed.

"Consequently, by this order, the first and second respondents are hereby restrained from enforcing in any way whatever the judgement of this court delivered on 20th of January, 2023, by way of conducting a fresh primary election for Aboh Mbaise/Ngor Okpala Federal Constituency."

Lai backtracks, says Buhari backing Tinubu

By Maureen Onochie

The Minister of Information and Culture, Lai Mohammed, yesterday backtracked on his comment that President Muhammadu Buhari is not favouring any candidate in the coming national elections.

The minister had on Wednesday at the end of the Federal Executive Council (FEC) meeting said President Buhari was committed to free and fair elections and that he was "not favouring anybody, not disadvantaging anybody."

He made the comment while reacting to the claim by Kaduna State Governor, Nasir el-Rufai, that some officials at the presidency did not want Bola Ahmed Tinubu, the APC candidate, to win the presidential election.

However, Mohammed yesterday claimed that his statement was misinterpreted, saying that Buhari was in total support of Tinubu's presidential ambition.

He spoke in Abuja at the 22nd press briefing on President Buhari

Administration's Scorecard Series (2015-2023).

He said, "Yesterday (Wednesday) while reacting to a question at the post-FEC briefing at the State House, I said inter alia that Mr President is committed to free, fair and credible elections, and that he is doing everything possible to ensure a level-playing field for all contestants.

"This comment has been misinterpreted in some circles, especially with regards to Mr President's support for the presidential candidate of our party, the

APC, Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

"Well, I want to say, unequivocally, that Mr President is in total support of our party's flagbearer, and that is attested to by his continuing campaign with the candidate across the country.

"It is preposterous to even suggest that Mr President, who is the leader of our party, is equivocating on his support for our presidential candidate.

"I hope this clears any ambiguity that may have arisen from my statement yesterday."

Osun gov'ship: Some residents take protest to Abuja over tribunal's verdict

By Idowu Isamotu

Some from Osun State, on Thursday took their continued protest to the nation's capital, Abuja, against the judgement of the governorship election petition tribunal which sacked Governor Ademola Adeleke as the winner of the July 16, gubernatorial poll.

The tribunal, headed by Justice Terste Kume, sacked Governor Adeleke of the PDP and declared Gboyega Oyetola of the All Progressives Congress (APC) as the winner of the poll.

Daily Trust reports that after the judgement was delivered, residents of the state and members of the PDP trooped out en masse to vent their anger against the judgement, accusing the tribunal of injustice.

Speaking to journalists through their leader, Moshood Adebayo, after

submitting a petition to the National Judicial Commission (NJC) in Abuja, the protesters called for an urgent investigation of Justice Kume "for actions and activities in breach of judicial ethics and protocols."

Adebayo said, "As the chairman of the Osun governorship panel, Justice Kume acted with deep bias and partiality which compels an extensive probe on his culpability."

The protesters further argued that throughout the trial, the justice was consistently providing support to the petitioners "even when their counsels are failing, adjournments were ordered to ensure rectification."

They, therefore, called on the NJC to order a probe of how the judgement was handled due to evident signs of external influence and manipulation.

Institute urges 9 state assemblies to pass LG autonomy bills

By Abdullateef Salau

The National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies (NILDS) has urged Houses of Assembly that are yet to act on the constitutional amendment bills to do so without further delay.

It also appealed to them to vote in favour of the bills seeking financial and administrative autonomy for local governments.

NILDS Director General, Prof Abubakar Suleiman, made the call in Abuja at a capacity

building workshop for clerks, deputy clerks and directors (legal) of Houses of Assembly.

He said the local government autonomy bills stood at the very core of Nigeria's democracy, noting that Nigerians had a solemn patriotic duty to ensure their passage.

He said, "We are all aware of the pressure from some governors to scuttle this significant reform.

"Still, I challenge us to rise above individualistic short-term interests and focus instead on our

children's future and those after them."

He said 15 states had considered and approved the bill, listing the states as Abia, Akwa-Ibom, Anambra, Bauchi, Cross-River, Delta, Edo, Enugu, Kano, Kogi, Nasarawa, Niger, Ogun and Osun.

He also listed 10 states that rejected the bill: Benue, Borno, Ebonyi, Ekiti, Imo, Kaduna, Lagos, Ondo, Rivers and Yobe, while two states, Adamawa and Bayelsa, abstained.

He said nine states: Gombe, Jigawa, Kebbi,

Kwara, Oyo, Plateau, Sokoto, Taraba and Zamfara were yet to transmit the bill.

"We must do everything to stop history from repeating itself all over. Recall when Houses of Assembly voted against their own financial autonomy at the behest of their governors.

"Today, many of those lawmakers are living with the guilt of that poor choice. It is my contention that state assemblies are yet to recover from that initial setback."

Amosun, Abiodun clash over Ogun's dev't plan

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

Ogun State Governor, Dapo Abiodun, and his predecessor, Senator Ibikunle Amosun, yesterday traded words over the state's development plan.

Amosun, while speaking at a campaign rally of the African Democratic Congress

(ADC), accused Abiodun of derailing from the state's development plan in the last four years.

He said, "We have set the path of development for Ogun State, we must not allow it to be derailed."

He also accused his successor of spending N3bn to renovate one of the 15 model

schools his administration built with N650m.

Reacting to the allegations, Abiodun said Amosun was known for "dishing out putrid lies all the time."

Abiodun, in a statement by his Chief Press Secretary, Kunle Somorin, said, "It is a shame that the former governor does not know the

difference between converting an abandoned project to a socially desirable tech hub at this age and time.

"Rather than applauding the ingenuity of Gov Abiodun for converting the moribund model school to a functional tech hub within three weeks of assuming office, Amosun is resorting to blackmail."



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OPINION

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Of campaigns of calumny, money and integrity of our democracy

By Victor Agi

The world renowned political scientist and communications theorist Harold Lasswell referred to politics as “who gets what, when and how.” Politics for him, is a way of determining, without recourse to violence, who gets power or controls state’s resources and how they get them.

The “how” in Lasswell’s definition speaks to the place of “influence” in winning elections and influence is naturally required to wield state power. Two important tools of influence, howbeit unconventional, in politics that further explain how power is captured are money; in which case, we have seen the continuous monetisation of the electoral process by the political class. The second tool is to resort to extreme measures to demarket their political opponents hoping that the strategy would increase their own prospects at the poll.

Across the globe, money remains an integral part of democracy, as it is needed to conduct elections, lobby for electoral positions and actually win elections. This features in advanced, developing and nascent democracies. Indeed, democracy as a system of government whose pillar is electioneering can indeed be expensive. Financial resources are required for the effective functioning of a democratic system. This applies to all systems but it is more prevalent in the presidential system, which involves the conduct of general elections every four years. At every election cycle, politicians under the umbrella of political parties engage in a series of activities to convince the populace to vote for their candidates. The logistics and process of campaigning for votes in a presidential election for instance require the use of large sums of money, and this is why measures are provided by laws on fundraising for political office aspirants in all democracies.

Despite the relevance of money in politics, excessive and unregulated use for elections is capable of eroding the integrity of political processes and institutions, jeopardising the quality of electoral democracy. In the United States for instance, the influence of big donors in the electioneering process continues to be a subject of public conversation, and there are clamours to limit campaign financing, improve transparency and enforcement of rules. The same is true in South Africa, which led to a law requiring the identities of donors. Regulating the spending of the Election Management Body (EMB), political parties and candidates is, therefore, pertinent for promoting integrity, transparency and accountability of the democratic process, as unregulated use of money undermines democratic principles, bestows unfair disadvantage on electorate and wrongly modifies their available choices, denying the people quality representatives in the final analysis.

The other unconventional tool of access for people seeking power that has crept into our system is resorting to the use of extreme measures including campaigns of calumny against opposition candidates in order to reduce their electoral value to one’s advantage. Politicians see politics as a game largely driven by personal interest against a call to service. Politicians operating this tool have competitive tendencies, and are as well driven by the urge to occupy political positions in order to control the resources of the state by all means. It’s mostly about access to resources and not for national service.

Hence, it’s a political ideology that leans on the ends and not the process.

In the run-up to the 2023 general elections, the political campaigns are already saturated with all kinds of manipulations, fake and unsubstantiated media narratives, and character assassinations to project one candidate as a better choice over the other. Unfortunately, this trend in our political history has shifted our campaigns from an issue-based process to some jamboree gatherings intended to excite supporters and further impoverish the masses through sharing of peanuts to buy over voters.

What do all these mean for the integrity of our electoral democracy and the reputation of the country at large? What happens when any of the frontline candidates accused of corruption emerges as the winner of the election? Although some of these allegations (whether sponsored or not) must go through the court process before any of the accused can be pronounced guilty, shouldn’t we be wary of the wrong signal electing a candidate being accused of grand corruption will send to the international community?

The current campaigns of calumny dominating the electoral themes instead of issue-based campaigns are a dent on the process. We must also continue to interrogate the undue use of money and the weaponization of poverty by moneybag politicians.

As a nascent democracy, the integrity of our electoral democracy must guide our politics. Why politicians are at liberty to outwit their opponents, this must be done strictly in the interest of our democratic experience and within the ambit of our laws. The current campaigns of calumny dominating the electoral themes instead of issue-based campaigns are a dent on the process. We must also continue to interrogate the undue use of money and the weaponization of poverty by moneybag politicians. The 2022 Electoral Act for instance empowers the electoral umpire to place spending limits on electoral offices in section 88, but one can already rightly guess that there is a clear disregard for this portion of our laws, given what was reported during the primary elections of the major political parties.

Political actors must recognise that great democracies thrive on transparency and accountability of institutions; hence, politicians must know that they have moral and legal obligations to disclose their sources of electoral financing and abide by the spending limit provided in the electoral act.

Actors must at the back of their minds that they have a country to govern after the elections. The choices they make in their desperation to clinch elective positions have consequences on the country as a whole. Citizens must also team up and support processes that will preserve our democracy from power grabbers.

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OPINION

A plea to the North: Don’t foist Tinubu on Nigeria

By Olu Fasan

In the end, my view may not matter. In the end, most Nigerians may not see what I see. In the end, they may elect Bola Tinubu as the next president this month. But this is a patriotic stance and I’ll be on record for making it: for saying unequivocally, even vociferously, that a Tinubu presidency would be cataclysmic for Nigeria; that it would bring Nigeria utter embarrassment globally; and that no one who truly loves this country would want Tinubu as its president. Well, with just over three weeks before the presidential election on February 25, I want to continue that advocacy by appealing to the good sense and patriotism of a critical component of this country: the North!

Last week, I took President Muhammadu Buhari to task over his “unquestionable” support for Tinubu. Each time a prominent Tinubu supporter questioned Buhari’s loyalty, as Alhaji Tanko Yakasai did recently, the president often quickly professed his unflinching commitment to Tinubu’s electoral success. Surely, those calling for Buhari’s muscular support for Tinubu believe that only with such strong backing would he harvest enough votes in the North to win the election. Tinubu’s entire calculations are based on replicating the electoral pact between the core North (with Buhari’s fabled “12 million bloc votes”) and the South-West (Tinubu’s base) that won Buhari the presidency in 2015 and 2019.

Indeed, Alhaji Yakasai, a chieftain of Arewa Consultative Forum, ACE, once came up with a “winning formula” for Tinubu. He said: “With the South-West, all Tinubu needs is for him to get about 45 to 50 per cent of the North’s votes to win the presidency.” That permutation suggests that even if the majority of South-East and South-South voters shun Tinubu, as they might, he could still breast the tape in the presidential race if he scraped enough votes from the North and secured massive votes from the South-West. The North is thus the ultimate kingmaker and could make Tinubu Nigeria’s next president.

Well, that’s scary. But why would the North foist a Tinubu presidency on Nigeria? Why would Northerners inflict such a monumental calamity on a country they presumably love? Sadly, some Northern politicians say: “The North is indebted to Tinubu, and it’s payback time.” Indebted for what? Well, they’re referring to how Tinubu helped Buhari to become president. Tinubu himself famously said: “I made Buhari president”!

But what an utter insult on the collective intelligence of Northerners to say that because Tinubu opportunistically helped Buhari to gain power, the North is indebted to him! Is the North better off today because of Buhari’s presidency? Well, not with 20m out-of-school children, not with 86 million (65 per cent) multidimensionally poor people, compared to the South’s 47 million (35 per cent), and not with several thousands of people dead and hundreds of thousands displaced due to chronic and acute insecurity. The North is today a world-class basket case!

So, why does the North owe Tinubu a debt for helping Buhari to become president? In truth, Tinubu didn’t do it for Nigeria’s sake or the North’s or even Buhari’s, but purely his own. He rubbed

Buhari’s back, so to say, in the expectation that Buhari would rub his. It was purely opportunistic and self-serving; there was no love lost between them, and there still isn’t! In his book, *My Participations*, Chief Bisi Akande, former Osun State governor, wrote that after Buhari refused to make Tinubu his running mate in the 2015 presidential election, following opposition by “the Northern Interest Group” to a Muslim-Muslim ticket, Tinubu said: “I don’t trust Buhari.” That distrust has endured and led to Tinubu’s now twice bad-tempered Abeokuta outbursts against Buhari for suspected treachery.

Truth is, if Tinubu became president, he would, sooner or later, show undisguised animosity towards Buhari and his acolytes, such as the APC national chairman, Abdullahi Adamu, who he regards as “betrayers” for trying to impose Ahmed Lawan, the Senate president, as a consensus candidate in an attempt to stop him from getting the APC’s presidential ticket. Of course, the party’s Northern governors came to Tinubu’s rescue.

Well, several disaffected APC leaders, such as Naja’atu Muhammed, who recently resigned from Tinubu’s campaign council and from APC, Rotimi Amaechi, former Transportation Minister and Chukwuemeka Nwajiuba, former Minister of State for Education, have publicly said that Tinubu “bribed” APC governors, delegates and fellow aspirants to clinch the party’s ticket. But let’s leave that aside and stick to the APC Northern governors’ public reason for supporting him.

Nasir el-Rufai, the Kaduna State governor, said that in deciding that power should shift to the South, APC Northern governors asked themselves what their founding fathers – Ahmadu Bello, Tafawa Balewa or Aminu Kano – would have done. Of course, they would have supported a power shift to the South after eight years in the North in the national interest. But would they have supported a Muslim-Muslim ticket? No, because they valued not only Nigeria’s ethnic diversity but also its religious diversity. “Unity in diversity,” Sir Ahmadu Bello proclaimed! Yet, while the “Northern Interest Group” rejected a Muslim-Muslim ticket in 2015, APC’s Northern governors support it now. They betray their founding fathers!

And would the North’s founding fathers have wanted someone as fatally flawed morally and ethically as Tinubu to be Nigeria’s president? Again, the answer is no, because the Ahmadu Bellos, Tafawa Balewas and Aminu Kanos had moral courage and high ethical standards. Think about it. If Tinubu became president, he would be the first Nigerian president with a drug-related criminal forfeiture against him in a foreign country; the first multibillionaire president, with private jets, yet with no known legitimate source of his stupendous wealth; the first president whose pedigree is shrouded in utter dubiety; the first president with the worst character and integrity deficits. Would the North’s founding fathers have wanted him to be Nigeria’s president? Certainly not. Sadly, their descendants have no such reservations. But here’s my message to the North. You are a critical kingmaker in choosing Nigeria’s next president this month. Act patriotically in the national interest. Don’t foist a disastrous presidency on Nigeria.

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EDITORIAL

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Step up immunisation to curtail diphtheria

As the country repeatedly faces the challenge of having to grapple with one infectious disease or the other, the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (NCDC) recently disclosed an outbreak of diphtheria across the country, with a reported death toll of 34 and another 100 registered cases in Kano State. The NCDC had on Sunday, January 22, 2023, affirmed via its official website that the deaths were between December, 2022, and early January, 2023, in Lagos, Kano, Yobe and Osun states, with Kano alone registering 25 deaths. The agency blamed the increase in the bacterial infection and resurgence on the low vaccination coverage across the country. DPT is one of the vaccines administered on children at six weeks after birth.

Diphtheria is a vaccine-preventable disease that was common decades ago. Due probably to the successes achieved in the Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI) against deadly childhood diseases, many people in this part of the world appear to have forgotten about diphtheria or what diphtheria looks like. Its recent resurgence plausibly suggests critical reductions in vaccination coverage in pockets of communities among the country's population.

According to the NCDC, "Any state where you find diphtheria now, it is likely to be associated with suboptimal vaccination coverage, either in general or in pockets of the population," adding that, "It is not a matter of diphtheria spreading from state to state, the bacteria that causes the disease is present everywhere in our environment."

Official statistics indicate that the rise of identified cases of diphtheria in Kano from 25 to 100 occurred in less than two weeks. Three lives have been lost to the disease in 13 Local Government Areas (LGAs) of the state. The LGAs where the disease is ravaging are Ungogo, Nassarawa, Bichi, Dala, Dawakin Kudu, Fagge, Gwale, Kano Municipal, Kumbotso, Rano, Dawakin Tofa and Gwarzo. While some of the infected persons are reportedly on admission receiving treatment, dozens have been managed and discharged.

Diphtheria is an infection caused by a bacterium called *Corynebacterium Diphtheriae*, which affects the throat, nose and sometimes skin of unvaccinated children. The symptoms of the disease include fever, runny nose, sore throat, cough, red eyes, neck swelling and difficulty in breathing. Diphtheria spreads easily among people through direct contact with infected people or through the air via droplets from coughing or sneezing and contact with contaminated clothing and objects.

In severe cases, grey or white patches develop in the throat, blocking the airway to create a barking cough. Unvaccinated children and those who live in crowded areas and/or where there is poor sanitation are at a higher risk of contracting the disease. Meanwhile, some people carry the bacterium without having symptoms, but can still spread the disease. There is clinical evidence that in some outbreaks, more than 10 per cent of those diagnosed with the disease die.

While the disease was first described in the 5th Century BC by Hippocrates, the bacterium was identified in 1882 by Edwin Klebs. In Europe, Spain experienced an epidemic of diphtheria in 1613, which later came to be known as *El Año de los Garrotillos*; meaning, "The Year of Strangulations", in the history of Spain. Diphtheria currently occurs most often in sub-Saharan Africa, India and Indonesia. In 2015, it resulted in 2,100 deaths, down from 8,000 deaths in 1990. In areas where it is still common, children are most affected. It is rare in the developed world due to widespread vaccination, but can re-emerge if vaccination rates decrease.

In the wake of the current outbreak, the FCT Administration (FCTA) at a meeting held in Gwarinpa District directed all health agencies in the territory to take necessary pre-emptive measures against the outbreak of the disease. The Director, Information and Communication in the FCTA, Muhammad Sule, said this became necessary as cases had been reported in some states around the FCT.

To tame the spread of the disease, it is important for community health workers to increase surveillance, create awareness through intensive sensitisation programmes, especially in rural areas. Parents must ensure that their children are fully vaccinated without, of course, missing any of the jabs on the EPI vaccination schedule, including the three doses of the pentavalent vaccine as recommended in the National Childhood Immunisation Schedule.

Yet, no matter how a state in any part of the country effectively responds to the outbreak of the disease, its population could still be vulnerable if other states remain unresponsive.

Daily Trust, therefore, calls on the NCDC to quickly design and coordinate a strategic national response programme in a way it did with COVID-19; another infectious disease. The outbreak and spread of diphtheria must be nipped in the bud now before it develops into something bigger.

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Nigerian domestic card: Another leap in financial innovation

Early this year, it was announced that the Central Bank of Nigeria in collaboration with the Nigerian Interbank Settlement Systems (NIBSS) will be launching a new innovation called the Nigerian National Domestic Card Scheme – if everything goes to plan. Many would wonder why that may be necessary and many will again ask if that was the priority or how the innovation will improve the lives of the common man. I think the first thing to clarify is that all our institutions of state must do their work and indeed be seen to do so with the results they put out. But indeed, with this innovation, there are gains for the common man.

Nigerians did about \$18.2 billion dollars of card transactions in 2021. Most if not all of the debit cards in our system today are issued by the global behemoths Mastercard and Visa. Procuring those cards costs customers quite some money and so does maintaining them. Transactions done on them need to also be settled and that may often entail looking for foreign exchange to manage the obligations. Scanning the international environment, countries have leveraged on technology to improve their payment service situation and many of them are now building on their own strengths, India, Brazil, Turkey are some of those who have created their own domestic cards.

And a lot is happening in that space. Nigeria intends to join these countries, and this is a big do. We have usually led financial innovation on the continent anyway. This time, what are the advantages?

First the idea offers data sovereignty. We can remember once when our national ID card system was almost handed over to one of those behemoths mentioned above to manage. For that company it would have been a financial kill and they would have had the whole Nigeria, those of us living today and those to come, in the middle of their palm. Not only will they be assured of transactions and therefore profits ad infinitum they will also hold Nigeria's vital identity information – as a private company. Well, many Nigerians will say we were/are not doing much with those information ourselves. But I don't believe we should give up and sign everything strategic to private companies. So, this idea here is that the Central Bank of Nigeria will lead the charge. Anyone who dares to find out will be surprised at the sheer number of very cerebral people we have in the Apex bank and in other places in Nigeria.

Apart from data sovereignty being enhanced with a Nigerian card, we would not have to scramble all over the place searching for US dollars to settle foreign card companies. Nigeria is under enough stress already in this regard and our economic managers are looking for ways to lighten the burden. This idea also helps with the concept of financial inclusion because a domestic card, issued and powered in Nigeria, could be more affordable for the unbanked, and can help those people – many of whom may not be well lettered – to begin to get into the cashless world.

These domestic cards can be issued in many varieties. There are debit and credit cards, as well as combo cards which combine the two features and have two stripes and two microchips. These cards could also be issued for government schemes – for example if government wants to help people financially they needn't chase people around with cash which is usually unaccounted for. We know how those stories go. It will be hard to convince the foreign companies that help issue such cards here or to modify cards for that purpose. By and large this idea is also a

coming of age for our tech sector and local capabilities. It is an indication that we are ready to integrate with the international community which has now gone contactless in the wake of COVID-19. This is because the capabilities of these cards could also be contactless or virtual. The world has moved on and people are thinking. Nigeria is also not lagging behind. We may have a plethora of challenges but that does not stop us from thinking ahead.

This domestic card, therefore, will help with some of the current strategies on monetary policy, such as the currency redesign and cashless policy. Our society must change, and we must lumber less and less cash around. We know that criminals – kidnappers, bandits, corrupt folks in public and private sectors – like to use only cash. One very effective way of tackling crime is to go after the money. If the use of cards becomes ubiquitous in Nigeria, even the criminals will find other professions. Nigeria also has an e-Naira to drive for better adoption. So, all of these fall within the territory of our plans for the financial sector.

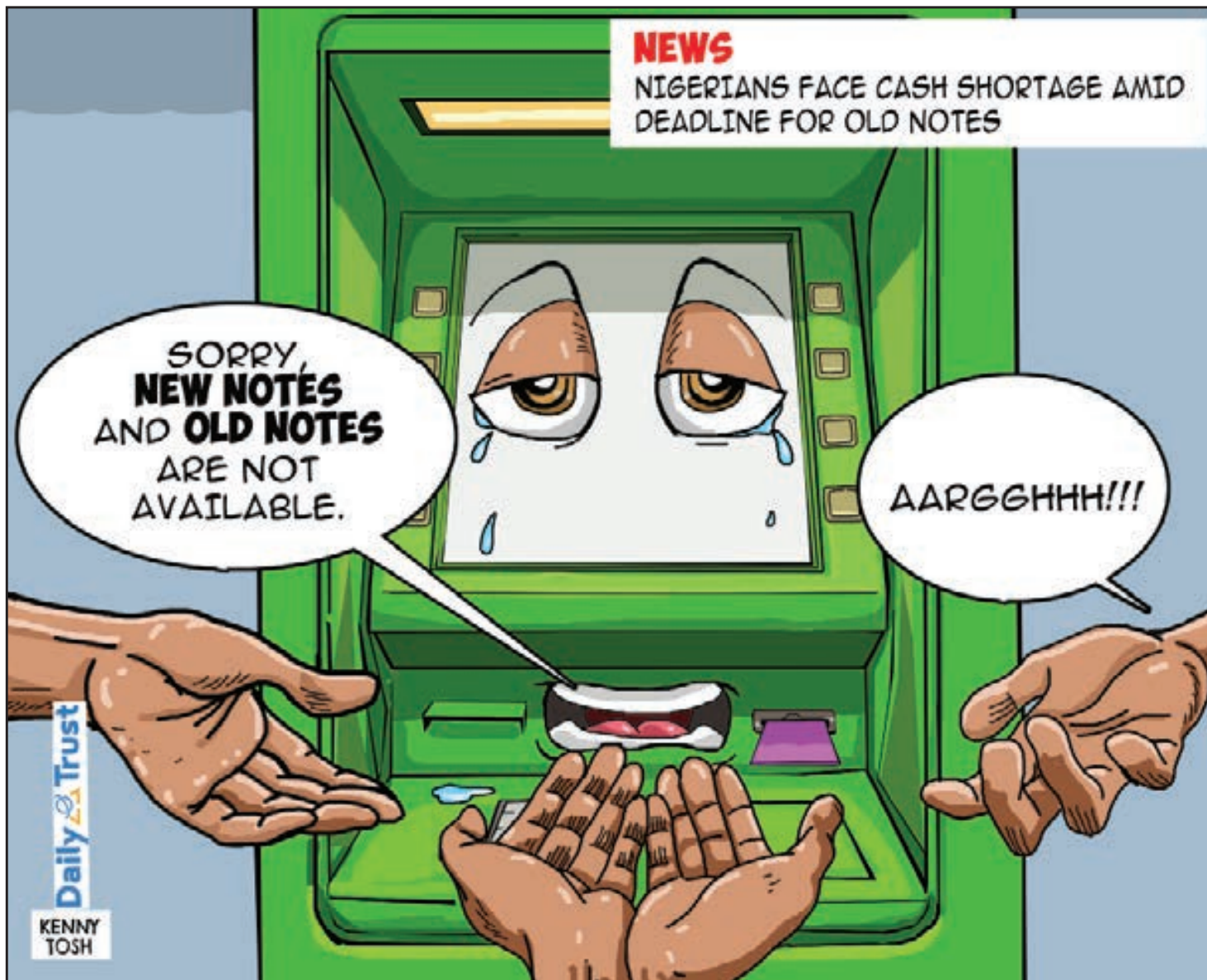
I did a bit of research on this interesting idea and found out that some countries have gone ahead. We must have to learn from them in terms of risk-managing the process. Nigeria does not have a particularly rosy reputation when it comes to financial fidelity and the meddlesomeness of fraudsters. All that must be figured out and controlled so that the process and adoption go very smoothly. What other countries also do is to strike bilateral deals for the adoption of their domestic cards in foreign countries. China and India have successful domestic cards which are crowding out Visa and Mastercard such that these companies have reported the countries for protectionism. But again, every nation must think for itself.

India's RUPAY (their domestic card) is a particularly interesting study. India is using the card to drive financial inclusion. Companies with large turnovers are mandated to pay customers using Rupay. And the Rupay card is now usable in many countries around the world including in Europe. This means that the card offers a platform for diplomacy and bilateral trade and tourism. The Rupay which was started in 2012 now does over \$30 billion in yearly transaction turnover. The Chinese UnionPay card is even larger as it overtook Visa and Mastercard in total value of payments made by customers and became the largest card payment processing organisation (debit and credit cards combined) in the world surpassing the two in 2015. UnionPay ranked first by number of cards in circulation worldwide as at the end of 2021 with 9.4 billion, compared with Visa at 3.7 billion and Mastercard 2.5 billion. Though information is scarce around China, the UnionPay card did a transaction of \$7.5 trillion in 2015 alone. Transactions are propelled by the rising middle class in China.

It will be great to see how Nigeria makes a success of this initiative. Indeed, we need such a break at this moment. We need to keep encouraging our smart youths to keep coming up with ideas. We also need to keep helping our rural residents to do better and integrate more, as financial inclusion and innovation such as this helps to eradicate poverty. Lastly, we need to get Nigeria moving. I always say that nothing lasts forever, not even the seeming insurmountable challenges that Nigeria faces. The Indian Rupay card was launched in 2012, 10 years behind the UnionPay card of its neighbor, China. A Swahili proverb goes "The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago. The next best time, is today."

LETTERS to the Editor

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Let us remove petrol subsidy

It is no longer news that Nigerians live daily with petrol scarcity. For many, it is now part of their everyday life.

It is clear that the recurring scarcity has much to do with the government's inability to sort out the issue of subsidy it pays on the product.

I believe the only way out is for the government to immediately remove the subsidy. Retaining the subsidy provides opportunity for the marketers to continue to enrich themselves to the detriment of the country.

Often, petroleum products are smuggled to neighbouring countries where the prices are higher after the government must have paid for the subsidy here. The result is that the marketers make double gain.

The earlier the government considers removing subsidy, the better for all of us.

Mustapha Kabir wrote from Abuja. MustyKabir@outlook.com

My encounter with late Emir of Dutse

Many years ago, filled with childish exuberance, I had a funny encounter with the now late Nuhu Muhammad Sanusi (Emir of Dutse). I was about six years old and my dad was on secondment working in one of the agencies in Jigawa State.

Dutse was a quiet town gradually developing. For the years my dad worked there, we usually spent our holidays

in Dutse. It was fun! So much peace. As kids, we conveniently went hiking with our elder brothers and other family friends. We explored different areas of the town and had picnics on hilltops. We visited other towns like Birnin Kudu and Kano during weekends. We casually climbed amalanke (wheelbarrow), explored date plantations, housing estates being developed, had

multiple family gatherings and celebrations filled with merriment.

During one of the holidays, a new emir was installed and it was coronation day! I vividly remember how we packed ourselves in a J5 bus and headed to the streets where we gleefully celebrated the new emir.

A few days later, I had a crazy wish! Some months later during another holiday, the emir's

wife was casually informed and the information reached the emir. Well, we received an invitation to meet the emir. That day was fun! It was a quiet day in the palace and we jumped on multiple sofas in the numerous sitting areas, then finally we were ushered into a large room. The emir casually walked in, took a seat while we were all seated on the carpet. After exchanging pleasantries,

he specifically asked for the person among us who had sent her wish. I confidently walked across the large room to where he was seated. He picked me up and I sat next to him on the kujerar sarauta (throne).

May Allah's mercy be upon the soul of Alhaji Nuhu Muhammad Sanusi. Ameen!

Pharm Basira Kankia Lawal (PhD) wrote from Kaduna.

Rethinking CBN's naira redesign

After the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) extended the deadline for the use of the old naira notes from January 31 to February 10, 2023, I went to my bank to see if I could access the new notes. I was shocked to discover that not only could I not access the new naira notes, I could not also deposit my old notes. An elderly woman was in tears as she could not obtain the money her son sent her from Abuja and she had no money to go back home.

To make matters worse, most of the banks are not accepting the old notes, which is against what the CBN said. They are not also giving out the new notes: a

double whammy!

Much as the CBN makes Nigerians want to believe it is vicarious in its action to redesign the naira notes, it's about time it accepted that so far the whole process has been shambolic. Footages have been circulating on social media where Nigerians have fought themselves to get the new money. Everywhere you go, hapless traders look on mournfully. You cannot blame them for refusing to accept the old notes. But unfortunately too, their intending customers have no new money to dispense. Some churches have told their members not to bring old notes for church offering. We hope

hospitals will not join them; that is if they have not already done so.

All these I am talking about is in Lagos; a mega city. What is now the fate of those living in remote villages in Nigeria? The whole thing is chaotic and difficult to make sense of. Indeed for many Nigerians it is the bat feeling: can't stand on their feet; can't reach up their arms.

But most Nigerians suffer because the CBN has failed to do its work. Most Nigerians starve because the CBN failed to get its act together. Should Nigerians die because a government institution failed to think through its policy before

even going ahead? By the way, couldn't a pilot study have been done before going ahead with this policy?

The CBN must now rethink its strategy of redesigning our money. The new naira notes for the denominations in question are in short supply. It's either the money printed is not enough or something else I would rather not mention is amiss. The CBN should use its tongue to count its teeth.

As a way out of this cesspool the CBN has found itself, I suggest it takes the process in stages. For instance, the old N200 and N500 denominations should be allowed to remain

legal tenders and allow only the new N1,000 to circulate until after three months. After that, the old N1,000 note can cease to be legal tender. From then it will become the turn of the new N500 denomination to circulate for about the same three months. After that the N200 denomination will follow. With this, Nigerians will not feel the effect of the redesigning policy. The CBN still has time for a rethink and put a human face to its actions. But for now, the face Nigerians see is that of an ogre.

Dr. Cosmas Odoemena, medical practitioner, wrote from Lagos

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CITY & CRIME

2 killed, 40 trapped as building collapses in Abuja

By Seun Adeyemi, Faruk Shuaibu & Chris Agabi

A two-story building under construction on 6th Avenue in Gwarinpa Housing Estate, Abuja, has collapsed, leaving two people dead, with about 60 others trapped.

Speaking to newsmen at the site of the collapse, the Coordinator, Abuja Metropolitan management Council (AMMC), Umar Shuaib, said that 60 people had been rescued so far.

While the cause of the collapse is yet to be known, Shuaib said, "Our priority is to rescue lives first."

"We got here as fast as we could when we received the distress call."

The Director of Development Control of the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA), Murktar Galadima, said apparently six persons were still trapped in the rubble.

Developer violated building plan - FHA

Reacting to the collapse, the Federal Housing Authority (FHA) said the developer of the building violated the building plan approved by the authority.

In a statement, FHA's Head of Public Affairs, Kenneth Chigelu, said the building was a frame structure with columns,

... Developer violated building plan - FHA

suspended slabs in place and some block works at the time of the collapse.

He said, "Preliminary findings revealed that an approval for two floors was granted to the developer, who decided to add an extra floor to the structure. The structure is a private commercial development owned and situated on 6th Avenue."

He added that investigation was ongoing to reveal the immediate and remote causes of the collapse.

Meanwhile, worried by the rising cases of building collapse across the country, the Council of Registered Builders of Nigeria (CORBON), has set up the "Project Evaluation and Monitoring Unit" to monitor all buildings under construction across the country for quality assurance.

The Chairman of CORBON, Dr Samson Ameh Opaluwa, disclosed this in Abuja on Thursday during the induction ceremony of newly registered

professional builders.

He said quacks would no longer be allowed to function in the built environment because most of the building collapse cases were linked to unprofessional elements.

He said the 373 inductees was the highest number in a single induction since the establishment of the council in 1989, adding that they would add to the number of professionals in the built industry.



■ Rescue operation at the site of the collapsed building

Troops dislodge bandits, rescue 30 victims in Kaduna

Troops of 1 Division of the Nigerian Army (NA) have dislodged bandits along Kaduna-Birnin Gwari road and rescued 30 kidnapped victims.

Acting Deputy Director, Army Public Relations, 1 Division, Lt Col Musa Yahaya, in a statement issued on Thursday, said, "A fighting patrol from 1 Division today, Thursday February 2, had a meeting engagement with armed bandits kidnapping commuters at Manini village along Kaduna-Birnin Gwari road."

"The troops, who were escorting the Chief of Defence Training and Operations Maj Gen SE Udonwa, who was on an operational visit to Operation Whirl Punch Headquarters in Birnin Gwari, engaged the bandits and overpowered them, forcing the criminal element to withdraw in disarray."

He further said the gallant troops rescued 30 kidnapped victims, recovered two motorcycles and cleared the highway for free flow of vehicles.

He added that, "The rescued victims were escorted to Udawa and Birnin Gwari to continue their journey." (NAN)

Kaduna Electric: Impostor bags 6 months jail

By Simon Echefofun Sunday

A magistrates' court in Birnin Kebbi, Kebbi State, has sentenced one Bashir Muhammad Bunza to six months imprisonment for criminal breach of trust, obtaining money under false pretense and impersonation.

In a statement, the Kaduna Electricity Distribution Company (Kaduna Electric), said the convict was arrested by operatives of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) for parading himself to electricity

customers as a staff of the company and collecting bills for his personal use.

The statement revealed that the First Information Report (FIR) stated that Bunza was apprehended by some customers in the Go-Slow area of Birnin-Kebbi, where he collected the sum of N10,000 from a customer in the and could neither provide evidence of payment nor account for the money.

The operatives of the NSCDC who arrested him later charged him before a magistrates' court for breach of trust, obtaining money under false pretense and impersonation.

He pleaded guilty to the crimes and was sentenced to six months imprisonment on each charge with the option of N100,000 fine and also to pay the sum of N10,000 as compensation to the victim.

Reacting to the judgement, Kaduna Electric's Head of Corporate Communication, Abdulazeez Abdullahi, welcomed the sentence and said it would serve as a deterrent to others.

Why I attempted to kidnap my boss - Suspect

The police in Cross River State paraded one Maurice Ibangha (22) before newsmen on Thursday in Calabar after he confessed that greed led him to attempt the kidnap of his boss, Mr Peter Egba, the state's Commissioner for Commerce and Industry.

Ibangha said he planned the kidnap with three others, including the commissioner's driver, before the police foiled the move.

He said, "I did this out of greed even though my boss sometimes owes me up to four months' salary. I had no reason to do what I did. I plead for his forgiveness."

Ibangha and his conspirators



■ Suspects arrested by the police in Cross River

were paraded alongside 16 others arrested for various crimes.

Among the suspects was one Eyo Etim (49), who allegedly

Property agent arraigned for betting with tenants' N4m

A property agent, Adebowale Ogunjimi, was arraigned on Thursday before a Kado court in Abuja for allegedly misappropriating N4 million and using in sport betting.

Ogunjimi, who lives in Wuse Zone 6, Abuja, was charged with three counts of criminal breach of trust, cheating and misappropriation.

The prosecutor, Stanley Nwafoku, told the court that the matter was reported at the Utako police station on January 20, by one Sunday Michael of Bola Adejide and Partners.

Nwafoku alleged that three tenants paid N4m into the defendant's personal account

as rent and that instead of the defendant to remit the money to his organisation, he converted it to his personal use.

He said that when the defendant was arrested and during police investigation, he confessed to have used the money to play sport betting.

The police said the offence contravened the provisions of Sections 312, 322 and 309 of the Penal Code.

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The Judge, Muhammed Wakili, admitted the defendant to bail in the sum of N200,000 and a surety in like sum and adjourned to March 16. (NAN)

Man in court for receiving stolen item in Ogun

A 45-year-old man, Nice Sonayan, was on Thursday brought before an Ota magistrates' court in Ogun State for allegedly receiving stolen bamboo trees valued at N30,600.

The prosecutor, Insp E. O. Adaraloye, told the court that the defendant and one other still at large committed on January 13, at Lavinda Estate Phase 1, Obasanjo Fence, Ota, conspired to receive 50 pieces of bamboo trees, knowing full well that they were stolen items.

He added that the stolen bamboo trees valued at N30,600 belonged to one Samuel Abiola.

The Magistrate, Mrs A. O. Adeyemi, admitted the defendant to N200,000 bail with one surety in like sum and adjourned to February 8. (NAN)

5 remanded over abduction, murder attempt

The police command in Benue State on Thursday charged five persons, Ushahemba Ikylulaga, Godwin Bee, Thomas Ikyumba, Donald Anande and Samuel

Iorchir, before a Makurdi area court for alleged criminal conspiracy, attempted murder, abduction and terrorism.

The prosecutor, Insp Veronica Shaagee, told the court that on January 13, armed men numbering more than 30 and led by Ikyulaga invaded the residence of Mr Justine Kyado at Ikpayongo i Gwer-East LGA and abducted him and set fire on him with the intent to kill him before he was rescued by the police.

The prosecutor added that the victim sustained various degrees of injury and was admitted at the Federal Medical Centre, Makurdi.

She alleged that during police investigation, the suspects confessed to the crime.

The court did not take the pleas of the defendants for want in jurisdiction and the Magistrate, Mr Vershima Hwande, ordered that they should be kept at the Federal Maximum Correctional Centre, Makurdi, and adjourned to March 7. (NAN)

Woman seeks divorce over lack of marital satisfaction

By Adam Umar

A housewife in Bwari Area Council of the FCT has sued her husband at an area court sitting in the area over lack of marital satisfaction from her husband.

The woman, Baraka Abdullahi (23), accused her husband, Bello Abdullahi, of not cohabiting with her, as well as lack of marital satisfaction in bed, when he visited her at last.

The woman told the court that following their marriage about two years ago, her husband

took her to his home state of Kano and left her there under the care of his parents, while he remained in Abuja where he ran business. She complained that the husband who had another

wife in the same home with her used to visit them after about three months in absentia.

She noted that though he provided her with all feeding needs, but argued that the husband never satisfied her when it came to bed affairs, hence she needed divorce.

The respondent accepted staying away longer due to the nature of his business, which according to him, he can't trust to somebody else, while denying that of marital satisfaction, and accused her of never telling that.

The Judge, Abdurrahman Ibrahim, granted the husband's demand for a chance of reconciliation by setting aside 10 days, while adjourning to February 10.

Alleged N580.2m theft: Court admits 2 Shari'a court judges, cashier, 16 others to bail

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano

A magistrates' court in Kano on Wednesday granted bail to two Shari'a court judges, a cashier and 16 financial registrars who were remanded for over a N580.2 million theft.

The defendants are Sani Ali Muhammad, Sani Buba-Aliyu, Bashir Baffa, Garzali Wada,, Hadi Tijjani Mu'azu, Alkasim Abdullahi, Yusuf Abdullahi, Mustapha Bala Ibrahim, Jafar Ahmad, Adamu Balarabe, Aminu Abdulkadir, Abdullahi Zango and Garba Yusuf.

Others are Hussaina Imam, Bashir Kurawa, Saadatu Umar, Tijjani Abdullahi, Maryam Garba and Shamsu Sani. They are standing trial on five count of criminal conspiracy, joint act, criminal breach of trust, theft and forgery.

In his ruling, the Magistrate, Mustapha Saad-Datti, admitted the two Shari'a Court judges and 12 others to N1m bail and two reliable sureties in like sum.

He said one of the sureties must deposit the sum of N200,000 as security,

while the second surety must provide a landed property with a title document worth N10m in Kano.

Saad-Datti also admitted a cashier (Hussaina) and four others to bail in the sum of N10m each and two sureties in like sum.

He urged the prosecution to provide all the necessary documents concerning the matter to the defense counsel and adjourned the case to February 14.

Earlier, the prosecution counsel, Mr Zahraddeen Kofar-Mata, told the court that from 2018 to 2021, the two Shari'a court judges criminally conspired with 12 others, breached trust as public servants, acted jointly and created 15 fake civil servants' death benefit files and fraudulently siphoned the sum of N96.2m.

He said, "The alleged N96.2m was remitted by the Kano State Pension Fund Trustee to the bank accounts of the Kano State Sharia Court of Appeal."

Kofar-Mata also alleged that between 2020 and 2021, Hussaina used her position as a cashier at the Shari'a Court

of Appeal, conspired with four others and forged letter headed papers of the Sharia Court of Appeal.

He said, "The defendants forged the signatures of the two signatories to the Stanbic IBTC bank account 0020667440 belonging to the Kano State Sharia Court of Appeal and stole N484m."

He alleged that the defendants fraudulently authorised the bank to transfer the amount to various bank accounts without the consent of the authorised persons.

He further said, "The defendants stole the said amount through eight Sharia courts under the Kano State Sharia Court Appeal without the consent of the authorising authority."

The defendants, however, denied committing the offences.

The Defence Counsels, Mr Garzali Datti, M. I. Galadanchi and seven others cited bail applications pursuant to Sections 35 and 36 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) and the Administration of Criminal Justice Law 2019 Kano.

Police declare man wanted over threat to public peace



■ A picture frame of the suspect



■ Arms found in his house

The police command in Lagos State has declared one Mr Tajudeen Bakare wanted over alleged public exhibition of pump action rifle and threatening public peace.

This was contained in a statement on Thursday by the command's spokesperson, SP Benjamin Hundeyin.

Hundeyin said that following a viral video showing a man wielding a pump action rifle and threatening public peace, the police through intelligence report trailed him to his house in Surulere.

He said, "The suspect, Tajudeen Olanrewaju Bakare, narrowly escaped arrest and is hereby declared wanted."

Any useful information leading to his arrest would be appreciated and treated with utmost confidentiality.

"Found in the suspect's residence were three pump action rifles, one Beretta pistol magazine, one expended 9mm ammunition, one expended and three live cartridges and a picture frame of the suspect." (NAN)

Court adjourns trial of Oyo parks' chair

A magistrates' court in Ibadan, Oyo State, has adjourned the trial of the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee of the Parks Management System (PMS), Alhaji Mukaila Lamidi, aka Auxilliary (61) to April 27.

Auxiliary was arraigned on November 17, 2022, over alleged destruction of billboards of the candidates of the All Progressives Congress (APC) worth N4.2m and charged with six counts bordering on conspiracy, unlawful damage and

breach of public peace.

The prosecutor, ASP Sunday Fatola, said that the defendant and others at large allegedly conspired to commit the offence.

The police alleged that the defendant, on November 13, at Igboora, at about 7pm willfully and unlawfully damaged APC billboards bearing the pictures of the party's presidential, governorship and House of Representatives candidates, valued at N1.2m.

The prosecution said that on

November 13, at about 11am at Ido in the Omi-Adio Lamidi allegedly conspired with others to willfully and unlawfully damage APC billboards bearing the picture of Aderemi Oseni, the party's House of Representatives candidate, worth N3m.

All the counsels in the matter agreed on the April 27 adjourned date.

The Magistrate, Mr Taiwo Oladiran, admitted the defendant to bail in the N500,000 with two sureties in like sum. (NAN)

QUICK READ

4 charged with assault on police officers in Ibadan

Three men and a woman, Mohammed Omobonike (45), Abdulahi Akewula (33), Idowu Basit (25) and Alimat Muhammed (18), were on Thursday arraigned in an Iyaganku magistrates' court, Ibadan, Oyo State, for allegedly assaulting police officers.

The prosecutor, Philip Amusan, told the court that the defendants and others at large on January 31, on Idi-Ayunre Road, Ibadan, unlawfully assaulted Insp Edalere Samuiseen of the Iyaganku police station and caused him serious body harm.

The prosecutor said that the defendants on the same date and place also assaulted another police officer, Sgt Rufus Adewuyi, and caused him harm.

The defendants pleaded not guilty to the charges.

The Magistrate, Mrs O. A. Akande, granted them bail in the sum of N50,000 and one surety each in like sum and adjourned the case to March 3. (NAN)

NSCDC seals illegal oil dump sites, arrests 19 suspects in Kano

From Salim Umar Ibrahim, Kano

The Kano State Command of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) has sealed three illegal oil dump sites and arrested 19 suspects at Hotoro in Tarauni LGA.

The state Commandant of the corps, Mr Adamu Idris-Zakari, disclosed that the sealed illegal oil dump sites included one at Hotoro Tsamiyar Mashaya and two near NNPC mega station at Kwanar Yashi, Hotoro, while briefing newsmen.

He said, "The suspects were arrested based on intelligence reports as the three oil dump sites are hazardous to the community."

"The suspects specialise in illegal hoarding of petroleum products there and creating artificial scarcity of oil in Kano."

Zakari noted that that one of the oil dump sites recently cut fire which caused hazard to the inhabitants of the area.

2 weeks after abduction, families of Taraba chief still in captivity

From Magaji Isa Hunkuyi, Jalingo

Two weeks after their abduction by gunmen, some family members of the chief of Mutum Biyu in Gassol LGA of Taraba State are still in captivity.

Daily Trust findings revealed that two wives and six children of the second class chief were abducted in his personal residence in Jalingo, the state capital.

The abductors, Daily Trust gathered, demanded ransom but that the monarch turned down the request.

Spokesperson of the police command, DSP Usman Abdullahi, said the abducted victims were yet to be rescued.

BUSINESS

CBN EXCHANGE RATES

	US DOLLAR	Pound STERLING	EURO	YUAN/ RENMINBI	RIYAL	CFA
Buying	446.13	540.04	473.34	63.94	118.5	0.70
Central NGN	446.63	540.64	473.87	64.01	118.7	0.71
Selling NGN	447.13	541.25	473.40	65.08	118.8	0.72

COMMODITIES PRICE (December 28, 2022)

CRUDE OIL BRENT	\$82.15/bbl
GOLD	\$1,799.07/ounce
SILVER	\$19.39/ounce
NATURAL GAS	\$4.63/MMBtu

BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES

	Dollar	Euro	Pound S.
BUYING	N733	N745	N915
SELLING	N743	N760	N930

By Simon Echewofun Sunday
& Philip Shimnom Clement

The Nigerian National Petroleum Company Ltd (NNPCL) has signed an agreement with Daewoo Engineering and Construction Nigeria Ltd for maintenance services for the quick fix repairs of the Kaduna refinery, 15 years after its last maintenance.

The contract was signed on Thursday at the NNPC Towers, Abuja, between Daewoo and NNPC's Kaduna Refining and Petrochemical Company Ltd (KRPC).

According to the NNPCL, the estimated maximum cost of the project is \$740.669 million (about N341.1 billion) with a duration of 21 months after which a minimum capacity utilisation of 60 per cent will be restored by the fourth quarter of 2024.

Giving further details, the Executive Vice President Upstream of NNPC, Adeyemi Adetunji, said: "The project shall be executed in three work packages as a maintenance services contract by Daewoo E&C as the quick-fix strategy guarantees the fastest route to restreaming WRPC and KRPC for in-country production of refined petroleum products.

"Restoring Warri and Kaduna refineries back to operation will guarantee energy security for the country, reduce dependence on

NNPC engages Korean coy on N341bn Kaduna refinery repair



■ Group Chief Executive Officer of NNPC Ltd, Mele Kyari (2nd right) and the CEO of Daewoo Engineering & Construction Nigeria Ltd, Baek Jeong-wan (2nd left) with other officials at the signing ceremony at the NNPC Towers Abuja yesterday

imported petroleum products in view of near total dependence on supply of imported petroleum products and the impact the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war is having on global supply.

Also, this will generate revenue, reduce demand for forex, supply raw materials to industries, create employment for Nigerians and ensure technology transfer, among other benefits," he said

The Group Chief Executive

Officer of NNPC, Mele Kyari, said Nigeria is accelerating efforts towards energy sufficiency and the only way it can be achieved is to ensure local refining which is why the company conceived the idea of the project.

"The rehabilitations of the Port Harcourt Refining and Petrochemical Company Ltd and that of Warri have progressed and are expected to be back on steam soon," Kyari said.

The old PHRC refinery is at 64% completed and ready for operation in the second quarter this year while the entire plant is at 59% rehabilitation level. That of Warri is at 28% and will be delivered by year end, he explained.

In his comment, the CEO of Daewoo, Baek Jeong-wan, assured NNPCL of the company's commitment in delivering the project within the stipulated time.

Digital economy saves FG N45.7bn in IT projects – Buhari

By Muideen Olaniyi

President Muhammadu Buhari has said the digital economy sector has been most successful in the diversification of the nation's economy as it saves the federal government over N45.7 billion in IT projects clearance.

The president stated this Thursday at the State House, Abuja, when he unveiled and launched two new policies developed by the Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy.

President Buhari, who attributed the two policies to the diversification and prosperity of the economy, said the National Policy on the Nigerian Government Second-Level Domains and the National Data Policy were central to accelerating the development of the nation's digital economy sector.

The president, in a statement issued by his spokesman, Femi Adesina, said Nigeria's strides towards a thriving digital economy started on October 17, 2019 with the redesignation of the Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy and the restructuring of its mandate, adding that the changes had been phenomenal.

On the recent deployment of Starlink services by SpaceX in Nigeria, first of its kind in Africa, the president expressed his delight, saying: "We are glad that Starlink services are already deployed in Nigeria. This has made Nigeria the first and only African country to have this link. With the deployment of Starlink services in Nigeria, we have 100 per cent broadband penetration in Nigeria."

The Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Professor Isa Ali Pantami, said the two policies being launched were outcomes of compliance with the president's directive to come up with a national policy that was earlier approved by the Federal Executive Council, adding that the policies were targeted at consolidating on the gains achieved so far in the digital ecosystem.

On the National Data Policy, Prof. Pantami restated the indispensability of data in national life, stressing that data was critical and could be leveraged for the development of other sectors of the economy.

Moody's rating didn't reflect economic reality – FG

By Muideen Olaniyi

The federal government has expressed surprise over last week's report of an international rating agency, Moody's Investors Service, which downgraded nine Nigerian banks following its downward review of Nigeria's rating.

The Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning, Hajija Zainab Ahmed, reacted to the report Thursday at the 65th ministerial briefing organised by the Presidential Communications Team in the State House, Abuja.

The downgraded banks are Access Bank Plc, Fidelity Bank Plc, First City Monument Bank Limited, First Bank of Nigeria Limited, Guaranty Trust Bank Limited, Sterling Bank Plc., Union

● Expects S&P Global report today

Bank of Nigeria Plc., United Bank for Africa Plc. and Zenith Bank Plc.

The rating agency also downgraded to Caa1 from B3 the long-term deposit ratings and issuer ratings, as well as the senior unsecured debt ratings (where applicable), of all the nine lenders.

While reacting to the report, Hajija Zainab said Moody's report did not reflect a proper understanding of the domestic economy despite presenting evidence of its efforts to stabilise the economy.

She said: "The Moody's report downgrade, it came as a surprise to us because we have presented all of the work that we have been

doing to stabilise the economy.

"The reasons they gave also are very practical ones. They said even though oil production has been restored, that there is still a chance, a higher risk that there could be a relapse to the production levels.

"Second, they also said that they are concerned that our debt service to revenue ratio is high.

"And even though their assessment is that we have been able to pay off our debts in the medium term, they have confirmed that we have the capacity to pay our debt, but that it is eating too much of our revenue and they flagged that as a high risk."

The finance minister, however,

Air Peace begins Abuja-Banjul, Dakar flights

From Abdulateef Aliyu, Lagos

Air Peace has expanded its regional route network with the addition of Abuja-Banjul and Abuja-Dakar connections.

This is just as the airline has also kicked off plans to launch flight

operations into Maiduguri and Jos.

Air Peace spokesperson, Stanley Olisa, in a statement, stated that the introduced regional connections from Abuja operate on Mondays and Fridays.

He added that Air Peace is finalising plans to expand its

presence in the North East and North Central cities of Maiduguri and Jos, saying the launch dates will be announced soon.

Air Peace already operates three routes in the regions- Gombe, Ilorin and Makurdi.

Olisa said, "These new

connections and planned routes are a further testament to our determination to continually interconnect Nigeria, giving Nigerians more network options and seamless connectivity. Also, Mumbai, Tel Aviv, Malabo and Congo Kinshasa are in the works."

NEWS

Consumers decry poor power supply in Abuja, environs

By **Simon Echewofun Sunday**

Electricity consumers in Abuja and its environs are worried over what they have described as poor power supply since early this year.

Daily Trust spoke with some residents of Abuja yesterday who decried the depleting hours of power supply they receive from the networks of the Abuja Electricity Distribution Company (AEDC).

This is coming after the 11 Distribution Companies (DisCos) made a hike of electricity tariff in January with some consumers saying they had over N5 increment in line with the DisCos approved Multi Year Tariff Order (MYTO) 2022.

The Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) approved the MYTO 2022 and published it in May 2022, specifying adjustments to the various

tariff classes from February to December 2022 and from January to June 2023.

A Gwarinpa resident, Aminu Bello, said the trend has been that power goes off in the morning and they get it later in the day. He said: "We are supposed to be on band B which is about 16 hour of power supply but the cumulative daily supply has been around 12 hours or less since January. We are not happy because we have been short-changed despite the new increment."

Another resident at Wuse, Joshua Adamu, said he observed a drop in power supply for over a month too. "Yes, there is a drop in power supply and it is coming when we are made to pay more tariff," Adamu said, responding to an enquiry.

At the Nyanya axis of Abuja, residents also confirmed a drop in power supply. And at the neighbouring Mararaba town in Nasarawa state,

customers of AEDC are not happy over the power drop.

John Bulus, a resident of Ado area said his bill has jumped to N15,000 monthly on estimation but has gotten worse supply this year so far.

"Here in Mararaba, we are on Band E which has a minimum of five hour supply but there are days that you can't even see the power supply at all," noted Onyeché Okoh, a resident.

Daily Trust's analysis of grid power generation in over two weeks shows that bulk power has hovered between slightly 4,000 megawatts (MW) and dropping to 3,000MW occasionally, meaning far less power is available for distribution.

Recall that in the first quarter of 2022, Nigerians suffered the same fate with multiple national grid system collapses as the Generation Companies (GenCos) turned off several turbines for lack of gas, low

water for the hydros and for maintenance.

When contacted on the power supply situation around Abuja, the Chief Marketing Officer of AEDC, Mr Donald Etim, confirmed a drop in power load allocation to the DisCo in recent times.

"The truth is that there is a drop in the load allocation to us less than we used to have before. Our load allocation trend showed we get below what we should get from the national grid."

AEDC ought to get nearly 600MW of electricity allocation daily which is about 11.05 per cent of the national grid power generation and distributes to Kogi, Abuja, Nasarawa and Niger states, however, its daily load allocation cards posted on the social media shows an average of 460MW for some times this year, and even dropped to 360MW early in January.

SON exhibits MANCAP products in Kano

From **Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano**

The Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON) has held an exhibition for MANCAP certified products in Kano to strengthen patronage of standard products in the country.

The exhibition which was also to mark its 50 years of existence had participating companies for rice, lubricants, cooking oil and other products.

The Director General of the SON, Mallam Farouk Salim, said the essence of the exhibition is to create awareness among the public about products that improve well-being, adding that the effort is also to encourage the companies to do more and employ people to address unemployment in the country.

He called on the general public to report any substandard products they may come across either in markets or any public domain in order to complement its efforts of eliminating fake goods in the country.

Salim said the call has become necessary following the number of reports obtained by the organisation's enforcement unit, adding that for any substandard product found, the owner and the company will be dealt with accordingly.

He revealed that in the past 50 years, SON has done a lot in promoting and protecting products consumed by Nigerians in ensuring products are produced up to the standard.

The companies appreciated the organisation for bringing them together to sell out their products to the general public, and that without their efforts, many substandard products will wipe out the qualitative ones from the market.

"We are happy that SON is helping towards producing standard products. This is to our advantage because our products are now certified and can be exported everywhere in the world," Alhaji Ibrahim Gerawa, a rice firm owner, said.



■ From left: Chairman, Sinoma International Engineering (Nanjing) Co. Ltd, Liu Renyue; President/CE, Dangote Industries Limited (DIL), Aliko Dangote; GED, Strategy, Capital Projects & Portfolio Development, DIL, Devakumar Edwin and GMD, DIL, Olakunle Alake, at the signing ceremony in Lagos on Wednesday for a cement coy project in Itori, Ogun state

Heifer, ColdHubs, launch solar-powered storage solutions in Lagos

From **Yvonne Ugwuezuoha, Lagos**

Heifer International's sponsored agritech storage solution; ColdHubs, was yesterday formally introduced into the Lagos market with the launch of the facility for smallholder farmers and sellers of perishable farm produce at the ABAT CBD Market in Ibeju-Lekki.

The ColdHubs innovation, which is being sponsored on a large scale by Heifer International, is part of the measures to increase storage capacity and ensure last-mile connectivity to prevent post-harvest losses experienced by small-holder farmers and to ensure food security in Nigeria.

Stakeholders in the agriculture sector have variously attributed lack of storage and processing facilities as one of the major problems facing agricultural development in Nigeria, stating that post-harvest activities like storage must be given the right inputs.

At the launch which was witnessed by farmers, farm produce traders and government officials, Rufus Idris, Country Director of Heifer International, Nigeria, explained that

ColdHubs innovation will help Nigeria to attain food sufficiency and reduce hunger. It will enhance the capacity of farmers and sellers of perishable farm produce to earn more income and also reduce unemployment.

Heifer International will this year support ColdHubs to produce additional ColdHubs facilities in Lagos markets out of a total of 40 planned for the year.

Also speaking at the ceremony, the founder and CEO of ColdHubs, Mr. Nnaemeka Ikegwuonu said, "post harvest loss is huge in Nigeria but with ColdHubs' innovation, we have gotten production and processing of farm produce right. The facility will surely increase farmers' economic earning power and also help buyers as they will always have fresh and healthy farm produce to buy".

The Lagos State Commissioner for Agriculture, Adesola Olusanya, said at the occasion that ColdHubs is of paramount importance to the state and it is in line with the five-year Development programme drawn by the state in 2021 to ensure food security and sufficiency for Lagos residents.

FG lauds REA on renewable energy schemes

By **Simon Echewofun Sunday & Linda Ifeakor**

The federal government has lauded the Rural Electrification Agency (REA) for its positive workforce reforms and its schemes to increase renewable energy access nationwide.

The Minister of State for Power, Mr Goddy Jedy-Agba, who stated this on Thursday at the REA management retreat and town hall meeting in Abuja, said: "Tasked with such a critical mandate, there is a need to strengthen the pillars of service delivery continuously. Accordingly, the Agency is undertaking a series of reforms to enhance the workforce, improve

the institutional systems, and pursue innovative programming strategies.

"This administration's efforts to improve energy access through on- and off-grid electrification solutions are commendable. We must not lose sight of Vision 30:30:30, aimed at raising the generation capacity to 30,000 megawatts (MW) by 2030, of which 30% will be from renewable sources."

He tasked REA officials on early planning towards achieving key milestones later in the year.

The acting Chairman of the REA Board, Mohammed Badamasi, said the retreat is to do a lot especially in planning how to increase rural electrification, adding that,

"The REA is one agency that is in a hurry to make an impact in the Nigeria economy."

Earlier, the Managing Director/CEO of REA, Ahmad Salihijo, said between 2009 and 2012, the agency was shut down and not operating, adding that the operators had failed to discuss the core aim of the agency after it began operation, but that the retreat addressed that.

The ED, Corporate Services at REA, Olaniyi Netufo, who gave the scorecards of the agency in 2022, said over 24,000 households were connected through 51 projects of 4,025 kilowatts peak capacity. REA also delivered 494 projects

comprising 151 grid power projects, 299 solar street lights, 29 solar mini-grids and 15 solar projects. It also installed 1.2 million solar home systems and 67 mini grids of 52mw capacity during the period.

An official of a beneficiary of REA's programmes, Nayo Tropical, presented farm produce enabled through its connection to REA-built mini-grid in Kebbi State.

On the side-lines, the Managing Director, Kaduna Electric, Engr. Yusuf Usman Yahaya, lauded the collaboration while noting that the DisCo was working with REA on providing mini grid solutions to places that are off the grid and would take time and investments to reach.

Style, performance in Kia Sonet

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

Globally, the B-segment category of the automotive market brings with it that massive contentment and ownership satisfaction that guarantees returns on investment like the Kia Sonet.

Sonet finds itself in the ever-changing B-segment alongside some stiff competition. Since its introduction, it has been a favourite within the segment, offering much in the way of features and value. Now though, Kia has added a turbocharged motor to the line-up. We give it a go.

It incorporates Kia's DNA of emotive styling, along with a premium and youthful appeal, to create a strong presence on the road. Sonet showcases a range of styling attributes that sets it apart from its competitors, including a fresh interpretation of Kia's signature 'tiger-nose grille', with a stylish front skid plate underneath.

Its sporty silhouette is enhanced by the unique design and structure of its C-pillars, matched with a wrap-around rear windscreen.

The profile, meanwhile, has a strong, sporty character, thanks to the shape of the bonnet and bumpers, with the

strongly raked A-pillars and rounded roofline imparting greater road presence.

Contributing to the Sonet's unmistakable SUV stance is its size. At 4 120mm long, sitting on a wheelbase measuring 2 500 mm, it's one of the largest and most spacious vehicles in the B-SUV segment, ensuring that there is more than enough space for all passengers – and everything that's needed on the journey.

Inside, it offers a sophisticated cabin with a smooth, flowing dashboard to appeal to young-at-heart and always-connected consumers. Keeping the comfort of the driver and passengers in mind, intelligent packaging has liberated plenty of legroom, headroom and shoulder room, and created a large luggage area measuring 392 litres.

Taking centre stage on the dashboard is an 8.0-inch HD touch-screen infotainment system that incorporates a reverse camera with dynamic guidelines, a standard fitment throughout the range.

The set-up offers Kia's intuitive and friendly voice-control technology and sports wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto functionality. Additionally, the digital instrument cluster presents important information

to the driver in vivid clarity.

Supplementing the critically acclaimed Sonet range, powered by a naturally aspirated 1.5-litre engine in entry-level LX and mid-tier EX specification, the new Kia Sonet 1.0 T-GDi options build on the current range and offer a new flagship in EX+ specification.

The 1.0-litre, 3-cylinder turbo petrol engine is mated with a seven-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission. You can expect 88kW and 172Nm of torque. The combination of engine and transmission also allow for an

impressive fuel-consumption figure.

Safety-wise, it is equipped with six airbags, ABS with EBD, ESC, hill-start assist, and rear parking sensors. It also gets a driver fatigue alert system, and a rear-view camera with dynamic guidelines.

The Turbo offers a great combination of style, performance and convenience, and it is a great option for those looking for a relatively affordable SUV. It is well-equipped with a host of tech and convenience features, and it comes with a generous list of safety features.



■ Motoring
Kia Sonet

Nigerian Prof. Gumel among 505 scientists, engineers bestowed US honour

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) has elected Professor Abba Gumel, a Nigerian, and 504 other scientists, engineers and innovators globally to the 2022 class of AAAS Fellows.

Prof. Gumel is the Michael and Eugenia Brin Endowed E-Nnovate Chair in Mathematics at the Department of Mathematics, University of Maryland, College Park, in the United States of America.

The Nigerian-born scientist from Jigawa State had his education in Brunel University London from 1991 to 1994 and a first degree from the Bayero University Kano from 1984 to 1989. His research interests are in Mathematical Biology, Applied Dynamical Systems, and Computational Mathematics.

The new class joins the ranks of noted fellows such as Alondra Nelson, Deputy Assistant to the President and Principal Deputy Director for Science and Society at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy; Mae Jemison, the first black woman to go to space; Steven Chu, 1997 Nobel Laureate in Physics who served as the 12th US Secretary of Energy; among others.

They will receive a certificate and a gold and blue rosette pin (representing science and engineering respectively) to commemorate their election and will be celebrated in Washington DC in the summer of 2023. They will also be featured in the AAAS

News and Notes section of Science this month.

"AAAS is proud to elevate these standout individuals and recognise the many ways in which they've advanced scientific excellence, tackled complex societal challenges and pushed boundaries that will reap benefits for years to come," said Sudip S. Parikh, PhD, AAAS Chief Executive Officer and Executive Publisher of the Science Family of Journals.

Commenting on the selection, Prof. Gumel said, "The AAAS is also the publisher of the prestigious Science Family of Journals. It's great to be among the eminent scientists elected in this year's class of AAAS Fellows."



■ Prof. Gumel

DCO to host second general assembly

By Faruk Shuaibu

The Digital Cooperation Organisation (DCO) has disclosed plans to host its 2nd general assembly in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The organisation in a press statement yesterday stated that the event billed for February 5 would bring together DCO member states to discuss strategic directions and initiatives to enable digital prosperity for all nations.

It added that ministers representing the 13 DCO member states, along with high-level delegations from DCO observers, as well as

representatives from guest countries and international organisations will convene for the assembly to discuss the state of the digital economy and the challenges facing all nations in achieving equitable global digital growth and development.

It added that the event would reflect the qualitative leaps made by the member states in its shift towards a tech-powered economy.

The Secretary General of the DCO, Deemah Alyahya, said digital technologies have immense potential to transform economies and empower groups including

women and entrepreneurs with new opportunities.

Alyahya noted that 70% of the new value created in the global economy over the next decade would be based on digitally enabled platforms, thus, all nations must have the same ability to leverage the power of digitalisation to achieve their goals.

Members of the organisation include: Bahrain, Cyprus, Djibouti, The Gambia, Ghana, Jordan, Kuwait, Pakistan, Oman, Nigeria, Rwanda, Morocco, and Saudi Arabia – along with the private sector, academia, and NGO Observer Members.

Cash swap: CBN accredits 641 agents in Kwara

From Mumini
Abdulkareem, Ilorin

The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has accredited 641 super-agents to handle its cash swap policy in Kwara State.

The CBN Director of Consumer Protection, Mrs Rashidat Mangunu, revealed this on Thursday in Ilorin, the state capital during a monitoring exercise of some POS super-agents.

According to her, "641 super agents in Kwara State were part of those accredited across the country who will receive 500,000 weekly to

ease the process of 10,000 cash swap on a daily basis for people living in rural areas."

She therefore advised Kwarans and Nigerians to exchange their old Naira notes at Point of Sale (PoS) machines and open savings accounts to facilitate the process.

She called on the people of Kwara State, especially those at the rural areas, to make judicious use of the super-agents to change their old notes and also open accounts to ease their transactions.

"People can easily open a bank account through the

POS super-agents, with just a national identity card and save their old money in their accounts, without stress."

At Isale Bani, Alore Area of Ilorin, many residents complained of the inability to exchange their notes due to the unavailability of the new notes.

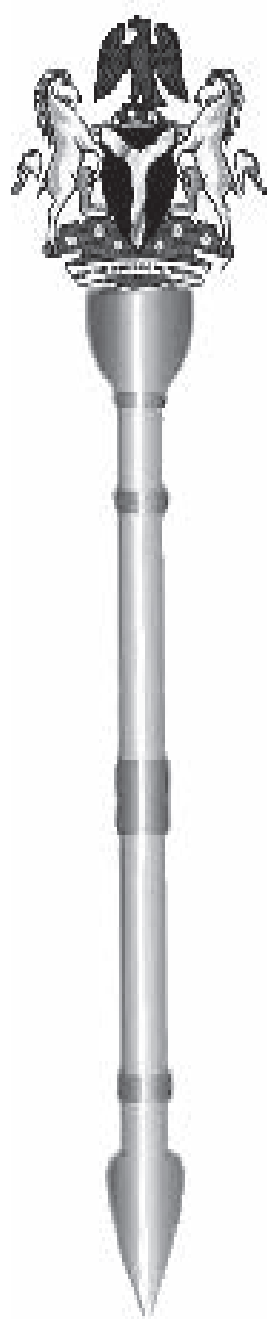
Many of the PoS agents were charging N100 to withdraw one N1,000.

A super-agent in the area, Mr Saheed AbdulRazaq, explained that he had been exchanging notes with the residents since last week, but could not meet up with their demands.



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY JOINT COMMITTEES ON ELECTORAL MATTERS

INVITATION TO A ONE DAY SPECIAL HEARING



The Joint Senate and House of Representatives Committees on Electoral Matters hereby invite Stakeholders and the General Public to a Special Hearing

on

The Extent of Implementation of the Electoral Act, 2022 ahead of the Conduct of the 2023 General Elections

The hearing is scheduled to hold as follows:

- Date:** Wednesday, 8th February 2023
- Venue:** Conference Room 231, New Senate Building, National Assembly Complex, Abuja
- Time:** 9:30 am – 12:30pm prompt

Stakeholders wishing to participate in the hearing but unable to attend in-person may submit their questions through the Committee e-mail: inccsenatecommittee@gmail.com or forward same to the **Clerk of the Committee/ Deputy Director, Dr. Bello Babatunde** on or before **Tuesday, 7th February, 2023** at **SB 15, Red Carpet, Basement, Senate Wing, White House, National Assembly Complex, Abuja.**

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YOUTHVILLE

Friday, February 3, 2023

...young at heart



To the heart of youth, the world is a highway side.

— Robert Louis Stevenson

Why youths eagerly seek a rebirth of Nigeria!

By Susan Chioma Obasi

The current state of Nigeria's economy is alarming. From high inflation to insecurity, unemployment, corruption, poor human capital development, poor health system and infrastructure, amidst others.

According to the Director-General of the Debt Management Office (DMO), Ms Patience Oniha, the total debt stock of Nigeria is projected to hit N77 trillion by the end of President Muhammadu Buhari's administration on May 29, 2023. This is to say that the incoming President has a great deal of work to bring about a rebirth.

The question becomes which of these presidential candidates can bring forth a 'New Nigeria'?

Citizens will head to the polls to select their next president on February 25th, 2023. It is such an important day because I believe the youths are ready to make a difference with their selection this time.

The state of insecurity and economic hardship are getting worse, and this is atrocious. An average citizen finds it arduous to even afford three square meals in recent times.

So far, the cost of transportation, food, education, electricity, fuel, medicals, clothing items, including house rent has progressively gone higher. The hardship of the economy has become unbearable with public looting of funds



getting worse.

With all these, we need a new government that will look into all these, put citizens first and reinstate Nigeria to the times where most things were affordable even to the lowest economic class of people.

As we get closer to the day of Nigeria's general election, I urge citizens to ask themselves these fundamental questions: What values does your candidate possess? What leadership traits does he have? What contribution have they made in Nigeria since they have been in power? Is your candidate motivated by self-interest or the interest of the Nation? All these questions will direct you into making the right choice.

We have openly heard some of the statements made by these aspirants and they seem to be worrisome as they scream

desperation. I put it to you that a desperate person will be motivated by self-interest and won't care about the consequences of his actions if his aim is being achieved. This will only make Nigeria worse as opposed to the rebirth we seek.

The seat of presidency should not be bought, neither should your vote be sold. The citizens are in charge as of now and the power to make Nigeria better lies with us. It will also be worth it to consider our brothers and sisters that died during the endSARS protest in 2020 all in the quest for better government. Their sacrifices should not be in vain.

The 2023 election will bring forth a new dawn of governance that will give rise to A New Nigeria therefore, your vote should count!

Miss Obasi Susan can be reached via susanobasi24@gmail.com

Nigerian firm, two others win Heifer youth tech challenge

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

Heifer International has announced the 2022 winners of the AYuTe Africa Challenge that supports agritech innovators with ThriveAgric of Nigeria, Kenya's DigiCow and Bostwana-based Brastorne Enterprises at the top.

ThriveAgric is a fast-growing start-up boosting farmer incomes and production with its breakthrough "agriculture operating system."

DigiCow is an agritech firm using digital tools to modernize production on small-scale dairy farms, while the digital technology for feature phones developed by Brastorne Enterprises is narrowing Africa's rural digital divide.

"At a time when Africa is facing unprecedented food-related challenges, it is incredibly inspiring to see these young African champions firmly focused on an

agriculture-led future that provides farmers with the innovations they need to succeed," said Adesuwa Ifedi, senior vice president of Africa Programs, Heifer International. "We launched this competition in 2021, challenging African youths to bring us innovations poised to provide the positive disruption our farmers urgently need. ThriveAgric, DigiCow and Brastorne are more than ready to meet the moment," she noted.

As winners of the 2022 AYuTe Africa Challenge, the three companies will receive a sizable monetary investment: \$1.5 million in grants, along with ongoing support from a team of expert advisers—accomplished business veterans—to help them translate their funding into an aggressive expansion strategy.

All three of the 2022 winners are helping African farmers by providing a novel solution to

everyday obstacles.

ThriveAgric addresses a key challenge for small-scale farmers in Africa—a lack of access to finance, technical advice, business skills and market opportunities. It does so by using a proprietary Agriculture Operating System to help a team of 2,000 field agents support some 500,000 farmers across 22 Nigerian states with insights to improve their production and profits.

"We've developed the technologies, strategies and partnerships we believe can build the largest network of productive, profitable farmers Africa has ever seen," said Uka Eje, Thrive Agric's co-founder and CEO.

Working with rural communities across Africa for 48 years, Heifer International supports farmers and local food producers to strengthen local economies and build secure livelihoods that provide a living income.

UNICEF, Kashere varsity counter fake news

From Haruna Gimba Yaya, Gombe

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has entered into a partnership with the Federal University of Kashere (FUK) in Gombe State, to counter fake news, hate speech and other negative narratives in the society.

Country Director of UNICEF, Mrs Christian Munduate, disclosed this after signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the FUK Vice Chancellor, Professor Umaru Pate.

She said UNICEF signed the MoU with the FUK, in order to promote the study of communication for social and behavioural change.

Mrs Munduate stated that the partnership will provide an avenue where communication experts will be produced to

create social balance and address the issues of negative narrative in the society.

The country director added that UNICEF chose FUK to pilot the project, considering the availability of resources and the enabling environment created by the management of the institution, to enable the project to become a reality.

The Vice Chancellor of FUK, Professor Umaru Pate said that communication for social and behavioural change is an area and a capacity that needs to be developed to produce experts that will champion the development of health for women and children.

"We are in the era of fake news and disinformation, we need to have specialists that can always be there for more development, specifically the health of women and children," he stated.

Our women confab to spur knowledge, curb stereotypes — Ms Yari



By Simon Echewofun Sunday

The Chief Executive Officer and founder, 'The Real She Power Conference', Mrs Rachel Obi Yari, has said the conference intends to sensitise women on the importance of self reliance and worth as well as harness their inherent potentials for their growth and development and that of the country.

Mrs Yari stated this during a programme to sensitise women on self reliance and sufficiency in Kaduna.

She noted that it was high time women sought the needed knowledge and education to equip themselves for Nation building and not the stereotypical roles they are popularly known for.

She called on women to come out in their numbers to vote in credible leaders who will ensure equity and fairness, stressing that women participation in the voting

process will determine the future of their children and the country.

Also speaking, the special adviser to Governor Nasir el-Rufai on Community Relations, Mrs Stella Amako, said Kaduna State Government had empowered over six million women under the women empowerment fund - KADSWEF to support small scale traders with capital to grow their businesses for the improvement of quality of live in their families and society at large.

Kaduna State Chairperson, International Federation of Women Lawyers - FIDA, Aisha Abdu Muhammed, called on women to try and be aware of their rights and seek Legal help when necessary, assuring them that FIDA is always ready to render assistance.

The programme was themed, 'The Real She Power - I am Important' and certificates were issued to all participants of the conference.



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Revalidation of Shops, Kiosks, and Corner Shops

This is to inform the general public that Gwagwalada Area Council has engaged the services of M/S Felivic Global Consult Nigeria Limited to collect revenue on verification, revalidation of market, Kiosks, Corner Shops within Gwagwalada zone of the council.

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UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2022

The Directors have pleasure in announcing the unaudited interim financial results for the Group and Parent for the Three Months ended 31 December, 2022, with comparative figures for previous year.

	Group		Company	
	2022 N. '000	2021 N. '000	2022 N. '000	2021 N. '000
Revenue	14,101,827	12,716,184	12,840,588	11,531,199
Cost of sales	(9,197,046)	(8,729,347)	(8,683,735)	(8,221,617)
Gross profit	4,904,781	3,986,837	4,156,853	3,309,582
Other gains and losses	(550,708)	(23,590)	(245,159)	77,476
Distribution costs	(542,688)	(388,011)	(515,034)	(375,471)
Movement in expected credit loss allowances	-	976	-	976
Administrative expenses	(1,318,691)	(1,207,512)	(980,691)	(913,946)
Operating profit	2,492,694	2,368,700	2,415,969	2,098,617
Finance income	278,911	189,811	278,480	186,482
Finance costs	(226,708)	(154,684)	(220,931)	(137,022)
Profit before taxation	2,544,897	2,403,827	2,473,518	2,148,077
Taxation	(833,540)	(714,504)	(742,056)	(643,793)
Profit for the period	1,711,357	1,689,323	1,731,462	1,504,284
Other comprehensive income:				
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:				
Gain on valuation of investments in equity instruments Designated as at FVTOCI	453	-	453	-
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:				
Foreign exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	68,437	(54,560)	-	-
Other comprehensive income for the period net of taxation	68,890	(54,560)	453	-
Total comprehensive income for the period	1,780,247	1,634,763	1,731,915	1,504,284
Profit attributable to:				
Owners of the parent	1,637,624	1,551,714	1,731,462	1,504,284
Non-controlling interest	73,733	137,609	-	-
	1,711,357	1,689,323	1,731,462	1,504,284
Total comprehensive income attributable to:				
Owners of the parent	1,706,514	1,497,154	1,731,915	1,504,284
Non-controlling interest	73,733	137,609	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period	1,780,247	1,634,763	1,731,915	1,504,284
Earnings per share				
Basic earnings per share (kobo)	131.00	124.00	138.00	120.00

Dated this 27 day of January, 2023

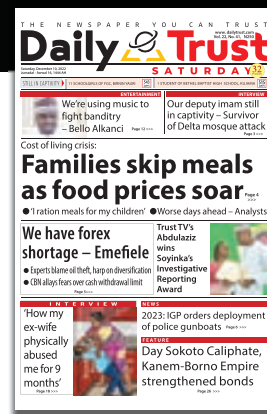
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Kano: Gawuna, Bashir, Yusuf, Abacha lock horns at *Daily Trust* debate tomorrow

From Clement A. Oloyede, Kano

The governorship candidates of the four leading political parties in Kano State are gearing up to convince voters on why they should choose them when they meet tomorrow at the *Daily Trust* governorship debate.

The candidates: Nasir Yusuf Gawuna of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Bashir I. Bashir of the Labour Party (LP), Abba Kabir Yusuf (New Nigeria Peoples Party (NNPP) and Mohammed Abacha (PDP), have all committed to being part of the maiden event and said they were looking forward to the opportunity to further explain their agendas to the

Kano electorate.

All the candidates have promised to appear to give the voters valid reasons why they should be the next governor of the state.

The debate is being organised by the Media Trust Group, the parent company of *Daily Trust*, Aminiya and Trust TV, on Saturday, February 4.

Tagged: "Trust Nigeria 2023 Elections Debate", the debate is expected to give political parties and their candidates the opportunity to get their plans and agendas across to the voters, said the Group CEO of Media Trust Group, Malam Mounir Gwarzo.

Gwarzo said the organiser had already got commitment from the candidates that the debate

would be issue-based and focus on specific policy areas, including education, commerce, agriculture, water and sanitation, housing and infrastructural development, and social policy.

He noted that the debate would take place at the Faculty of Communications, Bayero University, Kano (BUK) by 10am, adding that the choice of the English Language for the debate was informed by many reasons, key of which was the position of Kano State and its politics in the country and the sheer fact that people across the country and all over the world were concerned about who would emerge as the next governor of the state.

He further said that to

ensure that the residents of Kano State who might not understand the language of the event missed out, the organisers had concluded to simultaneously run a live commentary and analysis in Hausa, which would be broadcast live on partner radio stations: Freedom Radio, Nasara FM, Express FM and Vision FM, while the live event would be broadcast on Trust TV and Abubakar Rimi Television (ARTV).

The debate would be moderated by Dr Suleiman Suleiman, Chairman of the Editorial Board/Deputy Editor-in-Chief of *Daily Trust*; while the Hausa live commentary and analysis would be moderated by Dr Maude Gwadabe, Head of Hausa Service, Media Trust Group.

There are saboteurs in Buhari's administration – Tinubu group

From Olatunji Omirin, Maiduguri

The National Chairman of the Tinubu/Shettima Support Group, Dr Abiso Kabir, has urged security agencies to rise above the current challenges and track down the forces bent on sabotaging the President Muhammadu Buhari-led administration.

Kabir told *Daily Trust* in Maiduguri, Borno State, yesterday, that some people had taken advantage of the cashless policy of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) by hoarding the redesigned bank notes thereby causing dissatisfaction among the populace.

He, however, said despite the economic hardship, the All Progressives Congress (APC) would still win the forthcoming general elections and get the majority in the National Assembly.

He said, "I believe things will normalise.

Though there is economic hardship in the country, but APC remains the party to beat. Wherever we go for campaign we pull massive crowds, and I can tell you we are equal to the task and we are going to win massively.

"President Buhari has good intentions towards the country, the policy is a good one, but the timing is wrong.

"The policy has negatively affected the image of President Buhari, and of course, our great party (APC), because the masses don't understand what is going on and that's why I said there are saboteurs to discredit this administration.

"CBN has said there is adequate new naira notes in circulation, but honestly, we don't know where the money is. Where are they channeling the money into? Things are getting worse due to some bad elements bent on discrediting the federal government."



■ From left: Members, House of Representatives Ad-hoc Committee Investigating Alleged Loss of over \$2.4 Billion from Illegal Sales of 48 Million Barrels of Crude Oil Export in 2015, Rep. Jude Ngaji; Rep. Dachung Bagos; Rep. Sergius Ogun; and Chairman of the Committee, Rep. Mark Gbilla, during the committee's investigating hearing at the National Assembly Complex, in Abuja yesterday

Photo: NAN

Plateau CP woos residents to tackle insecurity

From Yusufu Aminu Idegu, Jos

The Commissioner of Police (CP) in Plateau State, Bartholomew Onyeka, has said the ability to effectively police the state is dependent on mutual trust with residents.

The CP said this while delivering a key note address at a one-day retreat for human rights stakeholders organised by the Rule of Law and Accountability Advocacy Centre (RULAAC) in Jos yesterday.

He said, "As attractive as the concepts of intelligence-led policing or technology-driven policing could be, the reality remains that no police agency either in the advanced or developing climes can succeed in its mandate without the consent, support and trust of the citizens they are engaged to serve and protect regardless of how well equipped, trained or

motivated they may be.

"The point being emphasised here is that police legitimacy draws from public consent and trust, and the lack of effective partnership between the police and the public can only sustain ineffective policing and engender insecurity within the community.

"Generally speaking, the security situation across Plateau State has been relatively stabilised. The reality is that the current concerted operations of the police and other security agencies in the state have engendered a dispersal and relocation of some of the criminals out of the state."

Earlier in a welcome address, Chairman of the event, Dr Theophilus Danjuma, said the retreat was meant to seek ways to improve on human rights protection and community access to justice in the country.

Commuters stranded in Lagos as ex-CBN director demands Emefiele's resignation

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

Checks by *Daily Trust* indicate that the transportation system in Lagos has been badly hit by the absence of new naira notes in circulation with many people struggling to get cash.

The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has fixed February 10 deadline to phase out the old notes.

Many people are unable to move from one point to another on account of not having cash at hand while most ATMs are filled to the brim.

A student who identified

himself as Adebayo said he couldn't go out because there was no cash to pay transport fares.

Speaking with *Daily Trust*, Alhaji Yusuf Sanni, a transport union leader in Lagos State said the transporters might be forced to take drastic action if the situation persists.

Sanni who is the NURTW scribe around Seme Border close to the Benin Republic told our correspondent that security agencies had stopped collecting old notes and prefer to be paid in CFA.

Meanwhile, a former Secretary to the Lagos State Government in the Second

Republic, Chief Olorunfemi Bashorun, yesterday asked the CBN Governor, Godwin Emefiele, to resign immediately.

In a statement he personally signed, Bashorun who was a founding CBN staff retired as deputy director said the confusion had never happened in the history of the apex bank.

He said, "I have just read online a directive from the CBN governor that banks should pay a maximum of N20,000 out to customers on presentation of teller.

"It is now clear that the CBN governor, Godwin Emefiele, is making a dangerous and

destructive history for Nigeria. Since CBN was established in 1959 (and I was a foundation staff), no governor has taken Nigeria for a ride as Emefiele.

"The multiplier effect of his rather evil directive is to close down all businesses in Nigeria and further add to the hardship Nigerians are experiencing in recent times.

"I make bold to state that unless this oppressive directive is withdrawn within the next 48 hours, Nigerian masses will have no choice than to rise and compel the government to take positive action to reverse it."

Court remands Kano TikToker, Murja

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano

A Kano State Sharia court sitting in Filin Hoki has remanded a popular TikToker, Murja Ibrahim Kunya, in correctional

facility till February 16, for allegedly committing offenses contrary to Islamic teachings and threatening people on TikTok.

Murja appeared before the court presided over by Abdullahi Halliru over two

count charges bordering on threatening to attack some people and releasing inciting videos that are contrary to the norms and teachings of Islam which may lead others astray.

She pleaded not guilty to

the charges.

Daily Trust reports that Murja was arrested by the police following a court order which was as a result of complaints filed by the Council of Ulama against her.

FOCUS ON KATSINA



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Tinubu: How Masari galvanised the north for the Jagaban Borgu - Abdu Labaran

In three days' time, on Monday, 6 February, 2023 to be specific, the Presidential Campaign Ship of the ruling All progressives Congress (APC), is expected to dock in Katsina, the home state of President Muhammadu Buhari.

The Director general (DG) Media to Governor Aminu Bello Masari of Katsina, Abdu Labaran Malumfashi, recalls how his boss galvanized support in the north for the presidential flag-bearer of the APC, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu. He writes thus:

Governor Aminu Bello Masari is not new in politics. Even when it was not fashionable to canvas for a power shift to the South, he never left anyone in doubt, especially in the ruling party, the All Progressives Congress (APC) that it was not right to deny shifting power to the South in 2023. He always spoke his mind as to where power should be in the 2023 election. Of course he never hid his feelings about where power should be and who is to take over from President Buhari in May 2023.

It was not new for him to tell the political truth even at the risk of losing his political ambition.

It was his lot to tell then President Obasanjo, when the latter took the Federal Budget to the then National Assembly for its assent, that their time in government was Constitutionally up. When it was his turn to speak as the Speaker of the Federal House of Representatives, or the number



■ Aminu Bello Masari

four Man in the political hierarchy of the nation, then Masari told the World that it was the last Budget that President Obasanjo would ever make, as their time in office would be constitutionally up so that a new set of leaders would take over from them from May 1997.

Obasanjo, who the rumour had it that he harboured a Third Term ambition, which the Nigerian Constitution did not allow, was flabbergasted at the con-dour and fearlessness of Masari. The President never expected that. But Governor Masari paid dearly with his ambition to be Governor of Katsina State at that time. President Obasanjo was vindictive, and made it clear that Aminu Bello Masari would pay for his opposition to the Third



■ Bola Ahmed Tinubu

Term Agenda.

Buhari, who had promised never to contest any election in the country, was also elected President of the Nation. And it was the Jagaban Borgu who made it possible at that time, with all the then Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN) Governors in town for a meeting with then Muhammadu Buhari in Kaduna where he convinced the latter to reconsider the vow he had made never to contest any more election in the country. The Jagaban Borgu had promised Buhari to give him all the support he needed to win the 2015 election. And he never went back on that promise, as he himself, his supporters across the country, and all the ANC Governors gave him their votes

which made him President in 2015.

And it looked like it was not going to be easy for anyone in the South West to succeed President Buhari in 2023.

Some APC Governors in the north had ganged up to fight him and they started by removing the party's National Chairman, Adams Oshiomhole, who they believed was an ally of the Jagaban Borgu, and one of them had an arrangement to hand over power to the son of a chieftain of the main opposition party in the country, all because one of them had ambition to be Vice President to a Minister, who hailed from the South-South and was a former governor of his state. As soon as their plan was out others began their move to truncate their plan.

And they failed woefully as, despite removing Oshiomhole from being the Head of the party, the Jagaban Borgu emerged victorious in the primary election of the party, thanks to the open and subterranean activities of some people like the Katsina State Governor, who had, and still do, believed that it was totally immoral to deny the Jagaban Borgu the chance to have a shot at the Presidency, even if the agreement made with him was not constitutional.

The Katsina State Governor had a meeting in Kaduna with all his colleagues in the north who were in the APC and sold the idea of supporting the Jagaban Borgu to achieve his dream to become the next Nigerian President after Mohammadu Buhari.

NTDs: Katsina achieves required level of treatment, surgical coverage - Health Commissioner

Katsina State government said with support from its major partner, Helen Keller International, had achieved required treatment and surgical coverage on trachoma and other neglected tropical diseases (NTDs).

The state commissioner of Health, Nuhu Danja, disclosed this on Monday during the world neglected tropical diseases day celebration held at conference hall, state ministry of health, Katsina

He said of the diseases, four were prevalent and common in the state, but with sustained efforts over the years, Katsina was able to achieve the required level of treatment to control the diseases.

"Epidemiological statistics have shown that four of these diseases are prevalent and common in Katsina State, these include Lymphatic Filariasis (Elephantiasis), Schistosomiasis (Bilharzia), Trachoma

(blindness) and Soil Transmitted Helminths. "It is important to note that, over the years of massive investment, over 8,000 different healthcare workers and teachers and 67,682 volunteers were trained to support NTDs elimination activities in the state. As a result of this partnership and investment in NTDs, we have been giving prophylaxis of lymphatic filariasis to over 5 million people at risk each year from 2015 to 2022. This is in addition to 10,110 trachomatous trichiasis and 61 hydrocele surgeries," he said.

The commissioner stresses the need for all citizens to understand that neglected tropical diseases are diseases of public health importance and could be prevented through certain measures that include personal hygiene such as hand and face washing, regular bathing; environmental sanitation; periodic medical check-up and taking NTD drugs during annual campaigns.



■ Katsina Health Commissioner, Engr Danja (7th from right) in a group picture with officials of Helen Keller and other participants after the NTDs day celebration in Katsina

All is set for the grand finale of the Katsina national talent hunt challenge season II



■ KNTHC Coordinator, Faisal Rafindadi

Following the successful completion of the second edition of the Katsina National Talent Hunt Challenge (KNTHC) competition where talented youth from different parts of the nation showcased their innovation, the Katsina state government is set for the grand finale.

Driven by his desire for innovations and development of the potential talents of Katsina youths, the Executive Governor of Katsina State, Aminu Bello Masari, has graciously accepted to present Prizes to winners during the Grand finale and award given ceremony scheduled to hold on 14th February 2023 at Bello Kofar Bai Hall, Ja Abdulkadir Secretariat, Katsina.

The project coordinator of the KNTHC, Faisal Jafar Rafindadi, said the Local organising Committee of the KNTHC had extended its invitation to the good



■ Star prize to be awarded to overall winner

people of Katsina and beyond to the occasion were talented youths will be awarded with various prizes and interact with Captains of industries and policy makers in Technology and Innovation.

"The local Organising Committee in collaboration with the Critical stakeholders has earmarked four categories for the competition at the end of which, three winners emerged from each category and an overall winner.

"The categories are Arts and Design; Automotive Modelling and Products; ICT and Music/Entertainment.

:First position will be given N5 million, second position will be given N3 million and third position will be given N1.5 million in each category, while 100 other participants will go home with consolation prizes," the National Coordinator of the project has said.

TRUST ISLAMIC FORUM



Members of the Coalition of Nigerian Muslim Women during the 10th World Hijab Day press conference in Abuja on Wednesday

Hijab: Muslim students want jail term for erring teachers

By **Abdulateef Aliyu (Lagos), Mumini Abdulkareem (Ilorin) & Abbas Jimoh (Abuja)**

The Muslim Students Society of Nigeria (MSSN), Lagos State area unit, has advocated sack and imprisonment of school principals harassing Muslim women over hijab.

The group said it has recorded pockets of harassment of Muslims female students despite the Supreme Court's judgement and the circular issued by Lagos State government, approving the use of hijab in public schools.

The MSSN, however, encouraged its female members to be courageous to wear the hijab to schools despite the harassment.

The Amirah (female president) of MSSN in Lagos, Azeezah Gidigbi, in a statement to commemorate the 2023 World Hijab Day, urged the state government to sack and prosecute any defaulting teacher or principal.

The World Hijab Day is commemorated globally every February 1.

She said, "In June 2022, the Supreme Court approved for students to use the hijab in all schools. This move has, however, not deterred some overzealous school administrators who still

throw caution to the wind and harass students without regard for the constitution and directives from their employers.

"We recommend that they should be demoted, sacked, prosecuted and jailed instead of just being transferred as witnessed in recent cases. These disobedient elements don't deserve to be in our fast-growing educational system in Lagos State."

She also hailed the recent appointment of Dr Shareefah Adejoke Yusuf, a hijab-wearing Muslim woman, as the Tutor-General/Permanent Secretary, Education District VI by the Lagos State government.

The Kwara state Amiral of the Federation of Muslim Women's Association of Nigeria (FOMWAN), Hajia Nimat Labaika, urged the state government to issue a circular to all public schools on the use of hijab.

"For now, we have relative peace as our girls can now wear hijab in schools. "The Supreme Court's judgement is a relief but we want a pronouncement from the state government as was done in Lagos state because of future occurrence," she told Daily Trust in an interview last night.

Also, the Coalition of Nigerian Muslim Women Associations has called for decisive actions to

guarantee the rights of Muslim women to adorn hijab in all education sectors across the country.

The coalition made the call on Wednesday in Abuja at a press briefing on the 10th annual World Hijab Day.

The National President, Sisters of Jannah (SOJ), Hajia Ramatu Aliyu, addressed the press conference on behalf of the coalition.

Also, the Association of Model Islamic Schools (AMIS) in a statement by its FCT chairperson, Hajia Salawu Simbiat, urged the government and the people to uphold the right of female Muslims to adorn the hijab.

"It is saddening that after the decade-long sensitisation through the World Hijab Day initiative and other platforms across the globe, the painstakingly clear provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as amended on freedom of religion, conscience and thought, and the numerous decided cases on this subject, Muslim women and girls continue to go through continuous harassment and discrimination in schools, workplaces, capturing/visa application centres and other public places for the singular act of donning the hijab," Hajia Aliyu said.

Religious leaders preach peaceful co-existence

By **Abbas Jimoh**

Religious leaders have urged Nigerians irrespective of their differences to coexist peacefully.

They made the call yesterday in Abuja at the Interfaith Peace Summit on the 2023 elections, organised by the NTA Abrahamic Mission and Al-Habibiyah Islamic Society (AIS).

The Executive Director of Al-Habibiyah and the Chief Imam,

Sheik Fuad Adeyemi, said there was the need to sensitise them on what to say, where to say and what their religion says about living a peaceful life among one another.

"God wants us to be in peace with one another before we decide to get what we want. We should be able to accept God's judgment in whatever we have and we should not work against God," Adeyemi said.

Also, the representative of

the Christian Community, African Church Diocese of Abuja and the North, Bishop Peter Ogunmuyiwa, said Nigeria is bigger than anyone and everyone must work to preserve it by living peacefully among one another.

He said, "Our diversity shouldn't be a problem because every zone is naturally endowed by God and we need to harness these resources for nation building. I see diversity as a blessing and not a curse."

THE RELIGION WITH ALLAH IS ISLAM

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New Naira notes as metaphor

Yes. The introduction of the new Naira notes into our nation's economy has become a metaphor; a metaphor of the difficult, rather, the strange times we are in presently. Yes. Trying times may not necessarily be strange times. Whereas trying times may be familiar in that there could be precedents in history for them, strange times, on the other hand, are usually uncanny, unprecedented, aberrant and extremely stupefying. The Prophet of Islam, Muhammad, (upon him be peace and blessings of the Almighty) is reported to have said that at the end of time humanity would see things that their forebears never witnessed before. Strange indeed is this time when children now grow grey hairs at birth, when women sell their pudenda and the fruits of their wombs for money, when teenagers now desire to compete with their fathers for material acquisitions, when sons now murder their fathers in unconscionable pursuit of wealth. Is it not strange that nowadays, teenagers now suffer from hypertension?

I think we are indeed in strange times in our nation today. Or how else do we begin to make sense of these contradictions that stare us all in the face with reference to the affairs of this nation. How do we make sense of the tragedy of the yam farmer who imports pounded yam from the distant village? How do we make sense of the seeming nonsense of the current suffering our compatriots are going through in their efforts to access their hard-earned monies? For how long shall we endure these inanities?

But brethren, going through difficult times such as the ones we are in presently are ironically in line with the Sunnah of the Almighty. In other words, earthly life and living has not been designed by our Creator to be a bed of roses. This is amply exemplified in the life of our Prophet; a life that mirrors human life (permit the tautology) as an undulating landscape or a ride in a ship on an ocean full of storms and typhoons. Quran 2; 214 hints at this when companions of the Prophet, having been inundated with a series of trials and tribulations, began to wonder saying 'when shall the help of the Almighty come?'. The Prophet was then told to tell them, 'indeed the help of the Almighty is near'. In Surah Al-Inshirah, ayat 5-6, the Almighty informs us that earthly trials are nothing but precedents to their resolution; that Indeed with difficulty there is an ease.

In other words, our earthly life is figured in a cycle, or rather a binary of scarcity and plenty, of happiness and sadness and of fear and hope. We can rest assured that these trying times will soon come to pass. They are never meant to last.

But though these readings may be factual, I could still hear the following questions on the lips of our compatriots- Why do we have to go through difficulties on earth; why is it that the Almighty has not granted that our life should be devoid of trials and tribulations? Why do people of the truth have to be tried, tortured, oppressed, and killed by the people of falsehood? Why is it that He, the Almighty, would not grant unto His people victory such that they do not have to suffer through tough times? Why do we have to see innocent people killed and injured? Why do Muslims suffer the consequences of Islamophobia which take away their right or their spirit to say the least? Why is it that the righteous do not always have the righteous as king?

The words of Allah in the Qur'an and those of His Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him), contain ample answers to these questions; that there is divine wisdom behind all events in the phenomena. Whereas it is within His power to make all of the above happen, His sunnah (law) however is to make humans partakers of His divine plans; to cause events to happen through us so that we can be tested, so that we can ultimately earn and merit eternal grace and redemption. He says it is He who created death and life to test you (Quran 67: 2). In other words, life on earth is like a school; no student can lay claim to success unless and until after he has gone through an examination. Earthly tests are therefore meant to show who would stand for the truth and support it. He says again: Do people think that they will be left to say, we believe and they will not be tried? (Quran 29:2).

Difficult times are therefore decisive and differentiating. They show those who are truthful to their faith and those who are not. Difficult times are equally not ends in themselves; they are means towards nobler ends. To say this does not however mean perpetrators of conditions that make life difficult for people on earth shall enjoy redemption. Hoarders of the new Naira notes should not expect any divine commissions for orchestrating these strange times in Nigeria. Rather, they should await divine retribution. Those who feast on and expect to prosper from the difficulties people are currently facing in our nation should know that divine retribution is near. It is not in line with His Sunnah to reward iniquities unless its perpetrator repents and makes atonement.

If you are directly in charge of these affairs, remember that the Almighty is going to ask you to account for your acts of omission and commission. If these strange times are orchestrated by you as a strategy to increase your wealth and capital, remember that the Almighty is well-apprieved of your plots. He shall hold all of you to account when the time is ripe.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Interim Forfeiture

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**IN THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT OF NIGERIA
IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT ABUJA
ON THURSDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022
BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP, HONOURABLE JUSTICE I. E. EKWO
JUDGE**

SUIT NO: FHC/ABJ/CS/2016/2022

BETWEEN:
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA **APPLICANT**

AND
1. **BENJAMIN EZRA DIKKI**
2. **KEBNA STUDIOS AND COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED**

RESPONDENTS

ORDER

UPON THE MOTION EX-PARTE dated 1st November, 2022 and filed the 2nd day of November, 2022 praying the following Orders:

1. **AN ORDER** of Interim Attachment/Forfeiture of the assets and properties set out in the schedule attached herein.

SCHEDULE OF THE ASSET(S) AGAINST WHICH AN ORDER IS SOUGHT:

S/NO	NAME OF OWNER	TYPE OF PROPERTY	LOCATION	WORTH	ADDRESS
1.	KEBNA STUDIOS AND COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED	4 BEDROOM ENSUITE, SEMI DETACHED HOUSE, WITH 2 LIVING ROOMS & 1 ROOM SERVANT QUARTERS	ABUJA	N75,000,000	BLOCK 1, LIBRA 2A, CROWN COURT, PLOT 1340, MABUSHI DISTRICT, ABUJA

**Hon. Justice I. E. Ekwo
Judge**

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2.	KEBNA STUDIOS AND COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED	3 BEDROOM FURNISHED LUXURY CONDO WITH LIVING ROOM AND SERVANT	ABUJA	N55,000,000	BLOCK 2, PLOT 1, CONDO 3, CROWN COURT, PLOT 1340 MABUSHI DISTRICT
3.	KEBNA STUDIO AND COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED	3 BEDROOM FURNISHED LUXURY CONDO WITH LIVING ROOM & 1 ROOM SERVANT QUARTER	ABUJA	N55,000,000	BLOCK 2, PLOT 1, CONDO 3, CROWN COURT, PLOT 1340, MABUSHI DISTRICT, ABUJA

2. **AN ORDER** of this Honourable Court directing the publication of a notice of the foregoing Order in (1) above in any national daily newspaper inviting any person(s) or body who may have interest in the subject to show cause, within 14 days of such publication, why an order of final forfeiture to the Federal Government of Nigeria of the said property should not be made.

3. **AND** for such further or other order(s) as this Honourable Court may deem fit to make in the given circumstances.

UPON Reading the Affidavit in support of the application deposed to by one Babangida Yahaya, Male, Adult, Nigeria and Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission of Plot 301/302, Institutions and Research District, Jabi, Abuja and filed in the Registry of this Court.

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AND AFTER HEARING Attah Monday Ocholi, Esq. of Counsel for the Applicant move in terms of the Motion paper.

AND the Court having granted the application.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Order is hereby made for Interim Attachment/Forfeiture of the assets and properties set out in the schedule attached herein.

**Hon. Justice I. E. Ekwo
Judge**

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3. Publication to be effected within 14 days of this Order.

4. Case adjourned to 22nd February, 2022 for Report.

**Hon. Justice I. E. Ekwo
Judge**

ISSUED AT ABUJA under the Hand of the Presiding Judge, Hon. Justice I. E. Ekwo, and the seal of the Court this 15th day of December, 2022.

**Chioma Chijioke (Mrs.)
Registrar**

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Weak borders fuel terrorism, economic sabotage — Buhari

By Muideen Olaniyi

President Muhammadu Buhari has said the fragile nature of entry points into various countries enhances terrorism, economic sabotage, and illicit flow of arm.

He said this at State House in Abuja yesterday while receiving Dr Kunio Mikuriya, Secretary-General, World Customs Organization, who is in Nigeria for a Global Conference on Fragile Borders.

He said Nigeria and her

neighbours must place higher premium on the effective policing of borders.

Buhari said the conference, themed 'Enabling Customs in Fragile and Conflict Affected Situations', was of "critical importance for us as a country as we go to the polls, but equally important to most countries on the continent, and dare I say the world. In fact, it is quite frankly the singular most concerning sub-issue in our national security agenda.

"The fragility of our borders has been a major Achilles heel

in our fight against terrorism, economic sabotage and illicit flow of small and light weapons."

Commending Mikuriya for his 4th visit to the country, he said this current one was coming at a time we were preparing for general elections.

He said: "I've made it a cardinal commitment to ensure each Nigerian is able to exercise their franchise by participating in a free and fair election, in true practice of our relatively nascent democracy.

"It's our objective to ensure this takes place in a peaceful

and conducive atmosphere, despite all the usual excitement and gamesmanship that is known to occur during election campaigning."

Buhari briefed the WCO Secretary-General and his team on a number of efforts in combating the challenges of fragile borders.

He expressed hope that the conference would seek to understand the operating environment that existed around countries who struggled with fragile borders, and see how comprehensive and exhaustive

solutions could be proposed that dealt with the multi-faceted nature of the issues.

Mikuriya said Customs services must now go beyond mere revenue generation, and delve into security, as "without security at the borders, we cannot effectively collect revenue."

He lamented that Customs officials were often targets of terrorists and armed groups, "and so we need to have collaboration with other security agencies, share intelligence, and deploy technology."



■ INEC Chairman, Prof. Mahmood Yakubu (right), presenting a souvenir to the NYSC Director-General, Brig.-Gen. Yusha'u Ahmed, during the latter's visit to INEC headquarters in Abuja yesterday

Photo: NAN

NiMet alerts on deteriorating visibility in Katsina, Borno, others

By Chris Agabi

The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), in its latest weather report, yesterday alerted stakeholders and the general public on the possibility of deteriorating visibility as a result of observed dust haze in the country from the source region.

It said in the next 24 hours, there were prospects of thick dust-haze (in poor horizontal visibility, less than 1000m) over Katsina, Kano, Yobe, Bauchi, Gombe, Jigawa, Borno, Adamawa, Sokoto, Zamfara, Kebbi and Kaduna States.

It said North Central states were expected to report moderate dust-haze (visibility of 2-5km).

"This weather condition is expected to persist for the next 72 hours. The weather reports from the country, indicating the approximate position of inter-tropical discontinuity (ITD). Winds at 10 meters and 800 meters (925hPa) above the ground surface indicate favourable conditions for further dust-haze propagations into the nation, which will worsen horizontal visibility.

"Observation from the source region indicates that "Niger (Maine-Soroa, Goure, Maradi, N-guigmi, Diffa, 61091, Bila and Agadez) and Chad (Faya-Largeau and Ndjamena) have both reported dust-haze with poor horizontal visibility.

"Hence NiMet expects that in the next few hours, strong winds at 800m will spread more dust into the country thus, causing deterioration in horizontal visibility."

The agency advised the public to take necessary precautions due to dust particles presently in suspension over the atmosphere. It also advised individuals with respiratory ailments to protect themselves as the current weather condition is not good for their health. "Night-time cold temperatures should be expected so warm clothes are advised for little children. Airline operators are also advised to avail themselves of weather reports from NiMet for effective planning in their operations."

Buhari's foreign trips not enough-Minister

By Maureen Onochie

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Geoffrey Onyeama, yesterday described President Muhammadu Buhari's foreign trips as not enough.

Speaking at the 22nd edition of the PMB Administration's Scorecard Series (2015-2023), he said Buhari's engagement with other countries had brought in a lot of foreign investments to Nigeria with huge monetary value.

Onyeama said: "This has been possible because the president visits these leaders and speaks with them personally. We cannot necessarily quantify it. We only do the framework to facilitate those investments while the ministry of finance is best placed to handle the figures in terms of monetary value to Nigeria."

Responding to a question on the president's many foreign trips, he said:

"It's not true that Buhari's foreign trips have been too many. I would disagree with that assertion. I would say it's not even enough. You cannot imagine what he achieves with what he does with his personal interactions between him and his foreign counterparts.

"Buhari is Nigeria's number one foreign minister and if I had my way, I would say he should even do more trips to more countries because like I said before Buhari is the best president we have had in this country.

"I'm not surprised because there's an adage that says that a prophet is never respected in his own country. If you know the affection and the respect in which Buhari is held by other world leaders, it is breathtaking when you are present and you see that and very often they insist on him coming even when he says it is not possible for him to come."

He said Buhari, through diplomatic

engagements, secured international supports in tacking the humanitarian crisis caused by the Boko Haram insurgency.

He said with the president's approval, his ministry was able to negotiate improved relations with the United States which led to the sale and delivery of 12 A-29 Super Tucano military aircraft and weapons to Nigeria for the fight against the Boko Haram insurgency.

"The ministry also brokered an exchange of visits between President Buhari and his Turkish counterpart Recep Erdogan in 2016 and 2017, respectively, leading to the signing of several MoUs, especially the Defence Industry Cooperation of 2021.

"This enabled Nigeria to purchase from Turkey 6T-129 Attack helicopters and 6TB2 Drones to fight insurgency. A number of these visits were undertaken with purposeful results," Onyeama said.

Road transporters urged to be law abiding

By Seun Adeuyi

The national president of the Road Transport Employers Association of Nigeria (RTEAN), Musa Muhammed Maitakobi, yesterday urged his members to be law abiding.

A statement by the association's deputy national president, Muhammed Abubakar Bishara, quoted Maitakobi

as making the appeal during the inauguration of RTEAN's new executive at their Headquarters in Abuja.

Maitakobi appealed to newly sworn-in RTEAN chairman of Ekiti State chapter, Sunday Adeola, to carry everyone along.

He advised him to understand that he was a follower in the past, but today a leader that should set good example among the his followers

In his remarks, Adeola commended the national chairman of the association for considering him worthy of such an appointment.

Adeola prayed to God Almighty to give RTEAN members the courage to protect the prestige of the Association wherever they find themselves.

He urged members to shun anything capable of causing a crisis in the state.

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NAZIRU: I formerly known as **NAZIRU SALIHU JIBRIL** now wish to be known and addressed as **NAZIRU SALIHU JIBRIN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

DYONDON: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS AONDOWASE IDYODUN NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **DYONDON AONDOWASE**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMIND VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

I formerly known as **ADAMU MOHAMMAD BIDA**, now I wish to be known as **ADAMU MUHAMMAD BIDA**. All my documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note please.

I formerly known as **HADIZA GARBA**, now I wish to be known as **KHADIJA GARBA**. All my documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note please.

I, formerly known as **RAFIATU ANAS** Now wish to be known and addressed as **RAFIATU AHMAD** All my documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.

AUWAL: I, formerly known and called **AUWALU MUHAMMAD MURTALA**, now wish to be known and called **AUWAL MUHAMMAD YUSHAU**. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **USMAN MOHD MANSIR**, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as **USMAN MUHAMMAD MANSIR**, all former documents remain valid, All authorities concened and General public please take note.

SANI: I formerly known as **SANI MOHAMMADU** now wish to be known and addressed as **SANI SALISU** with **DOB:02/03/1998** now **05/04/1990**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

FATIMA: I formerly known as **FATIMA ABUBAKAR ADAM** now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

I, FORMERLY KNOWN AS AHMED FLORENCE, NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS **DANIEL FLORENCE**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE

RECONCILIATION OF NAME: That I, JIBRIL ABDULSALAM and JIBRIL DAWO ABDULSALAM refer to same person. I wish to be known, called and addressed as JIBRIL ABDULSALAM. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

RACHEAL: I, formerly known and called **MICHEAL RACHEAL IFEOMA**, now wish to be known and called **EGWU RACHEAL MICHEAL**. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

I formally known **JOHN AUGUTINE DIKKO**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AUGUSTINE SAMUEL DIKKO**. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

I formerly known and addressed as Sarah Yahaya Hamisu now wish to be known and addressed as Ezra Serah Kadri.. All former documents remained valid. Union Bank and general public should take note.

I formerly known as **SATI SIMWAL** now wish to be addressed as **WANGKATDA SATI** all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

MARTINA*: I formerly known as **"MARTINA GASHON"** now wish to be known and addressed as **"MARTINA ALHAMDU"** All my former documents remain valid, Authorities concened and the general public should please take note.

FRANCA: I formerly known as **FRANCA ONNONYELM OGUALILI**, now wish to be know and addressed as **FRANCA NNONYE OKOLI**, All former document remain valid. General public should please take note

I formally known as **MOHAMMED Alhaji BA GARBA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED ALHAJI GARBA**. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

I formerly known as **ABUBAKAR NURADEEN SADIQ** now wish to be called and addressed as **NURUDEEN ABUBAKAR MAI ASHANA**. All former documents remain valid Authorities concern and general public to note

I formerly known as **ISA RABO TO ISA NASIRU**. **03/05/1992** now wish to be called and addressed as **20/10/1995**. All former documents remain valid Authorities concern and general public to note

I formerly known as Tijjani yahaya umar now wish to be called and addressed as Tijjani yahaya Ali Date of birth : **02/02/1996**. All former documents remain valid Authorities concern and General public should please take note

I was formerly known and called **MUSTAPHA GIDE** that I now wish to be known and called **AL-AMIN MUSTAPHA GIDE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concened and General public should please take note.

I was formerly known and called **MUAZU DAHIRU MALLAM** that I now wish to be known and called **DAHIRU MUAZU SANI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concened and General public should please take note

I formerly known as **ZAINAB IBRAHIM FIJI** now wish to be called and addressed as **ZAINAB MUSTAPHA MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concened and General public should please take note.

I formerly known as Mahmud Isa Ahmad. Now wish to be called and addressed as Mahmud Ahmad Isah. All former documents remain valid. Authority concened and General public should please take note.

I formerly known as **FATIMA ABUBAKAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **FATIMA LAWAL**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and general public to note

I formerly known as **DALHAT SADIQ ABUBAKAR**. Now wish to be called and addressed as **DALHATU SADIQ**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concened and General public should please take note.

HALIMA, I formerly known as **GOGO ABDULLAHI** now wish to be called and addressed as **HALIMA ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concened and the general public should please take note.

KALIFA, I formerly known as **ABDULMUDALIB TIJJANI** now wish to be called and addressed as **KALIFA TIJJANI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concened and the general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **AUWALU SALISU** now wish to be known and addressed as **TASIU SALISU** all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concened should take note

I, formerly known as **HAFSAT NURA** now wish to be known and addressed as **HASSATU BELLO** all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concened should take note

YUNUSA, I formerly known as **YUNUSA MOHAMMAD**, now wish to be known and addressed as **YUNUSA BELLO**. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

NGOZI, I formerly known as **NGOZI ANOZIE EVELYN** now wish to be called and addressed as **NGOZI EVELYN EZEWUGO**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concened and the general public should please take note.

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

I, formerly known as **OKEIYI HOPE CHINMISO** now wish to be known and addressed as **HOPE CHINMISO OKEIYI**. All former documents remain valid. General public and the authority concened should take note

I formerly known as **AHMAD IBRAHIM**. **6/1/1975** now wish to be known as **AHAMADU IBRAHIM NAGAIYA** **1/12/1981** All former documents remain valid Authority concened about and general public should please take note

MURTALA, I formerly known as **MURTALA SAIDU** now wish to be called and addressed as **MURTALA ILIYASU SAIDU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concened and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **ALI YASALU MUSA** **1/1/1987** now wish to be known as **ALI YASALU 1/4/1988** All former documents remain valid Authority concened about and general public should please take note

SANI, I formerly known as **SUNUSI SANI UMAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **SANI SUNUSI UMAR**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concened and the general public should please take note.

ABDULHADI, I formerly known as **MUKTARI IBRAHIM** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABDULHADI IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concened and the general public should please take note.

ABUBAKAR, I formerly known as **NAZIRU ADAMU** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABUBAKAR USMAN**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concened and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **UMMI ABDULLAHI RUFAI** now wish to be known as **AYSHA ABDULLAHI RUFAI** All former documents remain valid Authority concened about and general public should please take note

I formerly known as **FATIMA BELLO RABIU** now wish to be known as **FATSUMA BAPPAH** All former documents remain valid Authority concened about and general public should please take note

AMINU, I formerly known as **AMINU YA'U** now wish to be called and addressed as **AMINU YA'U ALI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concened and the general public should please take note.

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USMAN, I formerly known as **USMAN FUTUK** now wish to be called and addressed as **USMAN RUMSON DOGO**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

OGUNNIYI: I, formerly known and addressed as **GODFREY ARIGBE OLADELE** now wish to be known and addressed as **GODFREY ARIGBE BRODA OFO**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

FADIPE: I, formerly known and addressed as **FADIKPE KIFOULI AKANNI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **FADIPE ZULKIFULI AKANNI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

CONFIRMATION OF NAMES That I, **SHITTU ADERINOLA ALAKE** is the same person bearing **SEKINATU ADERINOLA SHITTU** as written on my other documents. That my correct name is **SHITTU ADERINOLA ALAKE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

BABAKURA: I formerly known and addressed as **MALA KURA** now wish to be known as **BABAKURA MALA**. With **D O B 12/08/1988 to 26/08/1988**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

FATIMA I formerly known and addressed as **FATIMA DAIB HAMZA** now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA MOHAMMED ANNUR**. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

MOHAMMED, I formerly known as **ABDULLAHI MOHAMMED** now wish to be called and addressed as **MOHAMMED ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

GODFREY: I, formerly known and addressed as **GODFREY ARIGBE BRODA OFO**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **GODFREY ARIGBE BRODA AMBATAOWEI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OLADELE: I, formerly known and addressed as **OLALEYE MORUFAT ARIKE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs OLADELE MORUFAT ARIKE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

UMORU: I, formerly known and addressed as **AYO HABIBATU ONOGUN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **UMORU HABIBATU ONOGUN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I ADAM formerly known and addressed as **MOHAMMED ADAMU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAM MAMMAN**. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

ISIYA I formerly known and addressed as **ISIYA ISIYA AND ISIYAKA UMAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **ISIYA UMAR**. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

SAFIYANU, I formerly known as **SAFIYANU MUSA** now wish to be called and addressed as **SAFIYANU MUSA ABDULKADIR**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ESELOJOR: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss ALAGBE FUNMILOLA OLAMIDE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs ESELOJOR FUNMILOLA OLAMIDE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AFIZ: I, formerly known and addressed as **AFIZ OLUMIDE AILERU**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AFIZ OLAYIWOLA OLUWATOSIN AILERU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

CHANGE OF NAME/CORRECTION OF DATE OF BIRTH That I was formerly called, known and addressed as **ANTHONY SAMUEL**. That I now wish to be called, known and addressed as **YEYI SAMUEL AGOSU**. That my correct date of birth is 28th day of April, 1991 and not 5th day of January, 1992 as was written on my Bank Verification Number. That all my former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I formerly known as **OBINNA CAJETHAN NNADI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OBINNA NNADI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known **FALALU S/ FADA ALIERO** now wish to be known and addressed as **MOH'D ABUBAKAR ALIERO**. All former documents remain valid. Eco bank, general public and authorities concerned should please take note.

I formerly known as **AISHA ZAKARI MUHAMMAD** now wish to be known as **AISHATU MUHAMMAD ZAKARI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned about and general public should please take note.

IDOWU: I, formerly known and addressed as **AROYEHUN AYOOLA OLUWATOSIN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs IDOWU AYOOLA OLUWATOSIN**. Married by Law legal on the 11th of May 2019 at Ikoyi Registry. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

SANUSI-DADDAH: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss DADDAH OLAYINKA SUBEIDAH**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs SANUSI-DADDAH OLAYINKA SUBEIDAH**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

That I was formerly called, known and addressed as **ODEWALE FAIDAT OLABISI**. That I now wish to be called, known and addressed as **ADEWUYI FAIDAT OLABISI** Due to marriage. That all my former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly known as **DANLADI A. ALIYU** now wish to be known and addressed as **DANLADI ALHAJI ALIYU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

I, formerly known as **IBRAHIM RASHEED** with **D.O.B 27-05-1978** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULRASHEED ALHAJI IBRAHIM** with **D.O.B 01-01-1985**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

ALIYU, I formerly known as **ALIYU KABIRU** now wish to be called and addressed as **ALIYU KABIR BABA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

OLANIYAN: I, formerly known and addressed as **ADEDEJI ADESOLA MORENIKE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OLANIYAN ADESOLA MORENIKE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ODULESI: I, formerly known and addressed as **ODOFIN ELIZABETH BOSEDE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ODULESI ELIZABETH BOSEDE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADELEKE-LAWAL: I, formerly known and addressed as **ADELEKE BADRAT OLAJUMOKE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADELEKE-LAWAL BADRAT OLAJUMOKE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known as **FRIDAY STEPHEN M** now wish to be known and addressed as **JAPHET STEPHEN**. All former documents remain valid. General public and any authority concern should please take note.

I, formerly known as **AMIRU SADANGI** now wish to be known and addressed as **AMIRU SODANGI**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

RAKIBA: I, formerly known as **RAKIBA ABDULRASHEED** now wish to be known and addressed as **RAKIBA LAWAL ASHAFIA**. All former documents remain valid. Correct **DOB** is **12/03/1992**. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

I, formerly known as **MISS JAYEOLA YEMISI CATHERINE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. THOMAS YEMISI CATHERINE**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

BANKOLE: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss BABATUNDE AGNES ADEBOLA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs BANKOLE AGNES ADEBOLA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

KALTUM: I formerly known as **KALTUM AHMED HASSAN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **KALTUM A HASSAN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AKINBOLA: I formerly known as **AKINBOLA MONSURU** now wish to be called and addressed as **AKINBOLA MONSURU MORONKEJI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public to take note.

I, formerly known as **MUHAMMAD SULEMAN** with **D.O.B 01-10-1974** now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED SULEMAN** with **D.O.B 01-10-1974**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

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

I FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS BAKI RAHEEM ADELANI. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **RAHEEM BAKI OBSARUO**. MY CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH IS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1998. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAINS VALID. BANK AUTHORITY AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS MISS ADEBAYO OMOBOLANLE ADEBIMPE. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS **MRS LAWANSON OMOBOLANLE ADEBIMPE**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC PLEASE NOTE.

ABUBAKAR: I formerly known as **MALAM ABUBAKAR**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR MALLAM SANI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

HABIBA I formerly known as **HABIBA MALLAM IDI** now wish to be known and addressed as **HABIBA IDI**. With Correct **DOB 01/01/1995** All former document remain valid General public should please take note

I, formerly known as **ABDULRASHEED ALIYU DANGE** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULRASHEED ALIYU**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

ALPHONSUS: I, formerly known as **Oluwaseun ayodele**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ALPHONSUS IGBEKELE AKELE**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

SAMUEL: That on my documents, my name appears as **OYEYIPO OLUWATOYIN ELIZABETH**, while on others, it appears as **SAMUEL OLUWATOYIN ELIZABETH**. That I am the same person bearing both names as above. Henceforth, I wish to be known and addressed as **SAMUEL OLUWATOYIN ELIZABETH**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

OBJILU: I, formerly known and addressed as **OBJILU ESTHER ORINAMI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OBJILU ESTHER PRINCESS**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

KASIMU: I formerly known as **ALKALI KASIM LIMAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **KASIMU LIMAN MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public should please take note

MAMMAN I, formerly known as **MAMMAN ADAMU GARIN ABA** now wish to be known and called **MAMMAN ADAMU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

I, formerly known as **ABUBAKAR ALIYU** and **ALIYU ABUBAKAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUAZU ALIYU**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

GREGORY: I Formerly known as **FEDLLEX GREGORY** Now wish to be called and addressed as **GREGORY FIDELIS**. All former documents remain valid. Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

I, formerly known and addressed as **DAWODU, Temitope** Rasheedat, henceforth I wish to be known and addressed as **YUSUFF, Temitope** Rasheedat. All former documents remain valid. General public kindly take note.

FOLAGBADE: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss FOLAGBADE SOLA OLORIOJOKE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs FOLAGBADE SOLA OLORIOJOKE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

GARBA I formerly known and addressed as **GARBA AHMED AFRO** now wish to be known and addressed as **GARBA AHMED AFRO** All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

MOHAMMED: I formerly known as **MODU NJITI MOHAMMED** now wish to be known as **MOHAMMED MODU NJITI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note

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

AISHA: I, formerly known as **AISHA HASSAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **AISHA HASSAN ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. and general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

KEHINDE: I, formerly known and addressed as **ALUSA KEHINDE KUBURAT**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **KEHINDE KUBURAT ALUSA-MAKANJUOLA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ASIKA: I, formerly known and addressed as **ASIKA AWAWU FRANCES**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ASIKA FRANCES IVIE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

NDIBE I formerly known and addressed as **NDIKE NGOZI EUNICE** now wish to be known and addressed as **NDIBE NGOZI EUNICE** All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

ABDULLAHI I formally known as **ABDULLAHI GARBA** now wish to be known and Addressed as **ABDULLAHI UMARU**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

YUSUF I formally known as **YUSUF HASHIMU .B** now wish to be known and Addressed as **YUSUF HASHIM BELLO**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

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

I FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS MISS OTURU-ADEOLA OLANIKE FLORENCE. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS **MRS OLULETI OLANIKE FLORENCE**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID GENERAL PUBLIC PLEASE NOTE.

AMUSAN: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss OJO AANUOLUWAPO TITULOPE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs AMUSAN AANUOLUWAPO TITULOPE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

HASSANA I formerly known and addressed as **FATI SAIDU IDI** now wish to be known and addressed as **HASSANA BUKAR** All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

YUSUF I formally known as **YUSUF HASHIMU .B** now wish to be known and Addressed as **YUSUF HASHIM BELLO**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM: I, formerly known as **ABDULLAHI IBRAHIM YARO** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULLAHI IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MUSA: I formerly known as **ADAMU MUSA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUSA ADAMU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

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

OGUNSOLA: I, formerly known and addressed as **AKANDE RASHEEDI OLUOSOLA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OGUNSOLA AKANDE RASHIDI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ONOJA I formerly known and addressed as **ONOJAH ELIJAH ELAIGWU** now wish to be known and addressed as **ONOJA ELIJAH ELAIGWU** All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

GRACE: I, formerly known as **BARE ALHERI KAMIDA JOSEPH** now wish to be known and addressed as **KAMIDA GRACE BARE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

That I was formerly known, called and addressed as **MUH-AWWAL RAMADAN ADETOMILOWO**. That I now wish to be known, called and addressed as **AWWAL RAMADAN ENITAN**. That all documents bearing **MUH-AWWAL RAMADAN ADETOMILOWO** remains valid, the public and Authority concerned should take note.

ADELEYE: I, formerly known and addressed as **ADELEYE BALIKIS AJOKE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADELEYE TEMITOPE AJOKE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **SOKOYA TOSIN** and **SOKOYA TOSIN OLADELE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SOKOYA OLUWATOSIN OLADELE** and my correct date of birth is 16th day of May, 1982. All former documents remain valid. Public notice take note.

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

GRACE: I, formerly known as **BARE ALHERI KAMIDA JOSEPH** now wish to be known and addressed as **KAMIDA GRACE BARE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
I Hassan A. Tukur of plot No. 2564 off Panama street, Maitama, Abuja, is the legal Holder of statutory Certificate of Occupancy No. TS/10539 with an area of 78.76 Hectares situated at Gembu, Taraba State. The original title, TS/10539 got missing some times in December, 2022 and was issued for purpose of mixed farming. That all effort to trace the title proved abortive and is very important I obtain replacement of same. If found should please be returned to the nearest police station.

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public on the death of **ALHAJI BAKO ZUNTU** who died on the **20th January, 2023 at Al-Madina Hospital GRA Zaria**, he left behind 2 wives 26 children out this number 11 males, 15 females, he has since been buried according to Islamic rites.
Signed:
The families

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the General public that I' **AYISHETU TANI IBRAHIM- YUSUF**, That my name in some Documents is written as **AYISHETU TANI IBRAHIM-SAIDU**, That **AYISHETU TANI IBRAHIM-YUSUF**. Is one and the same person as **AYISHETU TANI IBRAHIM - SAIDU** All former documents remains valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
This is to inform the general public of the loss of the original Duplicate and Triplicate Copy of Letter of Grant in respect of File No. **RES/2001/4169** with plot No. **247 RDKN 123**, situated at Old Airport. Bearing the name of **BASHIR Y. DAKATA** of Sabo Shagamu local government area of Ogun State. All efforts made to trace the above mentioned document prove abortive, members of the general public to take note. If found please return to the nearest police station.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
This is to inform the general public of the loss of the Original Letter of Grant Plot No. **445 File No. RES/2003/3236**, situated at Tudun Yola Bajallabe Quarters **TP/KAS/215B**, bearing the name of **H. HALIMA ABUBAKAR** of No. 226 Hausawa Quarters Kano. All efforts made to trace the original Letter of Grant proved abortive. Members of the general public to note. If found please return to the nearest police station.

LOSS OF OCCUPANCY PERMIT
This is to inform the general public of the loss of the Original Occupancy Permit Plot No. **2009 TP/KNUPDA/338 c RES/2023/254**, situated at Western by Pass, bearing the name of **YA'U MUSTAPHA** of Tarauni Qtrs, Tarauni local government. All efforts made to trace the original Occupancy Permit proved abortive. Members of the general public to note. If found please return to the nearest police station.

SPORT



■ Winner of the 2022 Access Bank Lagos City Marathon in male category, Ulfata Gelata

Fireworks expected as Flying Eagles tackle Junior Chipolopolo in Abuja

Egypt-bound Nigeria and Zambia U20 teams clash in a prestige encounter at the Moshood Abiola National Stadium on Friday evening, in what promises to be a fierce encounter with both gearing up for the Africa U20 Cup of Nations starting in the North African nation in a fortnight.

A 35-man delegation of the 2017 Africa U20 Cup of Nations champions landed at the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport on Thursday afternoon, aboard an Ethiopian Airline flight from Addis Ababa. The delegation included 23 players and 12 officials.

They will confront the Flying Eagles, seven-time champions of Africa, at the main bowl of the Moshood Abiola National Stadium from 4pm today.

Champions of the WAFU B U20 Championship held in Niger Republic in May 2022, the Flying Eagles have been drawn to play hosts Egypt, Senegal and Mozambique in Group A of the Africa U20 Cup of Nations taking place 18th February – 12th March this year.

Zambia won the 2017 Africa U20 Cup of Nations which they hosted, and then reached the quarter-finals of the FIFA U20 World Cup in Korea Republic the same year, before losing to Italy after extra time in Suwon.

In Egypt, Zambia will be up against Tunisia, Benin Republic and The Gambia in Group C, while Uganda, Central African Republic, South Sudan and Congo battle things out in Group B.

50,000 runners to compete at Access Bank Lagos City marathon

From Dotun Omisakin, Lagos

Seventy-six foreign and other runners, totalling about 50,000 will compete at the Gold-Label 8th Access Bank Lagos City Marathon billed to hold tomorrow Saturday, February 4th.

One of the leading foreign athletes, Ethiopia's Hayla Bazu Worku who is one of the fastest full marathon runners in the world, having ran six World class marathons in less than 2hours 9 minutes will lead the team of foreign worldclass runners.

The 2014 Houston Marathon winner, ran his fastest time of

2:05:25 when he finished third place at the Berlin Marathon in 2010.

Another worldclass foreign runner ready to burn the route is Kenya's John Komen, a 2019 Athens Marathon winner at a time of 2:16:34.

The 42 years old had recorded better time in past races; 2:07:13 in 2011 when he won the La Rochelle Marathon, 2:08:06 in 2008 at Reims Marathon.

Kenya's Barmasai David is another worldclass foreign runner with the biggest chances to prove a point.

He has a personal best of

2:07:18 when he won the 2011 Dubai Marathon, the same year he placed fifth at the World Marathon Championships.

He won the 2020 race at 2:10:23 and placed second in 2022, at the 7th edition of the Access Bank Lagos City Marathon at 2:13:37.

In the women class, the top leading worldclass foreign runners include; Tinbit Didey, former champion of the Marrakesh Marathon, Esther Macharia, a former winner of Graz Marathon and winner of Bregenz Marathon. She has a personal best of 2:27:15 recorded in 2022 at the

Grandma's Marathon in USA.

Kenya's Mercy Jerop Kwambai, is yet another worldclass runner, with the most recent performances that may change some expectations.

Others in the men category include; Julius Tuwei, Japhet Kosgei, Edwin Kibet Koech, Kiprotich Justus Kipkoech, Ezekiel Koech and Cosmas Kiplimo. Others include Francis Cheruiyot, Bernard Sang and Kibiwot Stephen Kipkoech among others.

For the women's class, we have Jackline Chelai, Naomi Maiyo, Kebene Chala and Catherine Jerotich.

Greenwood attempted rape charges dropped

Charges of attempted rape and assault have been dropped against Manchester United footballer Mason Greenwood.

The 21-year-old was arrested in January 2022 amid allegations surrounding images and videos.

He was later charged with attempted rape, controlling and coercive behaviour and assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

The Crown Prosecution Service said the charges were discontinued after key witnesses withdrew their involvement.

A spokesman said: "We have a duty to keep cases under continuous review.

"In this case a combination of the withdrawal of key witnesses and new



material that came to light meant there was no longer a realistic prospect of conviction. In these circumstances, we are under a duty to stop the case. We have explained our decision to all parties.

"We would always encourage any potential victims to come forward and report to police and we will prosecute wherever our legal

test is met."

Within hours of the allegations surfacing at the beginning of 2022, the forward, who has made one appearance for England, was suspended from playing or training with the Old Trafford club.

In a statement, a Manchester United representative said the club noted "the decision of the Crown Prosecution Service that all charges against Mason Greenwood have been dropped".

"The club will now conduct its own process before determining next steps," they said.

"We will not make any further comment until that process is complete."

Greater Manchester Police said it was "only fair" to announce Greenwood would no longer face criminal proceedings.

Nigerian billionaire set to acquire Sheffield Utd in a £90m deal

Sheffield United are reportedly close to being bought out by Nigerian billionaire Dozy Mmobuosi in a deal worth £90million.

The Blades are pushing for promotion back to the Premier League this season but were hit by a transfer embargo last month amid financial difficulties.

The EFL confirmed on its website that their issue relates to the non-payment of a transfer fee that was owed.

They say that the embargo, which prevents them buying a player for the next 18 months unless they win promotion, was imposed because the Blades failed to keep up payment instalments on signings.

This included payments to Liverpool for forward Rhian Brewster, who was signed in October 2020 for £23.5m but has failed to live up to expectations or his price tag.



It has been known for some time that the Blades could be sold with current owner HRH Prince Abdullah bin Musa'ad bin Abdulaziz Al Saud struggling to maintain the funding needed to keep the club going. Last year, American businessman Henry

Mauriss, who was previously linked with taking over Newcastle, had a bid, understood to be over £100m, accepted by the club's hierarchy.

However, their problems are reportedly about to be eased by the takeover by Mmobuosi, a Nigerian tech entrepreneur whose company Tingo has been valued at around £7billion.

The Times report that Mmobuosi is the subject of the EFL's owners' and directors' test at present but no problems have been flagged so far.

SPORT REPORT

Varane retires from international football



■ Raphael Varane

France and Manchester United centre-back Raphael Varane has announced his retirement from international football.

The 29-year-old, who won the World Cup in 2018, scored five goals in 93 appearances for his country after making his debut in 2013.

The last of his caps was won in the 2022 World Cup final, in which France were beaten by Argentina on penalties.

“Representing our great country for a decade has been one of the greatest honours of my life,” said Varane.

Varane, who signed for United from Real Madrid in August 2021, is the latest Les Bleus player to retire after the World Cup.

Open champion Smith says world ranking system ‘obsolete’



■ Smith

Open champion and LIV golfer Cameron Smith says the sport’s world ranking system is becoming “obsolete”.

The Official World Golf Ranking (OWGR) board does not currently award points to LIV Golf events, although the new circuit has submitted an application.

World ranking positions help determine whether a player is eligible to play in the annual four men’s majors.

Smith’s Open win gives him exemptions for all majors, but he has slipped from second to fourth in the rankings.

Other top players who have switched to LIV have plummeted down the rankings with former world number one Dustin Johnson, LIV’s individual champion in 2022, now 46th and 2020 US Open champion Bryson DeChambeau down at 96th.

DEEPENING DEMOCRACY

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2023 Campaign: It’s still a four horse race

As the general election campaigns intensify, the first problem today is how the elections will hold without money both in politicians’ pockets as well as in people’s pocket. As a parting gift to most Nigerians, President Buhari in his wisdom has decided that the current generation of Nigerians must also suffer the trauma of emergency currency change, which our generation suffered in 1984. His idea then, as it is today, is that it is a method to catch looters of the national treasury who will be forced to reveal their stolen monies. The problem then, as it is today, is that whatever the merits of the approach are, there is massive collateral damage among the masses.

Yesterday, I listened to the Jigawa State Commissioner of Finance, Ibrahim Babangida Ganza complain bitterly on BBC Hausa Service about the suffering of the people. He explained that salaries were paid on January 25. Six days later, 70 per cent of government workers have not been able to access their salaries despite spending all day and all night on ATM queues. He explained that he has visited and met with officials in eight banks in Dutse the state capital. They explained that they receive only N2 million a day from the Central Bank and since salaries have been paid, it is simply not enough to meet customer’s needs. He requested that they issue small bills – N20, N50 and N100, which are not under any restriction, but the banks say they are not getting that either from the Central Bank.

The scenario for a perfect social storm has been created. Workers with money in their banks have hungry families at home because they cannot access their own money to buy food. Traders and their families in Jigawa are hungry because they are not in the world of electronic transfers and customers have no cash to buy their produce. Meanwhile, the wider ramification is that the Naira, suffering from runaway inflation has ceased being a store of value. Now, it is no longer playing its role as a means of exchange. The Central Bank of Nigeria has now become a Special Purpose Vehicle working very hard to dismantle Nigeria’s financial, commercial and economic system under President Buhari’s watch. Already, markets near borders are trading with CFA Francs from neighbouring countries because they cannot access Naira. At the same time, the cost of living crisis is being exacerbated by acute fuel shortage.

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Hungry people are angry people so something must change if Nigeria will run peaceful elections in three week’s time.

On the political front, there is a lot happening regarding the leading presidential campaigns. The presumption among pundits is that the two leading candidates are Bola Tinubu and Atiku Abubakar. The evidence for this assumption is not clear. Bola Tinubu has been weeping and gnashing his teeth that his path to the presidency is being sabotaged by enemies in his own party working against him deep in Aso Rock. Of course, he has not done himself any favours by his inability to articulate even one sentence without a gaffe, his repeated failure to recite the verse that proclaims the genuineness of the Muslim-Muslim label he created for his campaign and his manifest health challenges that is crying out to Nigerians that this candidate might be too medically challenged to rule.

In this context, the inheritor of the voters Tinubu is losing might well be Atiku Abubakar of the PDP. Atiku has been beaming not just because of the rapid decline of Tinubu’s chances, especially in the North West but also because Governor Wike and his gang of five have failed to agree on and unveil their preferred presidential candidate. The fact of the matter is that the G5 of Nyesom Wike of Rivers State, Samuel Ortom (Benue), Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi (Enugu), Okezie Ikpeazu (Abia) and Seyi Makinde (Oyo) have almost no voters to offer Atiku Abubakar. The votes they thought they could have offered Atiku in four of the states have been taken by Peter Obi and they themselves are in delicate political situations.

The G-5 have however become the stars of the campaign by holding frequent meetings in Nigeria and abroad, dressing up in fancy clothes and displaying their beauty on catwalks. I am particularly impressed by their carved walking sticks and hats as significant fashion statements. I must however confess that as a political scientist, I have not yet been able to decipher the political value of their fashion shows. Nonetheless, they add colour and style to an otherwise nasty campaign.

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The other contender is Peter Obi of the Labour Party who has shown himself to also have a creditable path to Aso Rock. He has galvanised youth enthusiasm and support and appears to have already secured the votes in the South-east and South-south. He is also making significant gains in non-Muslim parts of Northern Nigeria as well as having a strong base in Lagos.

As the elections approach, the four leading candidates remain on course to realise their ambitions. The APC candidate, Bola Tinubu counted his eggs – 21 APC governors offering to deliver their states too early. The days of governors “delivering” their states are over. Under the BVAS electoral regime, voters, citizens deliver votes to who they want. Thanks INEC for your great work. The PDP candidate, Atiku Abubakar nonplussed at losing five of the 14 governors in his camp now has his eyes on inheriting the famous 15 million voters Muhammadu Buhari used to have in his pocket. Not so fast says Rabiu Kwankwaso, I am the popular one in the zone and I will get the votes for my NNPP. Meanwhile, Peter Obi is running an excellent campaign telling young voters in particular that for too long, politicians have promised and failed to deliver positive change and he is the real purveyor of change. May the best candidate win.

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