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Friendship that ends was never one; there was at least one sucker in it



Nassim Nicholas Taleb

AFRICAN SAYINGS

“No medicine exists that can cure hatred”

(African Proverbs)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

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SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna



PHOTO OF THE DAY

■ A commercial tricyclist loads an empty water tank in Mararaba, Nasarawa State yesterday

Photo: Ikechukwu Ibe

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CLOSE	0.27	0.19	0.02	0.02	0.02	CLOSE	-0.02	-0.03	-0.03	-0.02	-0.01
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You'll meet your Waterloo, Buhari tells bandits

● Their days are numbered—Air Chief

By Muideen Olaniyi & Abdullateef Salau

President Muhammadu Buhari has condemned the latest killing of 15 people in Goronyo and Illela Local Government Areas of Sokoto State, saying bandits would ultimately meet their Waterloo.

The president had, on many occasions, vowed that his administration would crush bandits and insurgents.

Buhari, in a statement yesterday by his spokesman, Garba Shehu, reassured Nigerians that his administration would not

abandon them to their fate in the face of the existential challenge caused by banditry.

He said persistent and unprovoked violence against unarmed civilians must be met with fierce response by the government.

He said: "This needless and mindless violence against innocent people cannot go unpunished.

We're taking delivery of military equipment to improve the capacity of our security forces to effectively deal with this issue.

"Our military is also deploying advanced technology to

enhance surveillance and related operations to locate and crush these criminals and enemies of our common humanity.

"This administration will not tolerate this state of affairs where criminals deprive the people of their means of livelihoods and turn them into beggars and refugees.

"The bandits are living in a fool's paradise if they believe that they can't be crushed. The criminals cannot be lucky always; they will ultimately meet their Waterloo. Evil cannot triumph over good no matter how long it takes".

Meanwhile, the Chief of Air Staff, Air Marshal Isiaka Oladayo Amao, has said in line with the core mandate of the Air Force

and the military generally, the territorial integrity of Nigeria is being protected against the insurgents and bandits "who, in no distant time, will be completely wiped out."

Amao stated this in Abuja yesterday during 2022 budget defense session, before the Senate Committee on Air Force.

He said the terrorists had been devastatingly decimated and degraded with attendant loss of fighters and weapons, making many of them to surrender voluntarily.

"Required onslaughts tactically and strategically are already mapped out to rout out the remnants of the insurgents attacking villages and military

outposts in pretence of still being potent."

Before the session went into closed doors, the chairman of the committee, Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah, had urged the military to use all the resources within its disposal to flush out the remnants of the insurgents and make the forests inhabitable for bandits, kidnappers and all forms of criminals.

"The Air Force and by extension the military generally deserved commendation from Nigerians as far as war against insurgency and banditry is concerned but Nigerians want these enemies of the nation to be completely defeated as soon as possible," he said.

...President returns after 16-day foreign trips

By Muideen Olaniyi

President Muhammadu Buhari yesterday returned to Abuja after spending 16 days to attend three major international events in Scotland, France and South Africa.

He arrived at the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja, around 4:45pm after attending the 2nd Intra-African Trade Fair 2021 in Durban, South Africa.

He departed Nigeria for Glasgow, Scotland, on October 31, 2021 to participate in the 26th edition of the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26).

Buhari left Glasgow to equally participate in the Paris Peace Forum in France.



■ Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha (left) and Governor Abdullahi Sule of Nasarawa State, during the 2021 Nigeria Diaspora Investment Summit in Abuja yesterday

Senate wades into Nigeria, UAE diplomatic row

By Abdullateef Salau

The Senate yesterday waded into the diplomatic row between Nigeria and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) following disagreements between both countries.

This followed a point of order by the Minority Leader, Senator Enyinnaya Abaribe, during plenary.

Abaribe, while relying on Orders 42 and 52 of the Senate Rules, noted that in February 2021, the federal government stopped the UAE national carrier, Emirates Airline from subjecting Nigerian travelers to additional rapid antigen test as against its stipulated negative PCR test at the Lagos and Abuja airports before departure.

He said Emirates Airline then shut down flights to and from Nigeria owing to the disagreement between the airline and the aviation authorities on the propriety of subjecting passengers travelling from Nigeria to emergency COVID-19 protocols.

The Senate mandated its Committees on Foreign Affairs and the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19 to interface with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the National Intelligence Agency on the best ways of resolving this crisis and report back to the Senate within two weeks.

Nigeria records 393 cyber attacks in 6 months

National Security Adviser, Babagana Monguno, says Nigeria, South Africa and Kenya recorded over two million phishing cyber attacks in the first half of 2021.

He said 393 cases of those cyber attacks were attributed to Nigeria, representing 13 per cent decline as compared to the same period in 2020.

Monguno spoke in Lagos yesterday at a sensitisation workshop for the implementation of the 'National

Cybersecurity Policy and Strategy 2021' for the private sector and professional bodies.

Monguno, represented by Director of Communications, ONSA, Brig.-Gen. Samad Akese, said the figure was based on a survey recently conducted by a Bucharest-based "Kaspersky Laboratory" in Romania.

he said: "This calls for more proactive measures to protect our exponentially growing internet users in Nigeria.

"It also demonstrates the criticality of the private sector and the need to enhance our defence mechanism and collaborate towards securing our cyberspace for improved productivity and efficiency.

"The key enablers here can be said to be the development of home grown solutions, capacity building and more attention to research and development," he said.

Monguno said a British security software and hardware

company in a survey of 65 Nigerian companies revealed that 86 per cent of Nigerian companies fell prey to cyber attacks in 2020.

"This is second highest percentage recorded globally after India and much higher than in South Africa with 64%.

"This means that about 56 out of 65 companies fell prey to various forms of cyber-attacks such as malware, ransomware and data leaks over the past year." (NAN)

Reps invite finance, education ministers over ASUU strike notice

By Balarabe Alkassim

Speaker, House of Representatives, Femi Gbajabiamila, yesterday invited the Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning, Zainab Ahmed and the Minister of Education, Adamu Adamu, over the recent strike notice by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU).

The ASUU had on Monday threatened to embark on an indefinite strike if the federal

government refused to fulfil the promises it made to the union as contained in the Memorandum of Understanding.

After the House adopted a motion by Julius Ihovbare, Gbajabiamila emphasized that funds had to be released to universities.

Ihovbare said it appeared the federal government had not been forthcoming to honour the agreements it signed with the ASUU in December 2020.

He said: "The federal

government has not been quite forthcoming, neither has it attached any consistent seriousness to the urgent need to reposition and refocus the education sector in line with our developmental objectives."

Supporting the motion, Nkeiruka Onyejeocha (APC, Abia) said the government should live up to its responsibilities and fulfil the agreements it reached with ASUU.

House Chief Whip, Muhammed Tahir Monguno

(APC, Borno) said the House should take a look at the possibility of increasing the budget to education.

Uzoma Nkem Abonta (PDP, Abia) said playing with tertiary education was a recipe for insecurity and instability.

Gbajabiamila directed the clerk of the House to invite them for a meeting in his office over the funds which the federal government had agreed to release for the rehabilitation of universities.

Corrigendum

In our report of Nov 9, 2021, with the headline "Senators reject Trade ministry's budget over misappropriation of N177m revenue", we erroneously mentioned **Hajiya Aisha Abubakar**, as the Minister of State, Trade and Investment instead of **Maryam Katagum**, who is currently the Minister of State for Trade and Investment. Hajiya Aisha Abubakar held that position between 2015-2018.

The error is regretted.
Editor.

Tree felling on the rise as cooking gas price skyrockets

By Fidelis Mac-Leva, Ojoma Akor, Baba Martins (Abuja), Ibrahim M. Giginyu, Zahraddeen Y. Shu'aibu (Kano), Hope A. Emmanuel (Makurdi), Peter Moses (Abeokuta) & Olatunji Omirin (Maiduguri)

Tree felling for firewood purposes across Nigeria is assuming a worrisome dimension as the price of cooking gas hits the rooftop, *Daily Trust* reports.

Many households and restaurants especially in the cities that were hitherto using cooking gas are now using firewood and charcoal.

Experts described the development as dangerous saying it has reversed the "little achievements" recorded by the federal government in the last few years during which cooking gas burners were shared in towns and villages to discourage tree felling occasioned by climate change.

President Muhammadu Buhari was part of the just-concluded World Climate Change Summit in Glasgow, Scotland where alongside African leaders joined world leaders and signed off a new climate change agreement after two weeks of intense negotiations.

Experts championing the course for a greener environment have raised the alarm that if not curtailed, the increasing felling of trees would not only impact negatively on the environment but also affect the health of Nigerians.

Daily Trust reports that there has been a consistent rise in the price of cooking gas starting from April 2021 when it was sold for between N280 and N300 per kilogramme but later increased to N750.

A 12.5 KG of gas is currently sold for between N8, 500 and N9, 300.

This newspaper had severally reported that the rise in prices was a result of the shortfall in the supply of the product to the domestic market.

The country's main supply source of the product, the Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas Limited (NLNG), had said it supplies about 350, 000 tonnes per annum of the product to the Nigerian market out of its 450,000 tonnes capacity.

The company reportedly said it was committed to dedicating the entire production capacity to the Nigerian market to boost supply and help reduce the spike in prices of the product.

Austin Ogbodo, the Marketing Manager, was quoted as saying that between 2007 and 2020, NLNG had cumulatively supplied over two million tonnes into the domestic market; spurring a steady rise in annual domestic consumption in a market that was below 50,000 tonnes per annum



■ Women cooking with firewood at an IDPs camp. Inset: A youth conveying firewood

in 2007 to over one million tonnes per annum in 2020.

Situation in states

Findings by our reporter showed that as a result of the astronomical increase in the price of cooking gas, many people in major towns and villages across the country have resorted to the old method of using firewood and charcoal.

In Kano State, many residents said they have adopted the old method of using firewood.

They added that the price of charcoal has also increased.

Visits to villages along Dambatta and Makoda axis revealed that firewood felling has become a business of every local besides farming without minding the implications on the environment.

Saad Yakub said, "We are now getting more sales compared to the past. Before the prices of charcoal and gas went up, only a few customers mostly bread bakers and those selling Suya were patronising us."

Malam Aminu Garba, another respondent said a bunch of firewood that was selling for N100 now sells at N300. He said there was a huge demand for firewood from the city.

"When the firewood mongers realised that there is a huge demand by people from the city, they hiked the price per bunch.

"As I speak with you, many people have cut off many trees from their farms and those planted by the government to supply firewood," he said.

In Kano city, findings revealed that many firewood sellers that were witnessing low sales before are now making brisk business even as housewives have also joined the trade.

"Our neighbour is now selling firewood inside her house and people are buying regularly," a resident who gave his name as

Salman, said.

"This shows how the situation has affected many people and how they have stopped using gas and charcoal," he said.

A restaurateur in Naibawa, Halima Habib said there was no way they could use gas and recoup their money.

"We were encouraged by the officials from the forestry department to start using gas some years ago and we reluctantly embraced it. Of course, we discovered it was better in terms of hygiene and all that but suddenly it is now beyond our reach.

"We have no option than to go back to using firewood and it is now a smuggled commodity... The drivers bring it at night because the government frowns at felling of trees," she said.

In Benue State, our correspondent reports that there had been an increased felling of trees in recent months amid the rising cost of cooking gas.

A resident of Nyon suburb in Makurdi, Charity Chile, said she resorted to firewood after discovering that the prices of charcoal too went up by 100 per cent while the price of cooking gas, which she was used to before has now gone beyond what she could afford.

"I depend on firewood sellers now. They go to the bush, fell trees and sell to us," she said.

Another resident in the Apir area of the state, Judith Terhemen, said it was no longer a shameful thing for members of her household to go to the nearby bushes in search of wood to be used as fuel for cooking.

"We get woodcutters to help us fell the trees in bushes and in that way, we reduce cost. A bag of charcoal, which sold for N1, 400 in January, this year, now goes for N3,000 or more while kerosene if at all is found in filling stations goes for as much as N400 per

litre," she said.

In Ogun State, our correspondent reports that the indiscriminate felling of trees in search of firewood, charcoal and plank business had increased.

Findings showed that poachers and illegal loggers have been cutting down trees from the forest reserves across the state while their activities remained unchecked.

An Abeokuta-based entrepreneur, Michael Ogunsi, told our correspondent that he used charcoal at home due to the high price of cooking gas.

Agnes John, a housewife and civil servant in Abuja, said many of them have resorted to using charcoal and firewood to cook.

"FCT officials are on the look for firewood merchants and therefore, we use our private vehicles to go to the outskirts of the city where we meet with them and buy.

"We know it is not good because it increases global warming and desert encroachment but what can we do?"

An entrepreneur, Sabo Mohammed Ali said the government was to blame for the tragedy befalling forest reserves.

"I know that Nigeria holds 187 trillion cubic feet (Tcf) of proven gas reserves but what is the government doing all these years to harness it?"

"Gas flaring is common in Nigeria at a time other countries are investing heavily to harness it to save their environment. We should prioritise what we are doing to get it right," he said.

Experts raise concerns

An environmental expert, Oladapo Soneye said that increased felling of trees for firewood as an alternative to the prevailing high cost of cooking gas in the country is threatening the existence of human beings.

Oladapo, who is also the Head

of Communications, Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF), told *Daily Trust* that trees naturally provide oxygen, absorb carbon dioxide from the environment, reduce erosion, prevent rain from washing off soils, and provide habitat for wildlife.

While blaming the act of tree felling on ignorance and sabotage, Oladapo said: "When we consider the importance of trees to human existence, from the perspective of being critical to life, we will desist from deforestation.

"If the environment is stripped of its cover, which is trees, human existence is threatened. If we lack oxygen, we will be falling sick. We will not have the strength to work to generate revenue and revenue from agriculture is reduced or frustrated.

"When there is no habitat for wildlife, they move to the urban centres, people could be harmed. They pose a serious security threat to man also," Oladapo said.

Also speaking on the development, Dr Akor Godday, a family medicine physician said cooking with firewood and charcoal has negative implications on health. He said it puts people at risk of lung cancer and triggers asthma attacks and other allergic or airway reactions.

He said when firewood or charcoal burn, they release carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide, among others, stressing that these chemicals were toxic and prevent absorption of oxygen or air into the body cells.

He said: "Lung cancer is one of the conditions the people using firewood or charcoal can be at risk of. Those that have conditions like asthma or allergic or airway reaction may also come down with asthma attack or difficulty in breathing," he said.



■ From left: A cleric, Uche Onemola, brother-in-law to the husband of the deceased, Emeka Anne and uncle to the deceased, Josephot Okpola, at a press briefing demanding for the release of their son, Jude Osuhor and their daughter in-law, Happiness Efife, who have been in police custody over accusation of murder of his wife and sister in Abuja yesterday

#ENDSARS report: US asks FG, Lagos to ensure justice, compensation for victims

- Those indicted must be prosecuted – AI, SERAP
- Admit your error, Bode George tells Sanwo-Olu

Muideen Olaniyi & Hamisu Kabir Matazu (Abuja), Abiodun Alade, Abdullateef Aliyu & Christiana T. Alabi (Lagos)

The United States has asked the federal and the Lagos State governments to take suitable measures to address the abuses as well as the grievances of victims and their families identified in the report submitted by the Lagos State Judicial Panel of Inquiry on the October #ENDSARS protest

The panel chairman, Justice Doris Okuwobi (ret'd), had submitted the report at the Lagos House, Ikeja, on Monday.

According to the report, nine #EndSARS protesters were killed, while security operatives at the scene were said to have prevented ambulances from reaching injured demonstrators.

Reacting, the US Mission Nigeria in a statement said it was awaiting the response of Lagos State and federal governments on the report.

"The United States welcomes the conclusion of the Lagos State Judicial Panel of Inquiry with the transmission of its final report.

"We look forward to the Lagos State Government's response as part of a process that represents an important mechanism of accountability regarding the #EndSARS protests and the events that took place near the Lekki Toll Gate on October 20, 2020.

"Those events led to serious allegations against some members of the security forces, and we look forward to the Lagos State and federal governments taking suitable measures to address those alleged abuses as well as the grievances of the victims and their families," the statement read.

The US position came a day after the panel in its report recommended that President Muhammadu Buhari-led federal government should publicly apologise to the youth for using state actors to abruptly undermine the

ENDSARS protest in 2020.

The panel, which indicted the governor of the state, Babajide Sanwo-Olu, for seeking the intervention of the army during the protest, also accused Lekki Concession Company of manipulating the CCTV Video footage of the Lekki Toll Gate which it tendered before the Panel.

The panel noted that the deployment of the Army to Lekki Toll Gate on October 20, in the absence of any reported violence, was totally unwarranted.

It recommended that the federal government should publicly apologise to the youth for purpose of restitution, healing and reconciliation.

The panel also alleged cover-up attempts by state actors by the cleaning of the Lekki Toll Gate and the failure to preserve the scene ahead of potential investigations.

Perpetrators must face justice – AI, PDP

Meanwhile the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and Amnesty International, Nigeria have demanded prosecution of the perpetrators since the panel had confirmed shootings of protesters at Lekki Toll Gate.

Responding to the findings, Osai Ojigbo, the country's Director of Amnesty International, in a statement yesterday said Nigerian authorities must ensure access to justice and effective remedies, including adequate compensation, restitution, and guarantee of non-repetition to victims and their families.

AI also demanded the immediate and unconditional release of all #EndSARS protesters unlawfully detained since last year.

The statement said, "Amnesty International welcomes the panel's report, which confirms that Nigerian Army and police shot peaceful protesters at the Lekki Toll Gate on 20 October 2020. The panel's findings reveal the truth about what happened at Lekki Toll Gate and contradict the shameful denial by the Nigerian government that deadly force was used against peaceful #EndSARS

protesters.

"A day after the crackdown, Amnesty International conducted its own on-the-ground investigation which confirmed that the Nigerian Army and police killed at least 12 peaceful protesters in Lekki and Alausa - with evidence gathered from eyewitnesses, video footage and hospital reports. A week later Amnesty International was able to release a timeline of the shootings, which confirmed that Nigerian Army vehicles left a military base a short drive from the toll gate on the evening of the shootings and were present when the killings began shortly after.

"For the survivors and relatives of the dead, the judicial panel report findings are only the first step towards justice and restitution. President Buhari must act promptly to ensure that those found to be responsible for shooting and attacks on peaceful protesters are brought to justice in fair trial."

The PDP National Publicity Secretary, Kola Ologbondiyan, while reacting said the report had strengthened the fact that the All Progressives Congress (APC) was running a regime with no regard for life.

"It is now clear that no matter how much the wicked strive in denial, the truth will always prevail," he said.

Also, the Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project (SERAP) has said that it will sue Buhari's administration to compel it to immediately arrest the soldiers and police officers responsible for the shooting of #EndSARS protesters at Lekki-Toll Gate and pay reparations to victims.

Admit your error, Bode George tells Sanwo-Olu

Former Deputy National Chairman of the PDP, Chief Olabode George, yesterday asked the governor to apologise for the killings.

He also advised the governor against reopening the tollgate.

George asked Sanwo-Olu to accept that he "misbehaved" in the handling of the #EndSARS protest, and take responsibility for what had happened and make amends.

President of PDP National Youth Movement, Comrade Salaudeen A. Lukman, regretted that the APC government is using state actors to intimidate the youths.

Kano LG chair leads mob to destroy Rep's project

From Abdulyassar Abdulhamid & Salim Umar Ibrahim, Kano

The political wrangling between Governor Abdullahi Umar Ganduje of Kano State and Sha'aban Sharada, the member representing Kano Municipal Federal Constituency, is fast degenerating as Kano Municipal LG chairman allegedly led the mob to disrupt the lawmaker's constituency project.

In October, the relationship between the governor and four federal lawmakers of the state became tense, as they (lawmakers) petitioned the Caretaker/Extraordinary Convention Planning Committee (CEPCPC) of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) over the crisis rocking the party in the state.

A video posted on social media showed the Kano Municipal LG Chairman, Fa'izu Alfidiki, leading some youths to demolish the site.

Following the incident, people took to social media to condemn the act, attributing it to political vendetta.

A witness said the chairman, flanked by scores of youth, stormed the project site and demolished it.

"They stormed the site and the chairman pulled down the signboard of the project before the youth join him in demolishing the site. Sha'aban intended to construct a skill acquisition centre at the site for his constituents," he said

But, Alfidiki said Sharada "had no clearance or permit from Kano State Urban Planning and Development Authority (KNUPDA) nor had he contacted the state government.

"There are set of guidelines on land use, but he did not follow that. His intention was to just set the people of the local government against the state government.

"The land belongs to the government of Kano State. He either buys a piece of land for the said project or seeks approval from Municipal Local Government or Kano State government."

Alfidiki added that the state government reserved the land for the construction of an Islamiyya primary school.

"The state government will construct an Islamiyya school on the land. Prior to this and to this day, nobody contacted the state government or the local government for the land," he added.

A business owner at Sharada Kwanar Kasuwa, Nura Musa Aliyu, said, "It is unfortunate. Sha'aban came to us with the mandate of building the centre. He also promised those of us using the place for our businesses to find another place that he will pay for it.

"We were really happy. The residents of Sharada have agreed to it. Suddenly, yesterday evening, the chairman came and demolished everything," he said.

Another resident, Kamal Abdullahi, said, "This is something that will benefit us directly or indirectly. Not us alone but our yet unborn generation.

"Sooner or later we know this place must be used. But what is it going to be used for? That's what we don't know."

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Buni gives automatic jobs to 288 nursing, midwifery graduates

...Commissions 200-bed capacity girls' hostel, others

Yobe State Governor Mai Mala Buni yesterday gave automatic jobs to 288 nurses and midwives graduates of the Dr Shehu Sule College of Nursing and Midwifery, Damaturu.

He had, after the graduation of the students a few months ago, granted appointments to 231 out of the total number of the graduating students; while the remaining 57 were absorbed by the governor during the graduation ceremony of the college yesterday in Damaturu.

The governor, while speaking at the ceremony, said his administration decided to absorb the graduating students based on its commitments to providing the much-needed health personnel that would man modern facilities supplied in the hospitals for a healthy society.

"This administration accords great priority to health and education sectors among others. This college, is privileged to belong to the two sectors and is therefore considered of tremendous importance to the

government to produce the desired and qualified Healthcare manpower to serve our people diligently.

"As you are all aware, at the inception of this administration, we pledged to provide at least one functional Primary Healthcare Center in each of the 178 political wards across the state.

"We have constructed, rehabilitated and upgraded primary, secondary and tertiary health institutions, provided state-of-the-art facilities and equipment, drugs and other medical consumables, to make healthcare both accessible and affordable to our people.

"Therefore, the need to have adequate and qualified manpower for this administration to succeed in its drive to improve healthcare delivery in the state cannot be over emphasized.

"This explains why the government invested in the training of these Nurses and Midwives that we are celebrating their graduation at this occasion," Buni said.

Buni, while at the college,



■ **Yobe State Gov Hon Mai Mala Buni (in red gown left) while commissioning the 200 bed girls hostel at Dr Shehu College of Nursing and Midwifery, Damaturu, yesterday.**

commissioned a 200-bed capacity girls students' hostel started and completed by his administration within one year.

He also commissioned a road as well as drainages constructed by his administration to facilitate and promote academic excellence in the college.

"It is also gratifying that we have lived up to our pledge of constructing a 200-bed capacity Girls' Hostel, a 1.5 kilometre road and 3.0 kilometres drainage in the College to create a conducive environment to promote academic excellence. I therefore urge the students and

staff of the College to always support government policies and programmes, to take the College to greater heights."

The governor also granted approval for the monthly allowance of the 70 community midwives also studying in the college.

We created wealth ministry to empower our youths, others – Yobe gov

Yobe State Governor Mai Mala Buni said his administration created the Ministry of Wealth Creation, Empowerment and Employment Generation to promote employment opportunities and self-reliance, especially among youths.

Buni stated this during the commissioning of a modern market recently constructed in Buni-Yadi, the headquarters of Gujba Local Government Area.

He said the ministry was created because many people across the state lost their means of livelihood to activities of Boko Haram insurgents.

He said the ministry would, among other things, initiate programmes that would facilitate empowerment generation in addition to creating ideas that would regenerate means of livelihood of the people.

"The ministry was created with the sole aim of empowering the people, especially the youth to be economically viable for better progress.

"Many of our people have lost everything to Boko Haram and now that we are enjoying relative peace there is the need for a programme that will help them reclaim their source of living.



■ **Gov. Mai Mala Buni of Yobe State**

"Very soon, you will start seeing the impact of this new ministry because many of our youths, businessmen and women among others will be supported with the much needed tools and resources,"

Buni said.

The governor called on the people, including farmers and cattle breeders, to join hands with the government in its quest of taking Yobe to a greater height economically.

Economic recovery: Yobe commissions 600-shop market in Buni-Yadi

Yobe State Governor Mai Mala Buni has commissioned 600 units of lockup shops and stalls at the Buni Yadi Market and Motor Park constructed by his administration in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Buni-Yadi was once under the occupation of Boko Haram insurgents before its liberation by the military in 2015.

The governor said his administration decided to reconstruct the market based on its role in the economic recovery of the people, especially those displaced by the insurgency.

He said the reconstruction of the market was also meant to rejuvenate the economy of the people after years of devastation in addition to boosting local revenue to fast track the recovery.

"It is also in fulfilment of our

campaign and familiarization tour promises to the people of this local government area.

"Buni Yadi is indeed the commercial headquarters of the Southern part of the state that has huge commercial activities with traders from other parts of the state and the neighbouring states of Borno, Gombe, Adamawa, Taraba, Kano, as well as, livestock traders from the Southern parts of the country.

"The attendant advantages of constructing the market and motor park include conducive environment for business activities, improved sanitary condition and adequate security to lives, properties and wares of the business community."

Buni commended the UNDP for partnering with the state government in the construction of the markets among other projects through its regional stabilization facility.

Yobe commends NNPC, Shell, others over education intervention

Yobe State Governor Mai Mala Buni has commended the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and the Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Ltd for their support to the development of education in the state.

He gave the commendation while commissioning the newly constructed Buni-Gari International Primary School executed by the companies in partnership with the state government for the children of people affected by the activities of the Boko Haram insurgents.

He said their support in the construction as well as provision of a conducive

atmosphere of teaching and learning, especially to the areas affected by insurgency, had complemented the efforts of the state government in its recovery drive.

"I would like to therefore take this opportunity to thank the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and the Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Ltd, the NNPC/SPDC/TEPNG/Agip Joint Venture and the implementing partners, Development Africa, for the laudable achievements and support to the Educational Emergency Intervention and other sectors in Yobe State.

"Your remarkable contributions would

complement our efforts in the realization of the objectives of the Yobe State Government in the post-insurgency recovery drive to improve the general well being of our people.

"I am delighted that this project we are about to commission, comprise of Four blocks of Classrooms, with a total number of 16 classrooms; one Administrative building with teacher's offices, state-of-the-art ICT Lab and VSAT internet facility; Solar-powered electricity, Water Supply and Sanitation Facilities with male and female conveniences and recreational facilities among others," Buni disclosed.

Inflation affecting administration of justice — NJC

By Abdullateef Salau

The National Judicial Council says the current inflation is affecting administration of justice in the country.

Its Executive Secretary, Ahmed Saleh, while appearing yesterday before the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Human



■ Saleh

Rights and Legal Matters to defend the council's 2022 budget proposal, said galloping inflation had forced the judiciary to roll some of its projects in 2021 to the 2022 fiscal year.

He said the judiciary's 2021 budget of N110bn had been implemented up to 70 per cent.

He said: "The statutory transfer for the year 2022 will be N120 billion. We are aware that this is possible because of your sustained campaign for the funding of judiciary."

He also said, "Permit me at this point to make some observations regarding the prevailing economic situation in the country. At year 2020 December, the exchange rate of Naira was N380 to \$1 and the rate was N480 to \$1 at parallel market."

"So, giving this indices and galloping inflation that the country is witnessing, particularly some of our budgetary provision that are foreign components, our performances were affected."

"Inflation was projected to be 11.95 percent, but as at now, it is 17.0 percent, so definitely all our projects in goods and services were affected."

Earlier, the chairman of the committee, Senator Michael Opeyemi Bamidele (APC, Ekiti) had assured the judiciary of adequate funding.

Senators to FG: Implement Industrial Revolution Plan

By Abdullateef Salau

The Senate Committee on Industry yesterday charged the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment to fast track the implementation of the National Industrial Revolution Plan.

The chairman of the committee, Senator Adetokunbo Abiru, gave the charge at the 2022 budget defence session with the Minister of State for Industry, Trade and Investment, Ambassador Mariam Katagum.

Abiru said the capital allocations to the ministry in recent years were not encouraging budgetary provisions for a ministry that should drive the Industrial Revolution Policy.

"The Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment should be the key driver of the policy and must order its priorities in that direction."

"The shrinking capital budget for the Ministry as obtained in the document submitted is not encouraging."

"For the records, while in 2017 and 2018, the capital votes for the ministry was N19bn repeatedly, it dropped to N8.8bn in 2019 and further dropped to N3.8bn in 2020 before rising to N6.5bn in 2021 which is also the projected vote for 2022."

"As a result of this, the committee will from time to time, want an update on practical implementation

of the policy," he said.

The minister said the envelope budgeting system was responsible for the allocation to the ministry on yearly basis which, according to her, is not completely incapacitating the ministry from required implementation of the Industrial Policy Plan.

"We at the ministry are not unmindful of the onerous task before us as far as the policy on industrial revolution is concerned."

"In line with the policy, the ministry is encouraging investors to set up sugar plantation companies in strategic areas of the country as well as cotton, textile and garments industries," she said.

Diaspora support crucial to our economic recovery – Osinbajo

By Hamisu Kabir Matazu

Vice President Yemi Osinbajo says the federal government cannot achieve its economic recovery and diversification drive without the diaspora support.

He said this in Abuja yesterday at the opening of the 4th Nigerian Diaspora Investment Summit 2021 organised by the Nigerian Diaspora Summit Initiative and the Nigerian in Diaspora Commission.

Osinbajo, represented by the Secretary to the Government of the

Federation, Boss Mustapha, said: "Last year witnessed a number of Diaspora investors heeding that call and it is encouraging to note that even more have turned up this year."

"We assure you of our commitment to ensuring that your investments are not only secure, but that you get a good rate of return on the investments you make, while basking in the glow of being contributors to the growth of business and development of the nation."

"We remain steadfast in our goal of diversifying the economic resource base

of the nation and so seek to activate and encourage multifarious investment options."

"The Nigerian Diaspora, who are not only familiar with the investment terrain, understand the risks and have personal interest and stake in the future of this country, but have also been acclaimed as one of the largest, brightest and most enigmatic Diaspora group in the world, are clearly a desired and desirable base to rely on and partner with in boosting our Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) for development."

PHOTO GALLERY



■ From left: Director, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN), Wale Fasanya; SA to Director General SMEDAN, Mallam Nura Tela; Director General SMEDAN, Dr. Dikko Umaru Radda; Chairman, First Class Group of Companies, Badamasi Burji; PA to Director General SMEDAN, Abdullahi Ahmed; and Nasir Gambo of SMEDAN, at the Intra Africa Trade Fair in Durban, KwaZulu Natal South Africa, yesterday



■ Managing Director, Nubian By Fejiro, Ms. Ofejiro Suoyo (left) with Executive Director, Business Development, Nigerian Export Import Bank (NEXIM), Stella Okotete at the ongoing Intra African Trade Fair (IATF) in Durban, South Africa on Tuesday



■ From left: Seyi Akinyemi, Head, Shared Services, Internal Control, Stanbic IBTC PLC; Emmanuel Aihevba, Head, Main Market Clients; Bunmi Dayo-Olagunju, Executive Director, Client Solutions; and Kolawole Adebayo, Head, Data Enablement and Insights during the bank's Reward4Saving Promo October Live Draw, in Lagos, recently



■ Executive Secretary, Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI), Dr Orji Ogonnaya Orji (right) and Chief Executive, Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission, Mr Gbenga Komolafe, during the launch of Opening Extractives held in Abuja, recently



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Revenue formula: ALGON rejects proposed 3.13% allocation hike for LGs

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The Association of Local Government of Nigeria (ALGON) yesterday described the proposed 3.13 percent increase in revenue allocation to the third tier of government as inadequate.

The Secretary to the Government of the Federation had, last Tuesday, disclosed the proposal as the Revenue Mobilisation Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC) moves to review the current revenue allocation formula in the country.

ALGON President, Kolade Alabi, at the opening of the association's National Executive Council meeting/retreat holding in

Lagos yesterday, said the proposed increment was too inadequate compared to the 14.4 percent increase being demanded by the association.

He said: "On revenue allocation, our position is a humble request to upscale our revenue due to local governments and area councils from the present 20.6% to 35%.

"We're very positive that our request would be approved. However, we thank President Muhammadu Buhari for his proposal through the office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF) for a 3.13 increase of the revenue sharing formula for local governments, we feel that this is inadequate compared

to our request of 14.4% increase to make a 35.5% revenue sharing formula.

"This request has become necessary because of all the things begging for attention of the local governments in Nigeria."

Alabi said the greatest challenge facing the country today was insecurity, noting that addressing it must be from a bottom top approach, saying local governments are critical to ending the security challenges in Nigeria.

He called for the adoption of state and community policing to holistically address the security challenges.

Alabi also advocated harmonisation of the tenure of local government chairmen from three to four years as obtained in Lagos.

Reps to security agencies: Mobilise more against terrorists

● As Senate mourns Gen. Zirkushu, 4 soldiers killed by ISWAP

By Abdullateef Salau & Balarabe Alkassim

The House of Representatives yesterday urged the security agencies to mobilize more personnel to communities bordering the Sambisa.

It also urged that relief materials be provided to the displaced and that four Askira Emirate Council members recently abducted by terrorists be rescued.

This followed the adoption of a motion by Haruna Msheila (APC, Borno), who urged the military to station at least a battalion of personnel and appropriate equipment at Mandiragrau, Askira and Garkida communities.

"The House is informed that still within this zone, four Members of Askira Emirate Council were abducted while trying to travel between Askira and Maiduguri, the State Capital. As at time of writing this, no news of their whereabouts, one week after their abduction, and two of them have health challenges.

"The House is concerned that though our security personnel are doing their very best, their numbers and equipments available to them are grossly inadequate to protect all the Communities on the fringes of the Sambisa forest.

"The House is further concerned that the insurgents when they attacked Askira, came with 16 Gun Trucks and 2 M-RAPS observers say, meaning kinetically they've dominated the region. This by no means a situation the country can handle with kids gloves.

"The House is further worried that some of the Communities have already received notices from the insurgents of impending attacks," he noted.

Meanwhile, the Senate yesterday observed a minute silence to mourn Brig-Gen. Dzarma Zirkushu and four soldiers killed by terrorists loyal to the ISWAP last Saturday at Askira, Borno State.

This followed a motion by Senator Ali Ndume (APC, Borno) who called the attention of the Senate to the incident.

Zirkushu, who was the Commander of the 28 Task Force Brigade, Chibok, was on a reinforcement mission to Askira in Borno South which was under siege by terrorists when he was ambushed.

He was the highest-ranking army officer killed by terrorists in the North-East.

The chairman of the Senate Committee on Defence, Senator Aliyu Magatakarda Wamakko, also yesterday described Zirkushu and other three soldiers as "heroes and brave patriots".

The former Sokoto State governor, in a statement, urged the federal government and the military to immortalise the fallen officers for their exceptional valour.

He said it was "devastating hearing about the outrageous attack and the resultant colossal loss to the nation".



■ General Manager, Nagarta Radio Kaduna, Alhaji Abdulmalik Addy (left), presenting award of excellence to Dan Buran Zazzau, Barden Keffi, Rep. Sani Sha'aban, during the 15th anniversary of Nagarta Radio in Zaria

NYSC partners African institutions against fake certificate issuance

By Maureen Onochie

Director-General, National Youth Service Corps, Brigadier-General Shuaibu Ibrahim, has called on corps-producing institutions in African countries to continue to collaborate with the NYSC in fighting against issuance of fake certificates.

He made the call yesterday in Abuja at the second meeting with corps-producing institutions in some African countries and other critical stakeholders.

He said the long standing tradition of routine evaluation and review of performances in the mobilisation process with critical stakeholders in Nigeria had given hope that the scheme was on the roadmap to success in the foreign segment bustle.

Ibrahim noted that the meeting was aimed at sustaining gains recorded from the maiden meeting held in 2019 as well as entrenching the culture of regular contact with universities and other higher institutions of learning as contained in the NYSC Act.

Buhari greets Jonathan at 64

By Muideen Olaniyi

President Muhammadu Buhari has greeted former President Goodluck Jonathan on his 64th birthday anniversary.

The president, in a statement yesterday by his spokesman, Femi Adesina, congratulated Jonathan for serving the country and working for the peace and advancement of democracy on the African continent.

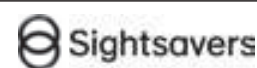
He said Jonathan had continued to expand the boundaries of leadership by teaching many in the country the power of focus, consistency and diligence having served as deputy governor, governor, vice president, president, African Union Envoy and now, Chairman,

International Summit Council for Peace Africa (ISCP-Africa).

ISCP-Africa is an association of incumbent and former heads of state and their deputies, established in 2019 by the Universal Peace Federation, an organization in general consultative status with the United Nations.

Buhari said the former president's profile should remind those in position and all aspiring leaders that serving the country and humanity required sacrifice, and placing the interest of others above personal gains.

The president, who also sent greetings to Jonathan and his family, prayed that the Almighty God continue to sustain them in good health and all round wellbeing.



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AN OPEN LETTER TO MR. PRESIDENT, HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT MUHAMMADU BUHARI, GCFR ON ILLEGAL TRESPASS BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION LED BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY- PROF. IDRIS M. BUGAJE ON MURJANATU HOUSE, PLOT 1405, MAITAMA, ABUJA.

We are solicitors to D. B. Mangal Nig. Ltd and we hereby wish to draw the attention of the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria, President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, relevant authorities and the general public to the illegality and mischief being perpetrated by the National Board for Technical Education under the leadership of the Executive Secretary, Prof. Idris M. Bugaje on MURJANATU HOUSE, PLOT 1405, MAITAMA, ABUJA by undermining the valid judgment of Court, usurping judiciary powers, and unlawful trespass into the property of our client without any justifiable reason. We therefore state as follows:

1. D. B. Mangal Nig Ltd. is a private limited liability company registered under the Corporate and Allied Matters Act to carry on business in Nigeria.
2. Sometimes in 2004, D.B. Mangal Nig. Ltd., like several other interested persons, applied to the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) for allocation of a commercial plot with which it can develop.
3. Sequel to that application for land, an Offer of Statutory Right of Occupancy of Plot 1405, Cadastral Zone 05, Abuja was issued to D. B. Mangal Nig. Ltd on the 13th of August, 2006 by the Honorable Minister for the Federal Capital Territory.
4. Furthermore, and upon payment of all requisite fee, the Certificate of Occupancy of Plot 1405, Cadastral Zone A05, Maitama, Abuja was also issued to D.B. Mangal Nig. Ltd. by the Honorable Minister for Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.
5. D. B. Mangal Nig. Ltd proceed to seek for and did obtain building permits and approvals for the development of its Plot 1405, Maitama, Abuja from the necessary government agencies such as the Abuja Metropolitan Management Agency, Department of Development Control and Abuja Geographic Information Systems (AGIS).
6. The permits were sought for and granted at various levels of development of the property. Permits and approvals were given to commence Development, approvals were obtained for the construction of each floor up to the 7th Floor, and approvals were issued for roofing.
7. While building activities were ongoing, and specifically in 2006, one Petroleum Financial Corporate Limited initiated action at the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja in **Suit No. FCT/HC/CV/238/2006**.
8. In that suit, the contention of the Plaintiff (Petroleum Financial Corporate Limited) who claims to have acted as an attorney of the National Board for Technical Education is that one Plot 445, Maitama, Abuja belongs to them.
9. The parties in the Suit are: The Plaintiff, suing as attorney for; the National Board for Technical Education, the D. B. Mangal Nig. Ltd and her contractors, and the Federal Capital Development Authority.
10. In the suit, the plaintiff's prayer was for a perpetual injunction restraining any one from developing Plot 1405, Maitama, Abuja and declarations of ownership by the court.
11. Customarily and before commencement of trial, the court gave an Interlocutory Order dated 31st of May 2007 for parties to maintain Status Quo by restraining the Defendants (D.B. Mangal Nig. Ltd) from making any further developments on the land pending the determination of the substantive suit. Usually, courts do give such Order to Preserve the Res until the case is determined one way or the other. The life span of such an order is evident on the pronouncement of court, as it is does not last forever like judgment.
12. In the cause of trial, the presiding Judge, Honorable Justice Sidi Bage was elevated to the Court of Appeal on 10th of December 2007.
13. As it is in practice, the suit does not go with an elevated Judge. The suit was re-assigned to Hon. Justice Ugochukwu Ogakwu (now JCA) to commence the suit de novo. Therefore, the same Suit FCT/HC/CV/238/2006 continued before His lordship, Hon. Justice Ugochukwu Ogakwu of the High Court of FCT.
14. During trial, the position of all parties would be briefly x-rayed.
 - a. **National Board for Technical Education:**
In response to the Suit, NBTE engaged Abdullahi Ibrahim, SAN (former AGF) and by a Motion dated 31st May, 2007, the NBTE prayed the Court to strike out its name from the Suit, as it never authorized/ instructed/ consented to the initiation of the suit by the Plaintiff; and the suit constitutes an embarrassment to the establishment. The Executive Secretary of NBTE Dr. Nuru Yakubu, OON deposed to the affidavit in support of the prayers.
 - b. **Petroleum Financial Corporate Ltd (PFCL):**
The suit was brought at the instance of PFCL, where it prayed the court for perpetual injunction to restrain all the Defendants from making further developments on the Plot. PCFL attached an unregistered Power of Attorney as the authority it had to initiate and sustain the suit.
 - c. **Federal Capital Development Authority/ FCT Minister:**
They are the 2nd and 3rd Defendants. In response to the suit and by the Statement of Defense dated 15th March, 2011 they confirmed the following:
 - i. That the interest of the PFCL on the land was not registered.
 - ii. That no approval was issued to the Plaintiff for any development whatsoever.
 - iii. That the hitherto Right of Occupancy granted to the Plaintiff had been revoked on 27th October, 2005.
 - iv. That the land was subdivided, re-surveyed and re-numbered with new beacons.
 - v. That Plot 1405, Maitama was issued to D. B. Mangal Ltd. and that Plot 445 was cease to exist in the information system of AGIS.
 - d. **D. B. Mangal Nig. Ltd:**
In response to the suit, D.B. Mangal Nig Ltd annexed all its evidence of title, permits and approvals on the said Plot 1405, Maitama.
15. After listening to all witnesses and the pleadings exchanged by parties, the presiding judge delivered its judgment on 2nd February, 2012 where the reliefs and all the claims of PFCL were refused and the entire suit dismissed.
16. It is important to stress, that till date that judgment has not been appealed against by

any of parties, NBTE inclusive. Also, there is also no valid Interlocutory Order of Court in Suit FCT/HC/CV/238/2006 as the contending issues were determined by the Court, putting the suit to rest. There is also no other suit/ order/ judgment on the subject matter.

17. Sometimes in 2019, Special Presidential Panel on Property Recovery invited D. B. Mangal Nig. Ltd to respond to the petition of PFCL claiming unlawful trespass and forgery of documents by D.B. Mangal Nig. Ltd.
18. In honoring the invite and response to the petition, D. B. Mangal Nig. Ltd forwarded the certified true copy of the judgment which vacated the interlocutory order earlier given, as well as title documents and approvals to the Panel. The panel was disbanded and its activities suspended before determination of the petition.
19. To our surprise, the National Board for Technical Education on 17th September, 2021 wrote to issue Notice to Quit and instructing the occupants to vacate the property on Plot 1405, Maitama, Abuja.
20. In response and believing that the recently appointed Executive Secretary of the National Board for Technical Education is not abreast with the true position of events relating to the ownership of Plot 1405, Maitama, Abuja by D. B. Mangal Nig. Ltd, we replied to the Notice to Quit and Chronicled the state of events in our correspondence.
21. Surprisingly, on 11th November, 2021 at about 4pm and in the cause of business activities, about twenty six staff of the NBTE leading about 20 thugs branding 'NBTE STAFF' in scripted tee-shirts, besieged Plot 1405, Maitama, Abuja and chased out all tenant-occupants and locked the gates to the premises.
22. On getting there to personally assess the situation of events, one Bashir Abubakar, Esq and a staff of NBTE maintained that the Honorable Minister for Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu authorized the take-over of the property.
23. We believe strongly that Minister who is known for good comportment would never issue a directive in conflict with a valid judgment in the same suit, that a premises be taken over in such a gestapo manner, as the NBTE did on 11th November, 2021.
24. We have it on good authority that the strength of the NBTE's argument was hinged on an Order of court. It is common knowledge that an interlocutory order cannot supersede a valid and subsisting judgment.
25. Incidences such as this questions the competence, legal understanding and knowledge-reach of the those directing the affairs of the NBTE. Because the expired interlocutory order is in respect of the same suit No: FCT/HC/CV/238/2006 and between the same parties.
26. Even at that, the order being paraded reads 'the Defendants are hereby restrained from further developing the land pending the determination of the substantive suit'. The suit was validly determined by the judgment of court and puts to rest the interlocutory order. Interlocutory orders are not forever. You cannot lose the substantive case and be parading a long expired interlocutory order. You cannot put something on nothing and expects it to stand.
27. We also like to state that in situations where the contest to land ownership is in issue, such as this, the issuing authority is in position to put the records straight. The FCDA during the pendency of the suit maintained strongly and did contend that the land previously known Plot 445 was duly revoked and is non-existing. The evidence of such revocation was presented before the court and was unchallenged by any of the parties NBTE, inclusive.
28. Actions such as this brings embarrassment to the government and is capable of jettisoning governmental efforts in combating negative representation. I mean, how can an agency of government resort to self-help by taking the laws into its hands? How will government agencies be found in the business of hiring touts/ thugs to perpetuate illegality?
29. Assuming without conceding that a government body wishes to execute an order of court, would it degenerate to personally mobilize touts to effect take-over? Why would the NBTE not approach the court to enforce the said Order, if it is just? Why would NBTE not approach the security agencies to assist in executing the Order of court? Why would NBTE not appeal the judgment if it feels aggrieved? These are the necessary questions begging for an answer...
30. Being an educational institution, NBTE ought to know better the import of the word 'due process' and the attendant effect of lack of it. If our client was to resort to self-help as NBTE did, there could be imminent breakdown of law and order.
31. We therefore use this medium to draw your attention and to respectfully invite your excellency to immediately put an end to this charade by calling the Executive Secretary of NBTE to order and further restrain him from any further embarrassing action.
32. We are confident in the ability of your Excellency, President Muhammed Buhari, GCFR to maintain the rule of law.

Kindly accept the assurances of our professional regards, as we await your prompt intervention.

Yours faithfully,

OPEYEMI AJEKIGBE, ESQ.





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MAKING SENSE OF THE ECONOMY

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Who's responsible for soaring price of rice?

The Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning, Dr. Zainab Shamsuna Ahmed, startled Nigerians recently when she was quoted as saying in an interview that the current high price of rice, Nigeria's staple food, is due to the activities of smugglers. I hope that those who interviewed the honourable minister did not misquote her. If that is the case, then she has definitely added a fresh perspective to the economics of price discovery. Even so, the application of such a theoretical framework may be limited to analysis of Nigeria's rising food security challenges.

No doubt, smugglers are enemies of the economy, producers and all people who engage in genuine economic activities. They alter the domestic prices of goods by undercutting local producers or legitimate importers of such goods. They evade official tariffs and other statutory duties and therefore are able to sell the smuggled goods at lower prices, undercutting responsible and legitimate producers and importers who subject themselves to the full obligations of a responsible citizen as may be enshrined in the government's policies.

That is why smugglers are harmful to the local economy because their underground activities are in favour of the foreign producers and as they smuggle in the goods, they are exporting jobs that our youths would have had through local production and as they evade the statutory obligations, they are denying all of us of the good roads, hospitals and schools that the government would hopefully have built with the resources if only they pay their duties.

So, by driving away locally produced goods in place of their smuggled and illegally cheaper items, smugglers create unemployment at home while creating jobs in foreign countries. They waste our foreign currencies on avoidable imports and throw Nigerians into more poverty, as their imports put the Naira on a spiral devaluation/depreciation. The smugglers, ignorantly or deliberately, in collaboration with their actors, including some in public service who assist them in the destructive venture, usher in inflation and impoverish the masses.

Smugglers deny the government the benefit of collecting legitimate taxes on foreign goods; at the same time, they rob the state of the opportunity of collecting excise duties on locally produced goods by driving local producers underground.

Smuggling is a common feature of the Nigerian business scene. It is evident at virtually all of the country's land borders and one begins to wonder the essence of the borders, where trucks become invisible, as we continue to speak big grammar of "porous border". With Nigeria's borders described as being "porous", the drivers of the underground economy have mastered all the tricks they need to survive and beat whatever measure the government's agencies devise, sometimes if not most times, with the connivance of the gatekeepers.

It is so prevalent in the country that a couple of years ago, one of the powerful men who have been on the corridors of power in Nigeria declared that even a train could be smuggled into the country. It sounds like an exaggeration, but certainly, the retired Army General knew what he meant.

So, it is logical for the minister to paint smugglers black because that is what they are in reality of economic parlance but they may be all, but not the cause of the rising price of rice in Nigeria. If the statement credited to the minister is true, it may be apt to ask: How can smuggling be increasing prices? How can this be, given that smuggling, though bad and unhealthy for the economy, increases the supply of rice? So, how can an activity that increases supply be responsible for

a price increase of a normal good?

If the smuggling of rice into the economy is truly contributing to the rising price of the commodity locally, then there is a fundamental force at work that needs to be identified and properly explained in the context of the peculiarities of Nigeria's economy.

Indeed, if truly we have resolved the problem of local rice production and are now self-sufficient, smuggling of rice should have naturally been a dead business because our local rice should be cheaper or at least be able to compete with imported ones, except we are accepting that we do not have a competitive advantage in local rice production and in which case we may need to redefine our national economic strategy on this staple food.

Interestingly, several billions of naira have gone into incentivising rice farmers and processors over the past six years, including the CBN's Anchor Borrowers Programme, which seems to have been inherently misconceived as a gift by many rice farmers and whoever has benefited from it, as the apex bank may now be struggling with the repayment of the loan.

While the CBN gives banks a five per cent threshold for NPLs, the speculated delinquency rate on the Anchor Borrowers' Programme is in multiples, reinforcing the argument of some stakeholders that the CBN should not have gotten directly involved in lending to farmers. Rather, they say, it should have adopted the on-lending approach through banks, which obviously have better standards, network, risk management and governance practice to manage such programme in a way that ensures better recovery.

If the CBN were to be a regular financial institution, with commercial cost and risk capital, it would by now probably be gasping for breath on the Anchor Borrowers' Programme portfolio, which seems to have been masked with variants of recovery challenges. Yet, the price of rice keeps soaring, a fact which undermines the success of the programme.

Are farmers deliberately increasing prices, in the expectation that the ban on imported rice puts Nigerians at their mercy? This is not necessarily so. The truth is that in some rice-growing places, rainfall this year came late, which negatively impacted the performance of the crop. This, coupled with the impact of the insecurity in the land, has further reduced the supply of rice in the country. So, like most other crops, the local supply has been affected.

This is a phenomenon that seems to have rekindled the strong interest of smugglers who now see a strong arbitrage opportunity in trading imported rice like never before. Indeed, what has happened in some cases is that the price of local rice seems to have risen to match the price of (smuggled) foreign rice. As bad as the activities of the smugglers are, it has possibly moderated the rise in the price of rice, as the supply from smugglers complements local production. The government should possibly have permitted importation and set rules and standards, including limiting the volume to what is required to bridge the local supply gap and earnings relevant revenues on them, rather than the leakage of such revenues through illicit activities of some officials who collude with smugglers to defraud all of us. Could this be what the minister was referring to?

Despite the impact of Naira devaluation on the price of imported rice, it perhaps still makes a cheaper and perhaps better alternative today. Do we say that Nigeria lacks a competitive advantage in rice production and if yes, then what exactly do we have a competitive advantage in producing?

OPINION

Out-of-school children: Is Safe School Declaration, a way forward?

By Abdullahi D Mohammed

According to a UNICEF report, Nigeria has the highest number of out-of-school children in the World. About 13.2 million children in the country do not have access to primary education.

Sadly, of this figure, the north of the country has 10.1 million, that is, almost 90 per cent of the total number.

A number of reasons could be given as responsible for the outrageous number, especially in the region. For instance, since the beginning of the Boko Haram insurgency in 2009, millions, especially children of school age had dropped out of school and found themselves in a new abode -- IDP camps.

According to a report from a Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM), which is an assessment of internally displaced persons, globally carried out by International Organization for Migration, (IOM), stated that, currently, there are over two million displaced persons in the North East, with the majority being school age children.

To checkmate this anomaly, there must be synergy between government, development partners and INGOs, in resettling school-age children. Temporal or makeshift learning centers should be erected within IDP camps across the region, in order to fill the vacuum, as a fallout of school closure arising from years of insurgency.

Making huge investments in resettling, specifically, school age children is indeed a panacea for peace in the region, and a stride in preventing ready recruits for terrorist groups. Once school-age IDPs are granted access to school, most of their productive time would be spent learning and engaging in skill acquisition, which, would deter them from joining any insurgents or criminal groups that could explore their vulnerability and gullibility to recruit them into their fold.

Such a mechanism if adopted by stakeholders would invariably halt the rising number of out-of-school children.

The North West is the worst hit by the number of out-of-school children in the country. It accounts for almost 56 per cent of the total number, that is, in spite of requisite interventions like the School Feeding Program and free education policy of various states. Undoubtedly, a major factor which aggravated the situation is renewed insecurity -- banditry, kidnap-for- ransom

and other criminalities in recent years.

Schools, unfortunately, became the soft target for assailants and other criminal gangs, where they constantly abduct school children for ransom.

According to a report by Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attacks, an inter-agency coalition formed to address the menace of attacks on schools during conflict says, "Between 2015-2019, there were 100 reported attacks on schools in Nigeria, and, such attacks have been on the increase between 2020 and 2021.

Katsina, Zamfara, Kebbi, Kaduna and Sokoto states had their fair share of attacks on schools, which, led to the closure of some schools by state governments.

Unfortunately, the north is adjudged educationally disadvantaged, due to historical and political perspectives. Political and community leaders, alongside stakeholders, must be proactive in changing the narrative. The situation had assumed a volatile and dangerous dimension. Bandits considered schools as a soft target for a number of reasons -- easy-get-away and huge ransom. The government so far hasn't demonstrated willingness to bring to an end, senseless abductions of school children, since the (in) famous Chibok kidnapping in 2014.

The Safe School Declaration, (SSD), which is a political commitment to protect education during armed conflict, has been endorsed by 108 UN member states, including Nigeria. By virtue of its membership, it is expected we see a paradigm shift from the lackluster behavior of the Nigerian State in areas of education and securing of schools. Mere proclamations of schools as safe, without requisite majors, will be futile.

There are a number of methods to adopt in ensuring full implementation of the SSD, at least, in practical terms. Government must identify high-risk schools, their proximity to town and security facilities or outposts. It equally, must ensure the presence of security personnel and provide a round-the-clock surveillance of the premises. In other words, schools must be heavily fortified like a military base with sentries keeping watch.

Only recently, the Nigerian President, Muhammadu Buhari alluded to the danger posed by attacks and abductions of school children, when he declared that, about 12 million schoolchildren are currently traumatized and morbidly scared of going back to school.

Cultural and historical anecdotes were identified as some major determinants of school enrollment in northern Nigeria. Early marriage, especially girl-child has, for decades, remained a significant factor stagnating access to formal education. However, there was a marked improvement, as a record number of enrollment was achieved, in the last decade.

Although on paper, the SSD looks quite promising and ambitious but the implementation of good policies had always been our bane. Whether those responsible for the adoption and implementation of the SSD will make good work, in securing schools and increasing enrollment, remains to be seen.

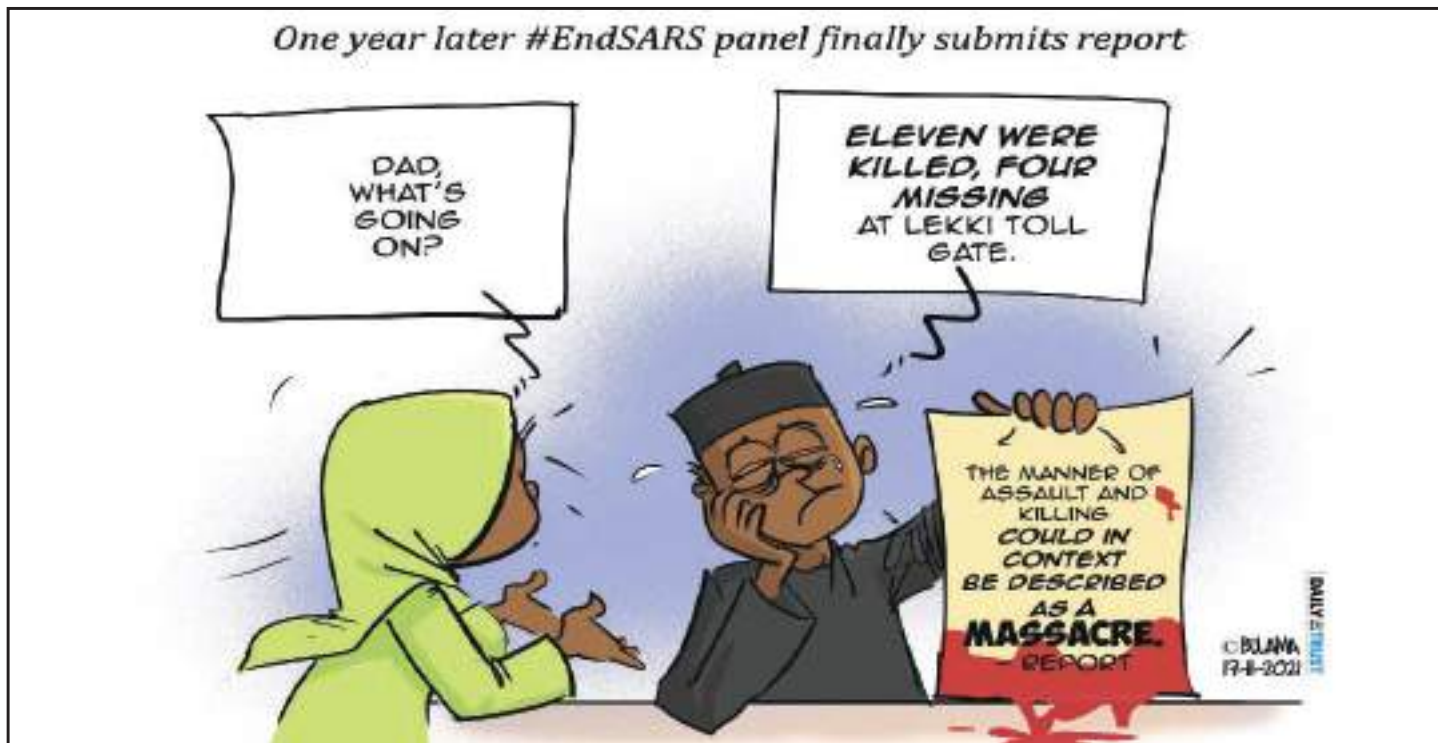
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CARTOON by Mustapha Bulama



Re: So, what is Nigeria?

I read the thought-eliciting article with some degree of enthusiasm and a provocative mind, having in mind that it might attract a series of reactions. On my part, below is my hurriedly prepared reaction.

In the same vein, before its reintegration in 1991, Western and Eastern Germany with separate political ideologies (Capitalism and Socialism) were separate nations; since the aftermath of the second world war. U.S.S.R was once a single republic hitherto the perestroika and glasnost political and economic reforms initiated by President Michael Gorbachev that rendered the union pointless, hence its disintegration into several independent nations.

Equally, North and South Korea were one political entity but later divided into two separate entities with different political ideologies during the cold war era.

The dynamics of change is the only constant phenomenon in human society. European nations had adopted the philosophy of economic and social integration leading to the formation of the European Union (EU). Who knows in the future the EU member states might evolve into a single state.

We in Africa have also adopted the economic integration model from Europe, though at a much lower scale and rate. In Nigeria, the emphasis has been exaggeration of our differences, as if we have nothing in common.

Somalia seems to be the only nation on the planet that has the same ethnic background, but it has been a failed state since 1990. The tragedy of Somalia has clearly demonstrated to the rest of Africa and the world that homogeneity is never an express way to peace and stability of a nation. The most important factors in national existence, peace, stability and harmonious coexistence are tolerance, understanding and accommodating our inherent differences.

Narrowing it down, no two persons are the same, though they share the same parental backgrounds as evidenced by our thumb prints. United we stand as a nation we progress, divided we fall beyond reconstruction.

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Epitome of excellence: A tribute to Late Alhaji Junaidu Mamuda

Alhaji Junaidu Mamuda, until his death, was the Chairman of the Association of retired water board staff which has Governor Aminu Bello Masari as member. In the course of his selfless services to humanity especially in the area of the provision of potable water, I was privileged to work closely with him.

For instance, I worked closely for almost six months with the committee that conducted the baseline survey of Katsina State water board facilities. In the course of preparing the 500-page report (Governor Masari's Water Sector Blueprint) which became a Policy Document of the administration that was submitted to government, the name of Alhaji Junaidu Mamuda continuously came up. Reference was constantly made to how the water board functioned seamlessly when he held sway as the General Manager.

Of all the seven urban water works and 42 semi Urban water supply schemes in Katsina State, the former General Manager of Kaduna State Water Board played a vital role in making these infrastructure serve the good people of the state maximally.

All members of the baseline survey committee had one or more things to say on how the water board operated in line with international best practices under the visionary and selfless Junaidu Mamuda. It is gratifying that several years later, reference is being made to how he brought his wealth of experience to bear on main water transmission down to household connections.

Unarguably, almost every home in both Kaduna and Katsina states is benefiting from potable water borne out of this clear vision and dedication to duty. Without doubt, his legacies await generations yet to be born.

When Junaidu Mamuda decided to venture into politics by contesting for the exalted seat of the Governor of Katsina State in 1999 on the platform of the All Peoples Party (APP), he campaigned from Dankama to Damari seeking for Katsinawa and Daurawa to support his candidacy. Only Allah knows why He made Late Umaru Musa Yar'adua the Executive Governor of Katsina State in 1999.

I was young then, but I still remember one of his gubernatorial campaign songs, "Mun fito da Shirin bana Gwamna Junaidu zamu rufa wa baya..." Many believed that Alhaji Junaidu Mamuda Yantumaki was one of the best governors Katsina State would ever have.

The last time Umar, Mama and I visited him in Abuja on a Friday, he was watching the arrival of the first Qatar Airways flight from Kabul-Afghanistan to arrive at Doha, the

capital of Qatar on Aljazeera news. We all greeted him and wished him well and a quick recovery. He answered with a resounding AMIN. It was the last time I saw him before the cold hands of death took him on a Monday morning.

May Allah forgive Baba Junaidu Mamuda his sins and overlook his shortcomings. Ya Allah grant Baba Junaidu Mamuda Aljannatul Firdausi.

To Dr Aminu Junaidu and Polo-loving Mustapha Junaidu, Aisha Junaidu, Zainab Junaidu Sambo, Bilkisu Junaidu, Umar Faruk Junaidu, Imran Junaidu, Ahmed Junaidu, I empathise with you and say I am bereft of words to describe how much of a pillar you all have missed. As for our mothers, May Allah give you all the strength and fortitude to bear this irreparable loss.

Mallam Sadiq Ibrahim Safana wrote from Katsina

Musings over the rush to launch the eNaira

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the real economy. If the deposit base shrinks and becomes less stable, lending will reduce.

Given the scenario above, there is an issue whether the CBN will provide all the lending in the economy. The CBN could convert the eNaira deposits that left commercial bank accounts and then lend them back to the bank. That way, the CBN has become a lender of first resort instead of a lender of last resort. For this to happen, several risk analyses will have to be done to determine which banks they should give and how many deposits. Again, the

central bank does not want to get involved in that business.

Another worry about using the eNaira is that consumers and fintech firms expecting cheaper services might not get it. Tech services are affordable for customers due to the high number of suppliers in the market. The CBN's eNaira will remove that competition. It will essentially be a monopsony, and the bank will be required to break even.

The eNaira benefits are designed to enhance anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing efforts through blockchain or other distributed ledger technology. However, two

days after the launch, the CBN alerted the public to be careful of fake eNaira social media accounts attempting to defraud and trick users. Without new standards and careful coordination, Nigeria's financial system may face momentous interoperability problems in the future.

The existing CBN Act of 2007 does not include many aspects of financial technology (fintech). The risk of cybersecurity and lack of privacy worry users as the government centralises the system. Currently, software developers have pointed out privacy issues and loopholes for money laundering with the Speed Wallet.

Financial institutions are unclear how the CBN plans to inject the newly created money in the Stock Wallet by every user, knowing that asset swaps will be involved. Some clarity about the degree of collateralisation would be good. The technical issues with eNaira can cause reputational risk. Technology may be exposed to glitches, cyber-attacks or human error, reflecting poorly on the central bank.

Central banks worldwide will be closely watching how things progress with the eNaira.

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Time to call Ethiopian leaders to order

It is one year this November since fighting broke out in the Tigray Region of Ethiopia and it seems it is getting out of control. The Prime Minister, Abiy Ahmed, had in 2020 sent federal forces to topple the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) which controls the regional government following an alleged attack on a military formation. Ahmed was an ally of the TPLF who together ran the government of the country since the ouster of the dictator, Mengistu Haile Mariam, in 1991. However, after last year's elections, the TPLF accused Ahmed of sacking its top officials from government.

The fighting, which the government had earlier declared over in June this year, has since escalated and widened to neighbouring regions of Amhara and Afar. The war has so far resulted in the deaths of thousands of people, with more than two million displaced. Both sides have also been accused of deliberate killing of civilians and blocking humanitarian supplies. A United Nations (UN) report indicates that ethnic Tigrayans across the country have reportedly been targeted with arbitrary detentions, while civilians in Tigray have cited gangraping, human-caused famine and mass expulsions as what they are experiencing. The report added that acute food insecurity is affecting up to seven million people throughout Ethiopia.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) whose director general is an Ethiopian, on Friday, accused both sides of blocking medical supplies to the region, while the UN also accused the Ethiopian government of detaining its personnel.

It is sad that Ethiopia has found itself in another war only a few years after negotiating peace with its long-term "enemy", Eritrea. In fact, the peace deal earned Prime Minister Ahmed a Nobel Peace Prize in 2019. It is really an irony that just over a year after earning this prestigious prize for his effort in ending a war, Ahmed has found himself at the centre of a senseless war.

So far, efforts by the East African regional grouping, IGAD, the UN, the United States (US) and the African Union (AU) to bring the belligerents to discuss peace has recorded little success. The US Special Envoy to the Horn of Africa, Jeffrey Feltman, had discussions with leaders of the warring sides with no results. Similar efforts by Kenyan and Ugandan leaders, as well as former President Olusegun Obasanjo, who is the AU special envoy, have yielded no fruits.

It appears both sides are determined to continue to plunge citizens into further difficulties. To further show his determination, Prime Minister Ahmed has declared a six-month state of emergency, called on war veterans to rejoin the army and asked Ethiopians to defend themselves. The rebels have also intensified their attacks and vowed to take over the country's capital, Addis Ababa.

Ethiopia, with more than 112 million, is the second most populous nation in Africa. However, it is one of the poorest with a per capita income of \$850. It is currently in dispute with Sudan and Egypt over the Nile River. A war or any conflict in this country is a great disservice to the ordinary people who are struggling to eke a living.

It is, therefore, important that the international community, particularly the AU and the UN, finds an urgent solution to this crisis. Leaders on both sides should be told in clear terms that they would be held responsible for the suffering of the ordinary Ethiopians. It is clear that the conflict is more about who controls the affairs of the country than the welfare of the people. This is indeed unfortunate and the leaders must be told so.

Africans have suffered enough due to the ego of their leaders, which this war represents, and the leaders of Ethiopia should know that.

We, therefore, call on both sides, especially Prime Minister Ahmed, who is a Nobel Laureate, to in the interest of their people and Africa, cease all hostilities and move to the negotiating table. This crisis has gone on for too long and only dialogue can bring about genuine reconciliation and peace.

Ethiopia, which hosts the headquarters of the AU, must not be allowed to descend into a jungle. Africa has had enough.



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Text: 08131800030**Special drawing rights need to be allocated to African countries****Ahunna Eziakonwa, Marie-Pierre Poirier and Mohamed Malick Fall**

Global vaccine inequity has meant that while citizens in some parts of the world are lining up for a third COVID-19 booster shot, just five per cent of Sub-Saharan Africans have been protected against the virus.

Access to vaccines is not the only inequity. Children and their families in Sub-Saharan Africa are paying a much heftier price from the secondary effects of the pandemic.

Without additional support, the economic and social outlook for the region remains dire. Average incomes in Sub-Saharan Africa are unlikely to return to pre-pandemic levels at least until 2025, while the risk of deepening and widening inequalities increases every day. Whether it be growing poverty, lost learning or rising hunger, illness and violence, children are the biggest victims. And the implications spread far beyond the continent's borders: the effects of a lingering virus are estimated to cost the global economy \$1.2 trillion each year.

Extraordinary times call for extraordinary responses. In August, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) rightly unlocked the largest general allocation of special drawing rights (SDRs) ever. This boosted global international reserves by roughly \$650 billion. All IMF member states benefited, but the wealthiest got the most. Two-thirds, or \$437 billion, went to high-income countries, while sub-Saharan Africa received just \$24 billion or less than four per cent. That means, the average citizen of a high-income country is benefiting from an equivalent of \$364 in new SDRs compared with \$21 for someone in sub-Saharan Africa — a 17-fold difference.

The case has been made for channelling some of these resources from richer countries to poorer ones. While laudable, the current idea to voluntarily reallocate \$100 billion in SDRs to low-income countries worldwide will leave sub-Saharan Africa far short of what is needed to finance big-ticket items like vaccines, debt relief and a green recovery, but also essentials like food, healthcare and education.

Nowhere is an adjustment more important than in sub-Saharan Africa. The economic crisis caused by COVID-19 — along with climate shocks, conflict and disrupted social services — have created a perfect storm. By the end of 2021, an additional 70 million people will be living in extreme poverty, while more than 350 million school-age children have experienced being out of school, many for nearly 18 months. And let's not forget that tens of millions of learners are unlikely to ever set foot in a classroom again, as they become permanent fixtures of informal labour markets or victims of early marriage.

The region's 550 million children have the most to lose. At the start of 2020, they represented about 20 per cent of children globally but counted

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for more than half of all under-five deaths and out-of-school children, and close to 40 per cent of undernourished children measured by stunting.

One of the biggest recovery challenges in Sub-Saharan Africa is the high debt levels that predated the pandemic. In many places, spending on debt service was greater than spending on education, health and social protection combined. These payments, increasingly to private lenders, are extracting vast sums of domestic revenue from the continent at the worst possible time.

The existing SDR allocations are already helping to alleviate debt pressures and increase spending on social services across sub-Saharan Africa. But it is far from the \$425-billion of additional external funding the IMF estimates is needed over the next five years. With the support of wealthy nations, additional SDRs channelled to African governments could be a gamechanger for economies, the climate and children.

Without greater international action, the 2020s are likely to be a replay of the 1980s when the debt crisis and fiscal adjustments generated a "lost decade" for sub-Saharan Africa. Beyond the irreversible human capital consequences of worse nutrition, health and education, societies will be left even more ill-prepared to deal with the effects of climate change and fast population growth.

Across Africa, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) offices consistently report that the best development results are achieved when development assistance reaches families directly. Cash transfers may well be the smartest investment that any government can make right now — in addition to good basic services. Prioritising support for those at the bottom of the pyramid has the power to reverse or mitigate nearly every risk facing vulnerable families. These resources also quickly recirculate locally, often with a two- or three-fold boost to economic output.

The peaks and troughs of the pandemic will dominate headlines for years. But we can and must seize this opportunity to reimagine development on the continent. This is a unique opportunity to reverse a downward trend by investing in children and get Sub-Saharan Africa back on track to attain the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

A simple first step is to reconsider the channeling of SDRs. Expanding these resources in a way that prioritises human capital and a green recovery is crucial. The 550 million children of Sub-Saharan Africa, and the future of our shared world, depend on it.

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Selling NGN	410.87	558.20	478.48	58.73	101.29	0.71

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	N565	N595	N705

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

Airport concession: Disquiet over petition against 3 bidders



The ongoing process of airport concession by the federal government may be stalled following a petition to the Ministry of Aviation challenging the qualification of three bidders.

Foremost Human rights lawyer, Mr. Femi Falana in a petition asked the Minister, Senator Hadi Sirika and the Director General, Infrastructure Concession and Regulatory Commission (ICRC) to disqualify three bidders for the concession of the four major airports in the country.

Falana alleged that the three bidders have violated the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (Est.) Act 2005 and the National Policy on Public-Private Partnership (N4P).

The three bidders are TAV Consortium, GMR Consortium, and Airport De Paris (ADP).

The petition signed by Mr. Femi Falana (SAN), was dated November 3, 2021, with the title, "Request to Disqualify TAV Consortium, GMR Consortium, and ADP".

The petition read: "Our attention has been drawn to the public notice published by the Ministry of Aviation sometime in August 2021 wherein Requests for Qualification (RFO) were invited for the Concession of four Airport Terminals in Lagos, Abuja, Port Harcourt and Kano in accordance with

the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (Est.) Act 2005 and The National Policy on Public-Private Partnership (N4P)." Falana in the letter stated that two consortia owned by ADP submitted an expression of interest and that the first consortium led by TAV Airport Holding, ADP owns 49% and the Second submission done by GMR Airports Limited, ADP owns 46%.

"It is pertinent to note that it is expressly stated in Section 2.2 of the RFQ that no applicant single or a consortium can be part of more than one bid. Section 2.2.3 is further clarifying that the eligibility shall apply to an

applicant and/or to the parties consisting of the applicant i.e shareholders".

Daily Trust reports that the Federal Government recently closed submission of requests for qualifications while the bid opening event was done last Wednesday with only the bidders invited.

During the meeting of the Bid Evaluation Committee, all bids received in physical format as per the RFQ requirements were expected to "Be opened, announced and subsequently taken for detailed review by the committee."

Director of Information in the Ministry, Mr. James Odaudu who

spoke with Daily Trust yesterday said he was not sure if the petition by Falana had gotten to the Ministry.

"I cannot confirm if his petition has reached the ministry. Secondly, the ministry did not release the list of those who submitted bids. So I don't know where Falana got his information from. And thirdly, if it is confirmed that his petition has reached the ministry, of course, the relevant office would respond to it," he said.

Efforts to get the reaction of the affected companies were unsuccessful. A separate enquiry sent to each of them was not replied at the time of filing this report 24 hours after.

We're committed to developing mining sector — Osinbajo

By Muideen Olaniyi

Vice President Yemi Osinbajo has said the Buhari administration remains committed to the revitalization and development of the mining sector while ensuring it attracts more local and foreign investments.

He said this Tuesday in his remarks delivered virtually at the opening of the 5th Annual Nigeria Mining Week Discourse Series, with the theme, "Top Seven Reasons to Invest in Nigeria's Mining Sector."

Prof. Osinbajo said the mining sector remained a critical part of the Buhari administration's recent National Development Plan 2021-2025. "It is significant that within the space of a year, we have recorded a 26.7% increase in revenue generation from 2019 to 2020. But while this is encouraging, we recognize that there is still a lot of work to be done.

"That is why this forum is so important. We are privileged to have in attendance, so many distinguished experts and resource persons that deeply understand governance vis-à-vis the Mining Sector in Nigeria."

The Nigeria Mining Week is organized by the Miners Association of Nigeria (MAN) in collaboration with the private sector and is supported by the Ministry of Mines and Steel Development.

Nigeria's crude oil production to hit 1.8m barrels daily Dec — Kyari

Nigeria's crude oil and condensate output will be at 1.8 million barrels per day (mbpd) and is likely to overcome production issues by the end of December, the Group Managing Director, Nigerian National Petroleum Company (NNPC) Limited, Mele Kyari, said on Tuesday.

Kyari, who was speaking during an interview on Bloomberg, on the sidelines of a conference, said it would easily hit 2m barrels when condensate — a light form of oil — is included in the total.

He said, "It is very obvious that by the close of the year we would get back to the 1.7-1.8mbpd from crude only. As you may be aware, when we mention these figures, I am talking about crude

oil only."

Daily Trust reports that the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies (OPEC+) earlier this month approved a raise in the production quota of members by 0.4 percent, with Nigeria's quota rising to 1.666mbpd for December rising from 1.649mbpd agreed for it for November.

Nigeria's Federal Executive Council (FEC) in October approved a \$57 per barrel oil benchmark and pegged oil production at 1.88 billion barrels per day and an exchange rate of N410 for the 2022 budget. Global oil price hovered around \$82 per barrel on Monday.

Kyari said that crude's likely to stay above \$80 a barrel for "a while to come" and \$100 is "within sight".

Reps approve FG \$16.23bn, €1.020bn, other loans

By Balarabe Alkassim

The House of Representatives has approved the proposed federal government's \$16.23 billion, €1.020 billion and other loans for project financing under the external borrowing rolling plan.

The loan was approved after receiving the report of the House Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management presented by Ahmed Dayyabu Safana (APC, Katsina) at Plenary on Tuesday.

The report

recommended the approval of ongoing negotiation of external borrowing of \$16.2bn, €1.020bn under the 2018-2020 External Borrowing (Rolling) plan, among others. The Senate had made similar approval last week.

The loans will be provided by various funding agencies which include; World Bank, China EXIM Bank, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, African Development Bank and others

Many projects including major infrastructure projects like the Lagos-

Benin, Benin-Onitsha, Benin City-Warri-Yenagoa-Port Harcourt segments of the coastal railway project.

Others are the Central Line Project: Abuja-Baro-Itakpe-Ajaokuta segment, Lagos-Ibadan Railway Modernisation Project construction of the Branch line (Apapa-Tin Can Island Port) and Kano-Maradi SGR with a branch to Dutse.

The National Assembly will also have a \$62.120 million 17MW Hybrid Solar Power project to be financed by SINOCURE/Standard Chartered Bank.

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

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NEWS

Prices of tomatoes, pepper crash as Onion spikes in Jos

From Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

Price of tomatoes and hot pepper has gone down while that of the onion has risen in the popular Faring Gada Market of Jos North Local Government Area of Plateau State.

Farin Gada Market is a place where perishable goods, such as cabbage, tomatoes, cucumber, onions among others are sold with buyers coming from different parts of the country.

Our correspondent who visited the market yesterday reported that a basket of tomatoes sold between N7,000 to N8,000, last month it is now N4,000, adding that a bag of hot pepper sold at N8,000 has come down to N5,000.

But the story is different with onions whose price rose from N17,000 to N35,000, adding that onion was the only perishable goods so far that its price had risen up in the market.

Malam Shehu Hasan, a

tomato seller in the market, told *Daily Trust* that the price of the products is often determined by their availability in the market and the number of buyers in the market.

He said: "The prices change from time to time depending on the Market days and its availability in the market. This price I am telling you is because we are hardly short of tomatoes in Jos. If you go to other states like Kano Kasina, Lagos or Enugu, the price is different. You hardly wake up without tomatoes in Jos."

Kaduna Chamber of Commerce holds 47th AGM

From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka, Kaduna

The Kaduna Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (KADCCIMA) has held its 47th Annual General Meeting (AGM) where it elected new officers that will run its affairs.

The officers are Alhaji Suleiman Aliyu as president, with Hon. Ishaya Idi and Alh. Faruk Suleiman was elected as first and second deputy presidents respectively.

Speaking at the AGM in Kaduna, the president of the chamber, Alhaji Suleiman Aliyu, said the Kaduna City entrance bridge at Kawo will further improve the

ease of doing business in the state.

While congratulating the government and people of the state over the completion of the bridge, he said the milestone project and its surrounding road networks are part of the significant effort for an infrastructural upgrade to further improve the ease of doing business profile of the state and for smooth movement of people and goods.

He added that, "It is demonstrating to us as is the global practice that order, sanity and maintenance of sanitation are necessary conditions for commercial and human development."

Stanbic IBTC to prioritise fintech funding

By Zakariyya Adaramola

Stanbic IBTC Holdings PLC, a subsidiary of Standard Bank Group, has reiterated its commitment to promote and invest in disruptive innovative financial technologies that foster sustainable economic growth and financial inclusion in Nigeria.

Wole Adeniyi, Chief Executive, Stanbic IBTC Bank PLC disclosed this at the 5th annual Nigerian Fintech Week Conference, which had several stakeholders from the financial ecosystem discuss "Sustainability and Ecosystem Building".

Adeniyi stated that financial technology has significantly disrupted the world's financial ecosystem and driven growth and competitiveness in the payment sector.

He added that the economic growth has enabled financial systems to become more customer-centric and given them the platform to compete globally.

He highlighted that these new developments have not only impacted customers but also employees who also seek new roles that are being created by digital capabilities.

"I hope this conference further promotes and broadens our understanding of the impact and direction of technology on our financial ecosystem, as well as provides a clear insight on how collaboration with fintech startups and organizations will facilitate financial inclusion and drive economic growth," he added.

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NEWS

Consumers can buy meters pending DisCos' 4m free units — NERC

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

The Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) has said consumers can buy meters in the interim while it has asked Distribution Companies (DisCos) to procure and install four million free meters under the first phase of the National Mass Metering Programme (NMMP).

In a statement, the power sector regulator said during phase zero, over 900,000 meters were installed without any payment by electricity consumers.

NERC had last week approved an upward review in the cost of single-phase and three-phase meters which took effect on Monday.

The commission clarified that the prices were the maximum that Meter Asset Providers (MAPs) can

charge for meters, another metering programme.

To give more free meters to consumers, NERC in the latest statement said, "We are pleased to inform electricity consumers that the next phase under which about four million (4m) units of meters would be procured from local meter manufacturers has commenced. We once again state that under this National Mass Metering Programme,

consumers would NOT be required to pay directly for the meters."

It said pending the procurement and installation process, "consumers may elect to acquire a meter immediately from MAPs. The regulatory framework approved by the commission under the MAP/NMMP Regulations provides for the refund of the cost of the meter through energy credits to the customer at the time of vending.

Mass metering to tackle energy theft – KEDCO

From Salim Umar Ibrahim, Kano

The Managing Director of Kano Electricity Distribution Company (KEDCO), Dr Jamilu Isiyaku Gwamna, has said the intervention of the federal government in mass metering will address several problems confronting the electricity sector including energy theft.

He said the intervention would also ensure speedy and equitable distribution of the meters across the federation, and will regulate the issue of bypassing meters in the supply of power.

Speaking during a three-day stakeholders' engagement organised by the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission

(NERC) in Kano, the KEDCO boss denied that the disco was using an adulterated meter which, according to users, has high speed and has since been nicknamed "Mai Barewa" in Kano.

Also speaking, a General Manager in NERC, Shamsuddeen Zubairu Mahmoud, said part of the reason for the engagement was to interact directly with stakeholders, especially energy consumers' complaints on the services being rendered to them by the disco.

"We will sit with the customers and also with the DisCos or their representatives so that we can resolve these complaints," he said.



■ From left: President, Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN), Alhaji Mansur Ahmed; Head, Communication and External Relations, Bank of Industry (BOI), Mabel Ndagi; Executive Director, Small and Medium Enterprises, BOI, Omar Shekarau; Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Otunba Niyi Adebayo; Executive Director, Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC), Segun Awolowo; Executive Director, Micro Enterprise, BOI, Toyin Adeniji at the BOI stand at the ongoing Intra-African Trade Fair in Durban, South Africa yesterday

New millionaires laud FCMB on promo

By Faruk Shuaibu

Customers and winners in the Season 7 of the First City Monument Bank (FCMB) bumper reward scheme, FCMB Millionaire Promo, have commended the lender for its empowerment initiatives

A trader in Abia State, Chukwudi Akwaeze, said, "Winning N1 million in the promo is still like a dream. Now I have enough money

to grow my business without having to dip into my savings. I am very grateful to FCMB for capping this year with such an amazing gift."

Another entrepreneur, Mrs. Victoria Ogunleye, said: "At the beginning of the year, I received a text message informing me about the promo. I did everything I could to maintain the necessary balance in my account to qualify for the draws. I am thrilled that my commitment

finally paid off. I am ending 2021 as a millionaire."

Master Dumtochukwu Asapuo an admission seeker said, "I started banking with FCMB in September. When I received news of the promo and draws, I ignored it until I got a call on October 28 that I had just won N1 million."

Commenting on the promo, the bank's Divisional Head for Personal Banking, Mr. Shamsideen Fashola, said, "we are happy to produce

another set of millionaires and prize winners. Every year, since 2012, the FCMB Millionaire Promo has touched lives, built and sustained the commitment to hard work and savings culture for a large number of micro and small business owners."

Ten millionaires emerged from the draws, while 2,300 lucky customers won cash prizes ranging from N10,000 to N100,000 at the end of this year's promo, which ran from April to October 2021.

Producers hike sachet water price in Jos

From Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

The Association of Table Water Producers (ATWAP), in Plateau State, yesterday increased the price of a bag of sachet water across the 17 local government areas of the state.

The price has been increased from N120 to N150 per bag.

Vincent Nwokedi, state chairman of the group, told Daily Trust that the increase became necessary due to the high cost of production of the product.

He said: "The cost of production has increased by almost 200 per cent in two months due to the exchange rate. The current market situation will not be good for the current price of sachet water per bag.

"And for us to maintain Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP), and meet NAFDAC requirements, we have to increase the price small to meet the demand of production. If things improve, we will review the price," he added.

Our correspondent who went round the city, reports that most retailers have run out of sachet water due to a stoppage in its supply, a development that is signalling the new price.

The chairman further said the new price would take effect from today (Wednesday).

Ibom Airline orders 10 A220 airbuses from Dubai

From Iniabasi Umo, Uyo

Ibom Airline has ordered for 10 units of A220 airbuses for its fleet at the ongoing Air show in Dubai.

The Group Manager Marketing and Communication of the company, Mrs Annie Essienette, said the agreement for the acquisition was signed by the Chief Executive Officer of Ibom Air, Mr Mfon Udom, in the presence of Governor Udom Emmanuel amongst others.

Essienette, who stated that delivery of the aircraft to the company would commence in the first quarter of 2023, noted that the A220 Airbus has become the choice of the airline for its domestic and regional aspirations.

"The order for the 10 Airbus A220 is in line with the airline's aggressive growth plan, which will

see it expanding its footprint into new domestic routes as well as regional routes covering West and Central Africa in the immediate future."

In a press release in Uyo on Tuesday, the Group Manager Marketing and Communication of the airline said the choice of the A220 was because it is purpose-built for efficiency, and targets the 100-150 seat market.

She said the aircraft burns 20 per cent lower fuel per seat compared to previous generation aircraft and flew to a range of up to 3,400 nm (6,297 km), offering performance similar to larger, single-aisle aircraft.

Also speaking on the purchase, the Chief Commercial Officer of Airbus, Mr Christian Scherer, said, "we are thrilled to add Ibom Air as a new Airbus customer."

Onyeagwu seeks shift to diaspora direct investments

By Favour Aliyu

The Group Managing Director/Chief Executive of Zenith Bank, Ebenezer Onyeagwu, has called for increased collaboration of Nigerians in the diaspora for the nation to achieve its economic growth targets.

He made the call during the 4th Edition of the Nigeria Diaspora Investment Summit 2021 organised by the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission (NiDCOM) on Tuesday, November 16, 2021.

Delivering his remarks, Onyeagwu commended the federal government and the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) for leading with policies that create an enabling environment for investment in Nigeria,

such as the "Naira 4 Dollar Scheme", which contributed to boosting diaspora remittances by providing incentives for recipients of international money transfers.

Onyeagwu also passionately highlighted Nigeria's enormous investment potential, especially the nation's huge market and youthful population, which is a veritable source of labour and a consuming population.

Highlighting the need for partnership and collaboration of Nigerians in the diaspora to achieve Nigeria's economic growth targets, particularly during these challenging times, Onyeagwu pointed out that across the globe, the diaspora community plays a critical role in their home country's economic growth

and development.

He noted that Nigeria has enormous potential to attract significant diaspora inflow, most of which is coming in through informal channels. These remittance inflows and investments, which are counter-cyclical, help in ameliorating foreign exchange challenges as the funds form a significant buffer for the country's foreign reserves.

Onyeagwu canvassed that the narrative should shift from diaspora remittance to Diaspora Direct Investment.

He said the bank will sustain its partnership with NiDCOM and the Nigeria Diaspora Investment Summit (NDIS) to create value for Nigerians in the diaspora through its products and services.

TRANSPORT

Skilled manpower critical to railway modernization – NITT DG

By Chris Agabi

The Director-General of the Nigeria Institute of Transport Technology (NITT), Zaria, Dr Bayero Salih-Farah, in this interview speaks on efforts to sustain the rail revolution in Nigeria, innovations at the Institute, and how to address the skills gap in the transportation sector, among others.

Can you give us a rundown of your training facilities across the country and the key capabilities you provide?

We have training capabilities in all the six geopolitical zones of Nigeria. We have established outreach centres in the zones, and some of them have been fully completed and equipped to provide training for Nigerians in the transport and logistics sector of the economy. The outreach centres are in Kano, Gombe, Ebonyi, Lagos, Abuja, Katsina, Benue, and Ekiti, to provide training, acquisition of skills, professional training in the transport sector, as well as other opportunities for technical learning. We have facilities like welding and fabrication workshops, fuel

emission laboratories, soil and pavement laboratories, simulation workshops, car simulators, forklift and crane simulators, vehicle paint booths, and so on and so forth. We also have accommodation facilities for participants: hostels, classrooms, sporting facilities, clinics, cafeteria, gyms, etc.

The centres are ready to train available persons. So I encourage state governments, transport companies, individuals or participants under government empowerment learning schemes to take advantage of the opportunities being offered.

What were the key submissions at the recent National Council on Transportation?

Our presentations highlighted the relevance of the institute in our training activities and research capabilities. We presented at least five memos on key contemporary issues that are affecting the transportation sector, ranging from the need to develop and deploy facilities in the states for the development of mass transportation, the effects of pollution and emissions of vehicles on the environment and the need to streamline and sanitise the operations of the commercial



■ Farah

motor drivers and the management of motor parks in the states.

From your research, what would you say are the dominant challenges of the transport industry?

We are trying to address the predominant challenge, which is providing the manpower for the various modes of transportation. Definitely, we have shortages, and in some cases, rundown infrastructure that is key to the transport system. But it can be seen that the present government is doing a lot to upgrade

infrastructure in Nigeria by constructing new roads, upgrading the existing ones and providing critical infrastructure across the various modes of transportation. But these transportation facilities also need humans to operate them, and this is where NITT comes in to provide the necessary training and to conduct research on key problems in the country so that policies are arrived at based on informed decisions based on research activities.

In the railway sector for instance, we have noticed a lot

of unprecedented infrastructure development, and this is a sector where we don't have quite a robust skilled manpower.

There are fears that Nigeria may not be able to manage the railway facilities after the Chinese go. Are you also training technical manpower in the railway sector?

We are training engineers and managers in the rail transportation sector as well. So there should be no fear. Even after the Chinese leave, Nigeria will still have enough capacity to manage the rail system. We are proving capacity in the railway sector, as well as skilled manpower, as they are critical to rail sustainability.

NITT has several ongoing innovations, when will these be in the market?

We are still working on most of them. We developed the electric Keke (tricycle) and we are improving it to the level that it can be used commercially. We are also working on the electric car. We have a team of engineers working on the various elements of the electric car in different parts of the country. So in the near future, we will have a breakthrough and we will eliminate vehicles that run on fossil fuel.

7 years after launch, Air Peace eyes more routes

From Abdulateef Aliyu, Lagos

Seven years after launching into the domestic airline market, one of Nigeria's foremost carriers, Air Peace, has transformed into the biggest carrier in West and Central Africa amid plans to expand into more international routes.

Since Nigeria returned to democratic rule in 1999, many airlines have come and gone, and looking at the mortality rate of airlines from the post-independence era, no fewer than 50 airlines have gone into extinction. Many factors have been attributed to this short lifespan of Nigerian carriers, which largely border on the operating climate, which operators say is not friendly enough for them to withstand the challenge of remaining in business.

In a sector largely dependent on the availability of foreign exchange to acquire aircraft, conduct c-checks, purchase spare parts and so on, sourcing forex has been an uphill task for the operators. With the dollar-to-naira exchange rate skyrocketing on a daily basis, it reflects seriously on the operating cost of airlines.

Many carriers who could not withstand this chickened out amid the heat of the difficulty of operating in a tough climate.

While more airlines are coming up today as information from the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) shows,



analysts say surviving for seven years in a challenging operating environment is not an easy task.

From five aircraft at inception in 2013, checks by Daily Trust indicate that the airline has increased its fleet to over 30, while servicing 19 domestic routes, six regional routes and two international destinations. In what was unprecedented in the recent aviation industry, the airline, with a mixed fleet of B737 classics, B777 and EMB 145, made a firm order of 13 brand new planes.

The state-of-the-art brand new 124-seat capacity Embraer 195-E2s made an inroad into Nigeria and West Africa courtesy of Air Peace which has taken delivery of four of the aircraft type which has attracted more passengers to the airline. It was learnt that one more of the aircraft would be delivered before the end of the year while all the 13 orders would have arrived before the end of 2022.

The Director-General of NCAA, Capt Musa Nuhu, said, "Air Peace is not only buying aircraft, but also buying the right size aircraft for the Nigerian market."

"The Embraer aircraft is the right aircraft; it breaks even with low passenger figures; your maintenance cost is low; your operational cost is low. Another factor is that the new aircraft is absolutely great for the environment; it does less pollution. I am really proud that I am DG when this paradigm shift is happening."

With glaring indications of more airlines entering the system, stakeholders say the prospect of more employment opportunities for operators is high, in addition to the over 3,000 currently employed by Air Peace.

The airline's Chairman/CEO, Mr Allen Onyema, said the airline was fulfilling the purpose of its establishment, which was

to create jobs for the teeming youths, insisting that every step taken by the airline in terms of fleet expansion, route expansion was geared towards opening more job opportunities for Nigerians.

He said, "I started the airline just to create jobs and give back to society; that is all. My promise to God in the year 2000 is what I am trying to fulfil, that is the motivation. My motivation is seeing the over 4,000 faces of people working in Air Peace and knowing that they are feeding about over 20,000. So that is the motivation that makes me happy."

"In addition to that is the motivation of moving my country's people from one place to another. The fact that I am helping with the development of the nation, trying to energise the economy, and energise the economies of some forgotten places through air connectivity helps. So, it helps in job creation,

not only Air Peace employing people, but the multiplier effects of what we are doing are helping the country, and that I know very well."

Analysts say many more domestic carriers like Air Peace could emerge with more support from the government.

"As an oil-producing nation, one would have thought that we should be able to produce Jet A1 to ease the endlessly escalating price of fuel for our airlines. This has to be addressed in collaboration with the oil majors and the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) in particular, more so now that it has been unbundled," said Comrade Olayinka Abioye, former General Secretary of the National Union of Air Transport Employees (NUATE).

An aviation analyst, Dr Daniel Young, said the airline must strive to protect its brand equity by trying as much as possible to meet the passengers' demand and improve on the timing of flights.

He said, "If somebody has done well, I will say it, if he has not done well, I will also say it. The most important thing is that the interest of the average Nigerian must come first. In that regard, I must say Air Peace has come out strong and has done well so far."

"Timing in terms of being able to pick up passengers on schedule is also affected and that impacts negatively on the profile of the company. Growth must deliberately be orchestrated."



Central Bank of Nigeria

Call for Applications:**Developmental Component (Grant) under the Tertiary Institutions Entrepreneurship Scheme (TIES)**Apply online: www.grant-cbnties.com.ng

THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS ENTREPRENEURSHIP SCHEME (TIES) IS AN INITIATIVE OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA (CBN) AIMED AT ADDRESSING THE RISING YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT BY CREATING A PARADIGM SHIFT AMONG UNDERGRADUATES AND GRADUATES FROM THE PURSUIT OF WHITE COLLAR JOBS TO A CULTURE OF JOB CREATION, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.

1. Introduction

The Central Bank of Nigeria is now accepting proposals from Nigerian Polytechnics and Universities under the Developmental Component of its Tertiary Institutions Entrepreneurship Scheme (TIES). The Scheme is designed to raise awareness and visibility of high-impact entrepreneurial/technological ideas among undergraduates and support the development of innovations that are commercially viable and with transformational impact.

This Component of TIES shall be disbursed in the form of grants to Nigerian Polytechnics and Universities that emerge as top five finalists in a national entrepreneurship competition.

2. Scope of Activities

Proposals will be accepted under the following four (4) verticals:

- 1) Agribusiness
- 2) Creative Industry
- 3) Science & Technology
- 4) Information & Communication Technology

3. Eligibility

- Only Nigerian Federal, Private and State Polytechnics and Universities are eligible to participate under the Scheme by submitting an expression of interest (EOI) to the Director, Development Finance, Central Bank of Nigeria, Corporate Headquarters, Abuja.
- The EOI should provide detailed name, email address and telephone number of the Registrar as the official representative of the institution for the application process.
- Each institution shall be eligible to submit a maximum of two (2) proposals in any of the categories of their choice.

4. Modalities

- The Registrar shall submit application, with relevant documentation, through the dedicated portal: www.grant-cbnties.com.ng
- The Body of Experts (BoE) constituted from the private and public sector shall evaluate submitted proposals through engagements that showcase undergraduates competing by pitching the project ideas, first at the regional levels, with the top three (3) finalists proceeding to the national event.
- Final top five (5) entrepreneurial and technological ideas/innovations at the national level shall be awarded the grant on the recommendation of the BoE.

5. Grant Award Categories

The Grant shall be awarded to the final top five (5) entrepreneurial and technological ideas/innovations as follows:

- **First place** - N 250.0 million
- **Second place** - N 200.0 million
- **Third place** - N 180.0 million
- **Fourth place** - N 150.0 million
- **Fifth place** - N 120.0 million

Every Polytechnic and or University awarded the grant shall be required to provide a robust case to show value for money for the grant-winning entrepreneurial and technological ideas/innovations and also submit periodic progress reports on the project implementation status to the CBN.

6. Selection Criteria

All proposals submitted shall be evaluated by the BoE based on commercial viability and transformational impact of the ideas or projects on selected key socioeconomic areas. All proposals will, therefore, be assessed based on the following parameters, amongst others:

Key Areas	Parameters	Indicators
Creativity	Unique approach to solution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concept ▪ Big picture behind idea ▪ Approach to social problem identification and solution development ▪ Originality
Commercial scalability	Commercial viability and private sector attractiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Long-term prospects ▪ Attractiveness to the private sector ▪ Quality of strategic alliances for scaling up the project ▪ Commercial feasibility and viability ▪ Project phase ▪ Alternate financing potential
Social impact	Transformational potential of the project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Job creation potential ▪ Social sustainability ▪ Contribution to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) ▪ Social engagement with broader community ▪ Community benefits
Sustainability	Environmental sustainability and impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Market alternatives or substitutes ▪ Financial sustainability ▪ Supply chain linkages (access to secure resources channel) ▪ Competitive or sustainability advantage ▪ Environmental friendliness

Deadline for submission of Application:
December 31st, 2021

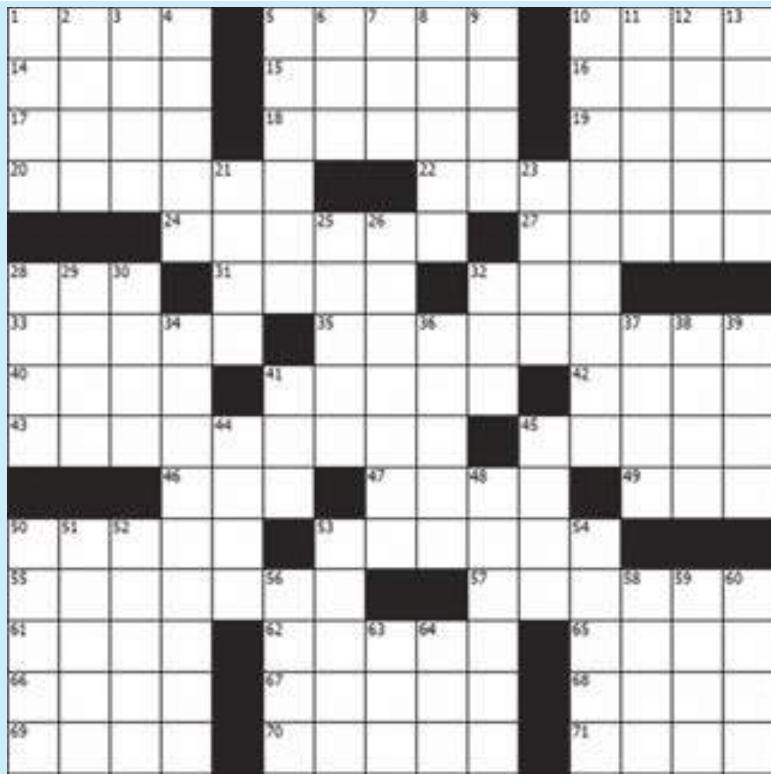
The CBN reserves the right to decline any proposal that does not meet the stipulated requirements.

For further information on the guidelines and other enquiries, please visit www.cbn.gov.ng

Philip Yila Yusuf
Director, Development Finance Department

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EASY CROSSWORD >>



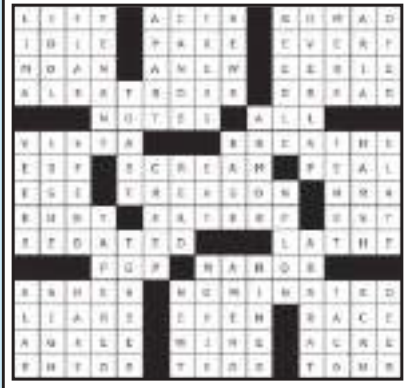
Across

- 1. Served perfectly
- 5. Chars
- 10. Over again
- 14. Delhi dress
- 15. Bicycle part
- 16. Alike
- 17. Make socks
- 18. Gandhi's nation
- 19. Spasms
- 20. Zone
- 22. Hollywood hopeful
- 24. Source of answers
- 27. Misplaces
- 28. Flower plot
- 31. She, in Seville
- 32. Age
- 33. Animals' homes
- 35. Enlarged
- 40. Between continents
- 41. Computer key
- 42. Take apart
- 43. Paused
- 45. Does' mates
- 46. Baseball's _____ Gehrig
- 47. Seldom seen
- 49. Golly!
- 50. Egypt's capital
- 53. Sign up
- 55. Cottage cheese's kin
- 57. Assert
- 61. Korea's locale

Down

- 1. Invites
- 2. Walking stick
- 3. Clapton or Idle
- 4. The same
- 5. Type of staircase
- 6. Twilight, to a poet
- 7. Do sums
- 8. Elevate
- 9. Bed support
- 10. Space traveler
- 11. Metal spikes
- 12. Roast host
- 13. Mae and Adam
- 21. Native metals
- 23. Burn-soothing plant
- 25. Actor/Director _____ Eastwood
- 26. Portable lamp
- 28. Unexciting
- 29. Soften
- 30. Expires
- 32. Make a boo-boo
- 34. Train tracks
- 36. Closet wood
- 37. Obstacle
- 38. Margin
- 39. Medicinal portion
- 41. Water, to Jacques
- 44. Horn sound
- 45. Broker's advice
- 48. Uses the oven
- 50. Collide
- 51. Theater walkway
- 52. More frosty
- 53. Roof edges
- 54. Andes animal
- 56. Pulled apart
- 58. Devilish
- 59. Fish feature
- 60. Whirlpool
- 63. Capone and Roker
- 64. Southern general

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD (089)



SUDOKU >>

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

Good luck!

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Solution to Sudoku 089

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SNAPSHOT >>

Doorbell camera records California woman giving birth on lawn



A California woman who didn't have time to make it to the hospital when she went into labor delivered her baby in the front yard - where the entire scene was recorded by her doorbell camera. Emily Johnson, of Vacaville, said she and her husband, Michael, weren't in a huge rush to get to the hospital when her contractions started Nov. 4, a week before her due date, because they were 10 minutes apart and the couple's house is only a 5-minute drive from the hospital. "Then the contractions went from three minutes to two minutes to one minute in a matter of 20 to 30 minutes, and we are like, 'Oh, we got to get into the car; we have to go,'" Johnson told KCRA-TV. Johnson said she made it as far as the car before she realized she wouldn't get to the hospital in time. "I'm just like, 'I'm going to get on the grass,'" she recalled. "I'm going to be here. This is my spot." Johnson delivered baby Thomas with help from her mother, Kristy Sparks. Emergency responders arrived just after the infant was born. The birth was caught on video by the Johnsons' Ring doorbell camera. "I'm just thankful that I was facing in that direction because otherwise, I don't think we'd be able to share the video footage with anybody," Johnson said. Johnson said the unusual birth now makes for a great story.

- cleanbowled.in

SIGN LANGUAGE >>

Funny signs from around the world



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ON FRIDAY THE 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021
BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP
HON. JUSTICE S. DALYOP PAM [JUDGE]

SUIT NO: FHC/PH/CP/11/2021

BETWEEN:
1. MR. PHILLIP PAUL AKOR
2. MR. NATHANIEL PAUL AKOR PETITIONERS

AND
BENIGNANT FORTE NIGERIA LIMITED RESPONDENT

ORDER

UPON THIS MOTION ON NOTICE dated and filed 9th day of November, 2021 and praying this Honourable Court for the following reliefs:

1. An Order of this Honourable Court granting leave to the Petitioner/Applicant to have the petition filed on 9th November, 2021 advertised in accordance with Rule 19 of the Companies

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Winding-Up Rules, 2001 by advertising the petition once in:

(a) The Federal Gazette; and

(b) One National Daily Newspaper, to wit: The Punch Newspaper, and

(c) One other Newspaper, to wit: The Daily Trust Newspaper, which is widely circulating in Abuja FCT being the State where the Respondent's principal place of business is situate.

2. And such other order(s) as this Honourable Court may deem fit to make in the circumstances.

AFTER READING the Affidavit in Support of Motion paper with the attached exhibits sworn to by Mr. Phillip Paul Akor, adult, male, Christian, Nigerian citizen of No. 12 Calvary Road, Maraba, Karu, Nasarawa State and filed at this Court's Registry;

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AND AFTER HEARING A. Akintola, Esq. Learned Counsel for the Petitioners appearing with O. Nwagwu moved in form of this Motion paper and P.J. Green for the Respondent not appearing.

AND this Honourable Court having ruled this 12th day of November, 2021:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That order is made granting leave to the Petitioner/Applicant to advertised the Petition filed on 9th November, 2021 in accordance with Rule 19 of the Companies Winding Up Rules 2001, by advertising the Petition once in:

(a) The Federal Gazette
(b) One National Daily Newspapers to wit: The Punch Newspaper
(c) One other Newspaper to wit: The Daily Trust Newspaper.

2. That this matter is by the order of this Honourable Court adjourned to the 19th day of November, 2021.

ISSUED AT PORT HARCOURT under the seal of the court and the Hand of the Presiding Judge this 12th day of November, 2021.

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CLOVIS OGBURUKE O.P. ESQ.
Registrar

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AND

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BROUGHT UNDER SECTION 230B AND 230C OF THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT 2020

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE WINDING UP BY THE COURT OF BENIGNANT FORTE NIGERIA LIMITED

BETWEEN:
1. MR. PHILLIP PAUL AKOR
2. MR. NATHANIEL PAUL AKOR PETITIONERS

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BENIGNANT FORTE NIGERIA LIMITED RESPONDENT

To His Lordship, the Judge of the Federal High Court

THE PETITIONER OF MR. PHILLIP PAUL AKOR OF 12 CALVARY ROAD, MARABA, KARU, NASARAWA STATE AND MR. NATHANIEL PAUL AKOR OF 12 CALVARY ROAD, MARABA, KARU, NASARAWA STATE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Benignant Forte Nigeria Limited (hereinafter called "the Company") was incorporated on the 31st July 2020 as Benignant Forte Nigeria Limited, and changed to Benignant Forte Nigeria Limited with Certificate issued on the 27th March 2021 by the Corporate Affairs Commission when the Company and Allied Matters Act, 2020, as a private company limited by shares.

2. The registered office of the Company is situate in SUITE CH-012 CANTONMENT PLAZA MICHAEL GARAGE STREET, ABUJA, Federal Capital Territory, NIGERIA, within the jurisdiction of the Federal High Court of Nigeria.

3. The nominal capital of the Company is N1,000,000.00 divided into 1,000,000 ordinary shares of N1.00 each. The amount of the capital is paid up as N1,000,000.00.

4. The objects for which the Company is set up are as follows:

- To engage in the business of corporate management, trading and exporting.
- To engage in the business of sales of general goods and merchandise and to act as manufacturer's representative.
- To engage in the business of value trading and investment and ancillary services.

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2. To engage in the business of sales of general goods and merchandise and to act as manufacturer's representative.

3. To engage in the business of value trading and investment and ancillary services.

4. To engage in the business of corporate management, trading and exporting.

5. To engage in the business of sales of general goods and merchandise and to act as manufacturer's representative.

6. To engage in the business of value trading and investment and ancillary services.

7. The documents going to the petition are as follows:

(1) The 1st Petitioner is the Managing Director/Executive Officer of the Respondent, Benignant Forte Nigeria Ltd. He holds 800,000 of the 1,000,000 ordinary shares of the Company. The 2nd Petitioner is also Director of the Respondent Benignant Forte Nigeria Ltd and holds 200,000 of the 1,000,000 ordinary shares of the Company. They reside at 12 Calvary Road, Maraba, Karu, Nasarawa State.

(2) The Company is a private limited liability company incorporated in Nigeria. The Company was created for the purpose of corporate management, trading and exporting, general goods, merchandising, Real Estate Development and Agency, Property and Agency, Investments and Ancillary Services.

(3) The Company has a share capital of One Million Naira (N1,000,000.00). The petitioners are the 100% shareholders in the Company. The 1st Petitioner has Eight Hundred Thousand (800,000) shares, the 2nd Petitioner has Two Hundred Thousand (200,000) shares. Collectively the petitioners hold the entire share capital of the Company and have control over the Company.

(4) Certificate of Incorporation - Exhibit 1

(5) Memorandum and Articles of Association - Exhibit 2

(6) The Company incurred critically, owing capital debts worth approximately N1,000,000.00 and repaying a business loan, interest and fee which is as follows:

(7) That to diversify and expand its business, the Respondent adopted a stratifying mechanism, establishing an investment scheme whereby investors could participate in an investment scheme of the Company to spread its business and fund various projects or investments. The proceeds were used to support its business activities and thereby fund its daily operations in Nigeria.

(8) That on 21st June 2021 the Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) issued restrictions on the accounts of the Company when the Petitioner applied to know why the restriction was placed. They also advised that the stratifying investment scheme was contrary to SEC regulations and that such investment scheme should be approved by the SEC. Upon application for approval, they were further advised that the scheme was such that it was not contemplated by Nigerian law and their was insufficient framework in Nigerian law to regulate such a scheme and present status, and as such the SEC would not be approving the Scheme.

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The petitioners are in the process of applying for the Order and have been advised to provide the following documents to the Registrar within a week:

1. That in accordance with the provisions of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 2020, the Petitioners are required to advertise the petition in accordance with Rule 19 of the Companies Winding Up Rules 2001, by advertising the petition once in:

(a) The Federal Gazette
(b) One National Daily Newspaper, to wit: The Punch Newspaper, and
(c) One other Newspaper, to wit: The Daily Trust Newspaper, which is widely circulating in Abuja FCT being the State where the Respondent's principal place of business is situate.

2. That this matter is by the order of this Honourable Court adjourned to the 19th day of November, 2021.

3. That the Respondent has not yet filed its Statement of Assets and Liabilities in accordance with Rule 19 of the Companies Winding Up Rules 2001.

4. That it is the order of the Court that the Respondent shall file its Statement of Assets and Liabilities within a week of the date of this order.

5. That the Respondent shall file its Statement of Assets and Liabilities within a week of the date of this order.

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AFFIDAVIT VERIDICUS PETITION

I, MR. PHILLIP PAUL AKOR, adult, male, Christian, Nigerian citizen of 12 Calvary Road, Maraba, Karu, Nasarawa State, do hereby make oath and state as follows:

1. I am the 1st Petitioner in this affidavit, but, consistent with the facts disclosed for herein I have the authority and authority of the 2nd Petitioner to depose to this affidavit on his behalf.

2. The statements in the petition and the affidavit attached hereto, were prepared and sworn to me, as regards to my own self and goods and land, and each of the statements as regards to the facts and events of any other person or persons I believe to be true.

3. I swear by this affidavit in good faith, in accordance with the Oath Act, 1980, as amended.

Sworn to at the Federal High Court, Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, this 12th day of November 2021.

Before Me

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Certificate of Incorporation

OF

A PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

The Registrar - General of Companies Affairs Commission

hereby certifies that

BENIGNANT FORTE NIG LTD

COMPANY REGISTRATION NO. 643765

was lawfully incorporated in accordance with the provisions of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 2020 and that the said company is a private company limited by shares.

Given under my hand and official seal, this 12th day of November, 2021.

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MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

OF

BENIGNANT FORTE NIG LTD

1. Name of the company: BENIGNANT FORTE NIG LTD

2. The registered office of the company shall be situated in Nigeria.

3. The objects for which the company is established are:

- To engage in the business of corporate management, trading and exporting.
- To engage in the business of sales of general goods and merchandise and to act as manufacturer's representative.
- To engage in the business of value trading and investment and ancillary services.

4. The company shall be a private company limited by shares.

5. The liability of the members is limited to the amount of their unpaid shares.

6. The company shall have perpetual succession.

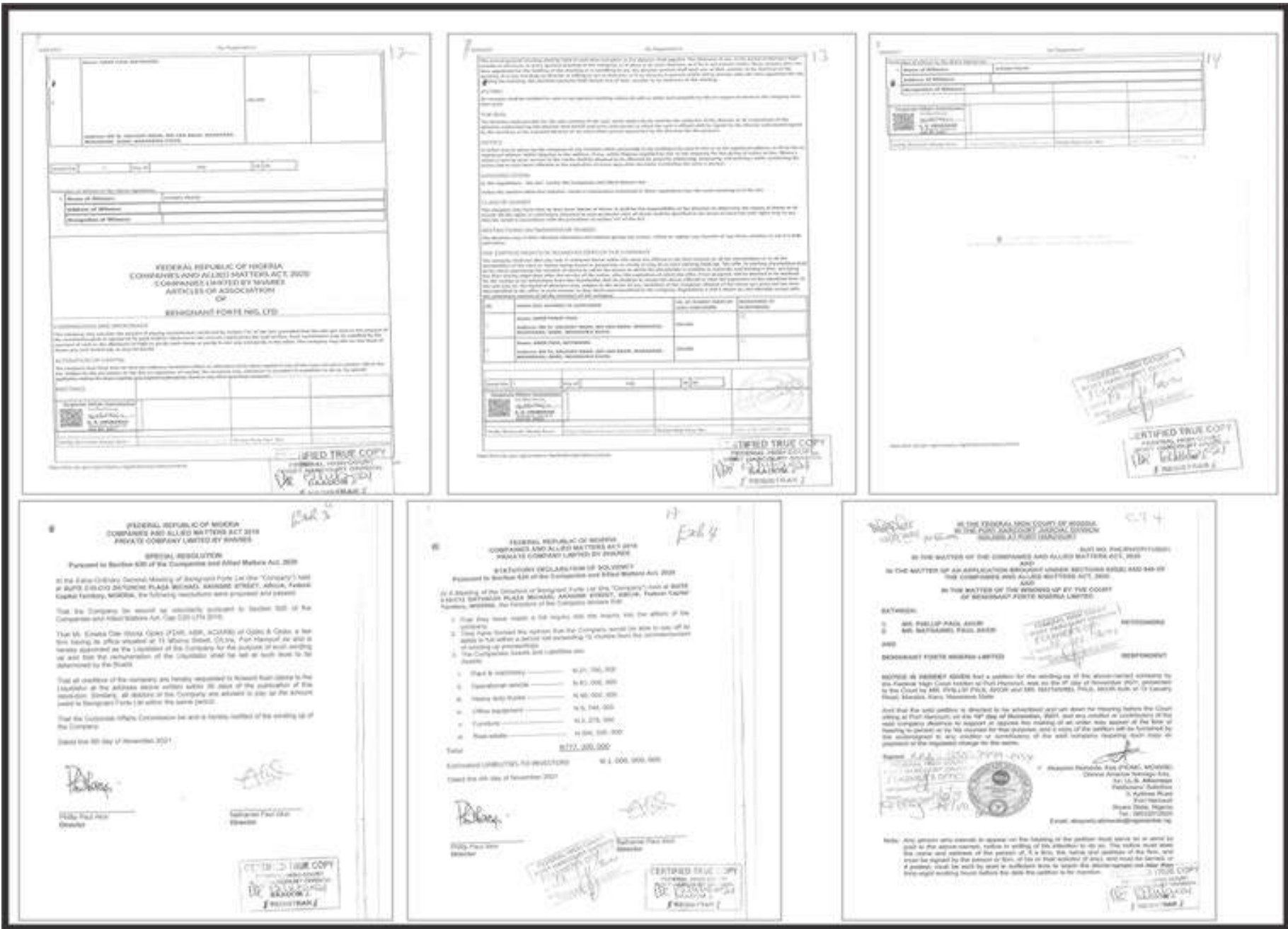
7. The company shall have the power to borrow money and to charge its assets as security for the repayment of such money.

8. The company shall have the power to acquire and dispose of immovable and movable property.

9. The company shall have the power to sue and be sued.

10. The company shall have the power to do all such other things as may be necessary for the purposes of the objects of the company.

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IBRAHIM BADAMASI BABANGIDA UNIVERSITY, LAPAI CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO A RENOWNED TAX ADMINISTRATOR



Muhammad Mamman Nami
Executive Chairman, Federal Inland Revenue Service

I, Professor Abu Kasim Adamu, the Vice Chancellor, on behalf of Council, Senate, Management, Staff and Students of Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University, Lapai congratulate the Executive Chairman of Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Muhammad Mamman Nami on your election as the 15th President of the Commonwealth Association of Tax Administrators (CATA).

Sir, IBB University Lapai appreciates your numerous contributions in the positive development of the Institution, and very proud to associate with your remarkable achievements in tax collection in the country.

We wish you many more positive feats as you pilot the affairs of the nation's Revenue Body.

Once again, Congratulations!
Long Live, Federal Inland Revenue Service!
Long Live, IBB University, Lapai!!
Long Live, Nigeria!!!



Signed:
Professor Abu Kasim Adamu,
Vice Chancellor.



■ Ladies pound yam during the celebration of Gbari pounded yam festival in Kwali area council on Saturday.



■ Kwali council officials and some elders eat pounded on leaves during the celebration of Gbari pounded festival in Kwali on Saturday.

Thrills, frills of Gbari pounded yam festival

By **Abubakar Sadiq Isah**

On Saturday, November 13, 2021, the Gbari natives of Kwali Area Council in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) marched out in their traditional attires and converged on Ijah community to mark their pounded yam festival.

Our reporter who witnessed

the festival reports that hunters, drummers, traditional dancers, masquerades, as well as other Gbari entertainers, thrilled guests.

The youths who slaughtered a cow for the event, came with cooking utensils, firewood and condiments.

Speaking at the event, the Etsu Kwali, Alhaji Shaban Audu Nizazo, said the festival was

aimed at showcasing what the Gbari indigenous people of Kwali were known for - farming.

Alhaji Shaban said the annual festival was right from the times of their forefathers, adding that it was aimed at fostering unity and peace among Gbari natives, as well as non-natives, in the chieftdom.

He used the occasion to urge community leaders in the

chieftdom to continue to support security agents in tackling insecurity and other crimes in the area.

Also speaking, the Chairman of Kwali, Danladi Chiya, commended the Gbari youths for organising the festival, adding that such festivals were a clear indication of the unity and peace among the youths of the council.

On his part, the Sadauki of Kwali, Mr Tanko Shazin, said the festival was to showcase the culture and tradition of the Gbari speaking natives of Kwali, including how the pounded yam festival had been held right from the era of their forefathers.

He said the pounded yam was eaten on fresh leaves the very way and manner their forefathers did.

NGO to treat 230 eye patients in Toto LG

By **Abubakar Sadiq Isah**

A Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), Eye Plus Vision For Africa Initiative, is set to commence free eye treatment for 230 patients in Toto Local Government Area of Nasarawa State.

The Chairman of Eye Plus, Dr Baribae Nyiyete, disclosed this when he led his team on a courtesy visit to the council Chairman, Alhaji Abdullahi Aliyu Tashas, in his office.

Dr Nyiyete said although the organisation would be carrying out the exercise in collaboration with the Nasarawa State Ministry of Health, his team was in Toto to seek official support before commencing the exercise.

Responding, the Chairman of Toto, Alhaji Abdullahi, thanked the NGO for including Toto among the benefitting LGAs, adding that his administration would give them all the necessary support.

Kidnapped vice principal freed after paying N2m ransom

By **Abubakar Sadiq Isah**

The abducted vice principal of the Government Junior Secondary School (GJSS) Yebu, in Kwali area council, Nuhu Mohammed, has regained freedom from his abductors after payment of N2 million ransom.

City News had reported that the vice principal was abducted by kidnapers, who invaded teachers' staff quarters at Yebu

community a month ago and whisked him away at gunpoint.

A family member of the victim, who preferred anonymity, confirmed the release of the vice principal to our reporter.

He said the vice principal was released last Wednesday, evening at about 6:44 pm at a forest bordering Toto local government area of Nasarawa and Kogi state.

"It was N2 million they

later collected but they asked the family to buy bag of rice, drinks, cigarettes, recharge cards and drugs, which cost almost N200, 000," he said.

He said the Vice Principal was still on a medical checkup at an undisclosed hospital.

The spokesperson of the FCT police command, DSP Akeh Josephine, did not pick calls or reply text message sent to her to confirm the release of the vice principal.

Foundation commences tree planting exercise in FCT schools

By **Baba Martins**

The Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF) has commenced its tree planting initiative in the Federal Capital Territory with a call on students to cultivate the culture of planting trees for the preservation of the environment.

The exercise, Green Stations Schools Project, was kicked started with collaboration

between the NCF and Total Energies, aimed at imbuing the culture of protecting the environment on the students.

Speaking at the commencement of the programme and planting of 50 trees at the Government Secondary school, Tudun Wada, Wuse Zone 4, Abuja, Mohammed Boyi, Head, Abuja office of the NCF, said the project was aimed at mobilising students

to conduct planting of trees in their school and to also inform them of the values associated with tree planting.

In his welcome address, the principal of the school, Mr. Akor Joseph, said human beings need regular reminders of the connection with nature and the planet. "The health of our planet is essential to our own health and well-being and our future and trees are essential part of this.

Keffi old boys donate to alma-mater

From **Umar Muhammed, Lafia**

The Keffi Old Boys Association (KOBA), Class 91 set of the Government College, Keffi, Nasarawa State, have donated 50 double bunks and 100 pieces of mattresses worth millions of naira to their alma-mater.

Speaking to Aso Chronicle immediately after the donation at the college on Tuesday, the chairman of the project committee, Mr Gyangson Samson-Choji, said the gesture was to appreciate what school gave them about 60 years ago.

The group condemned in strong term the burning and destruction of houses some years back by the students and urged them to always embrace dialogue.

Earlier, the principal of the college, Mr. Audi Idris-Oyimege, applauded the 91 set for what he described as a great effort that would address infrastructural challenge in the school.

CRIME

Wife bathes hubby with acid in Edo

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

A woman identified as Becky has bathed her husband, Odion, with acid after quarrelling with him at their home in Benin City, the Edo State capital.

It was gathered that the couple had been having issues, and that the woman at a time

reported her husband to the police over a domestic squabble and that the police advised them to make peace with each other.

It was learnt that the members of their extended families were planning to settle the couple before the wife poured acid on her husband at the weekend.

A source said it was the screaming of the husband that attracted neighbours to their apartment only to find Odion lying on the floor in pains, adding that the woman had been arrested by the police.

When contacted, the police spokesman in the state said he was going to release a statement on the incident.



Some of the items recovered from suspected internet fraudsters in Port Harcourt

4 arraigned for vandalising N24.9m electrification project in Nasarawa

From Umar Muhammed, Lafia

The police in Nasarawa State have arraigned four men before the Upper Area Court in Wamba Local Government Area for destroying a N24.9 million ongoing rural electrification project of the federal government to provide electricity to Chigbu community.

The Prosecutor, Insp Murtala Agbo, told the court that the suspects: Babale Usman, John Vicko, Ayuba Awa and Joseph Musa, destroyed the project on the boundary between Chigbu and Mama communities of Wamba LGA because the land on which it was sited was under contention between the two communities.

Counsel to the accused persons, Barr Yohana Sambar, however, filed a preliminary objection that the court should strike out the case for abuse of court rules and contempt, arguing that there was already a case between the two communities before the same court over the land where the project was sited.

Barr Sambar affirmed that the court had already given an order to all parties to vacate the disputed land, expressing dismay that the contractor commenced the project on the land despite the court order.

He maintained that when a matter was already before a court, nobody could still bring a case similar to the same matter to the same court; hence his call that the case be struck out.

After listening to the arguments of the prosecutor and counsel to the accused, the Judge, Timothy Akolo, adjourned the case to December 8, 2021.

FRSC prosecutes 3,389 in 3 months in Kaduna

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has revealed that it prosecuted 3,389 traffic offenders in Kaduna State between August and October.

FRSC's Sector Commander in Kaduna, Hafiz Mohammed, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Tuesday that those prosecuted were arrested during a "special intervention patrol".

Mr Mohammed said the operation was conducted to stem infractions of traffic laws within Kaduna Metropolis and on the expressways.

He explained that in August, 1,108 traffic offenders were prosecuted; September, 1,096, and October, 1,185.

The sector commander added that in August, 1,220 offences were recorded; September, 1,209, and October, 1,338, bringing total offences committed during the period to 3,767.

Mohammed said the prevalent offences were overloading, lack of fire extinguisher, number plate violation, bad tyres, seat belt violation and light sign violations.

He said others were lack of speed limit device, driver's licence violations, as well as vehicle licence and windscreen violations.

2 brothers remanded over murder of motorcyclist in Oyo

A magistrates' court in Ibadan on Monday remanded two brothers, Sodiq Hamzat (22) and Taoreed Hamzat (22), who are officials of the Oyo State Park Management System for beating a motorcyclist to death.

The Prosecutor, Sgt Oluseye Akinola, told the

court that Sodiq and Taoreed on November 10, at about 12noon at Queen Cinema area, Adamasingba, Ibadan, unlawfully caused the death of a motorcyclist, 25-year-old Dare Ojo.

Sgt Akinola said, "The motorcyclist was beaten to

death by the revenue collectors who are officials of the Oyo State Park Management System for allegedly refusing to pay N100 daily ticket.

"One of the revenue collectors flagged down the motorcyclist and asked him to purchase the N100 daily ticket. The refusal of

the motorcyclist to pay for the ticket due to shortage of cash made the revenue collectors to descend on him."

The Magistrate, Mrs Munirat Giwa-Babalola, who did not take the plea of the defendants due to lack of jurisdiction, ordered their remand. (NAN)

6 bag 141 years for trafficking drugs

By Abbas Jimoh

A 25-year-old lady, Chioma Okocha, and five men, Ndubuisi John, Haruna Aliyu, Saddam Abdullahi, Bashir Usman and Usman Ibrahim, have been sentenced to a total of 141 years imprisonment for trafficking in cocaine and Indian hemp by the Federal High Courts in Benin, Edo, and Abeokuta, Ogun, states respectively.

Chioma was convicted and sentenced to 15 years by Justice A.C. Obiozor in Benin for trafficking 200g of cocaine. She was arrested in Benin on September, 2021, by operatives of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA)

and arraigned with Suit No FHC/B/136c/2021.

Spokesman of NDLEA, Femi Babafemi, on Tuesday, said the convict pleaded guilty to a one-count charge when her case came up in court on Monday 15 November.

Babafemi said, "The judge, however, granted her the option of paying N2m fine."

The five men: Ndubuisi John; Haruna Aliyu; Saddam Abdullahi; Bashir Usman and Usman Ibrahim, were also convicted and sentenced to 126 years in Abeokuta by Justice Ogunremi Omowunmi Oguntoyinbo in Suit No. FHC/AB/105c/2021.

The convicts were arrested

on September 14, 2021, on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway conveying 46 bags of Indian hemp weighing 552k in a truck.

In her judgment delivered on November 9, Justice Oguntoyinbo sentenced the 1st, 2nd and 3rd accused persons to 30 years imprisonment each, while the driver of the truck bagged 21 years and the motor boy/driver's assistant got 15 years.

While Ndubuisi, Haruna and Saddam were sentenced to 10 years on each count charge, Bashir got seven years on each count charge and Usman five years on each count charge.

The jail terms are to run concurrently.

Man gets N.2m bail over N3m theft

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

A 31-year-old man, Temitayo Akinwumi, who was arraigned before an Ado-Ekiti magistrates' court for stealing N3m, has been granted a N200,000 bail.

The Prosecutor, Insp Oriyomi Akinwale, told the court that the defendant and others at large committed the offence on September 20, 2021, around Secretariat Road in Ado-Ekiti.

Insp Akinwale said the defendant and others at large stole the sum of N3,000,000 belonging to one Mr Yusuf Wasiu.

However, the prosecutor asked the court for an adjournment to enable him study the case file and present witnesses.

The Chief Magistrate, Mr Michael Faola, granted bail to the defendant in the sum of N200,000 with two sureties in like sum and adjourned the case to December 7, 2022.

Kaduna school which chained students re-opens

From Mohammed I. Yaba, Kaduna

Two years after the Kaduna State Government shutdown a local rehabilitation centre and an Islamiyya school in the Rigasa community of Igabi Local Government Area of the state, Arewa Trust Weekly reports it is back in operation.

Security agents had in 2019 raided the Malam Nigga rehabilitation centre located at Kwanar Gurguwa and the Ahmad Ibn Hambal Islamiyya School both in the Rigasa community of Igabi LGA of the state.

At the Malam Nigga Rehabilitation Centre, inmates alleged to be drug addicts were found chained. Officials

claimed that they were being taught carpentry, welding and other skills.

Similarly, children were found chained and left in dehumanising conditions at Ahmad Ibn Hambal Islamiyya School. One of the school's Directors, Auwal El'Zubair had claimed the children were kept in that condition with the consent of their parents. However, security agents rescued about 300 students from the school while their tutors were remanded at the Kaduna Correctional Centre.

However, two years since the raid, residents of Rigasa community are calling on the state government to reopen the rehabilitation centre or find alternative means stressing that the former inmates have returned to their old delinquent behaviour. Arewa

Trust Weekly correspondent who visited the community discovered that the Malam Nigga Rehabilitation Centre, which used to be a beehive of activities with inmates in their red uniforms remains shut.

A resident of the community who asked not to be named said youths who were incarcerated in the centre have returned to their delinquent ways but said a few had been lucky and have since stayed away from drugs.

"Some of the inmates usually come for a visit to the centre looking very calm but there are those who after leaving here, we learnt have returned to their bad habits of taking drugs," he said. He said most parents could not control their children after they were returned to them by the authorities adding that many have no resources to

seek psychiatric help for their children.

Another resident, Salis Kano blamed the government for closing the rehabilitation centres without providing an alternative for parents. Salis said the centre can function with a government monitoring team instead of closing it completely since the government has no alternative to accommodate such addicts.

At the Ahmad Ibn Hambal school in the same community, it was discovered that the school had resumed classes but the management no longer chain students. The school gate was locked during the visit but our correspondent gathered from residents that the children now resume school in the mornings and close in the evenings.

A resident of the community,

Malam Mohammad, said the school no longer chains stubborn children, which was the main reason it was raided and shutdown two years ago.

"The school now runs daily classes from morning to evening, teaching Qur'an and even western education. They no longer put the students in chains for misbehaving as they used to, we are happy with the changes now," he said.

According to him, as parents, they are yet to receive any complaint from students or parents about the school's operations.

When contacted, the Kaduna State Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Mohammed Jalige who was not in the office at the time of the raid said he was yet to get details of the condition of the school.

NDE trains 540 on business training in Kaduna

From Mohammed I. Yaba, Kaduna

The National Directorate of Employment (NDE) has trained 540 selected youths and women on advanced businesses across the three Senatorial Districts of Kaduna State aimed at broadening the participant's knowledge as they engage in various business activities.

Addressing the participants at the flag-off of the training for the Extended Special Public Works held in the state, NDE acting State Coordinator, Victoria Dada urged the participants to take the training seriously stressing that the knowledge they will acquire will help them create wealth and employment.

She further said it will assist them generate business ideas, marketing plans, costing of products and services as well as feasibility reports among others.

In his remarks, the NDE Director General, Abubakar Nuhu Fikpo, who was represented by the acting Zonal Head, Alhaji Ibrahim Suleiman, said the participants will be trained on how to use the funds to set up their businesses.



■ Malam Nigga Rehabilitation centre

Kafanchan Municipal authority will boost revenue generation- Commissioner

From Ahmed Ali, Kafanchan

The newly appointed Commissioner, Kafanchan Municipal Authority, Phoebe Sukai Yayi, has said the authority would explore every possible source of revenue generation to boost the financial status of the state so as to enhance development.

The Kafanchan Municipal Authority alongside Kaduna Capital Territory and Zaria Metropolitan Authority were created in October after Governor Nasir El-Rufai signed a law for their establishment in August 2021.

Based on the law, the three authorities will be funded from

the state and local government, a decision, which raised concerns among legal practitioners who claim it could usurp the constitutional powers of the country's third tier of government as enshrined in constitution. However, Governor Nasir El-Rufai has made it clear that the authorities were not a new tier of government and therefore, their jurisdiction has been clearly spelt out.

During familiarisation visits to the palaces of two paramount rulers in Kaura Local Government Area, Yayi said teamwork was required from all stakeholders for the desired objectives to be achieved.

She said the Kafanchan

Municipal Authority will pay adequate attention to the construction of roads, modern markets, motor parks, hospitals and schools and also look into the possibility of developing tourists' sites among other things.

The Chief of Moro'a, Mallam Tagwai Sambo, who spoke through the Magajin Garin Moro'a, Mr Danladi Nache, called for the development of the Kajim River to serve as a tourist's site.

The Agwam Takad, Mr Tobias Nkom Wada said clay was available in large quantity in the chieftdom and called on the government to woo investors to avail themselves of the opportunity and establish ceramic industries.

Library promoting reading culture among children

From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka, Kaduna

Worried by the decline in reading among children, the Kaduna State branch of the National Library has organised a reading promotion campaign for selected schools in the state aimed at building a nation of readers.

Speaking on the campaign, the National Librarian, Professor Chinwe Anunobi said the objective of the campaign is to encourage and revive the moribund reading culture among Nigerians.

He said the campaign focuses on children in primary and secondary schools to sensitise, inform and educate them on reading culture.

He added that the strategies of the campaign have been extended to some identified groups in the society such as expectant and nursing mothers, workers and travellers in motor parks, rural dwellers as well as inmates at correctional facilities.

Head of the state branch, Mrs. Egwuibe Martina said the country's educational system is still largely book-based and therefore, a child must have access to reading materials in the learning process.

She stressed the need for a healthy reading habit to keep children craving for books among many competing alternatives. "The children's library must dutifully assist the child to cultivate a good reading habit.

KANO CHRONICLES

Regional news from
KANO AND JIGAWA STATES

Motorists plying Kano-Jigawa border lament road closure

By Salim Umar Ibrahim

Road users travelling between Kano and Jigawa States on Maiduguri Road are suffering due to the closure of a bridge on the road linking the states.

The bridge located at Tsamiyar Bakin Gada, a few kilometres away from Kwanar Huguma, a border town between Kano and Jigawa, has been closed for almost three months thereby redirecting the road users to other routes.

Kano Chronicle recalls that the

Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) on August 30 issued a statement in Kano notifying the closure of the bridge, which it said was temporary, following damage to the bridge by a heavy rainstorm.

It added that the extent of the damage became a serious safety threat to motorists plying the route.

Therefore, the Corps advised that traffic be diverted to alternative routes such as Birnin Kudu (College of Nursing junction-through Kengere Village-through Dutse- Kwana Huguma Road),

as a temporary solution pending completion of the reconstruction work on the damaged bridge by the federal ministry of works.

But some users, who insist on taking the damaged route, have to go down under the bridge and pay N500 to some youths to push their vehicles through the river.

Speaking on the hardship motorists are facing due to the closure, a commercial driver, Ashiru Sani said the effect was enormous because the diverted routes were unfavourable to them.

"If we have to go round through

the available alternative routes, we have to charge commuters more and they hardly agree. Second, one spends more time on the road. For someone going to Birnin Kudu, just 20 kilometres away from the bridge, he has to go an extra 30 to 50 kilometres," he said.

Also lamenting on the risky practice of going through the river to get across to the other end, Ma'aruf Dalhatu said: "It is too risky for our vehicles to be pushed through a river like this, one can get across and the vehicle may not start".

A female passenger, who does not want her name in print, called on the Kano and Jigawa State governments to intervene by calling the attention of the federal ministry of works to expedite work on the damaged bridge.

Efforts to get a reaction from the Federal Controller of Works in Kano, Engineer Yahaya Baba Ali were unsuccessful as calls to his lines were rejected and a text message sent to him with details of the enquiry was marked delivered but not responded to as of press time.

Kano partners NIAS on animal feed production

By Salim Umar Ibrahim

Kano State Agro-Pastoral Development Project (KSADP) has signed an agreement with the Nigerian Institute of Animal Science (NIAS) for pasture production in the state.

This is sequel to a meeting held between officials of the two organisations, at the side-line of the just concluded National Agricultural Show, held at Karu, Nasarawa State, a statement by the project communications specialist, Ameen K Yassar, noted.

He said the availability of pasture is very crucial in the development of Nigeria's expanding livestock industry as the bulk of the animal protein especially milk and meat, consumed in the country, are derived from cattle and small ruminants.

Shortly after signing the agreement in Kano, the State Project Coordinator, KSADP, Malam Ibrahim Garba Muhammad, revealed that as part of the agreement, the project has allocated four hectares of land to NIAS, at

Kadawa, Garun Mallam Local Government Area, for pasture production.

"When the demo plot is fully developed, it will be handed over to us (KSADP) and it will be used not only for pasture production but for the training of students of agriculture as well as for servicing of pasture producers and livestock farm owners.

"This will go a long way in supporting our fodder development initiative since presently, we have a 20-hectare fodder seed multiplication scheme at Dudduru, Ajingi Local Government, which is expected to form the backbone of large-scale, commercial fodder production in the state", he said.

The Registrar/Chief Executive Officer of NIAS, Professor Eustace Ayemere Iyayi was also quoted to have said the endeavour would help in meeting the increasing demand for fodder, explaining that the institute would use irrigation and rain-fed pasture production techniques to develop the four hectares given to it.

Councillor donates school uniforms to orphans in Dutse

From Mohammed Abubakar, Dutse

About 100 orphans have received a new set of school uniforms by the Speaker of Dutse Local Government Council, Jigawa State, Malam Gambo Muhammad Dayyanu.

Presenting the uniforms to the beneficiaries on Monday at the Council Secretariat, the speaker said the gesture was to support and encourage the orphans to access universal basic education.

Dayyanu, who is the

councillor representing Limawa Ward in the local government area, said the children were carefully selected from primary and junior secondary schools in his constituency.

He said, "The aim of the donation is to put smiles on their faces and give them more courage to perform better in their classes. As you can see, the uniform is for both males and females who lost their parents".

The speaker also donated 20 cartons of chalk to primary schools at the Limawa ward.



■ Some motorists say they pay N500 to have their vehicles pushed through a river

Experts engage journalists, CSO's on cybersecurity

By Salim Umar Ibrahim

Technology experts drawn from different backgrounds have organised an interactive session with journalists and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) in Kano on the need to observe online safety.

The workshop, which aimed at equipping participants on the state of encryption in Nigeria,

safeguarding citizens' data, was organised by the Africa Media and Information Technology Initiative (AfriMITI) as part of its global encryption and #Marketheswitch Campaign held in Kano.

The initiative's Executive Director, Garzali Haruna Ibrahim, said journalists were selected as part of the training because of the role they play in

the society and how they carry out their activities especially investigative journalism, which requires a stimulus to go beyond the conventional system.

Advising the participants, a cybersecurity expert, Engr M. A Sulaiman enjoined them to look into privacy policy and data privacy of applications used on mobile phones.

Kano consumer protection seals 25 shops in Kwari market

By Ibrahim Musa Giginyu

The Kano State Consumer Protection Council (KSCPC) has sealed over 25 shops at Kantin Kwari textile market in Kano for irregular practices that put their customers at risk.

The spokesman for the council, Malam Musbahu Aminu Yakasai, in a statement said the council had sealed the shops for their failure to honour the council's

invitation earlier sent to them after it received complaints from some customers on the conduct of their businesses.

According to the statement, the council under the leadership of Rtd General Idris Bello Danbazau had invited the said shop owners for allegedly violating marketing processes by duping innocent customers through selling incomplete measurement of textile materials.

The statement added that

the council would not relent in its efforts to protect the rights of every consumer in the state. It further stated that the council would ensure that whoever is found guilty would face the consequences of their actions.

The areas affected in the market, according to the statement, include the Igbo line, Dan Fas House, Mudan House, Zainab House, Zita House, Mr Zhou House among others.

EKOTRUST

Regional news from **EKITI, LAGOS, OGUN, ONDO, OYO AND OSUN STATES**

Olugbo faults Yoruba history, says Ile-Ife owned by his ancestors

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

The Chairman, Reconciliation Committee of Yoruba Monarchs and paramount Ruler of Ugbo Kingdom, His Imperial Majesty, Oba Frederick Akinruntan (Okoro Ajiga 1), in Ondo State has advocated for more education for school children of Yoruba origin.

He said the ancient city of Ile Ife in Osun State is owned by his forefathers, and not the other way round as speculated by some Yoruba historians.

The Olugbo of Ugboland, who revealed this while speaking with reporters in his palace, reiterated that his ancestors were the original settlers and aboriginal owners of Ile Ife, before migrating to the southernmost parts of the coastal area of Ondo State, owing to the directives of the oracle.

He maintained that his ancestors' departure from Ile Ife was premised on the directives of the oracle which affirmed that the ancient city is a barren land.

The Olugbo reiterated that, "the

Ugbo-Ilaje are direct descendants of Osangangan Obamakin whose dynasty founded Ile Ife, and reigned as the aboriginal paramount ruler of ancient Ile Ife which was known at the time as Igbomokun (Ugbomokun).

"He too was the son Oranfe who is recorded to be half man and half spirit, and lived on the hills of Ora".

"The offsprings and siblings of Osangangan Obamakin included Obalufon, Ojoyin, Alawo, Obawinrin, Obariyun, Owajan, Woyeasiri, Obarena, Obalara, Lowagbafin, and Baba Sigidi to mention but a few, in present day Ile Ife. There are existing quarters of Osangangan Obamakin where his direct descendants who are my kith and kin reside".

The monarch, however, said some historians have turned the authentic and veracious history of Yorubaland upside down, stressing that it was high time the concerned authorities in history did something meaningful, factual and substantial for the sake of the current and subsequent generations.

13 months after, family demands justice for Favour, 11, gang-raped to death

From Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos

The family of 11-year-old Favour Okechukwu who was raped to death in September, 2020 has decried what it described as delayed justice, noting that the perpetrators of the heinous crime are roaming the streets.

The late Favour, who was a JSS 3 student of Deo-Lively Stone International School, was allegedly gang-raped to death by some hoodlums in her community at Ejigbo, a suburb of Lagos.

Her mother, Mrs. Ruth Okechukwu, alleged that the outcome of the autopsy and forensic test that was conducted was not made known to the family; adding that the people who were arrested in connection to the incident have been released.

"We don't even understand what is happening," she lamented.

She appealed to the police and Lagos government to hasten

the process of justice for her late daughter.

When contacted, the lawyer in charge of the case, Barr Alex Ishogba, said the Department of Public Prosecution (DPP) advised that all the people arrested were innocent and that they should be released from prison.

"We tried to find out what happened because the suspects made confessional statements, so how come they became innocent? So, the DPP gave us the copy of the report and we found out that the police did not send the autopsy report, the semen report and even the fingerprint report of the suspects.

"All these facts were not released by the police to the DPP. Even the confessional statements were changed and that was why DPP advised that based on what was in the file, the arrested persons are innocent, and they should be released," he said.

He, however, noted that the family has decided to sue the Lagos

State governor, the commissioner of police, the state attorney general and the hospital that conducted the autopsy, to demand justice.

"Based on that, we have sued the Commissioner of Police and the Governor of Lagos State, the Attorney General, and the hospital that conducted the autopsy. We went to the high court for enforcement of fundamental human rights, so we have sued them for N100 million for damages done," he said.

He stated that the matter is coming up on November 22 at the Federal High Court, Ikoyi as all those involved had been served.

It would be recalled that *Daily Trust* reported that some arrests were made after the death of Favour as the police promised to get to the root of the matter.

Just like the late Favour, many other under-aged girls have been sexually abused and sent to their early graves by hoodlums in the society.



■ Scene of a gas explosion where five people died at 21, Ojekunle Street, Ladipo in Lagos

Human rights: We've best mechanism to deal with erring officers — Ogun CP

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

The Commissioner of Police in Ogun State, Lanre Bankole, on Tuesday warned officers and men of the command on human rights violations.

He declared that the Nigeria Police Force has the "best mechanism to deal with erring police officers."

Bankole said this in Abeokuta while speaking with newsmen shortly after he declared open a training organised by the Prisoners Rehabilitation and Welfare Action (PRAWA) for police

officers on human rights and trust building.

The training attracted the Area Commander, Divisional Police Officers, youths and community leaders in the state.

The CP said "They (officers) have to carry out their duties in consonance to the provisions of the law and extant regulations.

"I can tell you that the Nigeria Police Force has the best mechanism in dealing with any member of the force when the need arises. And the message is clear; perform your duties according to the dictates of the law"

The CP noted that the

training would enhance the capacity of the officers for better service delivery.

The Deputy Director of PRAWA, Mrs Ogechi Ogu, said about 35 high cadre officers and 150 members of the society including youths and elders were selected for the training.

"So, we are bringing together the police and the community they serve to build trust, to discuss issues of human rights and to deal with issues of violence, proposing alternatives to violence and that particular component is targeting the youths," Ogu said.

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COMPANY NAME	MARKET(NM)	PRICE	CHANGE	TRADES	VOLUME
BANKING					
ACCESS BANK PLC	332,347.86	9.35	-0.53	195	8,900,626
UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA PLC	288,985.11	8.45	3.68	112	2,809,329
ZENITH BANK PLC	753,515.85	24.00	-0.21	265	9,674,047
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS					
FBN HOLDINGS PLC	430,743.51	12.00	4.35	290	129,774,697
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES					
MTN NIGERIA COMMUNICATIONS PLC	3,887,711.99	191.00	-4.50	225	1,764,051
BUILDING MATERIALS					
DANGOTE CEMENT PLC	4,771,342.07	280.00	-	49	144,488
LAFARGE AFRICA PLC	410,748.79	25.50	-	73	1,315,872
BERGER PAINTS PLC	2,477.99	8.55	-	13	32,537
BUA CEMENT PLC	2,522,894.38	74.50	-	15	10,879
CAP PLC	15,371.06	19.50	-	5	32,305
MEYER PLC	106.25	0.20	-	0	0
PREMIER PAINTS PLC	1,230.00	10.00	-	1	0
EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION					
SEPLAT ENERGY PLC	430,447.20	731.50	-	17	24,309
AGRICULTURE					
ELLAH LAKES PLC	8,500.00	4.25	-	0	0
FTN COCOA PROCESSORS PLC	968.00	0.44	4.76	31	1,507,712
OKOMU OIL PALM PLC	135,455.22	142.00	-	25	20,022
PRESCO PLC	89,000.00	89.00	-	47	312,167
LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC	6,000.00	2.00	-8.68	36	3,010,522
JOHN HOLT PLC	280.19	0.72	-	2	6,915
S C O A. NIG. PLC	675.82	1.04	-	2	10,375
TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATION OF NIGERIA PLC	40,647.99	1.00	-1.00	112	6,501,539
U A C N. PLC	31,694.26	11.00	-	17	111,408
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION					
ARBICO PLC	152.96	1.03	-	0	0
INFRASTRUCTURE/HEAVY CONSTRUCTION					
JULIUS BERGER NIG. PLC	39,680.00	24.80	-	21	18,193
REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT					
UPDC PLC	28,396.75	1.53	-9.47	22	1,048,092
AUTOMOBILES/AUTO PARTS					
DI TYRE & RUBBER PLC	954.53	0.20	-	0	0
BEVERAGES - BREWERS/DISTILLERS					
CHAMPION BREW. PLC	21,922.59	2.80	-	10	77,779
GOLDEN GUINEA BREW. PLC	829.98	0.81	-	0	0
GUINNESS NIG PLC	82,139.36	37.50	-	42	209,368
INTERNATIONAL BREWERIES PLC	149,084.48	5.55	-	37	4,110,388
NIGERIAN BREW. PLC	419,837.36	52.50	-	38	499,801
DANGOTE SUGAR REFINERY PLC	207,711.62	17.10	-	87	629,087
FLOUR MILLS NIG. PLC	121,371.24	29.60	1.54	70	16,336,682
HONEYWELL FLOUR MILL PLC	26,962.67	3.40	-3.95	74	2,977,152
MULTI-TREX INTEGRATED FOODS PLC	1,340.10	0.36	-	0	0
N NIG. FLOUR MILLS PLC	1,425.60	8.00	-	4	10,217
NASCION ALLIED INDUSTRIES PLC	37,489.55	14.15	-	11	126,579
UNION DICON SALT PLC	2,706.05	9.90	-	0	0
FOOD PRODUCTS - DIVERSIFIED					
CADBURY NIGERIA PLC	17,561.19	9.35	-	17	62,058
NESTLE NIGERIA PLC	1,109,718.75	1,400.00	-	42	64,656
HOUSEHOLD DURABLES					
NIGERIAN ENAMELWARE PLC	1,231.72	16.20	-	0	0
VITAFAM NIG PLC	23,390.78	18.70	-	35	392,587
P Z CUSSONS NIGERIA PLC	24,219.91	6.10	-	27	178,678
UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC	83,877.08	14.60	-	25	234,130
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
ECOBANK TRANSNATIONAL INCORPORATED	157,806.14	8.60	1.78	41	13,941,583
FIDELITY BANK PLC	77,072.96	2.66	-0.37	48	896,353
GUARANTY TRUST HOLDING COMPANY PLC	807,885.87	27.45	0.18	144	18,438,717
JAIZ BANK PLC	22,106.35	0.64	-1.54	22	2,043,856
STERLING BANK PLC	43,185.63	1.50	1.33	39	2,306,963
UNION BANK NIG. PLC	145,603.76	5.00	-	24	324,771
UNITY BANK PLC	6,896.71	0.59	-	17	39,327
WEMA BANK PLC	32,402.55	0.84	-2.33	41	2,627,622
INSURANCE CARRIERS, BROKERS AND SERVICES					
AFRICAN ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	4,117.00	0.20	-	0	0
AICO INSURANCE PLC	26,255.05	1.27	-0.78	55	4,757,186
AXAMANSARD INSURANCE PLC	20,520.00	2.28	4.11	35	1,232,023
CONSOLIDATED HALLMARK INSURANCE PLC	6,208.61	5.58	5.45	14	1,261,808
CORNERSTONE INSURANCE PLC	9,446.52	0.52	-	7	197,819
CORONATION INSURANCE PLC	11,755.92	0.49	2.08	30	2,419,657
GOLDLINK INSURANCE PLC	909.99	0.20	-	0	0
GUINEA INSURANCE PLC	1,228.00	0.20	-	1	1,400
INTERNATIONAL ENERGY INSURANCE PLC	487.95	1.18	-	0	0
LASACO ASSURANCE PLC	2,016.94	1.10	3.77	10	606,354
LINKAGE ASSURANCE PLC	7,840.00	0.56	-	4	32,095
MUTUAL BENEFITS ASSURANCE PLC	5,416.64	0.27	-	7	167,550
NISA INSURANCE PLC	10,363.60	1.93	-	3	119,350
NIGER INSURANCE PLC	1,547.90	0.20	-	0	0
PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC	5,698.60	0.43	-8.51	5	928,831
REGENCY ASSURANCE PLC	2,667.50	0.40	5.26	6	1,309,000
SOVEREIGN TRUST INSURANCE PLC	2,500.18	0.22	-	6	2,015,000
STACO INSURANCE PLC	4,483.72	0.48	-	0	0
STANDARD ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	2,582.21	0.20	-	0	0
SUNU ASSURANCES NIGERIA PLC	2,614.86	0.45	-	0	0
UNIVERSAL INSURANCE PLC	3,360.00	0.21	-4.55	9	5,727,000
VERITAS CAPITAL ASSURANCE PLC	3,189.33	0.23	9.52	4	1,113,000
MICRO-FINANCE BANKS					
NPF MICROFINANCE BANK PLC	4,115.95	1.80	-5.26	4	196,500
ABEY MORTGAGE BANK PLC	6,138.46	0.95	-	3	1,703
ASO SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	7,370.87	0.50	-	0	0
INFINITY TRUST MORTGAGE BANK PLC	5,505.00	1.32	-	0	0
RESORT SAVINGS & LOANS PLC	2,265.95	0.20	-	0	0
UNION HOMES SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	2,949.22	3.02	-	0	0
AFRICA PRUDENTIAL PLC	12,700.00	6.35	-	40	242,954
CUSTODIAN INVESTMENT PLC	44,996.26	7.65	-	14	252,077
DEAP CAPITAL MANAGEMENT & TRUST PLC	300.00	0.20	-	0	0
FCMB GROUP PLC	61,190.38	3.09	0.65	30	15,840,239
NIGERIAN EXCHANGE GROUP	35,550.50	18.10	0.55	46	3,684,563
ROYAL EXCHANGE PLC	2,727.05	0.53	1.92	12	1,127,566
STANBIC BIC HOLDINGS PLC	505,322.89	39.00	-	25	19,517,477
UNITED CAPITAL PLC	57,900.00	9.65	-0.52	77	1,891,307
HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS					
EKOCORP PLC	2,886.90	5.79	-	2	750
UNION DIAGNOSTIC & CLINICAL SERVICES PLC	994.88	0.28	-	0	0
MEDICAL SUPPLIES					
MORISON INDUSTRIES PLC	1,869.52	1.89	-	0	0
PHARMACEUTICALS					
FIDSON HEALTHCARE PLC	13,060.62	6.26	-	8	35,099
GLAXO SMITHKLINE CONSUMER NIG. PLC	7,175.26	6.00	-6.25	19	303,605
MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC	7,746.30	4.49	-	14	354,500
NEIMETH INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICALS PLC	3,760.33	1.98	-	10	186,859
PHARMA-DEKO PLC	457.49	2.11	-	12	160,507
COMPUTER BASED SYSTEMS					
COURTVILLE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PLC	1,456.32	0.41	-4.88	26	2,177,235
COMPUTERS AND PERIPHERALS					
OMATEK VENTURES PLC	588.36	0.20	-	0	0
IT SERVICES					
CSG PLC	2,575.32	1.02	-	7	45,766
NCR (NIGERIA) PLC	324.00	3.00	-	0	0
CHAMS PLC	1,127.05	0.24	-	3	58,000
E-TRANZACT INTERNATIONAL PLC	12,605.68	1.90	-	0	0
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES					
AIRTEL AFRICA PLC	3,275,980.67	871.70	-	23	2,004
ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS					
AUSTIN LAZ & COMPANY PLC	2,192.12	2.03	-	0	0
CUTIX PLC	9,863.40	5.60	-1.75	49	1,343,531
PACKAGING/CONTAINERS					
BETA GLASS PLC	26,473.52	52.95	-	0	0
GREIF NIGERIA PLC	232.39	5.45	-	0	0
TRIPPLE GEE AND COMPANY PLC	475.16	0.96	-	0	0

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CRUDE OIL (BRENT) \$73.46	NOTIPE CHEMICAL IND PLC	100,754.14	63.50	0
	B.O.C. GASES PLC	4,370.57	10.50	8
	PAPER/FOREST PRODUCTS			
	THOMAS WYATT NIG. PLC	77.00	0.35	-
	PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTORS			
	JAPPAUL GOLD & VENTURES PLC	2,630.33	0.42	-4.55
	OANDO PLC	60,292.35	4.85	-
	ARDOVA PLC	18,169.61	13.95	-
	CONOIL PLC	15,058.76	21.70	-
	ETERNA PLC	9,533.30	7.31	-
MRS OIL NIGERIA PLC	4,632.75	15.20	-	
TOTAL ENERGIES MARKETING NIGERIA PLC	81,756.86	240.80	-	
CAPITAL OIL PLC	1,171.51	0.20	-	
BAK UNITY PET. COMP. PLC	16.99	0.30	-	
ADVERTISING				
AFROMEDIA PLC	887.81	0.20	-	
AIRLINES				
MEDVIEW AIRLINE PLC	15,796.05	1.62	-	
AUTOMOBILE/AUTO PART RETAILERS				
R T BRISCOE PLC	235.27	0.20	-	
COURIER/FREIGHT/DELIVERY				
RED STAR EXPRESS PLC	3,340.48	3.50	6.38	
TRANS-NATIONWIDE EXPRESS PLC	417.27	0.89	-	
HOSPITALITY				
TANTALIZERS PLC	642.33	0.20	-	
HOTELS/LODGING				
CAPITAL HOTEL PLC	4,940.61	3.19	-	
IKAJA HOTEL PLC	2,390.62	1.15	-	
TOURIST COMPANY OF NIGERIA PLC	6,379.88	2.84	-	
TRANSCORP HOTELS PLC	55,104.80	5.38	-	
MEDIA/ENTERTAINMENT				
DAAR COMMUNICATIONS PLC	2,400.00	0.20	-	
PRINTING/PUBLISHING				
ACADEMY PRESS PLC	199.58	0.33	-	
LEARN AFRICA PLC	995.17	1.29	-	
STUDIO PRESS (NIG) PLC	1,058.90	1.78	-	
UNIVERSITY PRESS PLC	940.47	2.18	1.40	
ROAD TRANSPORTATION				
ASSOCIATED BUS COMPANY PLC	497.31	0.30	-	
SPECIALTY				
EUNISELL INTERLINKED PLC	688.80	2.91	-	
SECURE ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY PLC	1,126.31	0.20	-	
TRANSPORT-RELATED SERVICES				
GLOBAL SPECTRUM ENERGY SERVICES PLC	3,352.00	4.19	-	
NIGERIAN AVIATION HANDLING COMPANY PLC	5,684.77	3.50	-	
SKYWAY AVIATION HANDLING COMPANY PLC	6,023.43	4.45	-	
SUPPORT AND LOGISTICS				
C & L LEASING PLC	3,712.82	4.75	-	
CAVERTON OFFSHORE SUPPORT GRP PLC	6,030.92	1.80	-	
DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIES				
CHELLARAMS PLC	1,619.35	2.24	-	
WASTE MANAGEMENT				
THE INITIATES PLC	364.89	0.41	-	
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS (REITS)				
SFS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	1,358.00	67.90	-	
UNION HOMES REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST (REIT)	9,150.72	36.60	-	
UTDC REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST	16,009.62	6.00	-	
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS				
NIGERIA ENERGY SECTOR FUND	411.91	552.20	-	
PRICES FOR ETP SECURITIES				
GREENWICH ALPHA ETF	574.35	100.00	-	
LOTUS HALAL EQUITY ETF	669.98	13.90	-	
MERISTEM GROWTH EXCHANGE TRADED FUND	230.52	17.20	-	
MERISTEM VALUE EXCHANGE TRADED FUND	219.88	16.50	-	
NEWGOLD EXCHANGE TRADED FUND (ETF)	525.96	9,199.99	-	
STANBIC IBTC ETF 30	285.63	50.00	-	
THE SIAMAL PENSION ETF 40	762.43	118.21	-	
VETIVA BANKING	339.11	3.98	-1.49	
VETIVA CONSUMER GOODS ETF	146.13	5.69	0.71	
VETIVA GRIFFIN 30 ETF	2,810.15	18.50	-	
VETIVA INDUSTRIAL ETF	231.27	21.97	-0.36	

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Dr. Faisal Shuaib

The Executive Director/CEO,
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IT WORLD

By Zakariyya Adaramola

Hardly a week passes without the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) and the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) alerting Nigerians to cyber criminals' attempt at getting into data of rich and ordinary Nigerians; Ministries, Departments and Agencies of government; commercial banks and telecommunications companies in the country.

Just on Monday, the NCC alerted Nigerians to the existence of an hacking group orchestrating cyber espionage in the African telecoms space. An Iranian hacking group known as Lyceum (also known as Hexane, Siamesekitten, or Spirlin) was reported to be targeting telecoms, Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and Ministries of Foreign Affairs (MFA) in Africa with upgraded malware in a recent politically motivated attacks oriented in cyber espionage. In its latest advisory issued by the Nigerian Computer Emergency Response Team (ngCERT), the NCC rated the probability and damage level of the new malware as high.

According to the advisory, the hacking group is known to be focused on infiltrating the networks of telecoms companies and ISPs. Between July and October, 2021, Daily Trust reports that Lyceum was implicated in attacks against ISPs and telecoms organisations in Israel, Morocco, Tunisia, and Saudi Arabia. The advanced persistent threat (APT) group has been linked to campaigns that hit Middle Eastern oil and gas companies in the past.

Now, the group appears to have expanded its focus to the technology sector. In addition, the APT is responsible for a campaign against an unnamed African government's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. By the attackers' mode of operation, Lyceum's initial onslaught vectors include credential stuffing and brute-force attacks, NCC said.

"So, once a victim's system is compromised, the attackers conduct surveillance on specific targets. In that mode, Lyceum will attempt to deploy two different kinds of malware: Shark and Milan (known together as James)", the Nigerian telecommunications regulator revealed. It said both malware are backdoors. A backdoor is a malware type that negates normal authentication procedures to access a system. As a result, remote access is granted to resources within an application, such as databases and file servers, giving hackers the ability to remotely issue system commands and update malware.

NCC said: "Shark, a 32-bit executable written in C# and .NET, generates a configuration file for domain name system (DNS) tunneling or Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) C2 communications; whereas Milan - a 32-bit Remote Access Trojan (RAT) retrieves data.

"Both are able to communicate

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with the group's command-and-control (C2) servers. The APT maintains a C2 server network that connects to the group's backdoors, consisting of over 20 domains, including six that were previously not associated with the threat actors."

According to reports, individual accounts at companies of interest are usually targeted, and then once these accounts are breached, they are used as a springboard to launch spear-phishing attacks against high-profile executives in an organization.

The report suggests that not only do these attackers seek out data on subscribers and connected third-party companies, but once compromised, threat actors or their sponsors can also use these industries to survey individuals of interest.

However, to guard against this kind of threats, the ngCERT reports that multiple layers of security in addition to constant network monitoring is required by telecom companies and ISPs alike to stave off potential attacks.

Specifically, telecom consumers and the general public are advised to: ensure the consistent use of firewalls (software, hardware and cloud firewalls); enable a Web Application Firewall to help detect and prevent attacks coming from web applications by inspecting HTTP traffic; install up-to-date antivirus programmes to help detect and prevent a wide range of malware, trojans, and viruses, which APT hackers will use to exploit your system.

Last week, the NCC also alerted millions of Nigerian telecom consumers of the existence of new, high-risk and extremely-damaging, Malware called Flubot. A malware is a generic word used to describe

a virus or software, designed specially to "disrupt, damage, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system."

NCC said it had received information from the ngCERT, that Flubot "targets Androids with fake security updates and App installations". The commission said the ngCERT affirmed that Flubot "impersonates Android mobile banking applications to draw fake web view on targeted applications" and its goal transcends stealing personal data and essentially targets stealing of credit card details or online banking credentials. Flubot is circulated through Short Message Service (SMS) and can snoop "on incoming notifications, initiate calls, read or write SMSes, and transmit the victim's contact list to its control centre", the NCC added.

"This malware attacks Android devices by pretending to be "FedEx, DHL, Correos, and Chrome applications" and compels unsuspecting users to alter the accessibility configurations on their devices in order to maintain continuous presence on devices. The new malware undermines the security of devices by copying fake login screens of prominent banks, and the moment the users enter their login details on the fake pages, their data is harvested and transmitted to the malware operators' control point from where the data is exploited by intercepting banking-related One Time Passwords (OTPs) and replacing the default SMS app on the targeted Android device", the NCC said.

Consequently, it said, it secures admittance into the device through SMS and proceeds to transmit similar messages to other contacts that may be on the device it has attacked enticing them into

downloading the fake app. "It suffices to say that, when Flubot infects a device, it can result in incalculable financial losses. Additionally, the malware creates a backdoor which grants access to the user's device, thus enabling the invader or attacker to perform other criminal actions, including launching other variants of malware."

Similarly, NCC in October alerted Nigerians to a new Android malware that can gain access to smartphones. Named 'AbstractEmu', the malware can gain access to smartphones, take complete control of infected smartphones and silently modify device settings while simultaneously taking steps to evade detection, the NCC said.

"This discovery was announced recently by the Nigerian Computer Emergency Response Team (ngCERT), the national agency established by the Federal Government to manage the risks of cyber threats in the Nigeria, which also coordinates incident response and mitigation strategies to proactively prevent cyber-attacks against Nigeria", said the NCC.

AbstractEmu has been found to be distributed via Google Play Store and third-party stores such as the Amazon Appstore and the Samsung Galaxy Store, as well as other lesser-known marketplaces like Aptoide and APKPure.

NCC said: "The advisory stated that a total of 19 Android applications that posed as utility apps and system tools like password managers, money managers, app launchers, and data saving apps have been reported to contain the rooting functionality of the malware. The apps are said to have been prominently distributed via third-party stores such as the Amazon Appstore and the Samsung

Galaxy Store, as well as other lesser-known marketplaces like Aptoide and APKPure. The apps include All Passwords, Anti-ads Browser, Data Saver, Lite Launcher, My Phone, Night Light and Phone Plus, among others."

To guard against contracting the malware, NCC said smartphone users should be wary of installing unknown or unusual apps, and look out for different behaviours as they use their phones. The commission also said users should reset their phones to factory settings when there is suspicion of unusual behaviours in your phone.

Experts speak

But IT security experts told *Daily Trust* on Tuesday that the increasing threats on MDAs, banks and telcos shouldn't be taken with a pinch of salt by those concerned.

Liadi Munir, a Lagos based ICT expert, said it is not enough to alert Nigerians to cyber threat by hackers, but that the Federal Government should secure Nigeria's cyberspace.

"If the cyberspace is not secure, hackers will keep on attacking their targets. Government should secure the space and fortify its response team", Munir said.

Also, Okey Ajunofu, another Lagos based IT security expert, called on the NCC and NITDA to employ ethical hackers to take the fight to the criminals. According to Ajunofu, "In cyber fight, the best form of defence is attack. If the fight is taken to the criminals they will retreat."

Why cybercrimes are on the high - NCC

The acceleration of technology innovations and online business transactions amplify vulnerability opportunities which cybercriminals exploit to commit crimes, NCC said. "Undoubtedly, the pace at which technology advances, acceleration of innovations and enterprise in the digital space amplifies vulnerability opportunities, which malicious parties are quick to exploit, thereby slowing down the gains of digital economy", the NCC boss, prof Umar Danbatta, said.

The NCC boss however said the telecom regulatory agency was working frantically to build strong cybersecurity stronghold which will reduce vulnerabilities in the Nigeria's digital economy.

He said: "The NCC is in the forefront of ensuring sound cybersecurity culture that is built on people, process and technology. The launching of NCC sectoral CERT is a testament of our resolve to promote a healthy digital environment. Our various cybersecurity awareness initiatives and campaigns are helping the public understand the risks in digital space and how to reduce the vulnerability opportunities that adversaries can benefit from."

INTERNATIONAL

US' BW3, China's BRT and struggle for influence in Nigeria

By Hamisu Kabir Matazu

The recent visit by the US Deputy National Security Advisor, Jon Finan, and the letter sent to President Muhammadu Buhari by the Chinese President Xi Jinping, have triggered debate among Nigerians.

Many view their coming/patronage as either coincidence or a way of preparing a battleground of influence in the most populous African nation - Nigeria.

The US Deputy Security Adviser, when he met the Nigerian government officials, led by Vice President Yemi Osinbajo, affirmed the importance of US-Nigeria relations and underscored their shared commitment to democratic values.

He, among other things, discussed with the vice president, the Build Back Better World (B3W) initiative, which he described as "a values-driven, high-standard, and transparent G7 infrastructure partnership".

Two days after Mr. Finan's visit, a statement by the Special Adviser to President Muhammadu Buhari on Media and Publicity, Femi Adesina, referred to a letter to his boss by the Chinese president, which seeks to bolster relations between Nigeria and China.

The letter quoted Xi as saying, "Nigeria is an important strategic partner of China in Africa. China-Nigeria cooperation has been the pacesetter of China-Africa cooperation."

He explained that the Chinese leader said he attached great importance to the development of China-Nigeria relations, and assured President Buhari that his country would spare no effort in strengthening existing relations.

The BW3 and China BRT initiatives

The Build Back Better World (B3W), is a global initiative announced months back by G7 countries at their 47th summit, aimed to offer a better alternative to China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) to developing countries.

Apparently, the G7 joined forces to counter the BRI after the members of the bloc realised they may not be able to beat the communist project individually.

While the Chinese BRI was launched in 2013 to develop land and sea infrastructure that would link Asia, Europe and Africa to China, the BW3 initiative is seen as a centrepiece of G7 fight back.

What do the two initiatives have to offer?

The BRI project is already making an impact in many countries that China consider strategic in clearing its path to a possible world influence.

According to a document of the Permanent Mission of the People's



■ China's President Xi Jinping and US President Joe Biden

Republic of China to the United Nations office in Geneva, as at March 2019, China has signed 173 cooperation agreements with 125 countries and 29 international organizations under the BRI framework.

So far, in Africa alone, 46 countries and the African Union Commission have inked agreements with China and many Chinese engineers and technicians are at various positions in Africa, facilitating the construction of more than 1,100 cooperation projects in the continent.

Meanwhile, the BW3 initiative has just come on board, with President Biden saying the G7 rivalry plan, "Build Back Better World" (BW3), will collectively provide \$40 trillion dollars for infrastructural development for low and middle income countries.

The White House also said the plan promised to uphold transparency, labour rights, and anti-corruption policies.

The plan, which is yet to take off, will also be global in scope and has different geographical orientations but, the focus will be on mobilizing the capital in four key areas: climate change, health security, digital technology and gender equity.

An international analyst, Ambassador Dauda Danladi, told Daily Trust that his last check revealed that China has invested over \$2 trillion dollars in Africa. "What the G7 is trying to do is to see that it does not allow China overtake it in Africa.

"For instance, China is leading in the provision of infrastructure in Nigeria and has become a solid ally to Nigeria. So, China is now establishing a robust footprint in Africa and G7 members will not fold their arms and see their

former colonies being gradually taken over by China.

"The portfolio of China investment in terms of infrastructure and soft loans to Africa is huge. I remember the summit that was held two years ago, China hosted heads of government of Africa and put on the table over \$60 billion soft loans that African countries can draw and commit in some key areas of investments."

Danladi said the competition should be encouraged by Africans, "because it is healthy for us. If the G7 started this competition with China, that will open up a huge space and opportunities for African countries and close a thin line of development."

However, some analysts who viewed this plan as exciting raised a fundamental question: "Who will pay the BW3 initiative bill?"

An analyst, Alhaji Ahmadu Ibrahim, said a few months back, America had the challenge of fulfilling some of its financial commitments, and the Biden administration still has some domestic infrastructure bill to finance.

"So, the big question is, how will the US be able to solve someone else's problem if it is striving to address its own?"

How committed are members of the G7 countries?

To make things doubtful is the fact that other G7 nations have keyed into the initiative but haven't revealed how much capital they would allocate. And, would they risk their huge trade and investments deals with Beijing for Washington? There is no guarantee.

In 2019, Italy joined the Belt and Road Initiative and today it stands as a larger beneficiary of

Chinese investment. Then we have Germany, which faces the 5G dilemma, in December 2020, Angela Merkel struck a deal with China's HUAWEI despite opposition.

The United Kingdom too is on treacherous terrain. Some months back, the UK business department turned down a draft of recommendations to get tough with China.

According to a Reuters report, Joe Biden had forced the G7 leaders to make strong statement on China. But, there was a spectrum of how far the different countries are willing to go.

All of this put into doubt how serious G7 nations are to the B3W cause. They may have hardened their attitudes toward China but, whether they will put their money there remains to be seen.

The American strategy will have to deal with the fact of different interests and insecurities.

Now, Biden is widening his call for support against China, therefore forming a coalition of democracies against China.

Weeks back, President Joe Biden said he will convene a Democracy summit to deliver his campaign promise: a first-of-its kind gathering of more than 100 countries to check democratic backsliding and erosion of rights and freedoms worldwide.

Biden announced in his first foreign policy address as president in February that the United States would return to global leadership under his tenure to face down authoritarian forces led by China and Russia.

This is seen as another plan to fight China, which the G7 accuses of stifling democracy.

In an exclusive interview with Daily Trust, the United States (US) Ambassador to

Nigeria, Mary Beth Leonard, said President Biden's summit, will come in two parts: there will be a virtual part on December 9 and 10, 2021, at which countries will come together in the spirit of aspiring for a better democracy.

"You know, the United States is not claiming to be a perfect democracy; far from it. We have had significant challenges toward democracy even in the last year or so. So, the question is to come together as those who aspire to be a better democracy and talk about how we may do that.

"There will be the first summit in December, at which everybody will get up and say what the big plan is to help perfect their democracies. And then, there will be an in presence summit later where people will discuss what progress they have made.

"So, the particular areas in the focus of the summit on democracy are to battle against authoritarianism, to battle against corruption and to increase support and awareness on human rights.

"So I think it is true for Nigeria and Africa as it is for the United States and these are important areas to look out for and to figure out how we can tackle them. We look forward to seeing these conversations play out and I think it is a great initiative," she said.

On Monday, the Chinese Ambassador to Nigeria, Cui Jianchun, had called on the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) and opposition Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to learn from the Chinese Communist Party's experience for the development of Nigeria.

The envoy made the call during an interview with newsmen, shortly after a conference hosted by the Chinese Embassy. The All Progressive Congress (APC) attended while principal officials of the International Department of the Central Committee of Communist Party of China (IDCPC) also participated virtually. The ambassador noted that all the political parties in Nigeria, especially the APC and PDP, have a lot to benefit from the thoughts and theories of the CPC, which have led China to economic, political and technological development.

He advised the political parties to think outside the box and do something to develop the capacity of governance in the Nigerian nation.

"Nigeria should not lose confidence over the challenges as long as it can find its own way of developing the nation.

"Every nation has to find its own way, you can't say I copied a US model, France model, UK model, Chinese model or whatever model. So, you have to understand why we uphold our Chinese past," he added.

INSIDE POLITICS

“We’ve moved a step forward. With direct primary, you’ve given powers back to the people – National Chairman, Action Democratic Party (ADP), Alhaji Sani Yabagi

Don’t assent to Electoral Act with direct primary, Ortom urges Buhari

By Muideen Olaniyi (Abuja) & Hope Abah Emmanuel (Makurdi)

Governor Samuel Ortom of Benue State has appealed to President Muhammadu Buhari to return the harmonised version of the Electoral Act Amendment Bill to the National Assembly to give room for a review that will allow political parties to choose options for the election of candidates.

He made the appeal on Tuesday in Abuja while fielding questions from journalists.

The revised Electoral Act, which was passed last Wednesday, approved direct primaries as the sole method to produce candidates for all elective positions.

He said the decision of the National Assembly was not in the best interest of the country.

The governor said apart from the lack of capacity to monitor the exercise

that would involve all card-carrying members of the party, political parties also lacked the resources to handle direct primaries.

Asked whether his suggestion would not jeopardise other useful ideas in the revised law, he said: “It can be done within one week if that’s the popular opinion of Nigerians. The law should allow political parties to decide on direct or indirect primaries.”

When told that the action was taken to checkmate the overbearing influence of governors, Ortom said direct primary would actually enable them to achieve their wish.

“If any governor wants to manipulate the system, direct primary will be easier for him,” he added.

On his relationship with President Buhari, he said: “I relate with my president. I respect him and pray for him. But a lot of people have tried to distance me from my president.”

On why he backed Dr Iyorchia Ayu instead of David Mark for the national chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), the governor said: “It was David Mark that said it should be Ayu. It is still the same thing. Ayu and Mark are very good brothers. The same thing Nigerians want through David Mark can be done through Iyorchia Ayu.”

Ortom said with the coming of Ayu, the PDP governors had resolved to rescue Nigeria and take the country back from the APC.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Governor of Benue State on Tuesday expressed optimism that some governors who defected to APC would soon return to PDP.

Benson Abounu said things are changing in a positive direction for PDP, adding that Nigerians are yearning for a change which in his estimation was already becoming reality with the emergence of Dr. Ayu as the party’s national chairman.



■ Gov. Ortom

Yari, Marafa want APC to lose Zamfara in 2023 – Shinkafi

By Saawua Terzungwe

One of the All Progressives Congress (APC) leaders in Zamfara State, Dr Sani Shinkafi, has alleged that a former governor of the state, Abdulaziz Yari and Senator Kabiru Garba Marafa are sabotaging APC’s chances of retaining power in the state in 2023.

Shinkafi, a former national secretary of All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA), in a statement, said the duo want a repeat of the 2019 governorship election scenario where the Supreme Court ruled against the party that it did not produce valid candidates for the elections.

Marafa had conducted parallel congress in the state last Saturday and later addressed a press conference

‘It’s figment of your imagination’

on Monday in Abuja, where he picked holes in the way the Governor Mai Mala Buni leadership of the party was handling its affairs and threatened court action, while Yari boycotted the ward congress held in the state.

But in a statement on Tuesday, Shinkafi said the congress conducted by the Marafa-led faction had no legal backing and was unconstitutional.

“Our ward congresses were genuine and constitutional. There was no parallel ward congress apart from the one organized by the recognized party structure in the state,” Shinkafi said.

But reacting, the spokesman to Senator Marafa, Dr. Mikailu Barau, said

Shinkafi is new in the party and did not have enough space to be the custodian of what the party should be, compared to Yari and Senator Marafa who have formed and nourished the party to the level it now is.

“So these are actually fallacies and figment of Mr. Shinkafi’s imagination. He is one of the political prostitutes I have known around the states. He just left APGA and joined the APC and he now claims to be a chieftain of the party and even aspires to contest for a national position.

“If that is what will make democracy better for Nigeria, then let it be because these illegalities are the trends in managing the affairs of political parties,” he said.

Third force can’t sack APC, PDP in 2023 – Rafsanjani

By Seun Adeuyi

The Executive Director, Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC), Auwal Musa Rafsanjani, yesterday said it would be difficult for third force to dislodge the All Progressives Congress (APC) and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in 2023.

Speaking on Trust TV’s Daily Politics, he said even though Nigerians were yearning and demanding for an alternative platform, it would not be possible soon.

“This is because of the commercialization and the privatization of the political process,”

he said.

“Nigeria’s political process is simply about money now and as you may know, APC and PDP have invested so much structure and resources to continue to use money as a tool to capture political power.

“So, the alternative platform has not got that confidence and trust from Nigerian people to know that it is going to be different from these two political parties because the people have suffered enough in the hands of these two political parties. They have not been able to come out from the trauma that these political parties have put on them,” he said.

Why I dumped Ganduje for Shekarau – Former deputy gov

From Clement A. Oloyede, Kano

Professor Hafiz Abubakar, a former deputy governor of Kano State in the first term of Governor Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, has said he is aligning himself with the future by pitching his tent with Senator Ibrahim Shekarau, the arch-rival of the governor in the state’s APC.

Shekarau, a two-term governor and current senator representing Kano Central, had led some federal lawmakers and other stakeholders of the APC in Kano to break away from the Ganduje-led leadership of the party in the state.

The crisis had led to two parallel executives of the party in the state with Abdullahi Abbas emerging as the Ganduje-endorsed chairman and Ahmadu Haruna Danzago as chairman of the Shekarau camp.

Prof Abubakar, who

... I won’t leave APC – Former gov

resigned as Ganduje’s deputy in 2018 but later reunited with him after the 2019 elections, was sighted at a political event at Shekarau’s house in Kano yesterday.

He told journalists at the sideline of the event that he is aligning himself with Shekarau’s camp, which he described as the future of the party.

“I am aligning myself with the truth and future, which is the Shekarau’s camp because it is talking about internal democracy and all-inclusiveness in party politics.

“My position is that I’m aligning myself with the truth and future. But the truth is that what is going on in APC is really unfortunate. It is not what we and all our supporters expected.

“Today, it is public knowledge that the leaders of APC in Kano go to public functions

and tell us that the party belongs to three persons in the state - the governor, his wife and the chairman,” he said.

Efforts to get a reaction from both Governor Ganduje and the party’s executive led by Abdullahi Abbas were unsuccessful as of the time of filing this report.

Meanwhile, Senator Shekarau has declared that he will not leave the ruling APC, saying he will save the party from collapse and salvage the people of Kano.

Speaking during the meeting of his Shura Council, held at his residence in Kano, Shekarau said he decided to form a faction within APC because the principles of internal democracy had been violated by the Ganduje-led leadership of the party in the state.

He also revealed that several members of Ganduje’s government are with the G-7.



NASARAWA STATE GOVERNMENT

*Inna lillahi
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ALHAJI SANI DANGOTE Vice President of Dangote Group of Companies

The Executive Governor of Nasarawa State Engr. Abdullahi A. Sule on behalf of the Government and the people of Nasarawa State expresses deep sadness over the demise of Alhaji Sani Dangote, Vice President of Dangote Group of Companies, whose sad event occurred on Monday, October 15, 2021.

We in Nasarawa wish to condole the family of Alhaji Aliko Dangote GCON, President, Dangote Industries Limited over this death.

We mourn the exit of a gentleman, a family man and a very dependable ally

and partner in progress.

The death of Alhaji Sani Dangote is not only a great loss to the Dangote Family but a personal loss to me and the people of Nasarawa state and indeed the business Community for his invaluable contributions to the growth of the economy.

Sir, accept our condolences as we submit to the perfect Will of the Almighty Allah, the giver and taker of life.

We pray Allah to grant Alhaji Sani Al'Jannat Firdausi. Aameen.

SIGNED: HIS EXCELLENCY ENGR.

Abdullahi A. Sule

Executive Governor of Nasarawa State

Unilorin expels student who beat lecturer to coma

● Police, varsity disagree over his whereabouts

From **Mumini AbdulKareem, Ilorin**

The University of Ilorin has expelled Salaudeen Waliyullah Aanuoluwa, a student of the Department of Microbiology, for beating a female lecturer simply identified as Mrs

Zakariyyah to coma.

The student is said to have attacked the lecturer over disagreement on his Students Industrial Working Experience Scheme (SIWES).

A statement by the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, said the university's disciplinary committee set up

to look into the matter found him guilty after he appeared before it on Monday.

He was however given 48 days to appeal against the verdict to the vice-chancellor if he felt dissatisfied with the decision.

The statement said the student, popularly known as

'Captain Walz', was expelled from the university with immediate effect and warned to stay off the campus.

Akogun told our reporter on the phone that Waliyullah had been handed over to the police.

But the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in

Ekiti, Ajayi Okasanmi, told Daily Trust that the police had "not been briefed about the story at all."

Walz was initially taken to the 'F' Divisional Police Station, Tanke, Ilorin before he was returned to the university's security department until the latest development.



■ Scene of gas explosion in Lagos Photo: Benedict Uwalaka

Tears as 10-year-old, 4 others die in Lagos explosion

From **Eugene Agha, Lagos**

Tears flowed freely yesterday at Ladipo market when the mutilated body of a 10-year-old boy was brought out along with four others at the site of a gas explosion.

The child, simply identified as Lekan, was an apprentice working at a mechanic workshop along Ojekunke Street, Ladipo.

A witness said the deceased had gone to buy gas from the

gas station when the explosion occurred.

"The boy was still alive when he was brought out by rescuers from the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA) but died on the way to Isolo General Hospital," a mechanic who identified himself as Jimoh said.

The Coordinator of NEMA in the South West Region, Ibrahim

Farinloye, said five persons - three males, one female and the boy - died in the explosion.

"So far, the fire has been put out and recovery of bodies is ongoing. The State Fire Service, Police Disaster Management Unit, NEMA and Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA) are on rescue operations," he said.

The Director, Lagos State Fire and Rescue Service, Mrs. Margret Adeseye, said the

incident occurred around 8.42am and that on arrival at the scene, it was discovered that it was an open space used for several activities - a beer parlour, mechanic workshop, spare parts sale and gas shop amongst others while also housing a makeshift structure.

"Preliminary investigation to establish the cause of the incident continues and further discovery will be made public," she said.

Paperwork delays arrival of late Sani Dangote's body from USA

● Corpse left USA 4pm Tuesday

From **Ibrahim Musa Giginyu & Salim Umar Ibrahim, Kano**

The return of the remains of late Sani Dangote from the United States to Nigeria was yesterday stalled by some documentation issue, Daily Trust gathered.

A family source, who asked not to be named, told Daily Trust that the remains were expected in Kano for burial yesterday.

However, it was gathered that the delay was due to some paperwork to be done before a corpse could be transported from one country to the other.

The source, however, added that the body of late Sani would arrive in Nigeria in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

"We are in constant touch with

them and from our discussion, some paperwork delayed their arrival in Nigeria from the United State. It is clear to us that due to the delay, we are expecting the body to arrive in Nigeria in the early hours of Wednesday morning for burial.

"The burial arrangement will be announced after its arrival," said the source.

Another family source told Daily Trust that the body of the deceased left USA at 4pm Nigerian time and the arrival was expected early morning on Wednesday.

Late Sani Dangote, a younger brother to the richest man in Africa, Alhaji Aliko Dangote, died on November 14 in the US at the age of 61.

'Kano to pass Child Protection Bill before end of 2021'

From **Sani Ibrahim Paki, Kano**

The United Nations International Children Emergency Fund (UNICEF) has said that it is working with the Kano State House of Assembly and is confident of passing the Child Protection Bill into law before the end of 2021.

Emilia Alang, UNICEF's Child Protection Manager, gave the assurance in Kano yesterday at a workshop organised in collaboration with the state's Ministry of Justice for law enforcement agencies on ways of handling children cases.

The bill, which according to her is the domesticated version of the Child Rights Law, is drafted to tally with the religion and culture of the people of the state.

"There is need for building their capacity because the way you handle children cases, either as victims, witnesses or offenders, is different from the way you handle adults.

"In Kano here, we also appreciate the role Hisbah and Shari'a courts play in their respective communities," she said.

The Director, Citizen's Right, Kano State Ministry of Justice, Sanusi Salisu Aliyu, said the workshop would build the capacity of law enforcement agencies in respect of how they could treat cases of children.

"Issues of access to justice for children; child as victim, as a witness or offender, how can they handle the matter, also important is the issue of confidentiality," Aliyu added.

'Bauchi is running out of HIV-AIDS test kits'

● Agency seeks support from partners

From **Hassan Ibrahim Bauchi**

The Bauchi State Agency for the Control of HIV-AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (BACATMA) has appealed to development partners to assist the state with HIV-AIDS test kits to consolidate the success recorded in tackling the disease in the state.

The Executive Chairman of BACATMA, Dr Sani Mohammed Dambam, disclosed this during a European Union EU-UN Mission monitoring of the COVID-19 palliatives to beneficiaries of the EU Basket Fund to HIV-AIDS vulnerable patients in Bauchi.

Dr Dambam said the state had achieved tremendous success in the control of HIV-AIDS, tuberculosis, leprosy and malaria as a result of combined effort of the state government and development partners.

He said, "In 2001, the prevalence of HIV-AIDS in Bauchi State was 6.8 per cent, which was higher than the national average of 5.2 per cent, but to God be the glory, with the support and commitment of the good people of Bauchi State and our partners, in 2018 the prevalence rate of HIV-AIDS in Bauchi was only 0.4 per cent; which was lower than the national average of 1.4 per cent.

"Due to the dwindling funding associated with the COVID-19 pandemic that sparked global recession, many of our doors are closing out. Currently, we have some gaps, although the state government is trying to cover the gaps, but we are still calling on our partners to assist us by extending some of these projects and increase funding of the projects, particularly the provision of HIV-AIDS test kits."

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HASSANA: I formerly known as **HASSANA MARCUS** now wish to be known and addressed as **HASSANA ESTHER MARCUS**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM: I formerly known as **IBRAHIM HUSSAINI** now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM HUSSAINI DANUMMA**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

MUHAMMAD: I, formerly known and addressed as **MOHAMMED NDAJI** with date of birth 28/10/1991 now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD NDAJI** with date of birth 01/10/1988. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known and called as **ZEENAT ABUBAKAR**, now wish to be known, called and addressed as **ZEENAT WENDY EGELE**. All former documents to remain valid. General public to take note

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

I formerly known and addressed as **LAWAL YARUZA** now wish to be known and addressed as **LAWAL YAHUZA** all former documents remain valid general public should take note

MUHAMMAD: I formerly known as **HADIZA ABUBAKAR**, but now wishes to be known and addressed as **HADIZA MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

FIDDAUSI: I formerly known as **PEDOUSI ADAMU** now wish to be known and addressed as **FIDDAUSI ADAMU**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

OLODO: I formerly known and addressed as **ALUKO ZAINAB ABIODUN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OLODO ZAINAB ABIODUN**. All former documents remain valid. Bank and general public should take note.

I formerly known and called as **KASHIM MOHAMMED OHIARE**, now wish to be known, called and addressed as **KASHIM MOKASH OHIARE**. All former documents to remain valid. General public to take note

I, formerly known as **RAUF MUFUTAU** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDRAUF MUFUTAU ADEREMI** and my correct date of birth is 28/12/1979 not 28/12/1980 on GT Bank and not 12/12/1980 on BVN. All former documents remain valid. GT Bank and the General public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **ATIYE KOFAR BAI BATURE** now wish to be known and addressed as **BATURE ABDULAZIZ ATIYE** all former documents remain valid general public should take note

I formerly known as Zubaru Majin and wish to be known and addressed as **Mohammed Magana Kudu** All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public should please take note

AISHA: I formerly known as **AISHA MOHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **AISHA BUKAR**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

UMAR I, formerly known and addressed as **DANLADI UMAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **DANLADI MOHAMMED UMAR** general public should please take note.

ALIYU: I formerly known as **MALAM ALI BAKATSINE**, now wish to be known and address as **ALIYU ABDURRAHMAN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

FATIMA: I formerly known as **YAHAYA FATIMA** now wish to be known and addressed as **YAKUBU FATIMA YAHAYA** and my date of birth is 22/06/1962. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

I formerly known as **NI'IMA MOHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **MURJA ABUBAKAR** All former documents remain valid, general public to take note

FOROMADSHI: I formerly known as **PEACE SANU** now wish to be known as **FOROMADSHI PEACE SANU**. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

JOY: I, formerly known and addressed as **UWADIEGWU JACINTA** now wish to be known and addressed as **NNAMENE JOY JACINTA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

HARUNA I, formerly known and addressed as **ADAMU HARUNA MUSA** now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAMU HARUNA** general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **HALIMATU M MUHAMMAD** now wish to be known and address as **MUHAMMAD HALIMATU MUSA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

FATIMA: I, formerly known as **MUHAMMAD FATIMA ABDULLAHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMED FATIMA ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I formerly known as **UMAR AUWALI** now wish to be known and addressed as **AUWALI ALIYU** All former documents remain valid, general public to take note

MOMOH: I formerly known as **Uwuda Abdulrahman** now wish to be known as **Momoh Abdulrahman**. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

JOSHUA: I, formerly known and addressed as **IBOYI JOSEPH** now wish to be known and addressed as **IBOYI JOSHUA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

SULAIMAN I, formerly known and addressed as **UKASHA SULAIMAN A.** now wish to be known and addressed as **UKASHA ABDULMUMINI SULAIMAN** general public should please take note.

SUNDAY: I formerly known as **ISAAC SUNDAY AGADA**, now wish to be known and address as **ISAAC SUNDAY OWOICHO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SANUSI: I, formerly known as **SANUSI MOHAMMED**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SANUSI MOHAMMED KAMBA**. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

I formerly known as **MARYAM DANIEL BALAMI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM HAMIDU IBRAHIM**. All my documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public should take note.

FOEMKOEI: I formerly known as **FOEMKOEI DESTINTY YOYANNA** now wish to be known as **FOEMKOEI DESTINTY YOYANNA**. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

SANI: I, formerly known and addressed as **OPALUWA PRAISE OJONUGWA** now wish to be known and addressed as **SANI PRAISE OJONUGWA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

ALI: I formerly known as **ALIYU MOHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **ALI HAMMA'ADAMA**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

CHANGNAN: I formerly known as **FAITH CHANGNAN**, now wish to be known and address as **CHANGNAN JULCIT**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

FAISAL: I, formerly known as **MUHAMMED FAISAL ABUBAKAR**, now wish to be known and addressed as **FAISAL ABUBAKAR**. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

I, formally known as **MARYAM DANIEL BALAMI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM HAMIDU IBRAHIM**. All my documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public should take note.

ABDUSALAM: I formerly known as **Muinat Azeez Bola** now wish to be known as **Abdusalam Muhinat bola** All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

I formerly known and called **MRS. PATIENCE IFEYINWA ENEZE**, now wish to be known and called **MRS. PATSY IFEYINWA ENEZE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD: I formerly known as **KABIR MUHAMMAD** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD MUHAMMAD KABIR**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

ABI: I formerly known as **RABI LAVAL**, now wish to be known and address as **RABI AHMED USMAN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **SIS NASIR**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SIDI NASIR**. All former documents remain valid. The General public and the authority concerned should take note.

ABBAS: I Formerly known and addressed as **SADI ABBA** with old Date of Birth 01/01/1990 now wish to be known and addressed as **SHUAIBU ABBAS** with new date of birth 22/10/1995 all former documents remain valid general public should take note

GBAZAN: I formerly known and addressed as **GBAZAN SAASONGU** now wish to be known and addressed as **GBAZAN VINCENT** with correct date of birth as 16-9-1994. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

KADIRI: I formerly known and addressed as **SHEHU ZAINAB**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **KADIRI ZAINAB**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

AHMED: I formerly known as **USMAN AHMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **AHMED USMAN**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

CHIDIMMA: I, formerly known as **CHUKWU CHIDINMA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **CHUKWU CHIDIMMA LUCY**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **UMMA YUSUF**, but now wish to be known and addressed as **UMMA YUSUF DAURA** all my former documents to remain valid, Financial institutions all Authorities concern and General public should please take note.

LABBO: I Formerly known and addressed as **AHMAD LABARAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **AHMAD ALHAJI LABBO** with date of birth 13/06/1970 all former documents remain valid general public should take note

ABDULLAHI: I formerly known as **ABDULLAHI MOHAMMED** with DATE OF BIRTH 20th FEBRUARY 1990 now wish to be known as **ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD** with DATE OF BIRTH 01 JANUARY 1990. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

MUHAMMED: I formerly known and addressed as **IBRAHIM MUHAMMED**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **BRAIMAH MUHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

ABUBAKAR: I formerly known as **UMAR BAPPAH ABUBAKAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR GARUWA UMAR DOB 2-6-1956 not 22-7-1956**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

GARBA: I, formerly known as **GARBA JOSEPH ADAH**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAH JOSEPH GARBA**. My correct date of birth is 25/9/1960. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **MARYAM NIL SANI** but now wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM SANI MAMUDA**. All my former documents to remain valid, Financial institutions. All Authorities concerned and the General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **RAHAB OBADIAH WUKATDA** now wish to be known and addressed as **AFINIKY OBADIAH WUKATDA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MUHAMMED: I formerly known as **MUSA MOHAMMED AGYANA** with Date of Birth 13th FEB. 1992 now wish to be known as **MUHAMMED MUSA AGYANA** with Date of Birth 13th FEB. 1986. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

SUNDAY: I This is to notified the general public that my name was wrongly capture as **ALILU SUNDAY**. Instead of **SUNDAY ALILU**. Now wish to be known as **SUNDAY ALILU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I, formerly known as **ATTAH SUNDAY UDEH**, now wish to be known and addressed **SUNDAY DANIEL**. **DANIEL** is the Surname while **SUNDAY** is the First name. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

DESMOND: I, formerly known as **ISAAC DESMOND AONDONA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **NYITAMEN AONDONA DESMOND**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **BARAKA ILIYA** but now wish to be known and addressed as **BARAKA ILIYA KANTA**. All my former documents to remain valid, Financial institutions all Authorities concerned and General public should please take note.

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

SHUAIBU: I formerly known as **SHUAIBU GARBA GIDAN BATURE** with DATE OF BIRTH 20/04/1978 now wish to be known as **SHUAIBU GARBA** with DATE OF BIRTH 19/12/1971. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

MUSA I, formerly known and addressed as **ALHERI MUSA KELTUMA** now wish to be known and addressed as **ALHERI MUSA D.O.B 15/8/1988 NOT 21/5/1986** general public should please take note.

EUNICE: I formerly known as **EUNICE BOLUWAJI DARE**, now wish to be known as **EUNICE BOLUWAJI PONNLE**. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **BABA CHRISTOPHER DOGO**, now wish to be known and addressed as **DOGO BABA CHRISTOPHER**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and General public take note.

ROMOKE: I, formerly known as **MISS OYETUNDE OMOTAYO ROMOKE** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS ADESEGUN OMOTAYO ROMOKE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I formerly known as **YUSUF BELLO**, now wish to be known and addressed as **YUSUF BELLO ADAMU** and data of birth 10/11/1995. All former documents to remain valid. Authority concern and general public should please take note.

SHAWON: I formerly known as **AZA TERNA MOSES** now wish to be known as **SHAWON TERNA MOSES**. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

ABIRI: I formerly known and addressed as **ABIRI ABDULHAMEED DABIRI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULHAMEED DAVID ABIRI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

HASSAN: I formerly known as **AMINA MOHAMMED**, now wish to be known as **YAGANA HASSAN**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

USMAN: I, formerly known as **USMANI BUHARI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **USMAN BUHARI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

BELLO: I was formerly known and addressed as **MOHD BELLO MANSUR**. That I now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED MANSUR BELLO** all documents bearing former names remain valid and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **1. DIKKO FATIMA IBRAHIM 2. FATIMA IBRAHIM**, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as **FATIMA IBRAHIM** and my correct and proper date of birth is 4/8/88, all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

ABANYAM: I formerly known as **NGUHER TIVKAA** now wish to be known as **ABANYAM NGUHER SALOME**. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

BENEDICT: I formerly known and addressed as **ULOKO BENEDICT ALEAKWE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **USMAN BENEDICT**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

HADIZA: I formerly known as **HADIZA GLORIA IBRAHIM**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HADIZA DAUDA ABDULLAHI**. All my former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

NAFISA: I was formerly known as **MUISA DIKIRULLAHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **NAFISA DANJUMMA**. All former documents remain valid. General Public and Authority concerned should take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **HADIZA ABDULLAHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **HADIZA ABDULLAHI MUAZU** all former documents remain valid general public should take note

I formerly known and addressed **UMAR JOY HADIZA, UMAR JOY HADIZAT, JOY UMAR HADIJAT JOY, HADIZA JOY** now wish to be known and addressed as **HADIZA JOY UMAR** all former documents remain valid general public should take note

AKPENWUAN: I formerly known as **MNGUSONO FEBIAN MAUREEN** now wish to be known as **AKPENWUAN MAUREEN**. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

RESIDETU: I, formerly known and addressed as **RASHIDAT RABIU** with date of birth 01/11/1991 now wish to be known and addressed as **RESIDETU TAIRU** with date of birth 15/ 04/1998. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

DANASABE: I formerly known as **SABO HARUNA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **DANASABE YAHAYA**. All my former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

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

I formerly known and addressed as **MANSURU ABATI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MANSIR ABBATE** and my correct DOB is 26-08-1968 not 01-01-1980 as written in some of my document former documents remain valid general public should take note

I formerly known and addressed as **FATIMA ISA ABUBAKAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. FATIMA ISA ABUBAKAR** all former documents remain valid general public should take note

BENJAMIN: I formerly known as **MISS MICHELLE OYIWOJA MARTHA** now wish to be known as **MRS BENJAMIN OYIWOJA MARTHA**, the change is because I am now married and I want my husband name **BENJAMIN** added to my name. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

MORA: I formally known and addressed as **MARA GARBA MAGAJI** now wishes to be known and addressed as **MORA GARBA MAGAJI** all former documents remain valid. First Bank Nig. Plc, NIMC and general public should please take note.

ISA: I formerly known as **ISAH SANI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ISA AHMED**. All my former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

AONDOHEMBA: I formerly known as **GODWIN JULIET SEEMBER** now wish to be known and addressed as **AONDOHEMBA SEEMBER JULIET**. All other documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and the general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **MUHAMMED DAHIRU** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD DAHIRU** all former documents remain valid general public should take note

I formerly known and addressed as **HALIMA YUSUF HASHIM** now wish to be known and addressed as **YUSUF HALIMA HASHIM** all former documents remain valid general public should take note

ABIODUN: I formerly known as **ABIODUN OLUTAYO** now wish to be known as **ABIODUN OLUWOLE OLUTAYO**. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

ABUBAKAR: I formally known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR SADIO** with date of birth 07/02/1983 now wishes to be known and addressed as: surname: **SALIHU** first name: **ABUBAKAR** middle name: **ALHAJI** with date of birth 18/05/1992 and phone No. 07053384448 all former documents remain valid. First Bank Nig. Plc, NIMC and general public should please take note.

HUDDU: I formerly known as **HUDDU IBRAHIM**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HUDDU IDRIS**. All my former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

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SIMON: I formerly known as WOKDIMA NENDEIMWA SIMON, now wish to be known and addressed as SIMON NENDEIMWA WOKDIMA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

USMAN: I, formerly known as, MOHAMMAD USMAN, now wish to be known as MUHAMMED USMAN. And my DOB IS 13/11/1985. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

INUSA: I formerly known as INUSA ABDUL, now wish to be known as INUSA ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME: I formerly known as MARIETU JIBRIN, now wish to be known as MALIA JIBRIN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

BUKATA: I formerly known and address as BUKATA ISHAYA but now wish to be called and address as ISHAYA BUKATA KAURA. All former documents remain valid. United Bank of Africa (UBA) and the General Public Should please take note.

CORRECTION OF DATE OF BIRTH: I, MANGAM, YAKUBU MAHAN, now wish to correct my date of Birth from 21st April, 1962 to 11th August, 1964. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

UMAR: I formerly known as SANI, UMAR now wish to be known as SANI MUHAMMAD UMAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

Charge of name, I formerly known as HABIBA YAHAYA now wish to be called and addressed as HAUWA UMARU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

LAWAN: I formerly known as LAWAN RABIN now wish to be called and addressed as ALHAJI LAWAN RABIUL. date of birth 01_01_1986 to 12_05_1986. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

JUSTICE: I formerly known as THANKGOD MATHWE now wish to be called and addressed as JUSTICE NGBEDE MATHWE. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD: I formerly known as MOHAMMED AUWALU DOB=1/1/1989 now wish to be called and addressed as MUHAMMAD AUWALU DOB=31/12/1989. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

FATIMA: I formerly known as FATSUMA AUDU KAILA, FATIMA KAILA now wish to be called and addressed as FATIMA AUDU KAILA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as MUSTAPHA MUSBAHU YAHYA now wish to be called and addressed as MUSTAPHA MUSBAHU. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as BARAKA NASURU ABUBAKAR now wish to be called and addressed as BARAKA NASIRU ABUBAKAR Date of birth 09/04/1984. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as SANI SHEHU now wish to be called and addressed as SANI SHEHU SALISU. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as SANI BABA ALI now wish to be called and addressed as SANI ALI BABA. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

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

I formerly known as ZULEY SAIDU now wish to be called and addressed as ZULAIHAT SAID. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

MIKAILU, I formerly known as MIKALA ALHASSAN now wish to be called and addressed as MIKAILU ALHASSAN UMAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

YAHAYA: I formerly known as YAHAYA HARUNA ADAM now wish to be called and addressed as YAHAYA HARUNA and 20 Jan 1996. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

KHADIJA: I formerly known as KHADIJA HARUNA now wish to be called and addressed as KHADIJA HARUNA IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ABDALLAH: I formerly known as MUHAMMAD ABDULLAHI now wish to be called and addressed as ABDALLAH MUHAMMAD ABDALLAH and date of birth 1998. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

DALHATU: I formerly known as DALHATU MUSA ABDULLAHI now wish to be called and addressed as DALHATU ABDULLAHI MUSA and 04/05/2001. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as ABDURASHID SALE YUSUF now wish to be called and addressed as ABDURASHID YUSUF. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

KHALID: I formerly known as KHALID AUWALU MUHAMMAD now wish to be called and addressed as KHALID MUHAMMED AUWAL. All former documents remain valid. First Bank and the general public should please take note.

AUDU: I formerly known as AUDU NIL ABUBAKAR now wish to be called and addressed as AUDU ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. AGRIC BANK PLC and the general public should please take note.

HALIMA: I formerly known as HALIMA IBRAMIM now wish to be called and addressed as HALIMA SANGIRU JAURO. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

SAUDAT: I formerly known as SAUDAT TUKUR IBRAHIM now wish to be called and addressed as SAUDAT IBRAHIM TUKUR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

SHAMSU: I formerly known as SHAMSUDEEN DAHIRU UMAR now wish to be called and addressed as SHAMSU DAHIRU UMAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ZAINAB: I formerly known as ZAINAB MUHAMMAD KOTE now wish to be called and addressed as ZAINAB BATURE KOTE. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

JAFARU: I formerly known as IBRAHIM GAYA SANI now wish to be called and addressed as JAFARU SANI IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

HAUWAWU: I formerly known as HAUWAWU ABDULLAHI now wish to be called and addressed as HAUWAWU AHMAD A. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ABUBAKAR: I formerly known as ADAMU ALHAJI GARBA now wish to be called and addressed as ABUBAKAR GARBA ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

KASSIM: I formerly known as KASSIM MOHAMMED HAJAIG now wish to be called and addressed as KASSIM MOHAMMED ALI ABDULJAILL HAJAIG. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

YUSUF: I formerly known as DANDAGO SADIQ now wish to be called and addressed as YUSUF SADIQ. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

AISHA: I formerly known as AISHATU UMAR JAJERE now wish to be called and addressed as AISHA UMAR JAJERE. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

BASHIR: I formerly known as BASHIR LAWAN now wish to be called and addressed as BASHIR LAWAN ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

AISHAT: I formerly known as AISHA HABIB now wish to be called and addressed as AISHAT HABIBU ABBA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

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

MUJAHID: I formerly known as MUJAHED MUSA BASHEER now wish to be called and addressed as MUJAHID MUSA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

AISHA: I formerly known as AISHA SUNUSI SULEIMAN now wish to be called and addressed as AISHA SUNUSI MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

AMINA: I formerly known as AMINA GABRA ALIYU now wish to be called and addressed as AMINA GARBA BASHIR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

SULAIMAN: I formerly known as SULAIMAN IBRAHIM 01-04-1990 now wish to be called and addressed as IBRAHIM SULEMAN JIBRIN 13-06-1991. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ANAS: I formerly known as ANAS HARUNA now wish to be called and addressed as ANAS HARUNA SALISU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

SADIYA: I formerly known as SADIYA USMAN now wish to be called and addressed as SADIYA YUSUF UMAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as MARYAM MUHAMMAD BABA now wish to be called and addressed as MARYAM MUHAMMAD YUSUF. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

FATIMA: I formerly known as MISS FATIMA SANI DAHA now wish to be called and addressed as MRS FATIMA SANI DAHA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as HADIZA AMINU NABEGU now wish to be called and addressed as HADIZA AMINU BABA NABEGU. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as HAMISU KANTA ADAMU now wish to be called and addressed as HAMISU KANTA. DOB 10/10/1988. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formally known as FAUZIYYA SADI SU BUHARI now I wish to be called as FAUZIYYA SADI SU SAYYADILKHAIRI All my document remain valid, NYSC & public to note

I formerly known as YAHAYA ALI & YAHAYA YAHAYA ALI now wish to be called and addressed as YAHAYA ALI YAHAYA. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

Formerly known as ABUBAKAR ALIYU now wish to be called and addressed as ABUBAKAR ALIYU USMAN. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

ZAHARADDEEN: I formerly known as ZAHARADDEEN AUWALU now wish to be called and addressed as ZAHARADDEEN AUWALU UMAR. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

MUSA: I formerly known as MUSA YUSUF now wish to be called and addressed as MUSA YUSUF UMAR. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

ABDULLAHI: I formerly known as IMRAN ABDULLAHI GARBA now wish to be called and addressed as IMRAN ABDU GARBA All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

ABDULLAHI: I formerly known as IMRAN ABDULLAHI GARBA now wish to be called and addressed as IMRAN ABDU GARBA All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

Abdullahi: I formerly known as MISS Fatima Umar Abdullahi now wish to be called and addressed as MRS Fatima Umar Abdullahi All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note

I, formerly known as MAJIDDA ABDULLAHI DOMA, now wish to be called and addressed as MAJIDDA ABDULLAHI BALA. All former documents remain valid. NYSC, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I was formerly known as USMAN HASANA now wish to be known and called as WALI HASSANA GAMBO. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

I was formerly known as NASIR ARABIYU now wish to be known and called as ARABIYU NASIRU IBRAHIM. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

I was formerly known as SULAIMAN SHU'AIBU now wish to be known and called SULEIMAN SHU'AIBU ABDULLAHI. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

MUSA I: I formerly known as SABIU RABIU now wish to be called and addressed as SABIU RABIU MUSA All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note

Abdullahi: I formerly known as MISS Fatima Umar Abdullahi now wish to be called and addressed as MRS Fatima Umar Abdullahi All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note

Friday: I formerly known as Ameh Friday now wish to be called and addressed as Ameh Friday Agbo. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note

YAKUBU: I formerly known as HAUWA YAKUBU USMAN now wish to be called and addressed as KHADIJA YAKUBU All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note

ABDULLAHI: I formerly known as AISHA ABDULLAHI now wish to be called and addressed as HADIZA YUSUF All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note

AMINU: I formerly known as AMINU GARBA now wish to be called and addressed as AMINU GARBA YUSUF All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note

IDRIS: I formerly known as NABILA GARKUWA IDRIS now wish to be called and addressed as NABILA IDRIS GARKUWA All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note

IDRIS: I formerly known as SUMMAYAH IDRIS GARKUWA now wish to be called and addressed as SUMMAYAH IDRIS GARKUWA All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note

AMINA: I formerly known as AMINA SULAIMAN now wish to be called and addressed as AMINA SULAIMAN YAHAYA. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

AHMAD: I formerly known as ISHAQ HARUNA YUSUF now wish to be called and addressed as ABUBAKAR BUHARI AHMAD. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

MUSTAPHA: I formerly known as ABDULLAHI ISMAILI 01/01/1977 now wish to be called and addressed as MUSTAPHA USMAN AHMAD 10/11/1971. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

UMMULKHAIR: I formerly known as UMMULKHAIR YAHAYA KARAMI now wish to be called and addressed as UMMULKHAIR YAHAYA MUSTAPHA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ABDULMUTALIB: I formerly known as ABDULMUTALIB DALIBI MUHAMMAD 01 JUN 1972 now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULMUTALIB MUHAMMAD SANI 20 JUL 1964. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

HALIMA: I formerly known as KAKA AUDU now wish to be called and addressed as HALIMA SULAIMAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

SAIFULLAHI: I formerly known as SAIFULLAHI SANI, now wish to be called and addressed as SAIFULLAHI MUHAMMAD, SHEHU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

MABARUKA: I formerly known as MABARUKA NASIR ADAM now wish to be called and addressed as MABARUKA MURTALA NASIR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD: I formerly known as MUHAMMAD SANI now wish to be called and addressed as MUHAMMAD BABANGIDA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS: AUDU MUHAMMAD NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS IBRAHIM MUHAMMAD ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID AUTHORITY CONCERNED AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE

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

I was formerly known as SAKINA YUSHAU YUSUF now wish to be known and called as SAKINA ALIYU AHMAD. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

I was formerly known as ZULAIHA AHMAD YAHAYA now wish to be known and called as ZULAIHA AHMAD SANI. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

MY CORRECT NAME IS ALFA ABUBAKAR NOT ALPHA ABUBAKAR: MY CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH IS 21 MARCH 1985 NOT 8 JAN 1992. ALL MY FORMER DOCUMENT REMAIN VALID RELEVANT AUTHORITIES AND PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE PLEASE

HALIMA: I formerly known as HALIMA RIBIU AHMAD now wish to be called and addressed as HALIMA RABIU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

AMINU: I formerly known as KABIRU AYUBA ABDULLAHI 16/06/1992 now wish to be called and addressed as AMINU KAMAL 01/01/1999. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

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

HALIMA: I formerly known as HALIMA IDRIS ABUBAKAR now wish to be called and addressed as HALIMA IDRIS ALIYU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ASIYA: I formerly known as ASIYA ADNAN now wish to be called and addressed as ASIYA AHMED IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

HAUWAWU: I formerly known as HAUWAWU ALHASSAN now wish to be called and addressed as HAUWAWU ALHASSAN SANI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

FATIMA: I formerly known as FATIMA ABUBAKAR IBRAHIM now wish to be called and addressed as MRS FATIMA BELLO HUSSAINI. All former documents remain valid. NYSC and the general public should please take note.

ALHAJI: I formerly known as ALH ISMAILA TUKUDA now wish to be called and addressed as ALHAJI ISMAILA AHMED with date of birth 25/02/1956 to 17/1/1981. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

CONFIRMATION OF NAME: This is to confirm that IORZAA RUTH IWUESE, IMOTER RUTH IWUESE and AKPENSONGUN IWUESE RUTH referred to one and same person now wish to be called IORZAA RUTH IWUESE. All former documents remain valid. First Bank PLC and general public take note.

ABIGAIL: I, formerly known as ABIGAIL ASHIA KIFORO, now wish to be known and addressed as ABIGAIL ASHIA KIFORO EDWARD. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

MUSA: I formerly known as SADDIQ MUSA SADDIQ now wish to be called as MUSA SADDIQ ABUBAKAR all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

YOHANNA: I formerly known as YOHANNA RIFKATU now wish to be called as YOHANNA RIFKATU AWAYO all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

SUNDAY: I formerly known as SUNDAY ABIGAIL now wish to be called as SUNDAY ABIGAIL OYILONYE all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

AHMAD: I, formerly known as AWAL AHMAD TIJJANI, date of birth 01/Jan /1985, now wish to be known and called AHMAD TIJJANI AUWAL, date of birth 13/march/1985. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

AMINU: I formerly known as SALISU ABUNAKAR now wish to be called and address as AMINU ABUBAKAR, All former documents remain valid, Authority concern and general public should please take note

LABARAN: I formerly known as LABARAN IBRAHIM now wish to be called and address as ABAHURAIRA ABUBAKAR, All former documents remain valid, Authority concern and general public should please take note

PIUS: I Formerly known as PIUS DODO Now wish to be called and addressed as PIUS BUKI To correspond with my credentials All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

JAMILU: I, formerly known as JAMILU BALA, now wish to be known and called as JAMILU BALA UMAR. DOB from 01-01-1992 to 04-04-1995. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

Arrangement of name: I formerly known as MUKTAR ABDULLAHI SANI now wish to be called and addressed as MUKTAR SANI ABDULLAHI all former documents remain valid Any authority concern and general should please take note.

SULE: I formerly known as ABUBAKAR SULE ABDULLAHI now wish to be called and addressed as SULE ABASHE all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general should please take note

AUWAL: I formerly known as BELLO DELU HANNATU now wish to be called and addressed as AUWAL HAUWAWU MUHAMMAD all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general should please take note

SUNUSI: I formerly known as SANUSI MUHAMMADU now wish to be called and addressed as SUNUSI ISAH all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

DANJUMA: I formerly known as FRIDAY ISTIFANUS now wish to be called and addressed as DANJUMA ISTIFANUS all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

AYOOLA: I, formerly known as AYO OLUWATOMILOLA CLARA, now wish to be known and addressed as AYOOLA OLUWATOMILOLA CLARA. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

ODO: I Formerly known as ODOCHI IKENNA ANSELM Now wish to be called and addressed as ODO ANSELM IKENNA All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

OKOROMU: I, formerly known and addressed as ELABOR OBEHI ALBERTA. Now wish to be known and addressed as OKOROMU OBEHI ALBERTA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OGUNBEKUN: I, formerly known and addressed as ORELAJA ADESEWA FADERERA. Now wish to be known and addressed as OGUNBEKUN ADESEWA FADERERA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

CHUKWUEMEKA: I, formerly known and addressed as NZEH EMEKA CHRIS. Now wish to be known and addressed as CHUKWUEMEKA CHUKA CHRIS. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OGUNKEYE: I, formerly known and addressed as OGUNKEYE MOSUNMOLA ADIJAT. Now wish to be known and addressed as OGUNKEYE RODIAT ADEDOLAPO. That I was born on 2nd day of June, 1999 not 19th day of November, 1997. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AFFIRMATION OF NAME: My name was written as UDUNZE CYNTHIA instead of UDUNZE CYNTHIA OSITA. Now wish to be known and addressed as UDUNZE CYNTHIA OSITA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

MARTINS: I was formerly known, called and addressed as ABU JUSTINA OMOARUKHE or DELE JUSTINA OMOARUKHE. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs MARTINS KENNETH JUSTINA OMOARUKHE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

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BELLO: I, formerly known and addressed as **ORETMEHIN TOPE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **BELLO TOPE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OYEDELE: I, formerly known and addressed as **JIMOH TEMITOPE IYABO RIHANAT**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OYEDELE TEMITOPE IYABO** due to marriage. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

BILYAMINU: I formerly known as **Babangida Bilyaminu**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Bilyaminu Babangida Gwarama**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

AHMAD: I formally known as **MOHAMMED ALHAJI EMMA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED AHMAD IDRIS**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

YAGANA: I formally known as **HALIMA MOHAMMED**, now wish to be known and addressed as **YAGANA KULAMI BABAGANA**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

MRS NKECHI: I, Formerly known and addressed as **MISS NWACHUKWU NKECHINYERE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS NKECHI CHUKWUDI**, All former documents remain valid general public take note.

BERNARD: I, formerly known and addressed as **NWAJI BRIGHT BERNARD**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **BERNARD BRIGHT CHIMAABI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADDITION OF NAME ADO: I, formerly known and addressed as **JOHN ALEX**. That I wish to add **ADO** to my name. That my full name is **ADO JOHN ALEX**. All former documents belonging to me remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ZAINAB: I formerly known as **ZAINAB BUKAR**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ZAINAB KOLO BUKAR**. All former documents remain valid. With **D.O.B. 20/3/1994 TO 21/5/1994** General public should please take note.

HALLIRU: I formally known as **ZAKIRU ALHAJI SALISU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HALLIRU SALISU SA'ED**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

UMAR: I formerly known as **BABA KURA SHETTIMA**, now wish to be known as **ABBA HASSAN UMAR**. All former documents remain valid, general public take note.

AKASON: I, Formerly known and addressed as **AKASON GIDEON CHIMAABI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AKASON GIDEON CHIMA**. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

FAMIYIWA: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS MISS RAHMAN KHAIKAT ANJOLAOJUWA. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS **MISS FAMIYIWA ANJOLAOJUWA OLUWASEYI**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

BABALOLA: I, formerly known, called and addressed as **ABDULSALAM BALKIS**. OROYO in my bank account directed at Union Bank. That I now wish to be known, called and addressed as **BABALOLA NOFISSAT ABDULLAHIBO** from now and that the correct date of birth of mine is on the 22nd day of November, 2000. That my record of mine known and addressed as **ABDULSALAM BALKIS OROYO** should be changed to **BABALOLA NOFISSAT ABDULLAHIBO** forthwith and that I wanted to change my phone number of recording alert in my account to this **09038813761**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

SADIQ: I formerly known as **ALI SHETTIMA IBRAHIM**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SADIQ IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ODUE: I formally known as **ODUE CHINELO** now wish to be known and addressed as **ODUE CATHERINE CHINELO** all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

MUHAMMED: I Formerly known as **IBRAHIM USMAN NOW** wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMED ABUBAKAR DOB 01/01/1980** All former documents remain valid General public should please take note.

That on my **BNV** registration, my name was wrongly written as **JUSTIN CHUKWUEMEKA NNADIKI** instead of **NNADIKI CHUKWUEBUKA JUSTIN**. That my correct name is **NNADIKI CHUKWUEBUKA JUSTIN**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

GANIYU-ONIFADE: I, formerly known and addressed as **ONIFADE-GANIYU ROHEEMAH**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **GANIYU-ONIFADE ROHEEMAH BOLAJI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

EKELE: I formally known as **EKELE PETER OTEE** now wish to be known and addressed as **EKELE PETER**. All former document remain valid. The General Public should take note.

JAFARU: I formerly known as **ABDULLAHI JARAFU**, now wish to be known as **ABDULLAHI JAFARU**. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

WUNTI: I formally known as **BABANGIDA IBRAHIM**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BABANGIDA IBRAHIM WUNTI**, All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

FATIMA: I, formerly known as **FATIMA MUHAMMAD SALIS** now wish to be known and called **FATIMA IBRAHIM GARBA (MRS.)** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

DENNIS = I, formerly known as **MAKILAN SAMANTHA OCON**. Now wish to be known as **DENNIS SAMANTHA OCON**. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note.

LAWRENCE: I, formerly known and addressed as **OMISOPE KAYODE A.**, **OMISOPE KAYODE ADELEKE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **LAWRENCE KAYODE ADELEKE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I formally known and addressed as **MEYANGA ALHASSAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **ATULUKU ALHASSAN** general public to take note.

UMAR: I formerly known as **UMARU ISA**, now wish to be known as **UMAR IBRAHIM**. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

CHRISHIANA: I formerly known as **CHRISHIANA BUKOLA ADEARA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **CHRISHIANA BUKOLA OLUKOSI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

FALMATA: I formerly known and addressed as **FALMATA TIJJANI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **FALMATA BUKAR**. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

NNEKA: I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS. IKEKPEAZU CHINENYE NNEKA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. LEMOHA CHINENYE NNEKA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

OYEDEJI: I, formerly known and addressed as **OJKUTU OLUWATOSIN HANNAH**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OYEDEJI OLUWATOSIN HANNAH OJKUTU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I WAS FORMERLY KNOWN & CALLED HASSETU MAJI OMACHENEKE NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN & ADDRESS AS **MAJI HASSANATU GENERAL PUBLIC TO TAKE NOTE**.

AISHA: I formerly known as **AISHA MALLAM**, now wish to be known as **AISHA MALLAM GAJI**. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

That I was formally known as **ISTIFANUS ALBERT** Now wish to be called and address as **STEPHEN ALBERT** and general public to take note.

FATIMA: I formerly known as **FATIMA ADAMU** now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA SHUAIBU D.O.B 01-01-1961** All former document remain valid General public should please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME: That my name was wrongly written on my **BNV** and bank account details as **AKANINWOR KINGSLEY IYHENAVI** instead of **AKANINWOR KINGSLEY IYHENAVI**. That my correct name is **AKANINWOR KINGSLEY IYHENAVI**. All documents bearing my former name remains valid. general public should take note.

SHOBADE: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss ATANDA TITILAYO OLUWASEUN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs SHOBADE TITILAYO OLUWASEUN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I WAS FORMERLY KNOWN & CALLED OTITOJU BLESSING JOY NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN & ADDRESS AS **OTITOJU BLESSING COMFORT GENERAL PUBLIC TO TAKE NOTE**

SALISU: I formerly known as **SALIHU SARKI** now wish to be known as **SALISU MOHAMMED SARKI**. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

ZAKAR: I formerly known and addressed as **AGO ZAKARI** now wish to be known and addressed as **ZAKAR AGO KAZIR** All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

BULAMA: I formerly known as **BUKAR MUHAMMED**, now wish to be known as **BUKAR MUHAMMAD BULAMA**. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

MESHACK: I, formerly known and addressed as **MESHACK OSILAOLU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MESHACK OSILAULO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

AKINTUNDE-BAKARE: I, formerly known and addressed as **AKINTUNDE SAIDAT OMOWUNMI** also known as **BAKARE SAIDAT OMOWUNMI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AKINTUNDE-BAKARE SAIDAT OMOWUNMI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

SA'AD: I formerly known as **SAADU ABDULMUMINI** now wish to be known and addressed as **SA'AD ABDULMUMIN KOFAR BAI**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note.

ALAMIN: I formerly known as **AMINU MOHAMMED GONI** now wish to be known as **ALAMIN MOHAMMED**. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

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

AROGGODE: I, formerly known as **AROGGODE OLANREWaju** now wish to be known as **AROGGODE JOHN OLANREWaju**. All former documents remain valid. The general public please take note.

INIM - I, formerly known as **MR. INIM UBONG EDET**. Now wish to be known as **MR. INIM UBONGABASI EDET**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

OGUNSOLA: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss AIYEDUN FEHINTOLA KEHINDE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OGUNSOLA FEHINTOLA KEHINDE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ALI: I formerly known as **ABDULLAHI ALI MOHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **ALI BUKAR** All former document remain valid General public should please take note.

KHADJIA: I formerly known and addressed as **KHADJIA ABUBAKAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **KHADJIA ABUBAKAR NYAKO** All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

ADAMU: I formerly known and addressed as **ADAMU UMARU** now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAMU UMARU BULAKOS** All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

AUGUSTINE: I, formerly known as **MISS. LILIAN DOGINI**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. AUGUSTINE EFFIONG LILIAN**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MADUEKE - I, formerly known as **MISS. EMEODORO JOSEPHINE UZOAMAKA CHINAEEMEREM**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. MADUEKE JOSEPHINE UZOAMAKA-CHINAEEMEREM**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME: I, ANTHONY OBIKIKE. That I am the secretary of **UMUAGBADAGWO LAGOS FORUM**. That in the forum Bank records, the forum's name was mistakenly written as **AGBADAGWO LAGOS FORUM** instead of **UMUAGBADAGWO LAGOS FORUM** which is the correct name as it is written on other documents. That I hereby confirm that the correct name of the forum is **UMUAGBADAGWO LAGOS FORUM**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

YUNUSA: I formerly known as **INUSA AHMADU** now wish to be known as **YUNUSA AHMADU**. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

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

YAGANA: I formerly known as **YAGANA ALHAJI GREMA ABDULRAHMAN** now wish to be known as **YAGANA ABDULLAHI**. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

MRS. CHINYERE: I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS. CHINYERE ENWEREJI**, wish to be known and address as **MRS. CHINYERE NWAIKORO**. All former document remain the same banks and general public take note.

GREAT-OZORE: I, formerly known as **MISS. AZIKPONO MICHAEL**. Now wish to be known as **GREAT-OZORE AZIKPONO MICHAEL**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

YEKINI: I, formerly known and addressed as **YEKINI MUHAMMAD NURUDEEN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **YEKINI MUHAMMAD NURUDEEN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

HAUWA: I, formerly known as **HAUWA MUSA JAJAMI** now wish to be known and called **HAUWA JAJAMI MUSTAPHA (MRS.)** All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

MURTALA: I formerly known as **MURTALA SULEIMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **MURTALA SULEIMAN BINDAWA**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note.

ABBA: I formerly known as **MUSULAWU ALI KODO**, now wish to be known as **MUSULAWU ABBA GARGA KODO**. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

NWADIKE - I, formerly known as **MISS. EZEM MERCY CHINONYEREM**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. NWADIKE MERCY CHINONYEREM**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

AUGUSTINA: I, formerly known and addressed as **AUGUSTINA ADAORA UMECHUKWU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AUGUSTINA ADAORA ELLAH**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

OLA: I, formerly known and addressed as **OLA ADENIKE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OLA ADENIKE LATIFAT**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

HAUWA: I formerly known as **HAUWA SALISU** now wish to be known as **HAUWA BUKAR**. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

ADAM: I formerly known as **ABDULLAHI HASSAN ADAMU**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULLAHI HASSAN ADAM**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

KALTUM: I formerly known as **FALMATA BULAMA KOLO**, now wish to be known as **KALTUM BUKAR KODO**. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME: I, MFON EMMANUEL SUNDAY, wish to correct that my name was wrongly captured on my **BNV** as **MFON SUNDAY** instead of **MFON EMMANUEL SUNDAY**. That my correct name is **MFON EMMANUEL SUNDAY**. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **DAHIRU ABDULRAHMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **DAHIRU ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid. **UBA** and general public should please take note.

BABADE: I, formerly known and addressed as **ISICHEI UCHECHUKWU ROSEMARY**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BABADE UCHECHUKWU ROSEMARY**, due to marital status. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

MARYAM: I formerly known as **MARYAM MUHAMMAD MUSTAPHA** now wish to be known as **MARYAM MUHAMMAD KARUMI**. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

MURTALE: I formerly known as **MURTALE SULEIMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **MURTALE SULEIMAN BINDAWA**. All former documents remain valid and general public should please take note.

HADIJA: I formerly known as **HADIJA BRA**, now wish to be known as **HADIJA KARDULLE**. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

OKORO: I, formerly known as **OKON GODWIN SUNDAY**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **OKORO GODWIN SUNDAY**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **JIBRIL HARUNA KANGIWA** now wish to be known and addressed as **JIBRIL HARUNA BIU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ADEGOKE: I, formerly known and addressed as **ALUDE-ADGOKE TESSA ISIBHAKOMEN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ADEGOKE TESSA ISIBHAKOMEN**. All documents bearing former name remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.

BINTU: I formerly known as **BINTU MAHDI GAZALI** now wish to be known as **BINTU MAHDI ALKALI**. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

FATIMA: I formerly known as **FATIMA ALI BUKAR**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA NASIRU ALI BUKAR**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

WADAI: I, formerly known as **ISA, AC BITRUS WADAI** now wish to be known and addressed as **ISA, AC BITRUS**. All former documents remain valid. Access bank Plc and general public to please take note.

MRS NWABUGWU: I, Formerly known and addressed as **MISS OMASI AMARACHI MARYJANE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS NWABUGWU AMARACHI MARYJANE**. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

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

CORRECTION OF NAME: I, IHENACHO EKENE JUNIOR, on my **WABC** CERTIFICATE, my name was wrongly written as **IHENACHO EKENE JUNIOR** instead of **IHENACHO EKENE JUNIOR**. All documents bearing former name remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should take note.

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

AMA: I formerly known as **IBRAHIM KARIMA** now wish to be known as **IBRAHIM KARIMATU AMA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

HADIJA: I formerly known as **HADIJA ABATCHA**, now wish to be known as **HADIJA ABATCHA**. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

ANYANWU: I, Formerly Known And Addressed As **IRODI PATIENCE CHIZOMA**, Now Wish To Be Known And Addressed As **ANYANWU PATIENCE CHIZOMA**. All Former Documents Remain Valid General public please Take Note.

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

OMANANYI: I, formerly known and addressed as **OMANANYI OGRIMA VICTOR PRAISE** or **OMANANYI OUDUA PRAISE**, or **OMANANYI PRAISE VICTOR OGRIMA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OMANANYI OUDUA OGRIMA PRAISE VICTOR**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AISHA: I formerly known as **AISHA ABBA JATAU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AISHA ABBA MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note.

LAME: I formerly known as **ZAINAB UMAR** now wish to be known as **ZAINAB UMAR LAME**. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

YAGANA: I formerly known as **KALTUM BUKAR**, now wish to be known as **YAGANA FUGU ALIYE**. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

MRS. UGOCHUKWU: I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS ODAZIE KELECHI LAURETA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS: UGOCHUKWU KELECHI LAURETA**, All former documents remain valid general public take note.

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

ADEBOLA: I, formerly known and addressed as **ADEBOLA SUSAN BLESSING**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADEBOLA SUSAN IBUKUNOLUWA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I formally known as **Ifunanya Ozofo** now wish to be called and address as **Ifunanya Justina Ozofo** all former documents remain valid general public and authority concerned should take note accordingly.

AYISHA: I formerly known and addressed as **MISS AYISHA LADIDI GARUBA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS AYISHA GARUBA SADIQ**, I married on **29/12/2021** All concern and authority General public should please take note.

MALLAM: I formally known as **MALLAM WANZAM ALI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MALLAM KAUNA ZANTELANGE**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

Mrs CHIKWENDU: I, Formerly Known And Addressed As **Miss IGWESI CHINYERE GIFT**, And **MRS AGONSI CHINYERE GIFT**, Now Wish To Be Known And Addressed As **Mrs CHIKWENDU CHINYERE GIFT**. All Former Documents Remain Valid General public please Take Note.

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

OLUKOGA: I, formerly known and addressed as **OLUKOGA SUNDAY OLUWADAMILARE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OLUKOGA SUNDAY OLUWEMIMO**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

FATI: I formerly known as, now wish to be **FATIMA UMAR** known and addressed as **FATI UMAR**. All former documents remain valid. With **D.O.B. 20/9/1973 TO 20/10/1973** General public should please take note.

HAFSAT: I, formerly known as **HAFSAT YAKUBU ABDULHAMID** now wish to be known and addressed as **HAFSAT ABDULHAMID YAKUBU**, my correct date of birth **05-08-1970** not **01-01-1973**. General public should take note.

ANDARA: I formally known as **MODU GANA BUKAR**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MASSAWA BALEWU ANDARA**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

Mrs ONYEBUCHUKWU: I, Formerly Known And Addressed As **Miss MBAMASI IFEOMA UJUNWA**. Now Wish To Be Known And Addressed As **Mrs ONYEBUCHUKWU IFEOMA UJUNWA**. All Former Documents Remain Valid General public please Take Note.

I, formerly known as **NURA SANI & NURA SANI YABO** now wish to be known and addressed as **NURA SANI YABO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MOHAMMED: I, formerly known and addressed as **MOHAMMED RASHEED**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED RASHEED ABIODUN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

HALIMATU: I formerly known as **HALIMA ISMAIL** now wish to be known and addressed as **HALIMATU ISMAIL**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note.

HAFSATU: I, formerly known as **HAFSATU A. YAKUBU** now wish to be known and addressed as **HAFSATU ABDULHAMID YAKUBU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

KORE: I formally known as **YAKURI BULAMA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **KORE MODU AMMINAM**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

ADDITION OF NAME = I, formerly known as **CHIKODI DESTINY**. Now wish to be known as **CHIKODI DESTINY CHINAGOROM**. All former documents remain valid. The general public please take note.

I, formerly known as **ABUBAKAR SANI, ABUBAKAR SANI YABO & ABUBAKAR SANI Y** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR SANI YABO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public that the LOSS of original Certificate of Occupancy Plot No. File No. CON/COM/2012/88, situated at Yankaba Kawaji Quarters, bearing the name of JAMILU ILU AHMED No. 24 Club Road Kano, Kano State. All efforts made to trace the original Certificate proved abortive members of the general public to take note. If found please return to the nearest police station.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

I, ADAMU ABUI OF BORNO STREET KAFANCHAN JEMA'A LGA, KADUNA STATE WISH TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT I AM THE RIGHTFUL AND THE BONIFIDE OWNER OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS OF LAND HOUSE PLOTS 50-100 NO.09 BORNO STREET KAF. THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT GOT BURNED DURING 2011 KAFANCHAN POST ELECTION CRISIS. GENERAL PUBLIC AND ANY AUTHORITY CONCERNED TO PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

I, formerly known as **SAGIRU SULAIMAN ABUBAKAR** now wish to be known as **SAGIRU A. LAMI ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

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DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
EKE DONATUS ONWUACHUMBA BARTHOLOMEW (AKA DONATUS EKE) WHO DIED ON THE 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2018 WHO WAS SELF EMPLOYED.	EKE ERNEST UGOCHUKWU AND EKE AUGUSTA CHINYERE OF OPP FORMER ROAD SAFETY, KUBWA, ABUJA. SON AND DAUGHTER.

DATED AT ABUJA THIS 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021
SIGNED: MUHAMMAD MUSTAPHA ADAMU CHIEF REGISTRAR

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DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
EGUZORO EDWIN WHO DIED ON THE 10TH DAY OF JUNE, 2021 WHO WAS SELF EMPLOYED.	EGUZORO NMA CHARITY A.K.A CHARITY EGUZORO AND EGUZORO PETER DESMOND OF NO. 13 OPPOSITE ANDY WAY PARAPET HOTEL, KARIMO, ABUJA AND 4 PRINCESS INKPI, GWAGWALADA, ABUJA. WIDOW AND SON.

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DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
MR. KENNETH WENIKEFE (A.K.A WENIKEFE KENNETH DESTINY) WHO DIED ON THE 23RD DAY OF JANUARY, 2020 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE NIGERIA COPYRIGHT COMMISSION.	WILLIE OSCAR SELEKEME AND OKOLO MERCY KEME OF DEFENCE ESTATE VIA COURT OF APPEAL KUBWA AND CHIEF PALACE GUEST HOUSE STREET OOF PRIMUSE HOSPITAL KARU FCT. BROTHER AND SISTER.

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DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
JUDE UDEZE IGWE WHO DIED ON THE 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021 WHO WAS SELF EMPLOYED.	DR. CHIGOZIE MICHAEL IGWE AND ANTHONIA OBJAJULU IGWE OF 3 ELUAMA CLOSE ASOKORO, ABUJA. SON AND WIDOW.

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DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
MALO AUDU MOSES WHO DIED ON THE 13TH DAY OF APRIL, 2021 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE NIGERIA IMMIGRATION SERVICE (RETIRED).	MRS. OMOLARA ADUKE MALO, MRS. FATIMAH MALO NADOMA AND MR. MAZAT EMMANUEL MALO OF ROAD 4, BLOCK C12B, UNION HOMES ESTATE, KUJE ABUJA. WIDOW, DAUGHTER AND SON.

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SANUSI MONSURU ADEKUNLE WHO DIED ON THE 19TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2021 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE NIGERIA ARMY (RETIRED).	SANUSI OLUBUNMI IDOWU, SANUSI OLAYINKA MONSURAT AND SANUSI OLUWADAMILOLA MOHAMMED OF 120, BETTINA PLACE, WHITBY ONTARIO L1R0E8 CANADA. WIDOW AND DAUGHTER AND SON.

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DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
JOHN MARCUS WHO DIED ON THE 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2021 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ABUJA.	EMMANUEL SAMUEL UFOT OF JABI DAKI BIYU FCT ABUJA. UNCLE.

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DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
ABDULPHATHAI AKINOLA LAWAL WHO DIED ON THE 2ND DAY OF JANUARY, 2021 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE NIGERIA PREMIER LEAGUE.	ABIBAT ADESEHEWA LAWAL A.K.A ABDULSALAM HABIBAT GUARDIAN TO FARIDAT OPEYEMI LAWAL OF 4, CONGO STREET, JEUN - MADAKI, NASARAWA STATE. WIDOW AND DAUGHTER.

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DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
ETAREH MERCY EJIRO WHO DIED ON THE 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE NNPC ABUJA - FCT.	BLESSED O, MIKE - ETAREH (AKA MIKE - ETAREH BLESSED OGAGAOGHENE) AND MICHAEL ETAREH OF 14 PROMENADE ESTATE LOKOGOMA, ABUJA. WIDOWER AND SON.

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WHERE AS the person whose name is set out in the first column here under in stated on the date and place stated in the said column. AND WHERE AS the person (s) whose address and claim relationship to the said deceased is/are set out in the second column hereunder has/have applied to the High Court of Justice Sokoto for the grant of (LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION) of the personal properties of the said deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said (LETTER'S of Administration) will be granted to such person unless a notice to prohibit the grant thereof is filed in the probate Registry High Court of Justice Sokoto Within (TWENTY ONE DAYS) from the date of publication of this notice.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF DECEASEDS	NAME OF APPLICANTS
IBRAHIM ALHAJI ISAH OF NATIONAL DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WHO DIED ON THE 19TH DAY OF APRIL 2014 AT GENERAL HOSPITAL KONTAGORA	RUKAYYAT IBRAHIM OF YAURI TOWN KEBBI STATE WIFE AND NEXT OF KIN TO THE DECEASED
SANI MABERA OF NIGERIA CUSTOMS SERVICE WHO DIED ON THE 19TH DAY OF MAY, 2021 AT HIS RESIDENCE IN SOKOTO	NURA MUAZU OF MABERA MAGAJI AREA SOKOTO THE SON TO THE DECEASED

DATED AT SOKOTO THIS 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021
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NAME AND ADDRESS OF DECEASEDS	NAME OF APPLICANTS
DR SHAFIK AHMADU SUKA OF SOKOTO CLINIC WHO DIED ON THE 23RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021 AT EGYPT	USMAN AHMADU SUKA OF SOKOTO CLINIC NO. 46 ABDULLAHI FODIO ROAD SOKOTO SON TO THE DECEASED
HASHIMU MU'AZU OF USMANU DANFODIYO UNIVERSITY SOKOTO WHO DIED ON THE 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021 AT UDUTH SOKOTO	BASHAR HASHIMU OF DUNDAYE AREA SOKOTO SON OF THE DECEASED
TUKUR SHEHU OF USMANU DANFODIYO UNIVERSITY SOKOTO WHO DIED ON THE 28TH DAY OF APRIL, 2021 AT UDUS HEALTH CENTER SOKOTO	KASIMU SHEHU OF GIDAN SALIHU AREA WAMAKKO LGA SOKOTO STATE THE SON TO THE DECEASED

DATED AT SOKOTO THIS 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021
BASHAR IBRAHIM. AG: CHIEF REGISTRAR

ALBASMA S. BASHIR CHARITY FOUNDATION

The general public is hereby informed that the above named organization has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission, Abuja for registration under part "F" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act of 2020.

Name of Trustees	Position
1. MUHAMMED BASHIR ABDULAZIZ	-CHAIRMAN
2. MUHAMMAD MUUSA SANI	
3. MUKHTAR SHUAIBU YALAWA	-SECRETARY
4. ALIYU MUHAMMAD	

Aims and Objects

- Promote educational excellence by building schools and mosques to educate indigent students.
- To encourage the propagation of basic teaching of Islam.
- To liaise with similar organization in humanitarian and charitable works that will benefit community.
- To assist old weak persons and less privileged in the society.

Any objection to the above registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General Corporate Affairs Commission, plot 420 Tigris Crescent Off Aguiyi Street, Maitama P.M.B. 198, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

FG warns labour unions against illegal picketing

By Idowu Isamotu

The federal government says it will bring the full weight of the law on those who continue to cross the line in the disguise of unionism.

Workers of the Ministry of Trade and Investment had last Wednesday shut down the ministry's entrance during a protest to demand the removal of the permanent secretary, Evelyn Ngige, who is the wife of the Minister of Labour and Employment, Chris Ngige.

Mrs Ngige had been accused of not paying attention to the staff's welfare.

But the minister, Ngige, in a statement yesterday, urged the labour leadership to educate their members on their rights and privileges, and call them to order.

He said the government would no longer fold its hands while what ought to be a peaceful agitation by unions "has crossed the boundary of lawfulness".

The minister described unions' action as an act "hooliganism in the disguise of trade unionism".

He said: "The Federal Government has watched as the offices of the Hon. Minister of State and the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Trade and Investment were locked for days by agitating workers unions, preventing other workers and officers of government from carrying out their lawful duties.

"Similarly, the Citizenship and Leadership Training Centre has been under lock and key since Monday, 15 November 2021, preventing the newly appointed Director-General of the agency, Adesoji Eniade from assuming office.

"We further warn that unruly behaviors emanating in the course of a strike in the guise of picketing by employers may be subjected to the relevant sections of the Criminal Code and punishment dispensed accordingly. Ignorance of the law is not an excuse."

Osinbajo seeks acceptability of made-in-Nigeria products

By Muideen Olaniyi

Vice President Yemi Osinbajo says all hands must be on deck to ensure that limitations to product quality and technical barriers to trade were removed.

He also said the market acceptability of made-in-Nigeria products in an increasingly integrated African continent must be improved.

The vice president spoke in Abuja yesterday at the opening session of the virtual "Open-Day with MSMEs" organised by the Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON).

He said: "This is particularly important as we seek to expand our exports to the rest of Africa

in the African Continental Free Trade Area, and indeed to the rest of the world," he said.

He said improving product quality "is integral to market entry and market share", adding that "our failure to adhere to international standards for product quality will continue to limit the market acceptability of our products and poses the risk of rejection and non-acceptance of 'Made in Nigeria' products at home and abroad."

Osinbajo commended the Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Niyi Adebayo; the Minister of State, Maryam Katagum and the Director-General, SON, Farouk Salim, for their efforts towards facilitating an enabling environment for MSMEs to thrive.

Oyetola's aide hits Aregbesola's loyalists over assassination allegation

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

The spokesman of Governor Gboyega Oyetola of Osun State, Ismail Omipidan, yesterday dismissed the allegation of assassination plot made by leaders of The Osun Progressives (TOP), a faction of the All Progressives Congress (APC) loyal to the Minister of Interior, Rauf Aregbesola.

The chairman of TOP, Adelowo Adebisi, had, in a statement, alleged that some APC members loyal to Governor Oyetola, known as Ileri Oluwa, planned to

eliminate notable members of TOP.

But the governor's spokesman, in a statement, described the allegation as mischievous, saying it was wickedly calculated at smearing the governor's "good name."

Omipidan said all those behind the "malicious and unguarded statement" needed to have their heads thoroughly examined to ascertain their mental state.

He said only an unstable mind and character would accuse a person of the governor's standing "who, in the last three years, has not done anything to

portray him as a man given to violence or the government he leads, of assassination plot."

"We're aware that Elder Adebisi, through some of his foot soldiers, have been holding clandestine meetings on how to unleash mayhem on Osun. But like all previous plots, this too will fail.

Omipidan enjoined security operatives to be on the alert, saying "Elder Adebisi and his co-travelers might be the ones actually plotting something sinister and might therefore just be looking for an alibi. Isn't it said that we judge others by our own standard?"

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Police recover 2 corpses of kidnapped butchers in Ondo

From Bola Ojuola, Akure & Abbas Dalibi (Akure)

The police in Ondo State have recovered two corpses of the three butchers kidnapped by suspected herdsmen in Ala Town in Akure North Local Government Area on Monday.

The police spokeswoman in the state, Mrs Funmilayo Odunlami, said the bodies were found in a bush, and that effort was on to rescue the one man still missing.

The four butchers in Akure were said to have been lured into a bush by the kidnappers on the

pretense that they wanted to sell cows to them.

Narrating how the incident happened, Nasiru Jamui, the only butcher seen but badly injured, said, "The people that use to sell cows to my boss called him to buy cows. Though he had been selling cows to him before, it had been long they transacted business.

"On getting to Ala, they took us to where the cows were and asked us to park our vehicle so that they could move the cows to the main road. They entered into the bush while four of us waited beside the vehicle. Surprisingly, they returned with guns and

started shooting into the air. My boss was kidnapped. Three of us tried to run but as I was cut with a machet; I fell and pretended I was dead. When I later realised no one was there, I stood up and started running."

Meanwhile, the Chairman of the Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN) in Ondo State, Alhaji Bello Garba, said the butcher had not been buying cows from designated cattle markets in the state but known for buying cows from unknown sources in the bush.

He said, "It's illegal for a Fulani herdsman to sell his cows

in the bush and it is also illegal for a butcher to buy cows in the bush from unknown sources.

"There are always procedures in the business and different unions and government are involved, when a butcher buys cows in the market even if there is an issue he knows who he will hold responsible because those who transact in the market are known.

"When he is freed, he will be in the best position to tell more about the people who attacked them and kidnapped him, because he has been transacting business with them," the chairman said.

6 killed, 19 injured in Bauchi auto crash

From Hassan Ibrahim, Bauchi

Barely five days after a multiple auto crash claimed five lives in Bauchi State, another road accident at Durum village along Bauchi-Kano road has claimed six lives while 19 other people sustained injuries.

The Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Bauchi State, Yusuf Abdullahi, said the crash involving two commercial Ford Galaxy buses occurred around 6:42pm.

Abdullahi, who said the crash was caused by worn-out tyres from one of the vehicles, said the corpses had been deposited at the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital (ATBUTH) mortuary, while those who sustained injuries were taken to hospital.

182 killed in road crashes in Osun in 10 months

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

The Federal Road Safety Corps, Osun State Sector Command, yesterday said 182 people died in road crashes in the state between January and October 2021.

The Sector Commander in the state, Corps Commander Paul Okpe, disclosed this in an interview with *Daily Trust* at his office in Osogbo, the state capital while speaking on the Global Week of Road Traffic Accident Victims Remembrance Day.

He said 269 road crashes were recorded while 754 persons were injured and 1,419 were rescued by the corps.

He said most of the crashes occurred on the Ikire/Gbongan/Ife/Ilesa/Ipetu/Owena road and that most of the crashes involved travellers passing through Osun to different destinations.

2022: Kano budgets N800m to address poverty, unemployment among women

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano

Kano State government is to prioritise the training of women and youths in 2022 under its empowerment programmes especially at the grassroots.

The Commissioner for Women Affairs and Social Development, Dr Zahra'u Muhammad Umar, disclosed this while defending the ministry's 2022 budget at the Kano State House of Assembly.

She explained that about N800 million earmarked for the grassroots was designed to address poverty and unemployment as the major factors affecting the wellbeing of the people.



■ From left: Commissioner General Administration and Conferences ECOWAS, Mr. Vafolay Mbandoe; Commissioner for Telecommunications and Information Technology, Mr. Zouli Boukoungou; the Commissioner Education, Sciences and Culture ECOWAS Commission, Mr. Mamadu Jaou; President ECOWAS Commission, Mr. Jean- Claude Brou, and Group Managing Director, Kougat Solutions and Allied Services, Mr. Rony Melhem during the commissioning of the newly automated security entrance system at the ECOWAS Commission headquarters in Asokoro, Abuja

Ikoyi lands meant for 2-storey structures, says Bode George

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

A former Deputy National Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Chief Olabode George, yesterday said the recent collapse of a 21-storey building on Gerrard Road, Ikoyi, Lagos was avoidable if the managers of the state had been sincere in their dealings with the people.

George, at a press conference in his Ikoyi office in Lagos, said Ikoyi - being a reclaimed land - was designed to accommodate only two-storey buildings, adding that the

laid down plan by the colonial rulers was distorted.

Daily Trust reports that a 21-storey building collapsed on Gerrard Street in Ikoyi on November 1 killing no fewer than 45 people and injuring 15 others.

George said greed, indifference and deliberate complicity of government agencies contributed to the tragedy.

"The whole Ikoyi axis is all reclaimed lands. Knowing the precariousness of reclaimed lands, the colonial authorities predicated all building and construction designs at 2-storey

ceiling. Nothing more. It was also meant for purely residential purposes. All these original predications are now blatantly abused.

"The land upon which the collapsed building was erected belonged to NITEL. Who bought this land? If the land was resold, who is the final beneficiary? If the Fourscore management was given approval for 8-storey structure, who changed it to 15 and then to 21? Who are the structural engineers? Which engineers conducted the soil test? What kind of foundation was the structure erected upon?"

Violence, war not options for Nigeria, says Fayemi

From Titus Eleweke, Awka

The Governor of Ekiti State, Kayode Fayemi, has said Nigeria's problems cannot be solved by violence or war.

Gov Fayemi who delivered the Faculty of Sciences Zik Lectures Series at the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, with the theme: "Security, Governance and Nations Building", said there was absolutely nothing heroic about dying foolishly for a cause for

which dialogue and negotiation could solve.

He said, "Whatever is worth fighting for, is worth staying alive for. I can very much hear this refrain flowing from the life experience and legacy of Nnamdi Azikiwe. And if the Great Zik were alive, this is precisely what he would be telling this august gathering. Let us hearken to his words of wisdom."

Fayemi, who is the Chairman of the Nigeria Governors' Forum

(NGF), said what Nigeria needed was nation building and not confrontation or war.

He said, "As such, there can be no successful nation building in our current climate where a wide section of our citizens are apathetic to the very idea of the nation-state and perceive the political institutions that govern them as enemies. For many, nation building is no more than age-old idealistic rhetoric that has no bearing on lived realities

"My argument has always been though, that we cannot speak of national development without first resolving the key issues of nation building. I make bold, therefore, to say that the security challenges that are confronting us in all their various dimensions and ramifications, and all the issues of governance instability that we are confronted with are directly consequential upon our inability to settle some fundamental questions of nationhood..."

SPORT



■ Scorer of Super Eagles goal against Cape Verde, Victor Osimhen, being congratulated by team mates

Yarma proud of Gombe Bulls despite loss to Rivers Hoopers

By David Ngobua

The Pioneer Chairman of Gombe State Sports Commission, Malam Farouk Yarma has expressed satisfaction with the performance of Gombe Bulls despite their loss to Rivers Hoopers in the finals of the Super 8 Men's Premier Basketball League in Abuja.

The Gombe Bulls caused a major upset on Monday, November 15 when they defeated Kano Pillars basketball club 79-67 in one of the semi-final matches played at the Indoor sports hall of the MKO Abiola national stadium.

Although the Bulls lost the finals yesterday to Rivers Hoopers, Yarma remained elated by their performance and urged them to sustain the momentum.

"Gombe Bulls was resuscitated when I was the Executive Chairman of Gombe Sports Commission. A lot of sacrifices were made and we scaled many hurdles.

"It is gratifying to know that the seed we planted has germinated into a viable force that is competing and conquering even top opponents. The achievement of the team gives me a lot of pride.

"The victory over Pillars is special. Therefore, even as they failed to lift the trophy, I am proud of them. I congratulate the players, the technical crew under Coach Abdulrahman Gidado and all the other officials for this achievement," said Yarma.

Super Eagles squeeze into 2022 W/Cup play-off

By Jide Olusola

The Super Eagles yesterday survived a major scare at the Teslim Balogun stadium in Lagos where they drew 1-1 with the resilient Blue Sharks of Cape Verde but qualified for the 2022 FIFA World Cup qualification play-off.

The three-time African champions were uninspiring but the result was good enough for the team to play in the final

round of qualifiers for the global showpiece event as they finished as Group C leaders with 13 points after six games.

A Victor Osimhen's first-minute opener had put fans in high spirit with the hope that the flood gates of goals were opened but that was not to be as the early lead was quickly cancelled in the sixth minute by Ianique Tavares.

The first half was nervy as both sides sought to score the second goal but that was not to be with the game being a nerve-

wracking encounter.

Despite the 66% possession and with four shots on target, the Gernot Rohr tutored side was unable to increase the score line.

Nigeria has participated in all FIFA World Cup final tournaments since its debut in 1994 in the United States of America, bar the 2006 finals in Germany that she missed narrowly after FIFA opted to use the head-to-head rule in the qualifying campaign, which favoured Angola.

The final round of the African qualifying series will be held in March 2022.

Meanwhile, Gernot Rohr is now the most capped handler of the three-time African champions in history with 55 games under his belt.

He had edged Shaibu Amodu after Saturday's 2-0 triumph over Liberia at the Stade Ibn Batouta in Tangier before moving clear after yesterday's game at the Teslim Balogun Stadium.

Zenith Bank/ Delta Headmasters' Cup finals hold on Thursday

By David Ngobua

The finals of the Headmasters' Cup football competition for all primary schools in Delta State will be held on Thursday, November 18 at the Stephen Keshi stadium in Asaba.

For the first time, Zenith Bank is sponsoring the annual grassroots football tournament in partnership with the government of Delta State.

Ogbe Primary school Effurun will battle Valley Stream British Academy Sapele in the final match which promises to be entertaining.

To get to this stage, Ogbe Primary School defeated RoyalRoyal Foundation primary School, Ogwashi Uku, 3-0 while Valley Stream British Academy defeated Destiny primary



School Ughelli with a lone goal in a match decided at the Hussey College Warri.

Already, Governor Ifeanyi Okowa has promised that the winner of the finals will get a 32-seater coaster bus among other prizes.

Sponsors, Zenith Bank are also expected to shower the young footballers with gift items on Thursday at the final which will be witnessed by top dignitaries in the state.

Delta Permanent Secretary in the basic and Secondary School ministry, Augustine Oghoro, confirmed on Tuesday that the Governor will be present at the final.

Meanwhile, Destiny Primary School and the Royal Foundation Primary School will fight for bronze in the Third Place match which will serve as a curtain raiser.

Hoopers edge Gombe Bulls 74-57 to win NBBF Super 8

By Jide Olusola

Rivers Hoopers have successfully defended their Nigeria Men's Premier Basketball League title after defeating Gombe Bulls 74-57 in the finals of the Nigeria Basketball Federation Super Eight yesterday at the Package B of the MKO Abiola National Stadium, Abuja.

The Port Harcourt based club had defeated Nigeria Customs 85-76 in the first semi-finals while Gombe Bulls edged Kano Pillars 79-67 in the second semi-final tie.

With this victory, Hoopers have secured their second straight appearance at the next edition of Basketball Africa League which will again be hosted in Kigali, Rwanda in 2022 and 2023.

Anaiye Johnson, Championship MVP, propelled Hoopers over the Bulls as he scored 12 points, collected 5 rebounds, 6 assists and



had one block, and just as important as his 75 percent shooting from distance was crucial.

Accompanying Johnson's stellar play was the contributions of players like Koko Anthony, who finished the game with 14 points, 10 rebounds while the duo of Ekuma & Oriakhi poured in 10 points each in the win.

It was Bulls who led after the opening quarter 22-16 but Ogoh Odaudu's men came from behind to lead with five points 36-31 at Half time then followed by strong defense to see off Coach Abdulrahman Bulls.

Abubakar Yakubu's game high of 18pts did little for the Bulls who ran out of steam from the third quarter and also lost out on rebounds 39-45.

Meanwhile, Kano Pillars won the third place match after outscoring Customs 82-64 points.

GUEST COLUMNIST

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NASIRU AMINU

Musings over the rush to launch the eNaira

The country was cheerful when the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) announced it would be piloting its version of the central bank digital currency (CBDC) which it launched on October 25, 2021. For the country that will host the headquarters of the African Central Bank when the common currency in Africa materialises, this is a monumental feat.

Research shows that global central banks are taking their time to study the CBDC before they fully launch it. For example, the People's Bank of China has been working on a digital currency since 2014 but is yet to launch fully. In July, the European Central Bank (ECB) confirmed that it will begin a two-year study of the digital euro, with sights set on a 2026 launch. Between 2014 and 2018, Ecuador operated its digital currency but its parliament voted to abolish it.

Worryingly, the hasty decision to launch the eNaira feels like the Cold War's race to the moon. The decision by the CBN governor is either very rash or under orders from an external force. On balance, and it is a close thing, I think it is the latter. Of course, we all tend to be wiser after an event.

The race to the moon was about proving which country is applying the knowledge of their best scientists and technology. Given the country's economic position, one struggles to see the rationale. If any country were supposed to rush to launch a CBDC, it would have been the US for fear of Chinese dominance. There is an argument that the e-CNY could overthrow the US dollar's primacy as the global reserve currency and destabilise its financial dominance. Notably, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) is the furthest behind in developing a CBDC amongst the four largest central banks (i.e. the Fed, ECB, BoE, and Bank of Japan) in the world.

Traditionally, monumental innovations tend to get endorsements from the National Assembly. Surprisingly, the Presidency did not send the eNaira proposal to the National Assembly for advice and due process. It was surprising to see a lack of public engagement before launching the eNaira. Even in quasi-authoritarian settings like China, Saudi Arabia, and Russia, public engagement is held for the CBDC. At the announcement, the CBN governor only thanked the minister of Digital Economy. It was strange. What about the minister of finance?

A global example within the digital currency context will classify Nigeria's case as an anomaly. Currently, in the UK, the Bank of England is collaborating with their ministry of finance (H. M. Treasury) to explore the potential of a CBDC. They plan to engage widely with stakeholders to introduce a digital currency's benefits, risks, and practicalities. A committee is already taking evidence on the central issues. It will examine how a CBDC might affect the bank's role, monetary policy and the financial sector. This practice is the same across developed and

developing economies.

Let's compare with previous CBN events without judging anyone by another's standards. Back in 2007, Prof. Soludo had to present a proposal to redenominate the Naira to the Federal Executive Council and, later, the Presidential Committee - led by the minister of Finance. He also engaged in several public discussions, including a speech at the Bank of International Settlement. At one point, the National Assembly requested his resignation and suggested he was going against the law for not engaging with them. In 2011, Sanusi Lamido had to appear before the Senate to explain the rationale behind introducing Islamic Banking in Nigeria. It is also not new for the current governor to present a policy before the National Assembly. The last

If appropriately designed, the eNaira could bring much good for the digital economy. The eNaira can be a powerful tool to address an economic recession. The CBN could charge a lower or negative interest rate on these accounts, making saving money less attractive. The accounts could be used to distribute cash to citizens like the trader money allocated around the country.

one was in February to justify why they banned cryptocurrency.

Without any exaggeration, previous National Assembly leaders would have invited the CBN governor by now. The public remains optimistic that an invitation is on its way, as there is no reason to think the intelligence and leadership standards in the National Assembly has gone down over the years. The public will be interested in hearing answers on why the launching of the eNaira was rushed.

Like all innovations, rigorous investigations are conducted to understand what is being proposed. For the CBDC, the process starts from researching to developing to piloting before a full launch. CBN achieved this feat by skipping all the stages. That is why Nigeria is only one of the seven countries to launch a CBDC. Others are The Bahamas, St Kitts and Nevis, Antigua and Barbuda, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, and Grenada. These countries will not compare with Nigeria's economy, population,

education, market, etc.

Together with the seven countries above, there are 87 economies in the world researching, developing or piloting a version of CBDC, according to the American think tank - Atlantic Council. Seventeen countries are at the pilot stage. These include countries like China, Malaysia, South Africa and Saudi Arabia. The central banks of Canada, Turkey, Russia, and Japan are among the 15 countries at the development stage. The 39 economies at the research stage include the US, UK, EU, India, Ghana, and Kenya.

China is currently issuing 200 digital yuan (e-CNY) to randomly selected citizens in its pilot scheme. At the same time, Senegal had abandoned its quest after a trial. The Monetary Authority of Singapore and the ECB also announced that they engaged in a successful cross-border payment and settlement experiment through the sole use of CBDC. Many more economies are engaged in cross border payment tests, such as partnerships between South Africa, Singapore, Malaysia and Australia.

The countries piloting and researching CBDC are aware that careful considerations are required to mitigate all challenges. For example, new research shows the existing regulations are not updated to deal with the new forms of money. Thus, rules need to be made more robust before adopting this technology. Unlike the informed economies, the CBN did not see this as a challenge. Still, the public hopes the National Assembly will.

The eNaira is designed to coexist with the naira but only in a digital form. The eNaira requires a wallet - a digital storage that holds the eNaira. Opening a wallet requires vital personal information, like name, date of birth, e-mail address, bank account, and bank verification number (BVN). Bank customers can move money from their bank account to their eNaira wallet. They can monitor their eNaira wallet, check balances and view transaction history. They can make in-store payments using their eNaira wallet by scanning QR codes and can send money to one another through a linked bank account or card. Technically, the eNaira account is similar to the conventional bank account system, in which the CBN guarantees the deposits.

If appropriately designed, the eNaira could bring much good for the digital economy. The eNaira can be a powerful tool to address an economic recession. The CBN could charge a lower or negative interest rate on these accounts, making saving money less attractive. The accounts could be used to distribute cash to citizens like the trader money allocated around the country. That is similar to the Chinese government's pilot scheme where an expiry date to spend the digital currency is given. Unlike the Chinese economy, there is a lack of clarity on how the eNaira will include the estimated 40 million unbanked adults.

Customers know that eNaira is fundamentally safer than the regular cash in a commercial bank since it is deposited in the nation's central bank. If the CBN allows customers to convert a lot of cash to eNaira, it could trigger a run on commercial banks. Potentially, commercial banks customers could move their deposits to eNaira, which will kill off commercial banks' business models. Conventional banks are modelled to take a stable depositor base, leverage it and extend loans into

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SPORT REPORT

Medvedev edges Zverev in ATP Finals thriller



■ Daniil Medvedev

Reigning champion Daniil Medvedev moved to the brink of the last four at the ATP Finals on Tuesday by edging out Alexander Zverev 6-3, 6-7 (3-7), 7-6 (8-6) in a dramatic match in Turin.

Russian second seed Medvedev missed two match points in a gripping deciding-set tie-break before getting over the line at the third time of asking.

"Definitely one of the matches to remember," said the US Open winner, who beat Poland's Hubert Hurkacz in his opening group encounter.

"Sometimes that's how tennis is," he added. "You just try to do your best. Sometimes luck is on your side, sometimes not."

Villa opportunity was too big to turn down - Gerrard



■ Steven Gerrard

New Aston Villa manager Steven Gerrard said the opportunity to manage the Premier League club was one he could not turn down as the former Rangers boss gets ready to test his credentials in the English top flight.

Gerrard, who ended Celtic's nine-year domination in Scotland and led Rangers to an unbeaten title-winning campaign last season, replaced Dean Smith at Villa last week.

"When the phone call sunk in, I wanted this to happen very quickly because, first and foremost, the opportunity was too big. From there, it happened really quick," Gerrard said in an interview on the club's website.