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Insurers Discover N20bn Fraudulent Claims From #ENDSARS Destruction

BY ZAKA KHALIQ, Lagos

Businesses and individuals who suffered massive destruction from the last #EndSAR protests lodged fraudulent claims amounting to about

N20 billion to the insurance industry, LEADERSHIP can exclusively reveal.

Investigation by LEADERSHIP shows that the insurance industry received about N40billion claims from the public, but discovered that about

50 per cent of the claims, amounting to about N20billion, were actually fraudulent.

The industry, it was learnt, has so far paid N11 billion genuine claims from that incident with plans to

pay additional N9 billion in the next couple of months.

A fraudulent claim is an insurance claim request whose insured risk or incident is falsified and painted to look real. Here, the racketeer submits

fake documentation to insurance companies with the motive to profit from the insurance system through claims.

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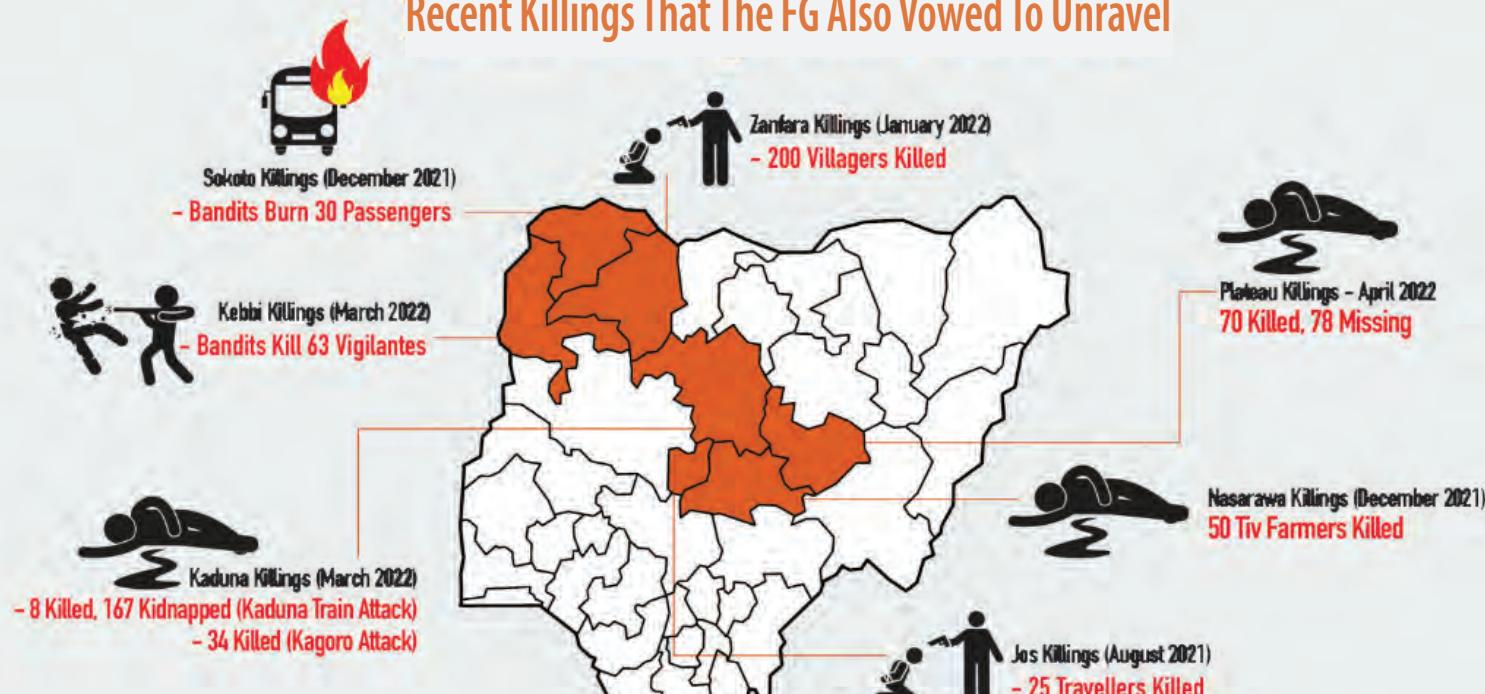


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Recent Killings That The FG Also Vowed To Unravel



BACK STORY OF THE DAY

Nation's Capital Groans Under Uncontrolled Influx Of People

BY IGHODAROYO, Abuja

The Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja, is an attraction to many either seeking greener pastures, or running from insecurity in other parts of the country. From statistics obtained from the FCT, the current metro area population of Abuja in 2022 this year is 3,652,000, a 5.43 percent increase from 2021.

While in 2021, the metro area population of Abuja was 3,464,000, a 5.67 percent increase from 2020, and in 2020, the metro area population of Abuja was 3,278,000, a 5.91 percent increase from 2019.

This continuous increase in the influx of people to Abuja has become a cause for concern to people already residing in the FCT. They have attributed this uncontrolled population increase to the rising state of insecurity in the territory.

A resident, Mr. Samuel Bala, lamented that people migrate to the FCT with different intentions. And without proper scrutiny by any agency, they freely perpetrate whatever intentions they have in their minds.

"The insecurity in the territory is as a result of people trooping into the FCT without anybody checking who they are and what they are coming to do in the



nation's capital city. There is no way a city can be saved, if the people just troop into it the way they like, with no one to check them," he said.

Apart from the concerns of residents of Abuja, the Minister of the FCT, Mohammed Bello is also worried about the uncontrolled influx of people to the nation's capital.

Bello, during the inauguration of a technical committee on the proposed FCT issuance of SUKUK of N200 billion for the FCT 2022 statutory budget, lamented what he described as an unprecedented influx of people to the FCT since the return to democracy in 1999.

He revealed that the administration is on the verge of securing a N200 billion SUKUK loan, to facilitate the building of infrastructure such as roads and water projects across the territory, to meet up with the challenge of the influx.

"The congestion and traffic situation mostly experienced in the city centre is due to unprecedented influx of

people to the FCT since the return to democracy in 1999," he said.

He noted that the loan facility was needed to enable the FCT administration achieve its desired objective of rehabilitating and expanding some existing roads in the city, and opening up more roads to prevent traffic gridlock on major roads in the city.

The minister said the troubling demographic changes are consequently overstretching Abuja's infrastructure and social amenities, while resources for development become more and more scarce and unavailable, thereby threatening the dreams of the capital's founding fathers.

Maimuna's Memoir

Revamping Work Ethics

Phone And NIN Wahala: Not Encouraging At All!

I sighed, so no phone for me until when they decide to fix this issue. I was about to put my phone aside when it blinked. It was a text message from my service providers telling me they had received my NIN and I should wait while they treat the matter. A part of me was relieved while the other part was still incensed. That did not mean I could begin using my phone immediately, I still had to wait for who knows until when. Later that night I watched sadly on TV, the crowd at the NIMC office who were trying to register their NINs to their SIMs without much success. People who had similar issues to my own of registering their NINs to their SIMs, but were still barred from making calls were being interviewed and venting out their annoyance. The painful part was that there were so many people there and no one was attending to them. Kai, what kind of thing is this? I wondered. Its not encouraging at all.



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SUDOKU PUZZLE AND SOLUTIONS

Each Sudoku puzzle comes with some numbers already filled and each box has a corresponding row, column and 3x3 grid where the numbers cannot be repeated. The row, column or 3x3 grid with the most numbers filled is the best place to start, filling new numbers because there you have fewer options to choose from. As you fill each number on a box, you increase your chances of getting new spaces filled.

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Solution To Yesterday's Sudoku

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Sudoku For Today

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COMOROS



The formal launch of the National Quality Policy in the Union of the Comoros is a significant milestone in the government's overall strategy for economic and social development in the wake of the global pandemic health crisis. The National Quality Policy aims to strengthen the country's quality infrastructure and establish a culture of higher standards both in public administration and in the private sector to ensure more inclusive and sustainable economic development in the Comoros.

TUNISIA



Accelerating structural reforms will be the key for Tunisia to recover fully from the COVID-19 recession, overcome economic vulnerabilities and raise living standards for all, according to a new OECD report. The latest OECD Economic Survey of Tunisia highlights the country's success in fighting poverty and reducing gender imbalances in education and well-being in the past decade. This progress provides a solid base for an inclusive recovery from the 2020 recession. A pickup in commodity prices seen since the beginning of the war in Ukraine and the Omicron and potential new variants of COVID-19 could slow the recovery and exacerbate structural challenges.

SEYCHELLES



Despite having vast energy resources, Guinea-Bissau has one of the least developed economies in the world. Due to the west African country's slow progress regarding the exploitation of its energy resources, due to limited investments in infrastructure development and political instability, little progress has also been made in expanding other sectors such as manufacturing and mining. However, recent increases in capital expenditure are set to revitalize the economy during 2022.

INBOX

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our stand

8 Years After: Chibok Memories Still Linger

Today marks the eighth anniversary of the mass abduction of school girls in Chibok town which brought the once obscure Borno State community to global attention. On the night of that day today, Boko Haram terrorists invaded the Government Girls' Secondary School, Chibok, and abducted a total of 276 schoolgirls from their dormitory.

It was the first time such a large number of school children would be abducted in such fashion and, expectedly, it drew global outrage, with world leaders in governance, business, entertainment, sports, etc., joining in the call for their release. Locally, the girls' cause was championed by the 'Bring Back Our Girls Group (BBOG)' which held peaceful demonstrations in Abuja for about three years to keep the pressure on the federal government to continue searching for the girls until they are returned alive.

The incident was a major embarrassment to the then President Goodluck Jonathan administration as it came under harsh scrutiny due to its perceived lethargic response to the incident, and it is believed to be one of the factors that eroded public confidence in the administration which ultimately cost it dearly in the 2015 general election.

President Muhammadu Buhari who took over from the Jonathan administration had made copious promises that his government would do everything within its power to secure the release of the girls. Of the 276 schools that were kidnapped that night, according to reports at the time, 57 of them managed to escape their captors that night of the attack, 21 others were released in October 2016 by the terror group in a deal

brokered by the Red Cross, while federal government secured the release of 82 of them in May 2017 in a prisoner swap deal that reportedly involved releasing Boko Haram terrorists in detention. Some others were freed during military operations while six of them were also reported to have died in 2016.

However, about 100 of them are still missing. It is believed that, among the horrors they had faced in the hands of the violent criminals, many of them had been married off to terrorists while others may have been sold into slavery, as the slain former Boko Haram leader Abubakar Shekau claimed in one of his videos. Alarmingly, in our view, everything about the Chibok girls has gone quiet and there is no indication that government detectives are still making

efforts towards finding and rescuing them from their present dire circumstances. Apart from the schoolgirls whose abduction grabbed world attention, there were a reported 2000 persons, mostly women and girls, who were in Boko Haram captivity at the time the Chibok kidnapping occurred. If the school girls are still missing, one can only imagine the fate of others.

Sadly, in our opinion, the Chibok incident opened the door for the kidnapping attacks on more schools across the northern parts of the country. In 2018, at a school in Dapchi, Yobe state, 110 girls were taken away by criminals. Fortunately, 104 were returned after a month, except for five that had died in the process and one, then 15-year-old Leah Sharibu, who was withheld for refusing to convert to

Islam. Since then, mass abductions in schools have become commonplace, with bandit-terrorists raiding schools in Kaduna, Niger, Kebbi, Katsina, and Zamfara at will and demanding huge ransoms. Last year alone, 1441 school children were kidnapped and some of the victims are still in captivity.

As a newspaper, we are concerned that eight years after these girls were kidnapped, so many of them are still held captive. This is even more disturbing when the present APC-led administration, when it was in opposition, beat the then ruling PDP over the head on the matter claiming that it had the magic wand to rectify the situation. Today, the administration has not only failed to secure the release of the Chibok girls, but also has failed to prevent or discourage further kidnapping of schoolchildren, let alone rescue them. These days, parents of kidnapped schoolchildren are left to their own fate and are forced to yield to the demands of the terrorists. Even more worrisome is that the federal government and its agencies seem to have given up on looking for kidnapped children, and even adults, in Nigeria. That has emboldened the terrorists who have now turned the kidnapping of helpless Nigerians into a billion-naira crime industry.

Therefore, on this day, we urge the federal government not to relent in its primary duty of securing life and property, including, especially, our schoolchildren. It must dedicate special forces to deal with issues of kidnapping in order to hand over a safer country to the administration that will succeed it next year. That is the best legacy it can bequeath the nation after eight years in power.

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24 Hours After Northern Elders' Resignation Call To PMB: FG Vows To Unveil Perpetrators Of Kaduna, Plateau Attacks

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BENJAMIN ISAIAH, Kaduna And
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The federal government yesterday said it would soon reveal those behind recent terrorist attacks in Plateau, Kaduna and other parts of the country.

This pledge is coming just a day after the Northern Elders' Forum (NEF) asked the president to resign from office if he cannot secure the lives and property of Nigerians following rising killings in parts of the country.

Minister of Defence Bashir Magashi, who made this vow after the federal executive council meeting yesterday in Abuja, said the government would soon expose those who are causing the insecurity in the country.

While responding to a question on if government had identified those behind the attack, he said, "Honestly, I think the security chiefs are working hard to unveil those that are involved, and we will tell you very soon those that are carrying out these attacks.

"Both attacks in Jos and Kaduna, we will come and explain to the public what is really going on and our efforts to ensure that all these activities are stopped once and for all. We are really on top of the situation; we are planning hard and we will get it out as soon as possible."

Also, the federal government has blamed the alliance between Boko Haram and bandits for the recent Abuja-Kaduna train attack.

Minister of information, Lai Mohammed, disclosed this to State House correspondents after the federal executive council meeting presided over by President Muhammadu Buhari at the Presidential Villa, Abuja, yesterday. He assured Nigerians that the government was on top of the situation.

He said, "What is happening now is that there is a kind of an unholy handshake between bandits and Boko Haram insurgents.

"Preliminary reports of what transpired at the Kaduna train attacks show that there is a kind of collaboration between the bandits and the dislodged Boko Haram terrorists from the northeast. I can tell you very confidently that the feder-



Buhari



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al government is on the top of this matter."

On the 72-hour ultimatum by families of victims of the Kaduna train attack within which to secure their release or they take their fate in their hands, Mohammed said what the federal government was doing was not for public consumption "because we have lives at stake."

He, however, gave assurance that the various security agencies were working night and day to unravel the mystery surrounding the attack as a whole.

"On the kidnapped people, what I can assure you is that the respective arms of government are actually engaged as we speak, and are working to get those victims released."

Calls For PMB To Resign, Not Solution To Insecurity - Presidency

The Presidency yesterday responded to Northern Elders' Forum's call on President Muhammadu Buhari to resign on account of the security breaches in the country, saying resignation would not solve the problem.

He said, "It is enough to say, from our part, that resignation call on the President is not a solution to the security problems facing the country, something that has built up to a worrisome level following decades of neglect.

"It is more important that citizens know what their government is doing to deal with this situation and for politicians to come to terms with the fact the it is beneficial to all that they help to preserve the state so that when it is their

turn, they will have a place that they will manage.

"People don't have to destroy what is there in a desperate quest to get power."

Shehu further said that, in response to the recent spike in terrorist activities, particularly in the Kaduna and Niger States axis, the defense establishment had realigned and reorganised the ongoing operation in the areas, as well as the Niger Delta region.

Reps Lament Protracted Terrorist Attacks, Ask President To Implement Security Summit Report

The House of Representatives yesterday decried incessant attacks by bandits in the country, lamenting that several of its resolutions on insecurity were not respected.

To this end, the House urged President Muhammadu Buhari to implement the report of its 2021 security summit which had been submitted to the executive arm of government.

The lawmakers who took turns to contribute to a motion moved by the member representing Pankshin/Kanam/Kanke federal constituency of Plateau State, Yusuf Gagdi, expressed regret that despite repeated resolutions to improve the country's security, much success had not been recorded.

Speaking while moving a motion during a plenary session yesterday Gagdi said 92 people were killed, 20 persons were injured in the attack, while 3,414 people had been displaced after the attack that occurred in Kanam LGA of Plateau state on Sunday.

"Terrorists unleashed terror on the people of Kanam local

government area and neighbouring communities, killed 92 persons, injured over 20 people and destroyed properties in Kukawa, Kyaram, Gyambau and Dungur among other communities," he said.

"The total of 41 houses, 86 shops and eight motorcycles were completely burnt and destroyed, leaving a total of 3,413 persons displaced.

The legislator lamented that the assaults took place notwithstanding intelligence reports of impending attacks from the Department of State Services (DSS) on the influx of terrorists fleeing to Plateau and other neighbouring communities of Wase and Kanam local government areas.

"The security agencies have reliable information at their disposal of the various camps of these terrorists in Kambari forest in Taraba State as well as Bangala in Wase local government area of Plateau State where these terrorists organise and coordinate attacks on innocent citizens of Plateau State and other parts of Nigeria," he said.

Insurers May Cough Out N119m Compensation For Train Attack Victims

Following the recent terrorist attack on a Kaduna-bound train carrying 398 passengers, the insurance industry may cough out about N119.4 million as insurance claims for passengers of the ill-fated train, LEADERSHIP investigation revealed.

Credible sources from the Nigerian Railway Corpora-

tion (NRC) revealed that indeed the ill-fated train had Passengers-In-Transit Insurance coverage for the people onboard.

While the name of insurance companies which insured the train could not be ascertained as of the time of writing this report, there are strong indications that the insurance industry under the auspices of the Nigerian Insurers Association (NIA) is already discussing and engaging the concerned insurers to ascertain the level of coverage and plans to compensate the victims of the attack.

A credible source in the industry disclosed that Passenger-In-Transit Insurance policy, which could be embedded or a one-off purchase, covers death, permanent disability and medical expenses of those involved.

Further revelation shows that each passenger could be entitled to a sum of N100,000 to N300,000 claims each depending on the level of risk exposure as it also varies from one insurer to the other.

Using the N300,000 as the benchmark, the insurance industry could compensate the 398 passengers to the tune of N119.4 million cumulatively.

In an exclusive interview with LEADERSHIP, the chairman of NIA, Mr. Ganiyu Musa confirmed that, indeed, the train was insured and that the association was already collating the necessary details to know the extent of coverage and the companies that underwrote

the risk.

Similarly, in a phone interview with LEADERSHIP yesterday, the chairman/CEO of Anchor Actuarial Services Limited, Dr. Pius Apere, said the passenger-in-transit insurance is usually known as a rider product, noting that if truly NRC had this policy in place, it should embark on awareness exercise to ensure that those concerned can file in their claims.

Earlier, the Nigerian Council of Registered Insurance Brokers (NCRIB) had condoled with the victims of the deadly attack on unsuspecting passengers of the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) train facility.

Meanwhile, for the passengers involved in the incident, NRC, in a notice on its website, stated that "in the event of a train accident resulting into injury, permanent disability and or death, the claimant shall duly complete Personal Accident claim form for NRC passengers.

"The claimant shall bring all documents/evidence to any of the Nigerian Railway Corporation stations on the Abuja-Kaduna train service corridor, or the Head Office at Ebute-Metta, Lagos," it pointed out.

Killings Portrays Absence Of Govt In Nigeria - Christian Elders

Meanwhile, the Northern States Christian Elders Forum (NOSCEF) Kaduna State chapter, has said that the continued attacks and unwarranted killings in virtually all parts of the country make it look as if there is no government in place.

A statement by the state chairman, Elder Garba Asandu, said, "The rampant cases of community attacks, kidnapping, bombing and raping, among others, with great impunity is making us feel there is no government or those in government do not know what to do, or are just incapable of discharging their responsibilities to their fatherland."

The statement appreciated Governor Nasir El-Rufai of Kaduna State for his boldness and courage to publicly apologize to victims of the detestable act and accept failure.

EXPLAINER

- The federal government has again vowed to unravel the recent attacks and killings in Kaduna and Plateau states where over 100 persons lost their lives.
- Despite federal government's threats, the terrorists have continued to attack and kill innocent and hapless people.
- It was against this backdrop that the Northern Elders Forum (NEF) on Tuesday called on President Muhammadu Buhari to resign forthwith, having failed in his primary responsibility to protect lives and property.
- The Presidency yesterday condemned the call by NEF asking the President to resign, saying it's not the solution to the security challenges facing the country.

QUICK READ

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NUMBERS

92

Death toll rises

78

Missing in Plateau attacks





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5 Burnt To Death In Anambra Auto Crash

BY OKECHUKWU OBETA, Awka

Five persons have been burnt to death in an accident involving two vehicles in Nawa axis in Njikoka local government area of Anambra State along Enugu-Onitsha Expressway.

LEADERSHIP learnt that two of the victims were reverend sisters, one of who was the principal of the Handmaid Secondary School, Amansea, Awka-North local government area of Anambra State, and another, the bursar of the school. The other three victims were the driver of the school bus conveying the two Reverend sisters, two other occupants of the bus, identified as couples, a former storekeeper with Anambra State government, Mr Emmanuel Okeke and his wife.

It was learnt that the accident occurred at about 6.30am yesterday when the driver of the Handmaid school bus lost control of the vehicle and rammed into a Toyota Highlander jeep. The two vehicles were said to have burst into flame immediately.

The reverend sisters and others in the vehicle were said to be returning from Ifite-Ogwari, Ayamelum local government area of Anambra State where they had gone to procure food items for the school when the accident occurred. A heavy rain had occurred in the Awka and Nawa area the previous night.

A relation of late Emmanuel Okeke, Mr Iheabacho Okeke from Nsugbe, Anambra East local government said that he had spoken with his late brother on phone at about 5pm the previous day, but, that his phone rang later at about 9pm but nobody picked nor returned the call.

The sector commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission in the state, Mr Irelewuji Adeoye who confirmed the incident said that his men had already cleared the scene of the auto-crash for free flow of traffic.

He stated, "Unidentified driver of a Toyota Highlander with registration number: BMR570BE and a Toyota Hiace Bus with no registration number was involved in a fatal road traffic crash in the early hours of today 13th April, 2022 at about 06:30hrs.

"According to eyewitness reports, the bus driver was on speed, lost control, rammed into the Highlander from behind, crashed and both vehicles caught fire.

At Valedictory Session, Senators Beg Adamu For Return Tickets

BY SUNDAY ISUWA, Abuja

At a valedictory session for three senators that have vacated their seats, lawmakers used the opportunity yesterday to beg the newly elected national chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Senator Abdullahi Adamu for return tickets back to the Senate in 2023.

Speaking during the special programme organised for Adamu, Senator Abubakar Kyari (APC deputy national chairman North) and Senator

NLC Gives FG 21 Days To Resolve Crisis In Education Sector

BY ADEGWU JOHN, Abuja AND ANDREW OJIEZEL, Lagos

Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) yesterday gave the federal government 21 days to resolve all the issues militating against industrial harmony in Nigeria's university system.

The resolution came after the congress leadership met with the striking affiliate unions in the education sector on Tuesday in Abuja.

In a communique issued yesterday in Abuja jointly signed by NLC national president, Comrade Ayuba Wabba and general secretary, Comrade Emmanuel Ugooba, the congress expressed concern over the idleness and fate of more than 95 per

cent of Nigerian students constituted largely by children of the poor who cannot afford to pay the average of N1 million school fees charged by private tertiary institutions.

The congress called on the federal government to immediately set up a high-powered panel constituted of members with requisite mandates to resolve within 21 days the foregoing issues militating against industrial harmony in Nigeria's university system. In pursuant to the resolution, the Nigeria Labour Congress would be convening a special meeting of the Central Working Committee (CWC) of all the affiliate unions of the congress to decide on the next line of action.

At the meeting in Lagos, Wabba called on all affiliate unions for

mobilisation against the protest that can take place without any further warning.

Declaring the readiness of NLC to take over the battle from where ASUU had reached, Wabba cited the fate of children of the poor that cannot afford private universities which is causing great pain to the union as reason for the intervention of NLC into the strike.

He expressed concern over, "The fate of more than 95 per cent of Nigerian students constituted largely by children of the poor who cannot afford to pay the average of N1 million school fees charged by private tertiary institutions and who are currently idling away at home while the children of the rich continue with their education."

1.8m New PVCs Ready For Collection, Says INEC

BY TUNDE OGUNTOLA, Abuja

Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), has disclosed that a total of 1,854,859 Permanent Voters Cards (PVCs) are now ready, to be delivered to its state offices across the country during the Easter holiday.

The nation's electoral body sadly noted that nearly 45 per cent of completed registrations nationwide are invalid, rising to as high as 60 per cent or more in some states.

This infraction according to the commission happened in all states of the federation as no state was immune from it, adding that invalid registrations will not be included in its register of voters.

The chairman of INEC, Prof Mahmood Yakubu, who disclosed this yesterday in Abuja while

briefing newsmen on the Ongoing Voter Registration Exercise, said the PVCs will be available for collection by the actual owners in person immediately after the holiday. He stressed that no PVC will be collected by proxy.

The INEC helmsman reiterated that the available cards only cover those who registered in the first and second quarters of the exercise.

He also assured those who registered between January and March 2022 as well as those who are doing so right now that their PVCs will be ready for collection long before the 2023 general election.

He said, "After completing the data clean-up, the Commission has printed 1,390,519 PVCs for genuine new registrants.

"In addition, 464,340 PVCs for verified applicants for transfer



Yakubu

or replacement of cards have also been printed. Consequently, a total of 1,854,859 PVCs are now ready."

Also, as part of the preparation for the 2023 election, Yakubu said the commission will commence a mock deployment of the Bimodal Voters Accreditation System (BVAS) to continue to check the efficacy of the machine.

29 Die, Others Missing In Sokoto Boat Mishap

BY ADENIYI OLUGBEMI, Sokoto

Twenty-nine persons were confirmed dead on board a boat that capsized on Tuesday at Gidan Magana River in Shagari local government area of Sokoto State, while the search for others is ongoing.

The capsized boat was transporting locals from neighbouring villages to hinterland enroute major towns for their daily activities.

Although the total number of passengers in the boat was unknown, 29 corpses, including five males and twenty four females so far recovered, have been buried.

The chairman, Shagari local government area of Sokoto State, Al-

haji Aliyu Dantani, who had earlier confirmed the recovery of 26 dead bodies, told our correspondent that three more corpses were recorded by the search parties engaged by the council.

According to the council boss, "We are yet to ascertain the actual number of people on board the ill-fated boat or the cause of the mishap.

"Our priority at present is in search of possible survivors and bodies of those washed away by local divers, to accord them a befitting burial. After this, we can begin to look into what actually happened."

Confirming the accident, the

director-general, Sokoto State Emergency Management Agency, SEMA, Alhaji Nasiru Ahmed said, "I received the report of the boat accident in Shagari local government and we have since joined forces with National Emergency Management Agency, NEMA, to visit the area and ascertain the situation. SEMA will make necessary provision to the riverine area to forestall other future occurrence."

Shagari local government is not known for such accidents, until the establishment of a dam in the area by the former minister of water resources, Muktar Shehu Shagari, during former President Olusegun Obasanjo administration.

of high rate of turnovers," he said.

Also making similar request, Senator Akpan Bassey (PDP Akwa Ibom North East), said Adamu is a man that can be trusted in doing the needful on the issue of high turnover of legislators.

Combination of Senator Adamu as national chairman of APC and Abubakar Kyari as deputy national chairman (North), will surely do the right thing as far as interests of senators on the platform of their party are concerned", he said.

COVID-19 GLOBAL UPDATE



US Govt Reassures Imo State Of Support Against Pandemic

BY INNOCENT ODOH, Abuja

The Chargé d'Affaires (CDA) of the United States (US) Mission in Nigeria, Kathleen FitzGibbon, has reassured the Government of Imo State of the US Government's continued support and assistance concerning the COVID-19 pandemic.

A statement issued yesterday by the Public Affairs Section of the US Embassy in Abuja, said the Chargé gave the assurance when she visited the State to observe the ongoing COVID-19 vaccination exercise supported by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through its implementing partner, the Catholic Caritas Foundation of Nigeria (CCFN).

At the Headquarters of Owerri Municipal Council, the venue of the vaccination exercise, FitzGibbon reiterated the need for all eligible persons to come out and receive their vaccinations which are being offered free of charge. She said doing so will not only keep the individuals safe but also protect their families and communities.

She encouraged the people of Imo State to not be complacent despite the seeming relaxation of COVID-19 prevention protocols around the world, especially in the face of several variants circulating and potentially new and emerging variants.

The Chargé applauded those who presented themselves to get vaccinated and urged them to encourage members of their families and communities to do the same. "The sooner a significant percentage of the population is vaccinated against COVID-19, the sooner we can end the pandemic and return to normal," she said, while also thanking healthcare workers for their tireless efforts in ensuring the vaccines get into the arms of eligible people in Imo State.

FitzGibbon noted that the consistent and straightforward messaging in Imo State concerning COVID-19 vaccines is an excellent example of encouraging people to associate taking the vaccines with their personal and family wellbeing.

A stakeholder meeting with Imo State Government officials, traditional rulers, religious leaders, development partners, and media executives, took place on the final day of the visit.

During the meeting, the Chargé and Governor Hope Uzodinma appealed to traditional and religious leaders to lead by example by taking the vaccines and spreading the message that the vaccines are safe, effective, and available, so members of congregations and communities who were hesitant before can now come out and take the vaccines as well.

During a question-and-answer interactive session, the State Commissioner of Health, Dr. Prosper Success, and the US-CDC Country Director, Dr. Mary Boyd, responded to issues around COVID-19 vaccines efficacy, safety, availability, and access in Imo State.

Insurers Discover N20bn Fraudulent Claims From #ENDSARS Destruction

FROM COVER

have paid huge claims believed to be fraudulent, but the industry has improved over time, and are now able to detect claims lodged fraudulently, and hence are able to cut down these unnecessary expenses and add more to their bottom line.

Confirming this development, at the 6th BusinessToday Conference in Ikeja, Lagos, at the weekend, the chairman, Nigerian Insurers Association (NIA), Mr. Ganiyu Musa, acknowledged that fraudulent claims were indeed lodged from the #EndSARS destruction.

Musa, who is also the group managing director/CEO of Cornerstone Insurance Plc, noted that several mechanisms put in place by insurance companies were able to discover these fraudulent

claims before they were paid, hence, the industry was able to avert such fraudulent payment.

According to him, "We have to take our time because the industry received about N40billion claims request, of which 50 per cent or more are actually fraudulent. But we are lucky the mechanisms put in place by different insurance companies were able to discover them before they were actually paid which saves the industry a lot of money."

The essence of insurance, he said, is to put the insured victims in a financial position he or she was before risk crystallizes, even as he warned Nigerians against profiting from an insurance system that gets little in the form of premium and is paying much as claims.

"The motive of insurance is not to profit from it but

some want to profit from the system by lodging fraudulent claims. As insurers, we have to conduct our due diligence to separate fake claims from genuine ones," he said.

Earlier, the managing director/CEO, Universal Insurance Plc, Mr. Ben Ujoatuonu, said claims payment is an important aspect of insurance business and operators have improved in the time it takes to settle claims.

Disclosing that most insurers had invested heavily in Information Technology (IT) to improve turnaround time, as well as to be prompt in service delivery, he urged Nigerians to insure their assets and lives, adding that underwriters will always pay claims as long as they genuine.

He disclosed that NIA and the National Insurance Commission

(NAICOM) have complaint Bureaux where aggrieved customers can channel their complaints, urging Nigerians to approach these Bureaux if their insurers fail to honour claims obligations.

Similarly, chief consultant, B. Adedipe Associates Limited (BAA Consult), Dr. 'Biodun Adedipe, on his part, while appreciating efforts put in place by insurance companies to pay genuine claims, advised operators to improve in the area of customer service delivery.

He urged insurance operators to listen to pain-points of their policyholders and act on them, stating that "every criticism of customers about your service is to ensure you improve on service delivery."

Insurance firms, he said, must not wait until a policy elapses before reaching out

to their clients. He told insurers that they must celebrate their customers' birthday and marriage anniversary, among others, to make customers feel elated and important.

During the last #EndSARS protests in the country, most government offices, banks, shopping malls, media houses, toll plazas, and private offices were set on fire by suspected hoodlums after soldiers reportedly shot in the air to disperse protesters on the night of 30 October, 2020.

The estimated cost of destruction has been put above N1 trillion.

While most insurance contracts excluded damage to property from war, riots, or other forms of force majeure, most underwriters decided to use discretion to pay claims emanating from such risks, even though some policies have no such extension.

#Day 13 – Ramadan Timing

Towns	Magrib	Alfijr
Abakaliki	6.35	5.10
Abeokuta	6.56	5.30
Abuja/Suleja	6.43	5.13
Akure	6.48	5.22
Akwanga/Keffi	6.39	5.09
Auchi	6.44	5.18
Ankpa	6.39	5.10
Argungu	6.55	5.17
Azare/Jama'are	6.32	4.56
Bama	6.18	4.52
Bauchi/Ningi	6.33	5.01
Benin	6.46	5.21
Bichi	6.40	5.04
Bida	6.47	5.17
Birnin Gwari	6.45	5.11
Birnin Kebbi/Gwandu/Jega	6.56	5.18
Birnin Kudu/Gwaram	6.33	5.19
Biu	6.23	4.39
Calabar	6.34	5.11
Damaturu	6.25	4.39
Daura/Dambatta	6.40	5.02
Dutse	6.36	5.00
Dutsinma/Jibiya	6.45	5.07
Enugu	6.38	5.13
Funtua/Tsafe	6.44	5.08
Gombe	6.27	4.55
Gummi	6.52	5.16
Gusau/Laura Namoda	6.47	5.08
Gwadabawa	6.53	5.16
Hadejia/Gumel	6.33	4.57
Ibadan/Ife	6.53	5.24
Ilesha Baruba	6.57	5.22
Ilorin/Kaiama	6.53	5.23
Jalingo/Lau/Gashaka	6.35	4.55
Jere	6.42	5.10
Jos/Saminaka	6.36	5.04
Kabba	6.46	5.17
Kaduna	6.42	5.09
Kafanchan/Maiyaki	6.39	5.07
Kano	6.39	5.03
Katsina	6.44	5.06
Kontagora/Zuru	6.50	5.16
Lafia	6.28	5.08
Lagos	6.55	5.29
Lokoja/Idah	6.43	5.14
Maiduguri/Mubi/Gwoza	6.39	4.33
Makurdi	6.36	5.07
Minna	6.46	5.13
Misau	6.29	4.55
Mokwa/New Bussa	6.52	5.22
Monguno	6.19	4.40
Nguru/Gashua	6.32	4.53
Ogbomosho	6.53	5.24
Okene	6.47	5.16
Onitsha	6.41	5.16
Oyo	6.54	5.25
Port Harcourt/Owerri	6.39	5.16
Potiskum	6.28	4.52
Shagamu	6.54	5.28
Sokoto	6.53	5.15
Takum/Wukari	6.30	5.01
Warri	6.45	5.20
Langtan/Wase	6.32	5.02
Wurno	6.52	5.14
Yola/Numan	6.21	4.52
Zaria	6.41	5.07
Cotonou - Benin	6.58	5.33
Ngjamena-Chad	6.13	4.25
Niamey - Niger	7.06	5.27
Zinder - Niger	6.39	5.59
Garoua-Cameroun	6.17	4.47
Younde - Cameroun	6.20	5.49

(Source: Society for the Propagation of Islam Kaduna)

TIPS ON HEALTHY 'IFTAR'

Choose lean proteins to get the benefits with little saturated fats. Include fish, skinless chicken or turkey and low-fat dairy to have as part of your iftar meal. If you're vegetarian, you can select other protein sources such as legumes, beans and nuts. (HealthyEating #Alarabiya.net)

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2023: I'm Not Running To Negotiate For VP Slot – Wike

BY RICHARD NDOMA, Calabar

Rivers State governor and presidential hopeful in the 2023 election, Ezenwo Nyesom Wike, has said he did not join the race to negotiate for the vice president's ticket of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

He said he was in the contest to become Nigeria's president and nothing less.

To get the PDP's presidential ticket, Wike promised to intensify consultation among the party's stakeholders across the

36 states of the federation.

Wike made the pledge during a thank you visit to the PDP stakeholders organised by the Cross River State chapter of the opposition in Calabar.

He solicited for support from the delegates to the forthcoming presidential primaries where votes of the delegates would count for any aspirant to emerge as the party's standard bearer.

"I am not running to negotiate for anything. I'm not running to negotiate for vice president of Nigeria.

"I have not asked anyone to buy or hold any senate form for me. I am only running for the seat of president of Nigeria.

"I came here to talk to the delegates. I want you people to see me face to face. I am not like those people who sent people to come and talk to you on their behalf. "You want to be president and you are sending people to talk to delegates? I won't send anyone to come and talk to you on my behalf.

"I have much energy. I'm not like those people who go about

seeking consensus. I hate deceit.

"The mere fact that you have indicated interest to run does not mean that you are running. To be president of Nigeria, you have to work very hard to emerge."

While saying that he is the only man with capacity to crush opposition party, who would stand as an impediment to the PDP winning the presidential election in 2023, Wike said. "I have the capacity to win the presidential election for the PDP.

2023: PDP Closes Entry Today, 17 Presidential Aspirants Pick Forms

BY CHIBUZO UKAIBE, Abuja

Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) will close the sale of nomination forms today after generating over N650million from the 17 presidential aspirants who bought forms ahead of its presidential primary election billed to hold on May 28, 2022.

This is even as national chairman of the main opposition party in Nigeria, Dr Iyorchia Ayu, declared yesterday that the party has no preferred presidential candidate ahead.

So far, 17 male aspirants have picked their forms, while the only female aspirant only paid for the expression of interest form.

The party had fixed the N5 million for the purchase of expression of interest and N35 million for nomination forms.

PDP had further extended the closing dates for the purchase and submission of Expression of Interest and Nomination Forms for the 2023 general election.

The party's national publicity secretary, Hon Debo Ologunagba, said under the new timelines, the last day for the purchase of all forms had been extended to Thursday, April 14, 2022 while the last day for the submission of all

forms had been extended to April 17, 2022.

He further said, "Under the adjusted timetable, the following dates have been fixed for screening of aspirants for various positions: "State House of Assembly: April 19, 2022; National Assembly: April 20, 2022; Governorship: April 21, 2022; Presidential: April 25, 2022.

"Screening Appeals are scheduled as follows; State House of Assembly: April 21, 2022; National Assembly: April 22, 2022; Governorship: April 26, 2022; Presidential: April 27, 2022."

Meanwhile, national chairman of the PDP, Dr Ayu, yesterday said that the party has no preferred presidential candidate ahead of the May 28 primary election.

He however declared that any of the party's 17 presidential candidates will do 1,000 times better than the All Progressives Congress (APC) administration.

Ayu who stated this while receiving a presidential aspirant and governor of Bauchi State, Bala Mohammed, said Nigerians will vote for PDP massively in 2023.

He however assured that the party leadership will ensure level playing field for all aspirants ahead of the party's primaries, adding

that the party has no preferred candidate.

The presidential aspirants of the PDP so far are governor of Sokoto State, Aminu Tambuwal; a United States-based medical doctor, Nwachukwu Anakwenze; media mogul, Dele Momodu; governor of Rivers State, Nyesom Wike; Investment banker and economist, Mohammed Hayatu-Deen; former governor of Anambra State, Peter Obi; governor of Akwa Ibom State, Udom Emmanuel; a Pharmacist, Sam Ohuabunwa, and former Ekiti governor, Ayo Fayose.

Others are former Vice President Atiku Abubakar; former Senate president, Abubakar Bukola Saraki; former secretary to the government of the federation, Anyim Pius Anyim and governor of Bauchi State, Bala Mohammed, as well as the only female aspirant in the race, Oliver Tareila Diana.

Noting that the aspirants have the capacity to perform more than the APC administration, Ayu said, "Any of our 17 aspirants will do 1000 times better than what APC has subjected Nigerians to in the last few years.

"We are happy Nigerians will vote for PDP massively. We are very close to the end point of rescuing this country and it is my

prayer that by next year we will be at eagle square taking over power to redeem this country.

"If it is you we know that you are eminently qualified. We don't have a preferred candidate. If we have our way we would do term sharing for all the aspirants because you are all eminently qualified."

He added that the party will not dwell on its past achievements but would tell Nigerians what they intend to do when they take over office.

Ayu continued: "We don't want to dwell on our past that of what we did. We want to tell Nigerians that we know what you are going through we know your problems. And PDP will move to tackle those problems. We don't want to talk about what we did in 16 years."

Expressing confidence that the PDP will win the presidency in 2023, he said, "We shall be impartial no manipulations and no shortcuts whenever wins will know he won genuine and he who loses will know that he lost fairly.

"We will do everything possible to provide level playing field right from ward to national levels. We will be transparent. Nobody said anything about foul play in the last convention and we want to surpass it."

PMB Swears In NPC, ICPC Commissioners

BY JONATHAN NDA-ISAIAH

President Muhammadu Buhari has sworn in as commissioners of the National Population Commission (NPC) and Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC).

The swearing in took place shortly before the commencement of the weekly Federal Executive Council meeting at the Presidential Villa Abuja.

The commissioners were confirmed by Senate last month.

The commissioners of the NPC included: Chief Benedict Ukpong Effiong (Akwa Ibom), Mrs. Gloria Fateya Izonfo (Bayelsa), Kupchi Patricia Ori Iyanya (Benue), Dr. Haliru Bala (Kebbi), and Dr. Eyiayi Oyekunle Oyetunji (Oyo).

The commissioners of the ICPC sworn in were Assistant Inspector General of Police, AIG, Olugbenga Adeyanju, rtd (Ekiti State), Senator Anthony Agbo (Ebonyi), Anne Otelafu Odey (Cross River), Alh. Goni Ali Gujba (Yobe), and Dr Louis Solomon Mandama (Adamawa).



N24bn Fraud: Supreme Court Affirms Ex-Pension Director's 6-yr Jail Term

BY KUNLE OLASANMI, Abuja

The Supreme Court has affirmed the six-year jail term given for a former pension director in the Federal Civil Service, John Yusuf Yakubu.

Yakubu was convicted for his complicity in the conversion of about N24billion from the Police Pension Fund.

In 2018, the Court of Appeal in Abuja, reversed an earlier decision of Justice

Abubakar Talba of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) which convicted him on a three-count charge and gave him an option of fine at N250,000 per count.

The Court of Appeal had sentenced Yakubu to two years imprisonment.

In its judgment Wednesday, the Supreme Court, upheld the 2018 decision of the Court of Appeal.

The apex court apart from

affirming the six years sentence also ordered him to refund the N22.9B to the federal government covers.

Justice Tijjani Abubakar in his judgment in an appeal filed by Yusuf upheld the decision of the Court of Appeal which in 2018 sentenced him to six years imprisonment in addition to ordering him to refund the huge sum.

The apex court held that Yusuf and others engaging in fraudulent practices must

be told in clear language through court judgments that it is no longer business as usual.

Justice Abubakar said that the appeal of the former federal pension director seeking to set aside the six years jail term against him was frivolous, vexatious and devoid of merit.

He held that victims of the convicted director deserved restitution which can only be achieved through justice.

COEASU Asks FG To Deploy UTAS In Tertiary Institutions

BY HENRY TYOHEMBA, Abuja

Colleges of Education Academic Staff Union (COEASU) has called on the federal government to drop its ego and accept the University Transparency and Accountability Solution (UTAS) platform as a payment solution in all tertiary institutions in the country.

COEASU said such becomes imperative as UTAS takes care of the peculiarities of the

institutions including financial autonomy, sabbatical service, and the administration of discipline.

The union president, Dr. Smart Olugbeko, who stated this in a statement yesterday, commended the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) for living up to its pedigree as a union of intellectuals and eggheads as it came up with UTAS as an alternative to the controversial Integrated Payroll and Personnel Information

System (IPPIIS) platform.

He said the intractable challenge created by the IPPIIS has been a great source of worry and constituted one of the major issues causing industrial crisis in the College of Education (COE) system and others.

"IPPIIS breaches the establishment integrity of the tertiary institutions system, undermines the statutory functions of the Governing Councils, and opens the payroll

up to unilateral manipulations.

"Within a short time after its unilateral imposition on tertiary institutions by the Federal Government in February 2020, academic Unions' opposition to it was vindicated as the IPPIIS pay platform engendered several irregularities, such as salary omission, accommodation of ghost workers, mutilated salary, and inconsistency in payment of salary of staff on sabbatical and study leaves.

Court Sacks Ebonyi PDP Chairman

BY KUNLE OLASANMI, Abuja

A Federal High Court sitting in Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory, yesterday held that Mr Tochukwu Okorie was not validly nominated to contest election for the position of chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Ebonyi State.

Delivering judgment in the suit filed by Silas Onu,

challenging the election of Okorie, Justice Ahmed Mohammed held that Okorie was indolent in submitting his nomination form and could not be allowed to benefit from his wrong doing.

Justice Mohammed consequently directed the PDP to hold that only Onu was lawfully nominated to participate in the election of Oct. 16, 2021 and to issue him

a certificate of return declaring him as the duly elected Chairman of PDP, Ebonyi Chapter.

Mohammed said the 2nd defendant (Okorie), who submitted his nomination form on Oct. 4, 2021 instead of Oct. 1, 2021, contrary to the guidelines of the conduct of congresses is not validly nominated.

The judge said he (Okorie)

was therefore not qualified to contest in the said election of Oct. 16, 2021.

According to the judge, "It is the opinion of this court that the 2nd defendant, who was indolent in submitting his nomination form as provided in the guidelines issued by the PDP, who in spite of this failure, was still declared and returned elected, cannot be allowed to benefit from his wrong doing."

2023: Respect Power Rotation, CAN Youths Tell Politicians

BY SUNDAY ISUWA, Abuja

The youth wing of the Christian Association of Nigeria (YOWICAN) has called on Nigerian politicians to respect power rotation principle in the country and ensure that power shift to South in 2023.

According to the youths, shifting power to the South in the 2023 will promote peace in the country.

In a communique issued af-

ter their meeting in Abuja, the chairman and secretary Belusochukwu Enwere and Bako Adashu Elijah, respectively, said Christian / Christian ticket and Muslim/ Muslim ticket won't work in 2023.

YOWICAN decries the increasing rate of insecurity in Nigeria, but commended the efforts of government and security agencies in combating the nefarious activities of bandits, killer herdsmen and insur-

gents.

The youths further called on government and the security agencies to approach all persons who have made statements/assertions claiming to know the bandits, terrorists and criminals (and/or their camps or hideouts); to come and assist in fishing-out these evil people.

"Despite the efforts so far made in the combating crime, YOWICAN observes the urgent

need to curb the rising wave of attacks, killings, destruction of lives, properties, farmlands and livelihood of innocent citizens within the Northern states, specifically within Christian communities. If this malady is not checked, there is every likelihood that farming and economic activities will be crippled in 2022 farming season, affect the smooth conduct of the 2023 general elections and do so much harm to our nation.

PMB Mourns Makaju, Statistician-General Harry

BY JONATHAN NDA-ISAIAH

President Muhammadu Buhari has shared in the grief, following the passing on of former group managing director/chief executive officer of Dangote Cement, Joseph Makaju, who served as a special adviser to two presidents and managing director of National Electric Power Authority (Power Holding Company of Nigeria).

Buhari in a statement issued yesterday in Abuja by his media aide, Garba Shehu, condoled with family members, government and people of Kogi State, colleagues and associates of the seasoned technocrat, who deployed his knowledge, skills and experience to the service of Nigeria and humanity.

The president said Makaju's historic contributions to the development of the nation will always be remembered, particularly in the power and cement sectors, where he held notable positions, which includes heading West Africa Portland Cement Company (WAPCO), part of Lafarge, and distinguished himself.

Osinachi: UK Foundation Condemns Violence Against Women

A United Kingdom (UK)-based humanitarian organisation with passion for girls and women's right, Jose Foundation UK, has condemned the increasing spate of violence against women in Nigeria.

In a reaction to the death of popular gospel singer, Mrs Osinachi Nwachukwu, who died last week from complications allegedly linked to spousal abuse, the president of Jose Foundation UK, Dr Martins Abhulimhen, in a statement on Wednesday in London lamented the spate of abuse of women in Nigeria which has in several cases terminated the lives of many women.

He said the situation had taken a new dimension with the advent of COVID-19 in Nigeria and its impact on the economy of the country.

He stressed that 48 per cent of Nigerian women had experienced at least one form of violence since the pandemic quoting a United Nations Women report.

Abhulimhen said the death of Osinachi from complications allegedly related to abuse from her husband brought to fore the quest by Jose Foundation UK to end gender-based violence (GBV) in Nigeria.

ISWAP Kills 5 IDPs In Borno

BY FRANCIS OKOYE, Maiduguri

Suspected Islamic State of West African Province (ISWAP) have killed five internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Konduga local government area of Borno State, intelligence source has said.

LEADERSHIP gathered from the source that the victims were aged between 20 and 23.

The source added that the IDPs were killed by the terrorists on Tuesday as Muslim faithful were about breaking their fast.

"The victims were out in search of tamarind when the terrorists attacked them. The boys were six in number. The terrorist killed five and one of them narrowly escaped. It was the escapee who brought the information to us," the source said.

The escapee claimed to have seen the dead bodies of the other five, as well as one old man, who was held captive by the terrorists.

Bandits Abduct 5 Zamfara College Female Students

BY UMAR MOHAMMED, Gusau

Bandits have launched an attack on the hostels of the students of Zamfara State College of Health Science, Tsafe and abducted five of the female students.

The spokesperson of the state police command Mohammed Shehu said the students were abducted at their rented accommodation in Tsafe town last Tuesday night.

Shehu said they were not abducted in the school premises but in their rented house in Tsafe town.

"The students were abducted in their rented accommodation yesterday (Tuesday) night but not in the school premises".

Shehu explained that one of the students had escaped from the bandits.

He maintained that the police command had drafted its personnel to pursue the bandits in order to rescue the abducted students.

Meanwhile, Tsafe town has now become the target of bandits' attacks, a situation that is making the people of the town to panic.



Chairman of Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Prof Mahmood Yakubu (middle), with national commissioners during the unveiling of the newly printed voter cards at the Commission's headquarters in Abuja yesterday. PHOTO BY REMI AKUNLEYAN

FG Links Outages, Infrastructure Failure To Sabotage

BY JONATHAN NDA-ISAIAH, Abuja

Federal government has attributed the ongoing crisis facing the nation's power sector to acts of sabotage being perpetrated by some Nigerians.

Minister of Power, Abubakar Aliyu, disclosed this to State House correspondents after the Federal Executive Council meeting presided over by President Muhammadu Buhari at the Presidential Villa.

He said these acts of sabotage had been robbing Nigeria of investors and development while appealing to Nigerians to join the

According to him, several recent incidences, including fatal attacks and abduction of foreign workers, who are working on various power projects, had stalled progress in achieving completion on some projects, while other attacks on installations had led to major power cuts.

He said these acts of sabotage had been robbing Nigeria of investors and development while appealing to Nigerians to join the

federal government combating the war on sabotage, which he said is actually a war for all citizens to wage.

He said, "You're all aware this country is facing a lot of challenges. It's not only in the power sector alone, you have just heard about the insecurity. The railway and the communities are being attacked, oil pipelines. They're all similar things, including the power sector.

"You can call it sabotage because how can somebody go and pull down a 330 (megawatt) tower to cause this havoc to the whole country. What do you call that?

"Not quite long, on January 4, the project that we had announced that we're going to commission, the Zungeru, 700 megawatts hydro, which is at present over 92% completion, we're just doing little touches to commission the project.

Assault On Journalists: IPI Nigeria Opens 'Black Book' For Perpetrators

BY TUNDE OGUNTOLA, Abuja

International Press Institute (IPI) Nigeria has said that it will open a book of infamy to document every individual whose action or inaction encourages or allows the harassment of journalists and the media in Nigeria.

The president of IPI Nigeria, Musikilu Mojeed, stated this during a courtesy visit by the body to the minister of

Information and Culture, Alhaji Lai Mohammed, in Abuja.

The minister insisted that Nigeria is one of the very few countries in the world where journalists continued to practice their profession without hindrance despite the abuse of press freedom.

In a statement issued yesterday by the IPI Nigeria's secretary, Ahmed Shekarau, Mojeed said the move became necessary in view of the

country's worsening press freedom record under the current administration.

He said, "I like to inform you of a decision recently taken by the Nigerian National Committee of IPI. We have decided to open a 'black book' to document every individual whose action

or inaction encourages or allows the harassment of journalists and the media in Nigeria.

"The records so gathered

will be regularly updated and shared periodically with embassies, and all relevant international and human rights groups across the world. "We will use the records to ensure named individuals are held accountable one way or another."

He said there were many Nigerians who believe the media was freer and stronger in 2015 than it is now, a perception that tallies with at least two global rankings.

Basin Authority Establishes 15 Irrigation Schemes In Kwara, Kogi

In four years, the Lower Niger River Basin Development Authority (LNRBDA) has set up 15 irrigation schemes in Kwara and Kogi States to improve agriculture and related activities in the two states.

This was disclosed by the managing director of the agency, Dr. Adeniyi Saheed Aremu, who restated LNRBDA's commitments to

assisting Nigeria to actualise food security for the citizenry.

He told journalists in Ilorin, the Kwara State capital yesterday that, "In order to ensure all year food production, the authority has constructed some dams to provide water for irrigation during the dry season and between 2017 and 2021, 15 new irrigation schemes were established both

in Kogi and Kwara states while the existing schemes were rehabilitated."

Aremu enumerated some completed and ongoing dam projects carried out by the authority in Aran-Orin Dam, Omu-Aran Dam, Yashikira, Okuta Dam, Iyah Gbede Dam, Takete-Idde Dam, Moshe-Gada Dam, Odo-Ape Dam, Kabba-Bunu and Kpada Dam

in both Kwara and Kogi states respectively.

He said, "In line with the authority's mandate and as contained in the Economic Growth and Recovery Plan (ERGP) of President Muhammadu Buhari, we have opened up over 1800 irrigable lands within our area of coverage for different agricultural purposes.

Fayemi Extols Gov Inuwa's Leadership

Chairman of the Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF) and governor of Ekiti State, John Kayode Fayemi, has paid glowing tribute to his Gombe State counterpart, Alhaji Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya, describing his performance as incredible and superlative.

He made the remarks when he paid a courtesy call on Governor Inuwa at the Government House, Gombe.

Fayemi also described Governor Inuwa as a silent achiever and good manager of resources with sterling leadership qualities who has done so much for his people within a short period of his stewardship.

He also commended Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya's administration for playing a comforting role by accommodating thousands of Internally Displaced Persons, IDPs from contiguous crisis stricken states of the North East.

"You are indeed doing extremely well, despite the challenges, especially in this geographical zone with attendant burden of IDPs from the neighbouring states. In fact, you are one Governor we refer to as a silent storm, doing incredible things with little or no media frenzy".

Goje Doles Out 500 Tricycles, 1,000 Motorcycles

BY NAJIB SANI, Gombe

Senator representing Gombe Central, Danjuma Goje, yesterday distributed 500 tricycles popularly known as Keke NAPEPs and 1,000 motorcycles to his constituents.

Goje while flagging off the distribution at his residence in Gombe explained that the vehicles were distributed as part of his youth empowerment programmes.

Represented by his associate and a former speaker of the state house of assembly, Abubakar Sadeeq Kurba, the senator added that the gesture was part of his effort to alleviate poverty in the constituency through provision of occupational equipment.

According to him, the Keke NAPEPs and motorcycles were distributed free of charge to selected beneficiaries in Akko and Yamaltu/Deba local government areas of the state.

He said one beneficiary from each ward of the local governments got one tricycle one beneficiary in each polling unit across Akko and Yamaltu/Deba got one motorcycle.

"This donation of 1,000 units of Boxer motorcycles and 500 units of tricycles today is one among thousands of gifts that we have been dashing to the people of Gombe central.

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Herdsmen Attack Plot To Disrupt 2023 Elections – Ortom

BY HEMBADOON ORSAR, Makurdi

Benue State governor Samuel Ortom has raised the alarm over the alleged plan by herdsmen and their sponsors to send the people away from their ancestral homes and take over the lands to cause confusion in the country and disrupt the forthcoming elections.

The governor who was reacting to the simultaneous attacks on Guma, Logo and Tarka communities where over than 24 persons were killed in their sleep by militia herdsmen said, "enough is enough."

He said, "I suspect that very soon, some states will be completely taken over by these Fulani men called bandits. I suspect that very soon even the Presidential Villa will be handed over to them. I suspect strongly that this is their plan and so nobody should deceive me."

Ortom who spoke through the chief press secretary Nathaniel Ikyur, also accused the APC government of turning deaf ears to his cries and that of Benue people as the herdsmen continue to invade communities and kill innocent people.

Kwara To Engage 1,025 In Public Works

BY ABDULLAH OLESIN, Ilorin

Kwara State government has concluded arrangements to deploy 1,025 youths for public work activities across the 16 local government areas of the state.

The scheme is being implemented under the labour intensive public welfare of the Nigeria COVID-19 Action Recovery and Economic Stimulus (NG-CARES) intervention programme.

Already, the state governor, AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, has given approval for the deployment of the beneficiaries of the programme.

The beneficiaries will receive N10, 000 as monthly stipend each and will be deployed to clean public institutions and utilities in their immediate communities for a maximum period of four hours per day, excluding weekends and public holidays.

Addressing the community development officers from the 16 local government areas in Ilorin, the state capital, the commissioner for environment, Hon Abosede Buraimoh, urged them to work relentlessly to ensure the success of the programme in their respective councils.



LR: Global Lead, Women Environmental Programme, Dr. Priscilla Achakpa; permanent secretary, Federal Ministry of Water Resources, Esther Didi Walson-Jack; former head of civil service of the federation, Engr. Ebene Okeke and president & convener, FEMINWASH, Dr. Boluwaji Onabolu, during the World Water Day and International Women Day with the launching of generation transformer by FEMINWASH in Abuja, yesterday. PHOTO BY IBRAHIM MOHAMMED

Nigeria's e-Passport Ranks 99th Best In The World – Minister

BY CHRISTIANA NWAOGU, Abuja

Nigeria's e-Passport has been ranked 99th best out of over 200 countries' passports in the world, as their holders can even visit a number of destinations without visas.

Quoting Henley Passport Index's second-quarter global passport ranking for 2022 report, the minister of interior, Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola, described the stride as a "no mean feat", adding that it is indicative of Nigeria's

passport's acceptability globally. According to him, Henley Passport Index is the original authoritative ranking of the world's passports.

At the opening of a two-day workshop for passport control officers (PCOs) of the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) held at the agency's headquarters in Abuja, Aregbesola said the Immigration Service had between 2019 and the period under review issued about three million passports to Nigerians.

This, he said, was despite the challenges of COVID-19 which greatly affected the availability of booklets and the passport issuing process. "Nevertheless, over 250,000 passports have been unclaimed by their owners and lying idle on the shelf."

He cautioned prospective applicants against patronising touts and NIS officials but to utilise the online portal to avoid being scammed.

Aregbesola said, "It is absolutely necessary therefore

for all applicants to go to the NIS online portal to process their application and avoid patronising touts and NIS officials.

"We are taking complaints of solicitations and inflation of processing fees against NIS officials very seriously and will land a heavy stick of the law on culprits. Covert agents will soon be going around passport offices to apprehend touts and officials involved in these unwholesome practices. To be forewarned is to be forearmed."

He said the unacceptable practice has exposed the state capital to untidiness and pollution.

The lawmakers, however, hailed Governor AbdulRazaq for providing more waste disposal vehicles to ease the evacuation of refuse in the state.

They urged the governor to direct the Ministries of Environment, Health and Communications to embark on massive public sensitisation campaign on the need to put an end to the use of road medians, walkways and road sides as refuse dumps.

100 Niger Youths Benefit From NDE Scheme

BY ABU NMODU, Minna

National Directorate of Employment (NDE) in Niger State has begun a training scheme for 100 beneficiaries of sustainable agricultural development.

The Sustainable Agricultural Development Training Scheme (SADTS) is a deliberate policy by the directorate aimed at empowering the beneficiaries to be self-reliant and boost food security in Niger State.

The director-general of NDE, Malam Abubakar Nuhu Fikpo disclosed this during the flag-off of the scheme in Minna. He said the participants of the scheme from the 25 local governments of the state were of two sets that included;

equipping agricultural sector businesses and NDE starter pack beneficiaries.

The DG represented by the state coordinator, Abdulmalik Liman stated that they are to be trained in modern agricultural activities and given loan to enable them start their businesses.

Minister Declares Plateau Killings Satanic

BY TUNDE OGUNTOLA, Abuja

Minister of humanitarian affairs, disaster management and social development, Sadiya Umar Farouq, has condemned the attacks on five communities in Plateau State, describing the attacks as satanic.

Farouq who sympathised with the state government and victims of the armed banditry attacks in Garga district of Kanam local government area

of Plateau State in a statement made available to LEADERSHIP yesterday in Abuja, stated that the mayhem was unleashed on innocent citizens, during the Ramadan fasting, describing the action of the bandits as evil.

The minister said she has directed the immediate deployment of relief materials including food, water, blankets and sleeping nets to the displaced victims who are currently seeking refuge in

Garga Central Primary School, Kanam local government area of Plateau State.

"The relief materials were on the way to being delivered to the victims," he said.

Five communities including Kyaram, Gyambau, Dungur, Kukawa, Shuwaka villages under Garga district were attacked by armed bandits on Monday while scores were reportedly killed during the mayhem.

NDLEA Arrests 3,359 Suspects, Secures 677 Convictions In 3 Months

BY EJIKE EJIKE, Abuja

National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), has secured the conviction of 677 drug traffickers, who were sentenced to various jail terms between January and March 2022, with a total of 3,359 arrests and 65,915.891 kilograms of assorted drugs seized within the same period.

Also, 2,223 drug users were counselled through brief interventions and rehabilitated in NDLEA facilities across the

country in the first quarter of the year.

NDLEA spokesperson, Femi Babafemi said the figures represent a fair balance between the agency's drug supply reduction and drug demand reduction activities.

A breakdown of the report showed that Lagos has the highest figure of drug seizures with 22,192.62 kilograms of illicit substances recovered from parts of the state, followed by the Murtala Muhammed International

Airport, MMIA, Command, Ikeja, also in Lagos, with 8,979.869kg of drugs seized between Jan and March, while Kano and Kaduna led the pack in the arrests of offenders with 194 arrests each within the same period.

While a total of 257 hectares of cannabis farms were destroyed in forests across Ondo State, 14.869 hectares suffered same fate in Edo and a hectare destroyed in Bayelsa State within the same period.

A further breakdown of the drugs seized within the

first quarter of the year shows cannabis leading the table in January with 8,205.75kg; followed by codeine -414.281kg; diazepam -192.459kg; tramadol -135.067kg; rophenol -43.062kg and cocaine -24.32kg. In February, cannabis also topped the list of seizures with 20,538.79kg; codeine -1,848.052kg; tramadol -540.354kg; diazepam -137.041kg; Rophenol -80.261kg; cocaine -15.727kg; methamphetamine - 6.207kg and heroin - 4.006kg.

NBTE Blames Inadequate Technical Manpower On Poor Funding Of Polytechnics

BY ABDULLAH OLESIN, Ilorin

National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) has decried the inadequate funding of the polytechnics by the state governments.

The agency said the inadequate funding of the polytechnic was responsible for the lack of adequate technical manpower in the country.

The North Central coordinator of NBTE, Dr Musa Koko, stated

this in his presentation at a workshop organised by the Federal Polytechnic, Offa, Kwara State on the institution's "2021-2024 Strategic Plan Critique Workshop."

Koko lamented that state governments were not providing funds for the infrastructural development of the state-owned polytechnics, thereby making expansion of technical programmes impossible in the institutions.

He called on the federal government to ensure that the polytechnics' curriculum is tailored towards the nation's industrial needs.

Earlier, the chairman of the 2021/2024 strategic planning committee, who is also the deputy rector of the polytechnic, Dr Augustine Adama, said the workshop was aimed at ensuring inclusion of inputs from the relevant stakeholders in the final copy of the action plan. He said

the institution had successfully implemented its strategic plan for 2017-2019.

In her presentation, the dean of research and innovation at the institution, Dr Grace Korter, said the institution's strategic plan is aimed at increasing the students' population into some programmes that are less populated when situationally compared with some other programmes being offered by the institution.

Kwara Assembly Seeks Mobile Courts To Check Waste Disposal

BY ABDULLAH OLESIN, Ilorin

Kwara State House of Assembly yesterday urged Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq to establish mobile courts for the prosecution of anyone caught dumping refuse on road medians in Ilorin, the state capital.

Members of the House of Assembly made the call at the end of the debate on a motion on "The Need To Curb Use Of Road Medians And Walkways As Refuse Dumps In Ilorin Metropolis" moved by Hon Owolabi Rasaq (Share/Okeode) and seconded by Hon Aliyu Wahab Opakunle (Afon).

Owolabi had expressed concern over the dumping of refuse on road medians, walkways and road sides in Ilorin metropolis.

He said the unacceptable practice has exposed the state capital to untidiness and pollution.

The lawmakers, however, hailed Governor AbdulRazaq for providing more waste disposal vehicles to ease the evacuation of refuse in the state.

They urged the governor to direct the Ministries of Environment, Health and Communications to embark on massive public sensitisation campaign on the need to put an end to the use of road medians, walkways and road sides as refuse dumps.

El-Zakzaky Distributes Grains, Cash To Kaduna Journalists

BY NONYE EKWENUGO, Kaduna

Leader of the Islamic Movement in Nigeria (IMN) also known as Shi'ites, Sheikh Ibraheem Yakubu El-Zazzaky has distributed bags of grains including rice alongside cash to Kaduna journalists.

The items which came through Pastor Yohanna Buru of Christ Evangelical and Life Intervention Church Kaduna was part of El-Zazzaky's annual Ramadan food distribution to both Muslims and Christians across the country.

Pastor Buru said El-Zazzaky's reason for distributing the food items is to strengthen Muslim and Christian relationship in the country.

He lamented the insecurity bedevilling the country and said that there is need for the government to put in more efforts to ensure safety of Nigerians.

The Christian cleric who was accompanied by Reverend Joel Zigo Aziz reiterated that there is need for Nigerians to pray for peace and unity in the country.

Katsina APC, PDP Members Defect To NNPP

BY GODWIN ENNA, Katsina

More than 8,000 members of the All Progressives Congress (APC) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) have decamped to the New Nigeria People's Party (NNPP) in Katsina State.

The decampees, who are supporters of Hon Yazzi Muhammad and Hon Al-Amin Yahaya Sani, both APC and PDP legislative aspirants, collectively presented themselves to the leadership of NNPP in the state.

According to Yazzi Muhammad, they have decided to move away from the APC following the outcome of the just concluded local government election which portrayed the APC as insincere and not committed to the progress of the people.

Al-Amin Yahaya said he has moved to the NNPP to actualise his dream to represent Katsina central in the state assembly, adding that PDP's insincerity made him leave the party to NNPP.

Receiving the two aspirants and their supporters, the chairman, NNPP Katsina local government area, Umar Usman, assured them of the party's love, equity and support for the progress of the state and nation at large.

Their mission, according

Appeal Court Nullifies Verdict In Favour Of Kano Politician

BY ABDULLAH YAKUBU, KANO

The Court of Appeal sitting in Kano has set aside judgement of the Federal High Court, Kano that discharged and acquitted a governorship aspirant, Abdulsalam Sale Abdulkarim Zaura, popularly known as AA Zaura.

Zaura was prosecuted by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) on a five-count charge

before the Federal High Court sitting in Kano.

The commission accused Zaura of defrauding a Kuwaiti national by obtaining the sum of \$1,320,000 under the pretext that he is in the business of building properties in Dubai, Kuwait and other Arab countries.

On 9th June, 2020, Justice Lewis Allagoa found the defendant not guilty and discharged him on all the

counts.

Dissatisfied with the judgement of the lower court, counsel representing the prosecution Barr. Musa Isah took the matter to Court of Appeal in a bid to overturn the verdict of the lower court. In a unanimous decision by three-man panel of judges of the Court of Appeal and delivered by Justice Abdullahi M. Bayero, the judgement of the Federal High Court was set aside.

Bayero also ordered that the defendant be tried afresh by a different judge other than Justice Allagoa.

The main point of contention in the appeal was that the accused person was absent when the judgement was delivered and based on several judgements of the Supreme Court, it was held that an accused person must always be present in court throughout his trial including judgement.



Gombe State Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya (left) with chairman of Nigeria Governors Forum and Governor of Ekiti State, Dr. John Kayode Fayemi when Fayemi visited his Gombe counterpart at the Government House, Gombe, yesterday

75,000 Displaced Families Resettled In Gombe – Inuwa

BY NAJIB SANI, Gombe

Gombe State governor Inuwa Yahaya has said about 75,000 families who were displaced by insurgents from the neighbouring North East states have resettled in the state.

Inuwa spoke yesterday when he received the chairman of the Nigeria Governors Forum (NGF) and governor of Ekiti

State Kayode Fayemi who visited the state.

He said the influx of the displaced persons into Gombe was because of its relative peace, location in the centre of the region and sharing boundaries with five North East states.

"Naturally, what happened elsewhere, we feel the effect of insurgency because of the

displaced persons that came to settle here. We made this place to be home for them.

"As at the last count, about 75,000 families have resettled in Gombe. I don't think even if an opportunity comes, they will still think of going back because they have resumed their normal lives," he said.

On his part, Fayemi said he was on a mission to discuss

with governors on some of the challenges facing the nation and see how they could address them.

Asked if his visit to the state was part of consultation for his presidential bid, the governor of Ekiti State said it was not the right time for him to make decision especially now that many citizens concentrate on Ramadan fast.

Bayero Lays Foundation For 'Bankers Hall' At Kano Poly

BY ABDULLAH YAKUBU, Kano

Emir of Kano, Alhaji Aminu Ado Bayero, has laid the foundation of a multi-million naira project "Bankers Hall" at the School of Management Studies, Kano State Polytechnic, sponsored by the Chartered Institute of Bankers (CIBN). He described the gesture as commendable.

He said the banks are dependable tools in shaping the economy of most nations hence the need for them to

devise means of rescuing the poor at all times.

Bayero made the observation during the ground breaking ceremony of the CIBN's 'Bankers Hall' being the institute's legacy project bequeathed to Kano State Polytechnic, for the benefit of Banking and Finance students.

The emir described the efforts of the CIBN in providing 160 seats in the college as commendable especially if one is to look at the desperate need

for such facilities for proper teaching and learning.

He also enjoined the Banking and Finance students of the college in whose name the edifice is going to be constructed to make good use of the facilities provided and safeguard it for others coming after them to also benefit.

He told them to consider themselves lucky because whenever they are on their way to the school, they normally pass so many young men and women loitering about the streets without school and thus should be grateful to be part of the education system.

Speaking earlier the national president of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN) Dr Bayo Olubogemi said the banking industry still remains as one of the major ingredients of national development and source of employment to many Nigerians.

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6 Islamic Clerics Die In Kano Auto Crash

Six clerics in Kano State yesterday died in a ghastly motor accident after Islamic propagation outreach, Da'awah.

It was learnt last night that the victims were returning from Da'awah in Sumaila local government area when the incident occurred.

Their mission, according

to Daily Nigeria, was supported by Imam Malik Islamic Foundation.

An official of the foundation said they received the sad news of the crash at about 3:00pm.

The official said information made available to the foundation was that all six clerics, who were the leaders of the Da'awah died

in the road disaster.

She however said there was no information on the fate of other members of staff who were clerics' entourage to Sumaila.

The official said the deceased were under the leadership of Sheikh Alkassim Zakariyya, who also died in the accident. According to her, "We

have now assembled at the foundation in Dakata area. We are now proceeding to the residence of Sheikh Alkassim Zakariyya for their burial."

The spokesperson of Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Abdullahi Labaran, said the command was yet to receive any report on the crash.

Masari Swears In New LGAs' Chairmen

BY GODWIN ENNA, Katsina

Governor of Katsina State Aminu Bello Masari, yesterday, inaugurated 33 newly elected council chairmen to pilot the affairs of their respective local government areas for the next two years.

Speaking shortly after the swearing-in ceremony that took place at the People Square in Katsina town, the governor tasked them to be transparent and committed to serving the people.

Identifying the challenge of internally generated revenue (IGR) in the state as the most disturbing issue hindering the progress and development of the state, he tasked the chairmen to use their offices to harness various ways of improving revenue generation and pay salary.

He congratulated the chairmen for their victory at the poll, stressing that their emergence showed that the people of Katsina have confidence in APC ahead of the 2023 election. Masari also thanked the state electoral commission for conducting a free and fair election in the state.

5,400 Bauchi Farmers To Benefit From AU Agric Programme

BY KHALID IDRIS DOYA, Bauchi

At least 5,400 small scale farmers in Bauchi State are expected to benefit from the African Union Development Agency's agriculture programme under the New Partnership for African Development (AUDAP-NEPAD).

Bauchi State coordinator of AUDAP-NEPAD and focal person, Dr Esther Ahmed announced this while giving an outline of the programme to the newly appointed local government desk officers of the intervention in her office yesterday.

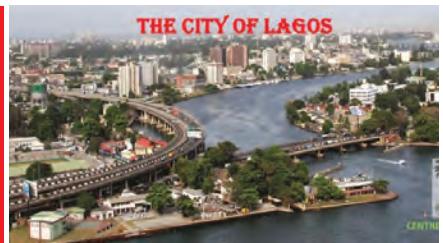
She said that the AUDAP-NEPAD programme is an agricultural and agro-allied intervention aimed at strengthening small holder farmers capabilities, accelerating productive land restoration and combating desertification.

She said the AUDAP-NEPAD programme is specifically designed to respond to the medium and long-term effects of Covid-19 pandemic on the socioeconomic activities in Bauchi State.

"The programme will focus on some selected activities that will be implemented on strong agricultural footing towards sustainable development."



Lagos Focus



L-R: Former deputy governor of Lagos State, Otunba Femi Pedro; Lagos State Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu; national leader of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Asiwaju Bola Tinubu; Speaker, Lagos House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Mudashiru Obasa; chairman, Conference of Speakers of State Legislature in Nigeria, Rt. Hon. Abubakar Sulaimon and APC Lagos chairman, Hon. Cornelius Ojelabi, during a One-Day event in Retrospecting Democratic Journey in Nigeria, organised by the Lagos House of Assembly, at the Providence Hotel, GRA, Ikeja, Lagos, yesterday.

PHOTO BY KOLAWOLE ALIU

Nigeria Needs Me Now, Says Tinubu, As Sanwo-Olu, Obasa Canvass Support For Presidential Bid

STORIES BY GEORGE OKOJIE, Lagos

National leader of the All Progressives Congress (APC) Asiwaju Bola Tinubu on Wednesday said Nigeria needs a courageous leader like him to effect drastic changes and reposition the country for economic growth and rapid development.

Tinubu who spoke at one-day rally between current speakers and deputy speakers of the APC led states with the theme: 'The Legislature, Changing times and Nigeria's Democratic Journey' hosted by Speaker of the Lagos State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Mudashiru Obasa described himself as that man Nigeria needs urgently to take charge of the wheel of progress.

According to Tinubu, Nigerians have the focus and boldness but doesn't know how to run the race and take charge of the wheel of progress, adding that, "development of the country is about thinking and doing, and I am ready to do that again.

"Nigeria needs me even as I need

Nigeria. Nigeria needs drastic courageous changes that will bring revenue and I am that courageous one it needs. I was raised to be courageous and this has been working for me. I want to bring same to bear as president of Nigeria. Accelerating development of our nation is about thinking and doing, and I am ready to do that again because I am a thinker and doer.

"I want to become president legitimately through the ballot but I reserve the right to brag. I started my teething age of politics in the Senate; I was the youngest and I did well. I am well educated, sound, brilliant, vibrant, and one of the best alumni of the Chicago State University. I was a student-tutor and one of the most sought-after graduates after school as I had five job offers even before graduation.

"In the face of tyranny and all odds, I have survived, stood and fought for democracy, survived exile, lived without family, while financing other pro-democracy groups. I have contributed to sustain Nigeria's democracy more

than any other person. I am a very passionate being. I have contributed immensely more than any other person contesting today. I equally have it better when it comes to legislative experience, I am married to a senator and have allowed her practice her religion well."

Tinubu, who appealed to the lawmakers to back his ambition, added: "I am pushing and requesting for your support to be elected president of Nigeria in 2023. I am begging you to do me a favour so I can do Nigeria a favour. No one should leave here without a commitment to vote for me as a delegate. It is a very challenging time and we need to decide it right. I did not take any appointment so that I can assert my position.

"How many of my fellow contenders have my experience as governor, even of a governor, my caliber? I am the first governor to grant autonomy to the House of Assembly even as I am knowledgeable in legislative duties. I survived non-allocation of local government funds in La-

gos, functioned and created jobs. We made progress out of adversity. Revenue generation, not allocation, has made Lagos the number one economy in Africa.

"Nigeria should not be an index of poverty, frustration, banditry, hooliganism, and the likes, but a country that we will all be proud of. We need to get it right.

"Nigeria needs me even as I need Nigeria. I will be a good example. I have the can-do spirit, I am confident, and I have never lost an election. I was raised to be courageous and this has been working for me.

"We can change the fortune of this country without giving excuses. I have demonstrated it in Lagos, and though people talk about traffic, but I tell you that if there is no good economy, there won't be traffic.

"We can rebuild this nation, reverse the carnage, but you need the visioner. I am the best visioner available and so I plead with you to decide well on who the APC candidate will be."

Lagos Assembly Adopts Recommendations On DNA, Forensic Centre Bill

Lagos State House of Assembly has adopted the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights, Public Petitions and LASIEC and Health Services on, "A Bill for a Law to establish the Lagos State Deoxyribo-Nucleic Acid, DNA and Forensic Centre Bill and for other connected purposes".

Presenting the report, Chairman Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights, Public Petitions & LASIEC, Hon. Victor Akande stated that the

observations and comments made by stakeholders formed the recommendations of the committee.

Hon. Lasbat Meranda, Chief Whip, noted that the House has a standard procedure for confirmation of appointment in the composition of the board, adding that the procedure should be adhered to.

Hon. Okanlawon Sanni who commended the joint committee termed the report as technical and scientific in nature.

Lending his voice, Hon. Lukman Olumoh stated that gender sensitivity should be reflected in the composition of the Board.

Also contributing, Hon. Tobun Abiodun opined that the penalty for sharing of information to unauthorized persons by personnel should be greater than that of offenders who use the information, noting that obstruction of justice is a grave offense and the penalty mentioned in the bill is too meager.

Subsequently, after thorough deliberations, the House adopted the recommendations of the Committee as the resolution of the House would be subjected to the amendment proposed in those areas.

In an unrelated development, the Speaker, Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Mudashiru Ajayi Obasa announced the confirmation of appointment of Mr. Ogunlana Obafemi Musa as Auditor General, Unified Local Government Service.

LASG Urges Compliance With Safety Regulations In Schools

The Lagos State government has called on management of public and private schools in the state to adhere strictly to safety regulations through the Safe Schools Lagos initiative.

The director-general, Lagos State Safety Commission, Mr. Lanre Mojola, said this during the SSL workshop held in Alausa, Ikeja.

The event themed, 'Creating a safety culture and compliance,' was organised by the LSC in collaboration with the Office of Education Quality Assurance and SchoolRun Academy.

Mojola said, "The Safe Schools Lagos initiative is a programme aimed at ensuring a safer school environment for effective teaching and learning processes in formal and informal education centres across the state in line with the THEMES agenda of the present administration led by Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu.

"SSLagos is designed to deepen safe practices, inculcate a culture of safety and promote self-compliance to safety regulations, standards and codes of practice in all tiers of learning, taking into consideration all stakeholders such as students, academic and non-academic staff, parents/guardians, visitors to the premises and the entire neighbourhood."

The Director-General, OEQA, Mrs Abiola Seriki-Ayeni, lauded the collaboration to ensure safety for all schools in the state.

"The primary responsibility of the OEQA is the delivery of qualitative education in Lagos State, therefore, this collaborative effort between the OEQA and LSC to ensure maximum security, protection and well-being by setting safety standards for all public and private schools within the state is laudable," she said.

Environment: Lagos Taskforce Demolishes Illegal Mechanic Villages

As part of efforts to have a serene, safe and secured environment based on the existing master plan of the state, the Lagos State Environmental and Special Offences Unit (Taskforce) has demolished two illegal mechanic villages and evicted its occupants.

The villages which were located at Festac, opposite Area E Police Station and Maroko powerlines under high tension cables were cleared as part of the state governments commitment and effort to safeguard the lives of its citizenry and beautify the state.

The clearing up exercise which took place simultaneously was supervised by the chairman of the Agency, Shola Jejeloye, a Chief Superintendent of Police who disclosed that series of warnings and notices were served to the illegal occupants of both locations but they were adamant to relocate, hence the need for the agency to take the drastic measure to save the state from environmental degradation.

The chairman stated that the exercise was necessary to further help beautify the state and also reduce the habitat of street urchins and hoodlums who usually make use of such locations as a safe haven after perpetrating crimes and nefarious activities in town.

"Countless warnings have been served to operators of the illegal mechanic villages which were sometimes being used as hideout or shield for criminal elements on different occasions, but with this new development criminality would be reduced to the barest minimum."

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Nigerians Want Jonathan To Declare For Presidency – Survey

BY MOSES ORJIME, Abuja

A nationwide survey has shown that despite his silence, Nigerians are eager to see former President Goodluck Jonathan to declare his intention to run for country's foremost office in 2023.

The study conducted by a political interest research group, Fourth Dimension Cloud Poll (4-DCP) indicated that there were behind

the scenes in the political circles that Nigerians of different ethnic extraction, political organisations and power brokers among major political parties are waiting for Jonathan to publicly declare his interest for the race.

This was revealed yesterday in Abuja in a second quarter special report (1) signed by the lead researcher, Dr. Richard Audi..

He said, "Based on coordinated

research undertaken by our field specialists to determine Nigeria's political direction and Nigerians' expectations in the 2023 presidential election with special reference to behind the scene happenings among political parties, groups, ethnic and religious groups and the permutation is obviously in favour of former President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan (GEJ).

"The political actors are all waiting. Leaders of ethnic nationalities and

religious groups have expressed their willingness to lay aside every difference and work with GEJ because he is a man of peace and he can also be trusted," he stated.

The report further said, "One thing that is not, however, certain in the behind the scene engagement, among political actors is the final outcome of the entire permutations, and that is, whether Jonathan will eventually succumb to pressure, accept and

declare to run."

There have been reports that certain persons in President Muhammadu Buhari administration and the leadership of the ruling All Progressive Congress (APC) have been putting pressure on Jonathan to publicly accept to succeed Buhari.

It is also believed that the cabal and the former president are trying to iron out grey areas in the conditions given by Jonathan.

Abductors Of Delta Professor Demand N50m Ransom

BY FELIX IGBEKOYI, Asaba

Delta State University (DELSU), Abraka, lecturer, Prof. Ovaborhene Idamoyibo, who was kidnapped inside a church has been asked to pay N50 million ransom for his release.

Idamoyibo who is the head of the department of music,

was kidnapped on Saturday night in Eku on his way to Abraka from Sapele, Delta State, after a family meeting.

His abductors were said to have contacted the victim's wife, Rosemary, and gave her till Friday to pay the ransom.

Eyewitnesses said the kidnappers chased the lecturer who tried to escape after

one of the back tyres of his Highlander Jeep was shot by the criminals.

The kidnappers also fired several gunshots into the air to scare away passers-by, while they made their way to the premises of Aganbi Memorial Baptist Church, Eku, where the victim had taken cover after abandoning his car.

Gunmen Invade Anambra Station, Kill 4 Policemen

BY OKECHUKWU OBETA, Awka

Suspected gunmen have killed four policemen in Anambra State.

The police operatives were killed when a gang of hoodlums attacked Atani Police Station in Ogbunu local government area of the state where the victims, one of them

a female police officer, were on duty.

A source in the area said that the gunmen stormed the police station at about 1.30am yesterday in three Hilux vehicles and a Sienna bus.

When contacted, the police command spokesman, Ikenga Tochukwu, confirmed the incident, describing it as

"unfortunate".

He said on getting the information, the commissioner of police in the state, Echeng Echeng, immediately mobilised and sent more police operatives and other crime fighting equipment to the area, and, promptly repelled the hoodlums.

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Mandilas Empowers Artisans In Lagos With Requisite Tools

BY OLUSHOLA BELLO, Lagos

As part of its corporate social responsibility (CSR), Mandilas Group Limited has donated complete mechanical toolboxes and spraying machines to artisans within Lagos Island East Local Council Development Area (LCDA).

Handing over the tools as part of activities to mark the 2022 Artisans Day celebration, the group chief executive officer, Mandilas Group Limited, Ola Debayo-Doherty, explained that the donated mechanical tools would have a positive impact on the lives of the youths in the community.

Represented by the corporate affairs manager, Funmi Akpan, Ms. Debayo-Doherty said the company has resolved to create wealth for the LCDA being an area she grew up while developing and improving the skill sets of youths in the vicinity.

"Mandilas Group Limited has been in operation for over 70 years and much of our history has been shaped by this community. As you will all agree with me, competing in today's global economy is very complex."

Oni To Prioritise Agriculture As Ekiti Governor

BY ALO ABIOLA, Ado Ekiti

A former governor of Ekiti State and Social Democratic Party's governorship candidate, Engr Segun Oni, has promised to prioritize agriculture in the development blueprint of the state if elected in the June 18 governorship poll in the state.

Speaking in Ilawe Ekiti, headquarters of Ekiti Southwest local government area of the state, he said his government would tap the potential in the axis for banana plantation to attract a cottage industry to the area.

The industry according to him will help in creating more incomes for the farmers and employment opportunity for the locals.

While in Ikere, Ado and Ekiti West local government areas in continuation of his familiarisation visit to the councils, Oni described as unfounded and baseless, the rumour that he was planning to scrap Bamidele Olumilua University of Education, Science and Technology (BOUESTI), Ikere Ekiti.

He pledged to provide more facilities and competent personnel at the university rather than scrapping it, as being wrongly insinuated.

Addressing a mammoth crowd of party supporters in Ado Ekiti with his deputy, Ladi Owolabi, Oni said he won't take the voters for granted despite his popularity.

2023: Afenifere Faults Baba-Ahmed's Attack On Adebajo

BY TOPE FAYEHUN, Akure

Pan-Yoruba socio-political group, Afenifere, has faulted the comments of the Northern Elders Forum (NEF) director of Publicity and Advocacy, Dr Hakeem Baba-Ahmed, on its leader's views on the forthcoming presidential election.

Baba-Ahmed had said they were not moved by Adebajo's warning that any attempt by a northerner to succeed President Muhammadu Buhari in 2023 would spell doom for Nigeria.

Reacting in a statement issued in Akure, the Ondo State capital, the Secretary-General of Afenifere, Chief Sola Ebiseni, said, "It is clear that Baba-Ahmed and those he claims to speak for are only dwelling in their myopic and minority positions about Nigeria and its politics."

Ebiseni stressed that "In these perilous times, when men and women of goodwill are in, utmost sobriety, in search of solutions to its myriads of challenges, it is surprising that the likes of Hakeem Baba-Ahmed would

not appreciate the concerns of an elder statesman like Chief Ayo Adebajo, on the need for the requisite political engineering that will serve to detonate the several time bombs."

He added that, "Baba-Ahmed's unprovoked vituperations on a man, his father's age mate, is strange and an eloquent testimony of his imported culture."

According to him, "Patriotic view, expressed within the context of a deep analysis of the country's political history, that

Hakeem Baba-Ahmed, in his characteristic uncouth language, dismissed as a laughable threat targeted at the North (his North) which he said would continue to vote according to the dictates of its interests.

"Afenifere noted the laughable crocodile tears of Baba-Ahmed and his group on the current pervasive and intractable state of insecurity in Nigeria and the call for the resignation of President Buhari as if any clear-thinking Nigerian is so impressed."



L-R: The Ewi of Ado-Ekiti, HRM Oba Rufus Adeyemo Adejugbe; Ekiti State deputy governor, Otunba Bisi Egbedemi and All Progressives Congress (APC) governorship candidate in the June election, Mr Biodun Abayomi Oyebanji; during a courtesy visit by the APC candidate to the Ewi's palace in Ado-Ekiti, yesterday.

FG Creates Unified Platform For Youths On Job Opportunities

BY JOSHUA DADA, Osogbo

Federal government has created a unified platform across the 36 states of the federation to ensure equal opportunities in securing employment and enhanced training for youths in the country.

The minister of youths and sports development, Mr. Sunday Dare, who made these known after a three-day sensitization workshop on the use of the Nigeria Online Youth Assembly

(NOYA) platform held at the National Youth Development Centre of Ode Omu in Osun State said it was created for all youths to tap the job opportunities.

Represented by Mr. Segun Oke, the director of procurement in the ministry, the minister explained that, the NOYA, "is an initiative of the Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports Development developed in order to empower Nigeria youth by disseminating timely information on career

enhancing, trainings, job and employment placement opportunities via a unified platform."

While addressing youths in Ode Omu, the minister affirmed that, the priority focus of Mr. President as related to the youth of the country formed the background through which the rationale of the NOYA and Digital Entrepreneurship Employability Leadership (DEEL) initiative of the ministry emerged.

Appraising the ministry's

achievements so far, the minister said, "My ministry in the last few years in the area of job and employment creation has conducted different skills acquisition and empowerment programmes as a result of the need for investment in the youth in a deliberate and planned manner and as a sustainable pathway to lifting

a huge number of Nigerian youth out of poverty to sustain them in productive and viable occupational engagement."

Customs Intercepts 206,000 Machetes Imported From Ghana

BY YUSUF BABALOLA, Lagos

Due to rising insecurity in the country, the Tin Can Island Command of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), on Wednesday, said it intercepted 206,000 pieces of brand new machetes imported into the country from Ghana.

Speaking at his maiden press conference, the Customs Area

Controller, Tin-Can Island, Compt. Adekunle Oloyede, in Lagos said the importation contravenes Sections 46, 47 and 161 of the Customs and Excise Management Act (CEMA) Cap 45 LFN 2004.

Oloyede, however, disclosed that the machetes were seized due to the high level of insecurity in the country and lack of End Users Certificate

from the office of National Security Adviser (NSA).

The Customs boss said a clearance is needed from the NSA's office before such item can be imported into the country in large quantity, saying the importation of such items, contravenes Sections 46, 47 and 161 of the Customs and Excise Management Act (CEMA) Cap 45 LFN 2004.

"The Colorado was concealed in two units of Ridgeline trucks and two units of Toyota corolla vehicles while the machetes which were made in Ghana were

He said, "The command intercepted 145 kilograms of Colorado, 206,000 pieces of machetes with the Duty Paid Value (DPV) worth N1.048 billion.

"The Colorado was concealed in two units of Ridgeline trucks and two units of Toyota corolla vehicles while the machetes which were made in Ghana were

Easter: Oyo NSCDC Deploys 2,000 Officers, Warns Criminals To Relocate

BY ADEBAYO WAHEED, Ibadan

The Oyo State command of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) has warned criminal-minded elements that may want to take advantage of the Easter holiday season to perpetrate crime to relocate or face the wrath of the law.

The NSCDC commandant, Adaralewa Micheal Akintayo, disclosed that 2000 personnel had been deployed to the metropolis for this year Easter celebrations.

According to him, the deployment is to ensure a hitch free celebration for the Christian faithful and other residents of the state.

Adaralewa warned the criminal-minded elements that might want to take advantage of the holiday season to perpetrate crime to desist from it.

He urged Nigerians irrespective of their religion to be law abiding during the Easter celebration.

He also enjoined Christian faithful to reflect on the lesson of passion, suffering, forgiveness, and love to Christ during the lent and pray for, "our nation and success of the present government."

Lagos PDP Chairman Condolers With Wabara Over Wife's Death

Chairman of Lagos State Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Hon. Philip Olabode Aivoji, has condoled with former Senate president, Chief Adolphus Wabara, over the death of his wife, Felicia.

In a condolence message he sent to Wabara, Aivoji expressed shock over the incident and described the deceased as a pious woman who would be remembered for her steadfastness, perseverance and humility.

Aivoji, a former Lagos State commissioner for Commerce, Industry and Tourism prayed for eternal rest for the deceased, stressing that the late Mrs Wabara would be missed by family, friends and associates.

He urged Wabara to take solace in the fact that his late wife was committed to the service of God and mankind.

"I received with shock the news of the passing of the wife of Chief Wabara. She was a kind - hearted woman who played noble roles in the advancement of the cause of the people by complementing her husband's humanitarian gestures"

"May her soul rest in perfect peace and I prayed to God to give the Wabara family the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss."

Court Jails Human Trafficker For 28 Years, To Pay Victims N2m Each

BY OLUGBENGA SOYELE, Lagos

Justice Akintayo Aluko of the Federal High Court in Lagos has convicted and sentenced a man, Muritala Sanni, to 28 years imprisonment for trafficking young women to Libya for prostitution.

Justice Aluko also ordered Sanni to pay the sum of N2 million to each of the victim of

the crime.

The judge handed down the verdict after the convict pleaded guilty to a 13-count charge brought against him by the National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP).

The convict, who was first arraigned before the court on October 18, 2021 was accused of recruiting

persons for prostitution, facilitation of foreign trip or travel aimed at promoting prostitution, forcing persons into prostitution, organising foreign travel which promote prostitution; subjecting persons and individuals into sexual exploitation; harbouring persons for the purpose of prostitution and hiring of persons to Libya to be used for

forced labour.

The prosecutor, Oluwakemi Akinrinlola, insisted that the offences are contrary to several sections of NAPTIP Act, 2015 and punishable under the relevant provisions of the same Act.

The convict had initially pleaded not guilty to the charge before he changed his plea on March 30, 2022.

Inside Nasarawa State



Scenes from the commissioning of the Skills Acquisition Centre for Graduates at Chindo Yamusa NYSC Orientation Camp, Keffi, recently.

Gov Sule Flags Off 966km Rural Road Projects

STORIES BY RABIU OMAKU, LAFIA

Nasarawa State governor, Engineer Abdullahi Sule, has flagged off the 966km rural road projects under the Rural Access and Agricultural Marketing Project (RAAMP), with the 12km Rinze-Mintibi Madaki road as pilot project in the state.

The governor performed the flagging off ceremony in Rinze, the headquarters of Akwanga West Development Area, on Thursday.

RAAMP is aimed at providing access roads to rural farmers and ensuring the provision of market infrastructural fa-

cilities, as well as enhancing financial and technical intervention to farmers, which will also boost agricultural production for value chain addition.

The rural project, which is being jointly funded by the World Bank and the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, will cut across all the 13 local government areas of the state and is expected to be completed in two years.

The Rinze-Mintibi Madaki road which was flagged off by the governor is however expected to be completed in 12 month. Engineer Sule disclosed that, as part of the first phase of the project,

three markets were equally selected from each of the senatorial districts of the state, as focal points for agro-logical intervention.

He noted that the project was in line with the thrust of his administration towards the construction of urban and rural roads in the state aimed at opening vista of opportunities for socio-economic activities to thrive.

"This is intended to enhance inter-connectivity between the rural and urban centres, as well as facilitating the transportation of agricultural products and other commodities from the remote areas to markets in

the urban centres,"

While admitting that farmers in Nasarawa State continue to face challenges which include lack of access roads, storage and processing facilities, Sule said his administration quickly keyed into the RAAMP project in order to diversify the agricultural sector for socioeconomic development.

According to the governor, though the RAAMP has been in existence for long, this is the first time Nasarawa state is benefiting from the project.

He however charged the contractor handling the project to deliver quality.

Cabinet Member Empowers 1,507 Households

The governor of Nasarawa State, Engineer Abdullahi Sule, has commended the convener of the Kwantamania Progressives Movement and commissioner of Environment and Natural Resources, Yakubu Kwanta, for empowering 1,507 households with cars, motorcycles, grinding machine, fertiliser and cash, among others.

Engineer Abdullahi Sule gave the commendation when he spoke as a special guest during the Engr. A. A. Sule empowerment programme, in Akwanga, on Saturday.

The governor, who expressed delight commended Hon Kwanta for reaching out to the the hapless members of his community, even

though he is not aspiring for any political office.

The governor appreciated the commissioner of environment and natural resources for his kind gesture and show of loyalty. Stating that the initiator was doing for the sake of humanity but not on political reason.

"I have seen events similar to this but mostly by people who are contesting for political office that are into such gesture, he added.

"But for you, to continue to say you are doing something like this just to show support to the governor, I'm deeply moved," he stated.

While recalling that Hon Kwanta was only appointed as commissioner less than a year ago, and was able to organize the event because he

has the will, wisdom and focus to help others in his own way.

Abdullahi Sule however expressed optimism over the show of unity amongst his kinsmen, stressing that he is continuously happy seeing the people of Akwanga united.

"I'm highly delighted to see creme de la creme coming together, I can see it from the face of our royal fathers and for me to see the excitement on the face of our paramount ruler, the Chun Mada, I am moved by that," the governor stated.

The governor charged all political appointees from Akwanga, to emulate this gesture and to reach out to the people they represent at all times.

"It's not about being a commissioner, especially under A.A Sule. It's like being a minister under Buhari. There is no money to steal. All the money is for us to work for the people. Good people will always remember good things done to them," Engineer Sule said.

Kwanta, said the empowerment programme was conceived out of the desire to emulate Engineer Sule's leadership qualities.

He revealed that the Kwantamania Progressives Movement for Engr. A. A. Sule, which has grassroots appeal, is a strong political force that rose for the promotion, defence and championing the mandate of the governor beyond its first tenure.

"Today, I am confident to say that the Movement has grown in root and top from local government to wards to polling units to villages".

The commissioner emphasized that the members of the movement, stood by the governor, at a time primordial sentiments was a major useful tool to turn against him and that they stood strong in face of this challenge, believing in him as a man of capacity who will turn the fortunes of Nasarawa state for the better.

In a goodwill message, the Chun Mada, HRH Pastor Samson Gamu Yare, commended Hon Kwanta for initiating the biggest empowerment programme ever in the history of Akwanga Local Government Area.

Gov Sule Harps On Skills Acquisition For Graduates

Nasarawa State governor, Engineer Abdullahi Sule, has emphasised the need for Nigerian graduates to acquire technical, vocational and entrepreneurial skills in order to be self-reliant.

The governor made the call while speaking as a special guest at the commissioning of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) skill acquisition and entrepreneurship development centre, at the Magaji Dan Yamusa NYSC orientation camp, in Keffi recently.

Governor Sule expressed joy over the high turnover of graduates from institutions of higher learning across the country, saying it is imperative that Nigerian graduates acquire not only degrees but also skills that will make them job creators not employment seekers.

He commended the director general and management of the NYSC for siting the project in Nasarawa state, promising that his administration will not only patronise the products here but will find ways to work together with the NYSC as team.

He said the inauguration of the skills and technical skills acquisition centre, is in line with the policy thrust of his administration, aimed at empowering youths with skills to make them independent.

Engineer Abdullahi Sule expressed optimism that the inauguration of the skills acquisition centre couldn't have come at a better time, with Olams Nigeria Limited investing USD100million in the vicinity of the centre.

He specifically commended the NYSC DG, Major General Shuaibu Ibrahim, for the vision to redefine and reinvigorate the scheme and for turning the NYSC into a revenue generating facility for the federal government.

Governor Sule equally appreciated the first civilian governor of the state and national chairman of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC), Senator Abdullahi Adamu, for his vision to establish the NYSC camp.

It would be recalled that only recently, President Muhammadu Buhari commissioned the Wing Commander Abdullahi Ibrahim Skills Acquisition Institute in Lafia, while on a two-day working visit to the state.

Sule Reappoints Chair, Members Of Internal Revenue Service

Nasarawa State governor, Engineer Abdullahi Sule has re-appointed Ahmed Muhammad Yakubu, the immediate past Chairman of Nasarawa State Internal Revenue Service and three board members.

Speaker, Ibrahim Balar-

abe Abdullahi of the Nasarawa State House of Assembly (NSHA) disclosed this while reading the governor's letter sent to the Assembly during the House's emergency sitting.

While Ahmed Mu-

hammad Yakubu from Lafia local government is reappointed as chairman, Sabo Balarabe Usman from Karu local government, Emmanuel Zachariah from Wamba local government and Ali Mohammed from Doma local government are to serve as

members.

The Speaker called on the nominees to submit 30 copies of their Curriculum Vitae (CVs) each to the Clerk, they are to appear for screening and possible confirmation next week " he said.

He appreciated his colleagues for cutting short their recess despite short notice by attending to the sitting considering the importance of the revenue service to the state and urged them to sustain the spirit.

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Finding The Right CEO

Minorities and women are badly underrepresented in all four of the main CEO stepping-stone roles.

The best stepping-stone to the corner office is changing. The vast majority of new CEOs still come from within: For example, in 2020, 77% of new S&P 500 CEOs were internal promotions. But whereas 20 years ago chief operating officers were the overwhelming favorites, accounting for 76% of such appointments, they have lost significant ground and look to be overtaken soon by another group of aspirants: division heads. According to a new study, however, neither cohort is the most likely to deliver outstanding results. "Leapfrog" CEOs—leaders appointed from one level below C-suite officers or division heads, with titles such as senior vice president and general manager—have the best odds of steering their firms into the top quartile of performers.

A New Focus on Complexity and Opportunity

As part of a large ongoing study of CEOs, researchers from the executive recruiting and leadership advisory firm Spencer Stuart analyzed every CEO succession in the S&P 500 since 2000. The waning numbers of COOs tapped for the top job reflect changing strategic priorities, they say. "The role of COO was popularized in the 1990s as a result of management trends around quality—kaizen, total quality management, Six Sigma, and so on, when the leadership emphasis was on operations," explains Claudio Hildebrand, the head of CEO data and analytics at Spencer Stuart and a coauthor of the study. But in recent years companies have become flatter, and power has moved from functions to business units. What's more, boards have come to prioritize experience running a full P&L. "Divisional leadership positions combine the benefits of managing complexity with the experience of spotting opportunity and market trends," Hildebrand says.

In 2020—the last full year for which data is available—chief operating officers accounted for 38% of new CEOs in the S&P 500. Division heads were only two percentage points behind them, at 36%. Chief financial officers were next, at 9%. CFOs appeal to boards that want to ensure continuity, because they often serve as right hand to the CEO. Leapfrog candidates—the final group with significant representation in the study—accounted for roughly 5% of new chief executives.

Having identified where successors came from, the study looked at company performance after they assumed the CEO role. The researchers sorted the executives into quartiles based on their company's market-adjusted total shareholder returns. The least-common choice, the leapfrogs, had the highest share of CEOs in the top quartile for performance: 41%. Former division heads and COOs were next, at 27% and 25%, while the share of CFOs in the top quartile of performers was only 8%. Leapfrogs were also less likely than CFOs—ostensibly a safer pick—to end up in the bottom quartile, despite their lack of C-suite experience. The patterns were consistent after controlling for industry differences as well as organizational and market attributes and for pre-Covid performance.



Although the researchers didn't quantitatively analyze reasons for leapfrogs' superior performance, they have some theories based on follow-up interviews and their consulting experience. In assessing candidates—even at the CEO level—it's often better to value skills and ability over experience, they contend. "When directors choose a leapfrog, they are choosing potential," says Robert Stark, a colead of Spencer Stuart's CEO succession advisory services and a contributor to the study. "They are betting that the candidate has the capacity to do much more than they've already demonstrated. It speaks to what sort

of game you're playing as a board: Are you playing to win, or are you playing to not lose?"

This isn't to say that boards should elevate only leapfrogs. "We could point to highly successful CEOs from every role," Stark emphasizes. "Each CEO succession is different." Instead, the study's findings indicate that boards should build relationships deeper down in their organizations—something few have traditionally done. Indeed, a 2014 study by the Conference Board, the Institute of Executive Development, and Stanford's Rock Center for Corporate Governance found that most board

members lack detailed knowledge of the skills, capabilities, and performance of executives even one level below the CEO. Only about half of the directors surveyed reported understanding the strengths and weaknesses of those executives very well or well. And rarely—in just 7% of companies responding—was a board member formally assigned to liaise with them. Talent further down in the organizations gets even less attention. "Boards need to be actively participating in their organizations' talent development process," Hildebrand says. "They need to know the unlikely candidates just as well as the likely candidates and expand their consideration set of potential CEOs."

The researchers believe that a more expansive approach to the succession search could benefit firms in another way: by boosting their diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts. Minorities and women are badly underrepresented in all four of the main CEO stepping-stone roles, but they are more common at the leapfrog level.

Getting to the Next Level

Finally, the researchers hope their work will help executives as they develop the capabilities and experience needed for the top job. After conducting a meta-analysis of 100 CEO aspirants, the study identified development opportunities for leaders in each of the stepping-stone roles: COOs can best position themselves for success by building a following across the organization and being more visibly present to the broader workforce, and division heads should expand their vision and understanding of the business at the enterprise level by, for instance, volunteering for companywide projects. CFOs will probably benefit from gaining operating experience outside finance, while those in leapfrog positions should seek exposure to analysts, investors, board members, and other external stakeholders.

Ideally, firms' talent-development process would provide such opportunities, says Seonaid Charlesworth, a Spencer Stuart consultant and one of the study's coauthors. "In reality," she adds, "CEO aspirants may need to seek them elsewhere, by making lateral moves inside or even outside the firm if they feel blocked in their current role." For the time being, heading up a corporate division is most likely to put a candidate in a prime position to become CEO.

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I, formerly known as **COMFORT NWAIKWENWAJU** now wish to be called and addressed as **COMFORT NWANKWO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ABODERIN

I, formerly known as **ADEWUMMI ABIKE AHMED-KELANI AND AHMED LINDA ADEWUMMI** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABODERIN ABIKE ADEWUMMI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

USMAN

I, formerly known as **FAVOUR BULUS** now wish to be called and addressed as **USMAN TANI HELEN** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

NANNYI

I, formerly known as **NANNYI VONGJEN NIMLANG** now wish to be called and addressed as **NANNYI BOYI VONGJEN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ALIYU

I, formerly known as **HALILU ADAMA** now wish to be called and addressed as **ALIYU ADAMA ALHAIJ**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

CHIBUZOR

I, formerly known as **MMEJE KELECHI GIFT** now wish to be called and addressed as **CHIBUZOR KELECHI GIFT** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

OGUIKE

I, formerly known as **HENRY CHIDINMA PHILOMENA** now wish to be called and addressed as **OGUIKE NZUBECHI PHILOMENA** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

BENJAMIN

I, formerly known as **ALHASA BENJAMIN** now wish to be called and addressed as **BENJAMIN ALHASSAN** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

HUSSAINI

I, formerly known as **MUSA SHAMWILU** now wish to be called and addressed as **HUSSAINI ADAMU** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

IBRAHIM

I, formerly known as **IBRAHIM SANI YUSUF 17/ JUL 1985** now wish to be called and addressed as **IBRAHIM YUSIF 20/MARCH 1981** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SALAMATU

I, formerly known as **SALAMATU ADAMU ABDULLAHI** now wish to be called and addressed as **SALAMATU ADAMU ZAKARI** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AMINU

I, formerly known as **AMINU ISAH HARUNA, OLD DATE OF BIRTH: 1/01/1994** now wish to be called and addressed as **AMINU ISAH, NEW DATE OF BIRTH: 27/05/1991**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

EGWU

I, formerly known as **EGWU SOLOMON** now wish to be called and addressed as **EGWU SOLOMON ENEOJO, MY CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH IS 03/03/2004**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AKHUEOKHAN

I, formerly known as **AGBONTAEN HONEYBELL** now wish to be called and addressed as **AKHUEOKHAN HONEYBELL AHUNSIMWENRE** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MOHAMMED

I, formerly known as **MOHAMMED AHMED TALATA-MAFARA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MOHAMMED AHMED TIJJANI**. All former documents remain the same. General public should please take note.

EZENNAYA

I, formerly known as **EZENIA PEACE** now wish to be called and addressed as **EZENNAYA PEACE OJINNIKA** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

USMAN

I, formerly known as **WODI USMAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **USMAN BAMAIIYI WODI** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SAMAILA

I, formerly known as **JOY SAMUEL** now wish to be called and addressed as **SAMAILA LAITU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

CONFIRMATION OF NAMES

I, formerly known as **BALOGUN MULIKAT ANIKE, MULIKAT BALOGUN OGUNYEMI and OGUNYEMI MULIKAT BALOGUN** refer to one and same person. All documents bearing any of the said names remain valid. General public should take note.

UMAR

I, formerly known as **AHMED UMAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **UMAR AHMED DANMALIKI** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

CHIDINMA

I, formerly known as **CHIDINMA ESTHER UCHE** now wish to be called and addressed as **CHIDINMA EMERALD OLISEH**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ELIZABETH

I, formerly known as **ENAMA ELIZABETH SAMUEL** now wish to be called and addressed as **ELIZABETH MAMUDU SAMUEL, DOB 25 AUGUST 1996. NOT 25 AUGUST 1990**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SULEIMAN

I, formerly known as **MOHAMMED DANJUMA** now wish to be called and addressed as **SULEIMAN MOHAMMED BABA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AHMED

I, formerly known as **AHAMED BELLO** now wish to be called and addressed as **AHMED BELLO, DATE OF BIRTH 29/12/1979**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

DATTI

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

SHUAIBU

I, formerly known as **SHAIIBU FATIMA** now wish to be called and addressed as **SHUAIBU FATIMA, MY CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH IS 10/10/1990 NOT 10/10/1992**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ALILU

I, formerly known as **ALILU MARY VICTORIA** now wish to be called and addressed as **ALILU MARY VICKY**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

EMEKA

I, formerly known as **EMEKA MICHAEL** now wish to be called and addressed as **EMEKA MICHAEL UDEOBI** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AGHAREVBA

I, formerly known as **EGHAREUBA EDOSA** now wish to be called and addressed as **AGHAREVBA EDOSA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

EUNICE

I, formerly known as **EUNICE IDIRS** now wish to be called and addressed as **EUNICE UDOCHUKWU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ELIZABETH

I, formerly known as **ELIZABETH OLUWAJUEDALO ADEKUNI** now wish to be called and addressed as **ELIZABETH OLUWAJUEDALO KUTI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

HABIB

I, formerly known as **HABIB ABDULHAMID** now wish to be called and addressed as **HABIB ABDULMUMINI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

RABI

I, formerly known as **RABI MUSTAPHA** now wish to be called and addressed as **RABI HABIB ABDULMUMIN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ALIYU

I, formerly known as **ALIYU ABDULKARIM ENEBE** now wish to be called and addressed as **ALIYU ABDULKAREEM ENEBE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MEZETH

I, formerly known as **MEZETH CHIDIEBERE** now wish to be called and addressed as **MEZETH CHIDIEBELE NWABUNWANNE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

HABEEB

I, formerly known as **HABIBU YUSUF** now wish to be called and addressed as **HABEEB ABDULLATEEF HASSAN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

JOHNSON

I, formerly known as **JOHNSON JOHN** now wish to be called and addressed as **JOHNSON JOHN ZAKI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

KHADIJA

I, formerly known as **KHADIJA ABDULHAMID MUHAMMAD** now wish to be called and addressed as **KHADIJA ABBA MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ASMA'U

I, formerly known as **ASMA'U ABDURRAHMAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **ASMA'U AHMAD ABDULRAHMAN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AWARI

I, formerly known as **AWARI BRIDGET** now wish to be called and addressed as **AWARI BRIDGET ATSERHUR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AHON

I, formerly known as **EMMANUEL PATIENCE MORRIS** now wish to be called and addressed as **AHON MDE PATIENCE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

OVIE

I, formerly known as **ITACHOMISILASOVIE** now wish to be called and addressed as **OVIE DANIEL JESUDEVWE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MUSBAU

I, formerly known as **SHELANI YAKUBU IBRAHIM** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUSBAU YUNUSA SALAMI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

CELINA
I, formerly known as **MISS CELINA OMON OJIELEDE** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. CELINA OMON UTUBOR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

BENJAMIN
I, formerly known as **BENJAMIN OGABA** now wish to be called and addressed as **BENJAMIN OGABA MATTHEW**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

COMFORT
I, formerly known as **COMFORT JOY SIMON AND COMFORT J. SIMON** now wish to be called and addressed as **COMFORT JOY PATRICK**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MOHAMMED
I, formerly known as **JUMMAI HAMZA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MOHAMMED AISHAT JUMMAI**. All former documents remain valid. Access bank and General public should please take note.

SYLVESTER
I, formerly known as **SYLVESTER ALBERT** now wish to be called and addressed as **SYLVESTER STEPHEN ALBERT**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

EGBILOLA
I, formerly known as **BOLA KEHINDE EGBILOLA**, now wish to be called and addressed as **EGBILOLA BOLA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

JIMOH
I, formerly known as **JIMOH ISIAKA ADELEKE** now wish to be called and addressed as **JIMOH ISIAKA ADETUNJI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AMZAT
I, formerly known as **MISS BELLO HASSANA RASHIDAT** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS AMZAT HASSANA RASHIDAT**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

PATIENCE
I, formerly known as **TIMOTHY PATIENCE WITH OLD DATE OF BIRTH AS 2/10/1992** now wish to be called and addressed as **PATIENCE ABEL WITH NEW DATE OF BIRTH AS 2/10/1994**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AMAEFULA
I, formerly known as **NWOSU BENJAMIN NELSON** now wish to be called and addressed as **AMAEFULA BENJAMIN NELSON**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ADELEKE
I, formerly known as **ANYANWU, ESTHER KELECHI** now wish to be called and addressed as **ADELEKE, ESTHER KELECHI**. Reason for change is marriage. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

FRIDAY
I, formerly known as **WANE ALAKI, ALKALI WANE JATAU** now wish to be called and addressed as **FRIDAY WANE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SOKWO
I, formerly known as **SOKWO ZHEMESHENYI SHIGABA** now wish to be called and addressed as **SOKWO ZHEMESHENYI SHUGABA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MUHAMMED
I, formerly known as **LAWAN MUHAMMED NURUDEEN** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUHAMMED NURUDEEN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

JOHN
I, formerly known as **JOHN THERESA CONFIDENCE** now wish to be called and addressed as **JOHN THERESA EYANMANU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ADDITION OF NAME
I, formerly known as **IORTYOM DANIEL** now wish to be called and addressed as **AKPENPUUN IORTYOM DANIEL**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned, First Bank Nigeria Plc, and the general Public to pls take note.

OKPE
I, formerly known as **ROSE ENE OKPE** now wish to be called and addressed as **OKPE ROSE**. All former documents remain valid. Polaris Bank Plc and the general public to note.

NYIKYAA
I, formerly known as **NYIKYAA PETER** now wish to be called and addressed as **NYIKYAA SAAONDO PETER**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

GWADABE
I, formerly known as **GWADABE ABDULAHAD** now wish to be called and addressed as **GWADABE ABDULAHAD BASHIR**. All former documents remain valid. ALL AUTHORITY CONCERNED and General public should please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME/DATE OF BIRTH
I, formerly known as **OMORODION DESMOND OSAYUKI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OMORODION DESMOND DAVIDSON**. Also my date of birth was wrongly written as **21/10/1992** instead of **22/10/1989**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note

DORIS
I, formerly known as **DORIS OMONIGHO MRERE-LGHOMUAYE** now wish to be called and addressed as **DORIS IGHOMUAYE-MRERE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

NWOGU
I, formerly known as **NWOGU ONYECHERELAM SOLOMON** now wish to be called and addressed as **NWOGU SOLOMON ONYECHELAM**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

USHIE
I, formerly known as **MISS AGIABEKONG MARTINA ASHIBEBONYE** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS USHIE TINA BEYIN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

BILKISU
I, formerly known as **BILKISU ELE DAUDA** now wish to be called and addressed as **BILKISU ELE DAUDA RASHEED**. All former documents remain valid, federal university of technology Minna Niger state and the general public should please take note.

BENJAMIN
I, formerly known as **BENJAMIN OGABA** now wish to be called and addressed as **BENJAMIN OGABA MATTHEW**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

NITUMBE
I, formerly known as **NIDUMBE NUHU** now wish to be called and addressed as **NITUMBE NUHU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

NURA
I, formerly known as **NURA ABDULLAHI MUHAMMADU** now wish to be called and addressed as **NURA ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

RUKAYYA
I, formerly known as **RUKAYYA IBRAHIM** now wish to be called and addressed as **RUKAYYA IDRIS IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MOHAMMED
I, formerly known as **RABIU MOHAMMED USMAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **MOHAMMED RABIU USMAN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

NDIFREKE
I, formerly known as **NDIFREKE GLORY BASSEY** now wish to be called and addressed as **NDIFREKE BASSEY**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AISHA
I, formerly known as **AISHA AHMAD DALLATU** now wish to be called and addressed as **AISHA ALIYU GORONYO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

TASIU
I, formerly known as **BALA MUHAMMAD GOBIR** now wish to be called and addressed as **TASIU MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

DANHAJO
I, formerly known as **ALH DANHAJO UMARU** now wish to be called and addressed as **DANHAJO UMAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

MOHAMMED
I, formerly known as **MOHAMMED ABBAS** now wish to be called and addressed as **MOHAMMED ALHAJI AUDU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

BELLO
I, formerly known as **CHUKWUMA GODFREY OKEKE** now wish to be called and addressed as **BELLO MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ABDULLAHI
I, formerly known as **ABUBAKAR YUSUF** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABDULLAHI TANKARI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

YETUNDE
I, formerly known as **YETUNDE ABIMBOLA PAYNE** now wish to be called and addressed as **YETUNDE ABIMBOLA AYANDUJI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

TAIWO
I, formerly known as **TAIWO MAUSI SAKU** now wish to be called and addressed as **TAIWO RACHEAL OLATUNJI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ALABI
I, formerly known as **HAMMED TIAMIYU ALABI** now wish to be called and addressed as **ALABI HAMMED AYINDE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

IKE
I, formerly known as **MISS. CHIGAA CHIOMA STELLA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS IKE, CHIOMA STELLA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AKINWALE
I, formerly known as **MISS FAMUYIDE OLUBUKOLA IDOWU** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS AKINWALE AKINSOLA**. All documents bearing my former names remain valid. General public to please note

HAMMANADAMA
I, formerly known as **ADAMA HAMMAN NJIDDA, WITH 02/05/1992 AS DATE OF BIRTH** now wish to be called and addressed as **HAMMANADAMA NJIDDA, WITH 05/12/1997, AS DATE OF BIRTH**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

HADIZA
I, formerly known as **KHADIJAT USMAN AND DB B4 . 07/09/1991** now wish to be called and addressed as **HADIZA USMAN DB NOW. 15/01/1991**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ADJAHO
I, formerly known as **AJAO ANTHONY, DOB - 05 /1/1971** now wish to be called and addressed as **ADJAHO ANTHONY CODJO, DATE OF BIRTH : 13/10/1972**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

EMMANUEL
I, formerly known as **EMMANUEL CHINEDU ONWUEGBUIZE** now wish to be called and addressed as **EMMANUEL CHINEDU ONWUEGBUIZE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ABUBAKAR
I, formerly known as **USMAN MOHAMMED** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABUBAKAR USMAN MAGAJI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

OBINNA
I, formerly known as **OBINNA NUEL-ENEH EMMA**. now wish to be called and addressed as **OBINNA NUEL-ENEH**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

RAFIU
I, formerly known as **RAFIU BABATUNDE** now wish to be called and addressed as **RAFIU BABATUNDE ADEX**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ONIKAN
I, formerly known as **ONIKAN ADETOLA OLUWATOSIN** now wish to be called and addressed as **ONIKAN ADETOLA EBUNOLUWA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MADU
I, formerly known as **MADU ONYIYECHI GIFT** now wish to be called and addressed as **MADU ANABEL ONYIYECHI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

EGBOCHUKWU
I, formerly known as **CHUKWUEGO AYOMIDE OKECHUKWU, OLD DATE OF BIRTH:28/04/2001** now wish to be called and addressed as **EGBOCHUKWU AYOMIDE OKECHUKWU, NEW DATE OF BIRTH:28/04/2005**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

IBRAHIM
I, formerly known as **IBRAHIM ADAMU** now wish to be called and addressed as **IBRAHIM ISA ADAMU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ADDITION OF NAME
The name is **UMA KELECHI DAVID**, **UMA KELECHI** is on National ID with exclusion of **DAVID**, so **DAVID** is to be added. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

JANET
I, formerly known as **MISS JANET GEORGE KALIO** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. JANET DENNIS DEINMA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ISAH
I, formerly known as **ABUBAKAR BABA ABUBAKAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **ISAH ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

OKUSAMI
I, formerly known as **MISS FAPOHUNDA ADESOLA OLUWASEYI** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS OKUSAMI ADESOLA OLUWASEYI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

CHANGE OF NAME/CORRECTION OF DOB
I, formerly known as **IFEOMA MARY OKONKWO** now wish to be called and addressed as **IFEOMA MARY CHUKWU WITH 15-12- 1994 AS CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH**. All former documents remain valid. documents bearing former name remain valid. Concerned authorities and general public take note

AMOKPA
I, formerly known as **HAMZA DODO IBRAHIM. GT BANK. AMOKPA ABDULRABBANI, WRONG DATE, 29 MAY 1986** now wish to be called and addressed as **AMOKPA ABDULRABBANI DODO CORRECT DATE, 25 DECEMBER 2004**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MUSA
I, formerly known as **HAJARA SAIDU** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUSA HAJARA SAIDU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

HUSSAINA
I, formerly known as **HAJARA AHMED** now wish to be called and addressed as **HUSSAINA ALIBABA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME
THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT **IKECHUKWU CHRISTIANA AMAKA & IKECHUKWU CHRISTIANA** IS ONE AND SAME PERSON. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC BIDA, NIGER STATE & GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

ANITA
I, formerly known as **RUTH JOHN AUTA** now wish to be called and addressed as **ANITA RUTH JOHN**. All former documents remain valid. FIRST BANK PLC and General public should please take note.

DANJUMA
I, formerly known as **AGBAWU DANJUMA** now wish to be called and addressed as **DANJUMA OGELEBE DOB MY DATE, OF BIRTH IT IS NOT 09 JUL 1992 BUT IT IS 05 07 1987**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

BABAWALE
I, formerly known as **SHITTU FATIMA TOYIN** now wish to be called and addressed as **BABAWALE FATIMA TOYIN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME
This is to inform the General public that my name was incorrectly written as **BAHAGO GABRIEL ATALA**. E in my account details instead of **BAHAGO GABRIEL ATALA**. Henceforth I now wish to be known and addressed as **BAHAGO GABRIEL ATALA** all former documents remains valid. concerned authorities and General public take note

SALIHU
I, formerly known as **MUSA AISHA** now wish to be called and addressed as **SALIHU AISHATU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AKINWALE
I, formerly known as **MISS FAMUYIDE OLUBUKOLA IDOWU** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS AKINWALE AKINSOLA**. All documents bearing my former names remain valid. General public to please note.

NUHU
I, formerly known as **NUHU MERCY** now wish to be called and addressed as **NUHU MASIN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ALOZIE
I, formerly known as **CYRIL GOODNESS ALOZIE** now wish to be called and addressed as **ALOZIE GOODNESS MIMESOMACHUKWU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

BARKA
I, formerly known as **BARKA MARKUS DIYAGHWA** now wish to be called

ZACHEOUS
I, formerly known as **CHUBIKEM EZECHIGBO ZACKAUSE** now wish to be called and addressed as **FIST NAME: ZACHEOUS, SURNAME: EZECHIGBO AND WRONG DOB 03-11-2000 CORRECT DOB: 03-11-2002**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AHMED
I, formerly known as **AMIN AHMED** now wish to be called and addressed as **AHMED JIBRIL AMIN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ADAMU
I, formerly known as **MUHAMMAD SANI ADAMU** now wish to be called and addressed as **ADAMU MUHAMMAD SANI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AKINSOLA
I, formerly known as **AKINSOLA ZAINAB WEMIMO ADENIYI** now wish to be called and addressed as **AKINSOLA ADENIYI WEMIMO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ROLAND
I, formerly known as **UKEJE FAVOUR CHINEYE** now wish to be called and addressed as **ROLAND FAVOUR CHINEYE, HENCEFORTH. THAT MY CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH IS 30/01/1988**. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authority concerned should please take note.

VER
I, formerly known as **STEPHEN STEPHEN** now wish to be called and addressed as **VER TSENGA STEPHEN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ENO-OBONG
I, formerly known as **MIRACLE IME BASSEY** now wish to be called and addressed as **ENO-OBONG IME BASSEY**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MARY
I, formerly known as **MARY MARKUS GREGORY** now wish to be called and addressed as **MARY WAZIRI MAIGARI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ABAH
I, formerly known as **ABAH LINUS CHUKWU** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABAH LINUS CHUKWU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

NGBEDE
I, formerly known as **NGBEDE MATHIAS BABA** now wish to be called and addressed as **NGBEDE MATHIAS**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ELEY
I, formerly known as **IORNODO VICTOR** now wish to be called and addressed as **ELEY ABRAHAM**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ABUH
I, formerly known as **ABDUL HASSAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABUH HASSAN, MY CORRECT D.O.B 05/12/1987**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ONYEUGBO
I, formerly known as **UZOR EMMANUELLA KELECHI** now wish to be called and addressed as **ONYEUGBO EMMANUELLA KELECHI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SANI
I, formerly known as **JOSEPH BAKO SMART** now wish to be called and addressed as **SANI RABO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

FRIDAY
I, formerly known as **FRIDAY TIMOTHY THIAGO**, now wish to be called and addressed as **FRIDAY AGYELODA TIMOTHY**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MERCY
I, formerly known as **MERCY PALGUN FRANCIS** now wish to be called and addressed as **MERCY IKECHUKWU AGBO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

OFFOING
I, formerly known as **RITA NKOYO OFFOING, WRONG D.O.B 07/11/1999** now wish to be called and addressed as **OFFOING NKOYO ASUQWO, CORRECT D.O.B 07/11/2000**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ANJORIN
I, formerly known as **OLATUNJI RUTH OLUWAFUNSO** now wish to be called and addressed as **ANJORIN RUTH OLUWAFUNSO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

CORRECTION OF D.O.B ON MY NIN
AWASE KINEWUA MOSES BORN 10/9/1993. WRONGLY CAPTURED ON MY NIN AS 1991. MY CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH IS 10/9/1993. PLEASE NIN MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE.

CHIANGI
I, formerly known as **LUCIA AGONDO**. Now wish to be called and addressed as **CHIANGI LUCIA KWAGHNA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

HUSSAINI
I, formerly known as **HASSAN MARTHA**. Now wish to be called and addressed as **HUSSAINI MARTHA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

OKAFOR
I, formerly known as **PETER HOPE**. Now wish to be called and addressed as **OKAFOR AMOS HOPE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MUSA
I, formerly known as **MUSA MUHAMMED AMINU AND AMINU MUSA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUSA MUHAMMAD AMINU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ELEMOSHO
I, formerly known as **ELEMOSHO RILIWAN OLADIMEJI** now wish to be called and addressed as **ELEMOSHO RILIWAN AMOO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MUSA
I, formerly known as **ADAMU MUSA, USMAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUSA USMAN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME
I formerly known and addressed as **YAKUBU ABDULWAHAB O**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **YAKUBU ABDULWAHAB OMEIZA**. All former documents remains valid. Diamond/Access Bank plc. The general public, and to whom it may concern to take note.

EMEKA
I, formerly known as **SOLOMON FRANCIS** now wish to be called and addressed as **EMEKA SOLOMON FRANCIS**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

LAWAN
I, formerly known as **LAWAN ALIYU ABDULKARIM** now wish to be called and addressed as **LAWAN ALIYU ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

KAPEL
I, formerly known as **SHEDI HARUNA**. now wish to be called and addressed as **KAPEL SHEDI HARUNA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AUWAL
I, formerly known as **AUWAL SAMAILA**. now wish to be called and addressed as **AUWAL SAMAILA YUGUDA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

UMAR
I, formerly known as **UMAR ABDULLAHI**. now wish to be called and addressed as **UMAR ABDALLAH**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ABRAHAM
I, formerly known as **ISIYAKA JOY RASHIDAT** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABRAHAM RASHIDAT JOY**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SUNDAY
I, formerly known as **SUNDAY OZAVIZE PRECIOUS. WITH DATE OF BIRTH 21ST MARCH, 1991** now wish to be called and addressed as **SUNDAY ESTHER PRECIOUS. WITH DATE OF BIRTH 21ST MARCH, 1994**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

REMOVAL OF NAME
I, Formerly was **IBITOYE SAMUEL SHINA** and now wish to remove **SAMUEL** from my name, I can be called, known as **IBITOYE SHINA** first bank and general public.

ABRAHAM
I, formerly known as **ABRAHAM AJARA** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABRAHAM BLESSING** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MARY
I, formerly known as **MISS.SADIO MARY** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. MARY EMMANUEL**. All former documents remain valid. NYSC and General public should please take note.

OKUSAMI
I, formerly known as **MISS FAPOHUNDA ADESOLA OLUWASEY**. now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS OKUSAMI ADESOLA OLUWASEY**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ALIYU
I, formerly known as **KABIRU ALI DOB 13TH FEBRUARY 1991**. now wish to be called and addressed as **ALIYU KEBIRU JIBRIN DOB 8TH AUGUST 1997**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ADEYEMI
I, formerly known as **ADEYEMI PAUL** now wish to be called and addressed as **ADEYEMI PAUL OLUWATIMILEHIN ADEBAYO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

TOMIOLA
I, formerly known as **TOMIOLA ESTHER IWALAIYE**. now wish to be called and addressed as **TOMIOLA ESTHER ONUH**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ANOKE
I, formerly known as **ANOKE AUGUSTINE OGONNAYA, ANOKE AUGUSTINE OGONNAYA AND AUGUSTINE PASCAL ANOKE**. now wish to be called and addressed as **ANOKE AUGUSTINE OGONNAYA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

IDRIS
I, formerly known as **IDRIS HALIMAH. WITH DATE OF BIRTH 25TH MAY, 1993**. now wish to be called and addressed as **IDRIS HALIMAT SADIYA. WITH DATE OF BIRTH 25TH FEBRUARY, 1996**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

TOMBURA
I, formerly known as **TOMBUAR STELLA OMEH** now wish to be called and addressed as **TOMBURA STELLA OMEH**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

OCHE
I, formerly known as **OCHE PAULINA AGBO**. now wish to be called and addressed as **OCHE PAULINA OGWA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

TERWASE
I, formerly known as **AERSAA LYDIA** now wish to be called and addressed as **TERWASE LYDIA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

IORKYER
I, formerly known as **IORTYER DANIEL**. now wish to be called and addressed as **IORKYER DANIEL**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ADAMU
I, formerly known as **ADAMU J. HASSAN AND ADAMU KASHERE H.** now wish to be called and addressed as **ADAMU HASSAN KASHERE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ALIYU
I, formerly known as **SALE ALIYU**. now wish to be called and addressed as **ALIYU SALISU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

NENCHI
I, formerly known as **NENCHI JUDITH**. now wish to be called and addressed as **NENCHI JUDITH ANGER**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AKAMA
I, formerly known as **EBI MARIA AKAMA** now wish to be called and addressed as **AKAMA MARIA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MOSES
I, formerly known as **AGUDA SOLOMON**. now wish to be called and addressed as **MOSES SOLOMON**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

IRATI
I, formerly known as **IRATI AGO SAIDI**. now wish to be called and addressed as **IRATI SAIDI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

GOOD NEWS
I, formerly known as **GOOD NEWS PEACE SURNAME ETIM** now wish to be called and addressed as **FIRST NAME GOOD NEWS MIDDLE NAME PEACE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ELEMOSHO
I, formerly known as **SHEPHERD TAIWO ADEOLA**. now wish to be called and addressed as **ELEMOSHO TAIWO ADEOLA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

UCHENNA
I, formerly known as **MISS ENYINNA ONYEWAOMA NWANMA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. UCHENNA ONYEWAOMA NWANMA**. All former documents remain valid. Banks, schools, Nigeria Immigration Service, and the general public take note.

DAMISA
I, formerly known as **DAMISA OJO HABEEB** now wish to be called and addressed as **DAMISA OMEIZA HABEEB**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

HASHIRU
I, formerly known as **ABDU KAMFANI** now wish to be called and addressed as **HASHIRU ABDU MUNI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SULEIMAN
I, formerly known as **DAHIRU SULEIMAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **SULEIMAN DAHIRU ZANDAM**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ABUBAKAR
I, formerly known as **ABDULLAHI ABUBAKAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABUBAKAR EHANWO ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

HALIMA
I, formerly known as **HALIMA MUSA** now wish to be called and addressed as **HALIMA MOHAMMED MARAFIA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ADAMU
I, formerly known as **ALIYU ASEBE** now wish to be called and addressed as **ADAMU HABIBA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ZAKARI
I, formerly known as **ALIYU AISHA** now wish to be called and addressed as **ZAKARI SALAMATU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

OKOLIE
I, formerly known as **OKOLIE VICTOR OSAS** now wish to be called and addressed as **OKOLIE EMEKA VICTOR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

VIVIAN-HARRY
I, formerly known as **NKWONTAH VIVIAN AMAKA** now wish to be called and addressed as **VIVIAN-HARRY AMAKA MARTINS**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

YAZID
I, formerly known as **JUNAID ISHAQ YAZID** now wish to be called and addressed as **YAZID ISHAQ JUNAID**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

CYPRAIN
I, formerly known as **PRINCE CHIDI CYPRIAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **CYPRAIN PRINCE CHIDI PROMISE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

IFEANYI
I, formerly known as **IFEANYI ANYAKORAH** now wish to be called and addressed as **IFEANYI GODWIN ANYAKORAH**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

KAMSY
I, formerly known as **KAMSIYUCHUKWU JOSEPH NNAKEE** now wish to be called and addressed as **KAMSY JOSEPH ANYAKORAH**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SOMTOCHUKWU
I, formerly known as **SOMTOCHUKWU FAVOUR NNAKEE** now wish to be called and addressed as **SOMTOCHUKWU FAVOUR ANYAKORAH**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

CHIDERA
I, formerly known as **CHIDERA EMMANUEL NNAKEE** now wish to be called and addressed as **CHIDERA EMMANUEL ANYAKORAH**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

FATIMA
I, formerly known as **FATIMA ALIYU 27/05/1985** now wish to be called and addressed as **FATIMA ALIYU IBRAHIM2706/1985**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

YUSUF
I, formerly known as **WADA ALHAJI** now wish to be called and addressed as **YUSUF WADA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AHMAD
I, formerly known as **AHMAD ABDULLAHI SALAM 11/1991** now wish to be called and addressed as **AHMAD ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD 11/1997**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

RUKAYYATU
I, formerly known as **RUQAYYATU UMAR HARUNA** now wish to be called and addressed as **RUKAYYATU ISHAQ AHMAD**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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JULIET I, formerly known as JULIET STEPHEN now wish to be called and addressed as JULIET BOACHIE STEPHEN All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	SAMUEL I, formerly known as ESTHER SOLOMON . 07/11/1980, 15/06/1976 now wish to be called and addressed as SAMUEL ESTHER, MY CORRECT DOB IS 01/01/1981 . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	FARUK I, formerly known as TAOFEEK UMAR now wish to be called and addressed as FARUK TAOFEEK All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	INYANG I, formerly known as INYANG ESTHER ÉFIOANWAN O. , now wish to be called and addressed as INYANG ESTHER OKON All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	NGOZI I, formerly known as BLESSING NGOZI EMENIKE now wish to be called and addressed as NGOZI IKWUAGWU All documents bearing both names remain valid. General public should please take note.	OYISHADA I, formerly known as PRINCE AUGUSTINE OYISHADA now wish to be called and addressed as OYISHADA AUGUSTINE PRINCE . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.
BERNARD I, formerly known as OBUKOWHO BERNARD ONI OVOSA ODJUGO now wish to be called and addressed as BERNARD OBUKOWHO ODJUGO All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	OKOLOJI I, formerly known as NWUDE EUNICE IFY now wish to be called and addressed as OKOLOJI EUNICE IFEYINWA All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	LINUS I, formerly known as NWITE ANAMELECHI now wish to be called and addressed as LINUS ANAMELECHI KELECHI All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	BALA I, formerly known as BALA BALA ABDULLAHI now wish to be called and addressed as BALA ABDULLAHI DOLE . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	KENNETH I, formerly known as ORJI AKARAKA DESTINY now wish to be called and addressed as KENNETH AKARAKA DESTINY All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	ADADU I, formerly known as ADADU ALICE AKPANA now wish to be called and addressed as ADADU ALICE AKPANA PAULINA All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.
LADAN I, formerly known as MUKHTAR YABO now wish to be called and addressed as LADAN MUHAMMADU All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	JULIET I, formerly known as KAFANCHAN USMAN JULIETTE now wish to be called and addressed as JULIET USMAN All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	ABBAH I, formerly known as SULEIMAN ABBA now wish to be called and addressed as ABBAH EMMANUEL All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	KALU I, formerly known as KALU EMMANUEL now wish to be called and addressed as KALU EMMANUEL IRERE All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	IDRIS I, formerly known as IDRIS NURUDEEN now wish to be called and addressed as IDRIS GANA NURUDEEN All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	NGALIBI I, formerly known as NGALIBI DINASON now wish to be called and addressed as NGALIBI MARKUS DINASON All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.
BOKOSSA I, formerly known as MISS. FAITH GODPOWER ODUKPOR now wish to be called and addressed as MRS. BOKOSSA, FAITH ROMAIN . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	ADDITION OF NAME That during the registration of my bank, I used the name SULEMAN MAHAMMED . That I now wish to add DOGO DOGO to my names. That I now wish to be known called and addressed as SULEMAN MAHAMMED DOGO DOGO . All documents bearing my former name remain valid general public should take note.	ADDITION OF NAME That during the registration of my Bank Verification Number I used my name as DEELE LETE instead of DEELE LETE FINE . That I now wish to add FINE to my name. That my full and correct name is DEELE LETE FINE . All documents bearing my former name remain valid general public should take note.	RE-ARRANGEMENT OF NAME ON BVN That during the registration of the Bank Verification Number my name was wrongly arranged as ABIEY GIBSON-TAMUNOBARA instead of GIBSON, TAMUNOBARA ABIEY . That my correct name is GIBSON, TAMUNOBARA ABIEY as reflected on my National Identification Slip. All documents bearing my former name remain valid general public should take note.	EZE I, formerly known as EZE FRANSICA NGOZI now wish to be called and addressed as EZE FRANCISCA All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	OBENE I, formerly known as OBINNA OGBENE now wish to be called and addressed as OBGBENE OBINNA PAUL All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.
SIMEON I, formerly known as SUOYO ODIGIRI KENIKE now wish to be called and addressed as SIMEON SUOYO JONAH . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	OWUKORI I, formerly known as MISS. IKPAKI AKUROSEOKIKA AFRICANUS . now wish to be called and addressed as MRS. OWUKORI AKUROSEOKIKA DAVIES . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	ANYANWU I, formerly known as MISS. OKOLI OBIANUJU RACHAEL . now wish to be called and addressed as MRS. ANYANWU OBIANUJU RACHAEL . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	LEMCHEKUWU I, formerly known as OKUPUKPARA JONATHAN I. now wish to be called and addressed as LEMCHEKUWU JONATHAN OKUPUKPARA . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	OZIOMA I, formerly known as MISS. IFEANYICHUKWU OZIOMA . now wish to be called and addressed as MRS. OZIOMA UDEME FRED All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	CORRECTION OF NAME That during the enrollment of my name on Bank Verification Number and on my UBA account, my name was wrongly captured as NWAKAMACHU FOMI instead of JOHN-CHU STEVEN FOMI . That my correct name is JOHN-CHU STEVEN FOMI . All documents bearing my former name remain valid general public should take note.
CORRECTION OF NAME That during the enrollment of my Bank Verification Number, my name was wrongly written as FEMOR JORDAN instead of JORDAN IFIEMI FESTUS . That my correct name is JORDAN IFIEMI FESTUS . All documents bearing my former name remain valid general public should take note.	YUSUF I, formerly known as OLUWAFEMI ADEBAYO JOHN now wish to be called and addressed as YUSUF, SIKIRU OLUWAFEMI . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	PRINCELY I, formerly known as PRINCELY AYIBADOUBA PELE now wish to be called and addressed as PRINCELY AYIBADOUBA SAMUEL . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	ADDITION OF NAME That I was formally known called and addressed as GODSAVE CHRISTOPHER . That I now wish to add DASHANG to my name. That I now wish to be known called and addressed as DASHANG GODSAVE CHRISTOPHER . All documents bearing my former name remain valid general public should take note.	OKPARA I, formerly known as MRS. NNANI IJEOMA HANNAH . now wish to be called and addressed as OKPARA IJEOMA HANNAH . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	RE-ARRANGEMENT OF NAME That during the registration of the Bank Verification Number my name was wrongly arranged as EMMANUEL AKPAN ASUQUO instead of ASUQUO, EMMANUEL AKPAN and 26th of April, 1994 . All documents bearing my former name and date of remain valid general public should take note.
EMMANUEL I, formerly known as EMMANUEL CHIBUIKE OBINNA now wish to be called and addressed as EMMANUEL CHIBUIKE ACHUGA . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	CASSANDRA I, formerly known as CASSANDRA CHIKA OKAFOR . now wish to be called and addressed as CASSANDRA VICTOR NNANG . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	PRINCESS I, formerly known as MISS. PRINCESS OGECHI ONYEBUENYI . now wish to be called and addressed as MRS. PRINCESS OGECHI PRINCEWILL . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	REMOVAL OF NAME That during the opening of my Bank Account my name was wrongly written as KALU GIFT JOY instead of KALU GIFT . That I now wish to remove JOY from my name. That my correct name and date of birth is KALU GIFT and 16th day of July, 1993 . All documents bearing my former name and date of birth remains valid general public should take note.	ADDITION OF NAME That on my Bank Verification Number my name appears as BASSEY FAVOUR . That I now wish to add ETIM to my name. That my full and correct name is BASSEY FAVOUR ETIM . All documents bearing my former name remain valid general public should take note.	NWAMMADU I, formerly known as ANTHONY PRINCE CHIMA . now wish to be called and addressed as NWAMMADU PRINCE CHIMA . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.
OPARAUGO I, formerly known as OPARAUGO PEACE now wish to be called and addressed as OPARAUGO PEACE UDO . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	CORRECTION OF NAME ON MY NATIONAL EXAMINATION COUNCIL (NECO) CERTIFICATE I, JKIEL BRIGHT UCHECHUKWU , stated that my name was erroneously written on my NATIONAL EXAMINATION COUNCIL (NECO) CERTIFICATE as JOCKIEL BRIGHT instead of JKIEL BRIGHT UCHECHUKWU . That my correct name is JKIEL BRIGHT UCHECHUKWU hence this publication. That this publication is for record and official purposes and to notify all relevant authorities concerned. General public should take note.	OKECHUKWU I, formerly known as JOHN PROGRESS YETU now wish to be called and address as OKECHUKWU PROGRESS NANBET . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	TSENTOP I, formerly known as TSENTOP AKILA . now wish to be called and addressed as TSENTOP AKILA NYIKUN . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	ANTYEV I, formerly known as KUCHIN SHARON . now wish to be called and addressed as ANTYEV MLUMUN SHALOM . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	ADAMU I, formerly known as LAMAN RAHAMA UMARU . now wish to be called and addressed as ADAMU RAHAMA MUHAMMAD . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.
ABASS I, formerly known as ABASS RAIMOT FOLASHADE now wish to be called and addressed as ABASS RAHEEMAT IBIWUNMI . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	FATIMAH I, formerly known as FATIMA MOHAMMED now wish to be called and addressed as FATIMAH MOHAMMED JIBRIN . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	OKORIE I, formerly known as NZERIBE CELINE NDIDI now wish to be called and addressed as OKORIE CELINE NDIDI NZERIBE . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	WISDOM I, formerly known, called and addressed as MINI WISDOM KEMBUOWHOKPO and ONUOMACHIOKIKE N KEM B O U W H O R C H I O K I K E G O DLYWISDOM , now wish to be known, called and addressed as WISDOM KEMBUOWHOKPO EMMANUEL . All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.	ABDULFATAH I, formerly known as MISS. ABDULWAHAB SULIYAT now wish to be called and addressed as MRS. ABDULFATAH SULIYAT FOLASHADE . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	COMFORT I, formerly known as COMFORT ZIMENE now wish to be called and addressed as COMFORT EKIMININADE OMAME . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.
AMARACHI I, formerly known as MISS. AMARACHI PRISCA ANUMAH now wish to be called and addressed as MRS. AMARACHI PRISCA UZONWANNE . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	MBEBENG I, formerly known as MISS. AKPAN BLESSING EMMANUEL now wish to be called and addressed as MRS. MBEBENG BLESSING CLEMENT . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	IWUCHUKWU I, formerly known as IWUCHUKWU UGOCHI PAULINE now wish to be called and addressed as IWUCHUKWU UGOCHI FAVOUR . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	ONYEZIRIMUZO I, formerly known as GODWIN CHIGEMEZU FAITH now wish to be called and addressed as ONYEZIRIMUZO CHIGEMEZU FAITH . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	BASHIR I, formerly known as BABANGIDA BALA ISHAQ now wish to be called and addressed as BASHIR ABUBAKAR BELLO . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	WOBO I, formerly known as WOBO EME HABEMEM now wish to be called and addressed as WOBO EME PRINCE . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.
ADDITION OF NAME I, wish to make this addition of middle name to my BVN. That my full name is NJOKU BLESSING NGOZI , while on my BVN it is captured as NJOKU BLESSING . That my BVN should now bear NJOKU BLESSING NGOZI . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	ONOH I, formerly known as EMELE OGUCHUKWU BLESSING now wish to be called and addressed as ONOH. OGUCHUKWU BLESSING . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	JONATHAN I, formerly known as USEN. JONATHAN LOVETH now wish to be called and addressed as JONATHAN LOVETH USEN . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	CORRECTION OF NAME That on my national identity card my name was wrongly captured as PAUL CHIKEZE EMMANUEL . That I was born 2nd day of February, 1992 that on my national identity card my date of birth was wrongly written as 2nd day of February 1984 instead of 2nd day of February 1992 . That I am confirming that my correct name and date of birth is PAUL CHIKEZE EMMANUEL and 2nd day of February 1992 .	MERCY I, formerly known as MERCY OMOLU now wish to be called and addressed as MERCY AKINDEJOYE . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	IWUOHA I, formerly known as MISS. UGWA NKEM TESSY . now wish to be called and addressed as MRS. IWUOHA THERESA . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.
SAFIYA I, formerly known as SAFIYA ABUBAKAR now wish to be called and addressed as SAFIYA ABUBAKAR TAMBUWAL . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	AISHA I, formerly known as AMEDU AISHAT OCHUWA now wish to be called and addressed as AISHA ABDULAZEEZ . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	MUHAMMAD I, formerly known as FUNTUA RAISING STARS now wish to be called and addressed as MUHAMMAD ABDULLAHI . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	GRACE I, formerly known as GRACE MODUPE OGUNGBEMI now wish to be called and addressed as MRS. GRACE MODUPE OTEPOLA . All former documents remain valid. Zenith Registrars, Guineas Nig plc, Union Bank Nig Plc and general public take note.	PHILIP I, formerly known as KALIO IBITAMUNO PHILIP JEREMIAH now wish to be called and addressed as PHILIP JEREMIAH . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	AUSTINE - EUGENE I, formerly known as MISS. UGBOR MARY CHIZARAM now wish to be called and addressed as MRS. AUSTINE - EUGENE MARY CHIZARAM . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.
ENO I, formerly known as ENO ETUK-BASSEY now wish to be called and addressed as ENO EDOGHOTU . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	KHADIJA I, formerly known as HADIZA ISHAKU now wish to be called and addressed as KHADIJA ISHAKU . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	ABUBAKAR I, formerly known as ABUBAKAR ALIYU now wish to be called and addressed as ABUBAKAR M. ALIYU . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	OMOHA I, formerly known as OMOHA AMARACHI now wish to be called and addressed as OMOHA AMARACHI GRACE. MY CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH IS 21/05/1998 NOT 21/04/1998 . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	RACHEL I, formerly known as RACHEAL OJOCHEGBE ADEMU now wish to be called and addressed as RACHEL OJOCHEGBE SIMON . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	JOHN I, Formerly known and addressed as UMAR ASENETU GLORY now wish to be known and addressed as JOHN GLORY EDWARD . All former documents remain valid. General public take note.
ROSE I, formerly known as MISS. ROSE PETER . now wish to be called and addressed as MRS. ROSE JOHNSON . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	AKOZA I, formerly known as OBADIAH INNOCENT . DOB: 01/01/1990. now wish to be called and addressed as AKOZA OBADIAH INNOCENT . DOB: 21/08/1997. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	CONFIRMATION OF NAME This is to confirm that OMOLAYO OLADUNJOYE and OLUWASEUN OMOLAYO OLADUNJOYE belong to one and same person. Now wish to be known and addressed as OLUWASEUN OMOLAYO OLADUNJOYE . All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.	MUSA I, formerly known as MUSA VAHA now wish to be called and addressed as MUSA ZIRA . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	VICTORIA I, formerly known as VICTORIA JOHN ZIRA now wish to be called and addressed as VICTORIA JOHN . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	AMUDO I, formerly known as UDNEY AMACHI now wish to be called and addressed as AMUDO AMACHI . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.
YAKUBU I, formerly known as YAKUBU MOSES . now wish to be called and addressed as YAKUBU MOSES ALFRED . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	IDI I, formerly known as AMINU IDI AHMADU . now wish to be called and addressed as IDI AMINU . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	ZAINAB I, formerly known as FATIMA SAIDU . now wish to be called and addressed as ZAINAB MOHAMMED . All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.	OKACHE I, formerly known and addressed as OKACHE, ISAAC EJE , now wish to be known and addressed as OKACHE, VICTOR EJE . All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.	BRODRICK I, formerly known and addressed as MISS. CHISAOKWU EMESIOBI and MRS. CHISAOKWU ODAGWE , now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. BRODRICK	

OBASI
I, formerly known and addressed as **ASIMONYE AUGUSTINE ZELUWA** now wish to be known and addressed as **OBASI ZELUWA ASIMONYE**. All former documents remain valid Banks and general public take note.

MUHAMMED
I, formerly known as **MUHAMMED ISA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMED ISA**. My correct DOB is **2ND JANUARY, 1968** not **18TH JULY, 1978**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

REMOVAL OF NAME
I, formerly known as **KENNETH IEMBER JOY, WRONG D.O.B: 23/10/2000** now wish to be called and addressed as **KENNETH JOY, D.O.B: 23/10/2002**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ADEJUYIGBE
I, formerly known and addressed as **OLUWASANMI ADEOTI OMOLOLA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS ADEJUYIGBE ADEOTI OMOLOLA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

IDRIS
I, formerly known as **BUHARI MOHAMMED** now wish to be called and addressed as **IDRIS ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ISA
I, formerly known as **ISA SULEIMAN**, now wish to be called and addressed as **ISA SULEIMAN DANFULANI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME
I, Sat for my West African Examination Council (WAEC) with candidate No.15841140, certificate No.0130124. My name was wrongly written as **EJIOFOR EBERE LEONARD**, instead of **EJIOFOR EBELE LEONARD**. My correct Name is **EJIOFOR EBELE LEONARD**. All former documents remain valid Banks and general public take note.

OKECHUKWU
I, formerly known as **AMADI FRANK BLESSING** now wish to be called and addressed as **OKECHUKWU BLESSING**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should take note.

MADU
I, formerly known and addressed as **MARYJANE ADAKU MADU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MADU ROSEMARY ADAKU**. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

NWABUEZE
I, formerly known and addressed as **NWABUEZE THANKGOD KELECHI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **NWABUEZE THANKGOD CHUKWUEBUKA**. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

ENO
I, formerly known as **MISS. AARON ENO BENJAMIN** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. ENO PETER ONYEKA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

JAFAR
I, formerly known as **JAFAR MATO** now wish to be called and addressed as **JAFAR MATO UMAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

BISALLAH
I, formerly known as **MUHAMMED BISALLAH** now wish to be called and addressed as **BISALLAH MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

YAHAYA
I, formerly known as **HAMZA YAHAYA IBRAHIM** now wish to be called and addressed as **HAMZA YAHAYA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

UZOMA
I, formerly known as **MISS ORI UZOMA GIFT**, now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS UZOMA GIFT OKORO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

AUWAL
I, formerly known as **AUWAL ABDULKADIR ZANGO** now wish to be called and addressed as **AUWAL ABDULKADIR ZANGO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ALIYU
I, formerly known as **ALIYU ABUBAKAR**, now wish to be called and addressed as **ALIYU MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ALIYU
I, formerly known as **ALIYU MOHAMMED MUKHTAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **ALIYU MUHAMMED KULHO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ODIGIE
I, formerly known as **ESTHER KELECHI NWAIKWE** now wish to be called and addressed as **ODIGIE ESTHER KELECHI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

CHINEKEOKWU
I, formerly known as **CHINEOKWU ERNEST MADUKA** now wish to be called and addressed as **CHINEKEOKWU ERNEST MADUKA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MOHAMMED
I, formerly known as **IBRAHIM SHAIBU, D.O.B: 01/01/1970** now wish to be called and addressed as **MOHAMMED SHUAIBU, D.O.B: 16 / 02 / 1983**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AMINA
I, formerly known as **FOLASHADE SOLOMON** now wish to be called and addressed as **AMINA MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ADDITION OF NAME
I, formerly known as **DICKSON OMOGBAI** now wish to be called and addressed as **ISAH DICKSON OMOGBAI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

EZE
I, formerly known as **MISS ANYIM JULIANA CHIDERA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS EZE JOHN OGOBUCHI JULIANA CHIDERA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

MUAZU
I, formerly known as **MUAZU ALIYU**, now wish to be called and addressed as **MUAZU BABANGIDA ALIYU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MAZAWOJE
I, formerly known as **MAZAWOJE ALHAJI BALA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MAZAWOJE AHMED BALA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MOHAMMED
I, formerly known as **ADAMU HAWAWU** now wish to be called and addressed as **MOHAMMED FATIMA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AUGUSTINE
I, formerly known as **AUGUSTINE FRED OGAH** now wish to be called and addressed as **AUGUSTINE FRED ISAH**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

OKWUDIRICHUKWU
I, formerly known as **OKWUDIRICHUKWU I. ALAIKE** now wish to be called and addressed as **OKWUDIRICHUKWU ISRAEL ALAIKE**. Former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

AHANONU
I, formerly known and addressed as **OYEMIKE, JEOMA FAVOUR**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AHANONU, JEOMA PATIENCE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

OBI
I, formerly known and addressed as **OBI, EJIKE OLIVER**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OBI, PATRICK EJIKE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

MARIAM
I, formerly known as **MARIA LUKA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MARIAM ILIYA MAIWA AZI**. All former documents remain valid. Zenith Bank and General public should please take note.

AKINYEMI
I, formerly known as **AKINYEMI ADEJOLA OLWABUKOLA** now wish to be called and addressed as **AKINYEMI ADEJOLA OLWABUKOLA AIBINU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ISHAYA
I, formerly known as **ISHAYA RICHARD** now wish to be called and addressed as **ISHAYA MUSA RICHARD**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

DIVINE MEN CONTAINER OFFLOADERS ASSOCIATION

The General Public is Hereby Notified That The Above Named has Applied to Corporate Affairs Commission for Registration under Part "C" Of The Companies And Allied Matters Act,2020.

NAMES OF TRUSTEES

1. Oji Godwill
2. John-Nnadozie Goodluck Chidiebere
3. Nnadozie Onyemachi Chinonso
4. Kalu Kalu Agwu
5. Nnake Henry Obinwa
6. Arisa Moses Emenike
7. Iheatu Emmanuel Chibuzor

(Chairman)

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. Cater for welfare of container off-loaders and less privileged.

Any objection(s) to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

SIGNED: ORJI GODWILL (CHAIRMAN)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Arrangement of name in company and allied matter act,1990 Companies limited by shares memorandum of association of mimer & partners LTD.

Correct name is **ALBERT BUNDI SHALANGWA** Not as written in companies limited by shares as **BUNDI ALBERT SHALANGWA**

Address no.25 state **low-cost estate, adjacent State low-cost divisional police, gombe, gombe State.**

PROF. EGONDU'S BREAST CANCER ADVOCACY FOUNDATION

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE ABOVE NAMED HAS APPLIED TO THE CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION FOR REGISTRATION UNDER PART "F" OF THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT (CAMA) 2020

NAMES OF TRUSTEES

1. PROF. DIVINE EGONDU ROSEMARY
2. EZIRIM EMMANUEL CHIDI
3. OGUGUA-OBIANYO NENE ELSIE
4. NWANKWO EBENEZER UZAMAKA
5. EZIRIM EDMUND ONYEKACHI
6. YUSUF DAISIM ENEKOLE IBROLA
7. DANGWARAM JAMES YUSUF

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. TO ADVOCATE FOR EARLY BREAST CANCER SCREENING AND DIAGNOSIS
2. TO ADVOCATE FOR EARLY DETECTION OF CANCER, TO ENSURE PROPER REFERRAL, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY.
3. TO FACILITATE TIMELY ACCESS TO PROVIDER, INCLUDING ACCESS TO TREATMENT, CARE, AND RECOVERY.
4. TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ABOUT WOMEN BREAST CANCER (AND OTHER CANCERS) TO WOMEN IN NIGERIA.
5. TO EDUCATE WOMEN ON HOW TO REDUCE THEIR RISK OF CANCER, INCLUDING THE LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY TABOOS, CULTURE, RELIGION AND OTHER BELIEFS SYSTEMS THAT PREDISPOSE THEM TOWARDS RISKY BEHAVIORS.
6. TO ENCOURAGE THEIR ACCESS TO FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND TRAINED PERSONNEL (TEAM) FOR ENGAGEMENT IN THE PROMOTION AND UTILIZATION OF REGULAR BREAST EXAMINATIONS (SCREENING).
7. TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPANTS TO ENGAGE IN VIRTUAL AND OR IN-PERSON CONVERSATIONS (OR SESSIONS) WITH BREAST (AND OTHER CANCER) SURVIVORS.
8. TO CAMPAIGN FOR AND PROVIDE BASIC SUPPORT SUCH AS RIDES AND MOBILE PHONE ACCESS WHEN AND WHERE NEEDED.
9. TO ORGANIZE, HOST, AND/OR PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES THAT PROMOTE WOMEN-CENTERED HEALTHCARE FOR NIGERIAN WOMEN.
10. TO SEEK FUNDING AND OTHER RESOURCE SUPPORT FOR CARRYING OUT THESE SERVICES

ANY OBJECTION TO THIS REGISTRATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION, PLOT 420 TIGRIS CRESCENT, OFF AGUIYI IRONSI STREET, MAITAMA, ABUJA WITHIN 28 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS PUBLICATION.

SIGNED: SECRETARY

CONTINENTAL BALLERS SOCIAL CLUB

The general public is hereby notified that the above named Association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission Abuja for registration under part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters Acts 1990.

NAMES OF TRUSTEES

1. UDO SAMUEL NWACHUKWU - CHAIRMAN
2. OBIUKWU IFEANYI EMMANUEL
3. UZOUKWU JOY AMARACHI
4. IKECHUKWU CHUKWUEBUKA TIMOTHY

(Chairman)

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To foster peace, unity and progress among its members.

Any objection(s) to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

SIGNED: CHAIRMAN

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE PROBATE DIVISION, BIRNIN KEBBI, KEBBI STATE

Whereas the person whose name is set out in the first column here under died date and place stated in the said column. Whereas the person whose address had claimed relationship with the said deceased is set in the second column here under has applied to the High Court of Justice for GRANT OF LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION of the personal property. Notice is hereby given that the said LETTER 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 Birnin Kebbi, within TWENTY ONE DAYS from the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE

NAME AND ADDRESS OF DECEASED LASISI SALAMI.

NYSC HEADQUARTER, ABUJA.

APPLICANT NAME AND ADDRESS.

SADIYA ABDULLAH.

TUDUNWADA AREA, ARGUNGU, KEBBI STATE. Who died on the 5TH OCTOBER, 2016.

Dated at Birnin Kebbi on the 13TH APRIL, 2022.

HUSSAINI ABDULLAH

Probate Registrar

ONYE CHUKWU GOZIRI FOUNDATION

This is to inform the general public that the above named has applied for Registration to the Corporate Affairs Commission under Part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 2020.

THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. MUSA YAKUBU - CHAIRMAN
2. YAKUBU REBECCA - SECRETARY
3. BULUS KWAGHE YAKUBU
4. JOHN IBRAHIM
5. ZIRA WILSON

THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To improve the livelihood of the people by providing different services free of charge, services as legal support, healthcare, humanitarian aid, human right activism.
2. To educate the people for adaption of the good norms of a good citizenship and to inculcate into the people's mind, ideal of national unity.

Any objection to the Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar general, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

SIGNED: SECRETARY

PACESSETTERS MENTORSHIP GOAL INITIATIVE

This is to inform the general public that the above named has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Abuja for Registration under part 'C' of Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.

TRUSTEES ARE:

1. Walil Monsuru
2. Akande Rotimi Olaotan
3. Ishola Suleiman Toyin
4. Isah Abubakar
5. Anugboba Sylvester Omhens
6. Zakariya Vwa
7. Imoh Onyenaturuchi Gloria

(Chairman)

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Loss Of Document

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public of the loss of original LETTER OF GRANT for Plot No. **908, RES/2018/4175** and **TP/K/215K** situated DAUSAYI GADAN in UNGOGO Local Government Kano belonging to one **JIBIREN BAUCHI "M"**. All efforts made to trace the said document proved abortive. If found please return to the relevant authority.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public of the loss of original LETTER OF GRANT for Plot No. **2979, RES/2020/2962** and **TP/K/215G** situated KUDIDIFAWA in UNGOGO Local Government Kano belonging to one **KABIRU A. ALFA "M"**. All efforts made to trace the said document proved abortive. If found please return to the relevant authority.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE **LOSS OF ORIGINAL CAC CERTIFICATE** WITH THE NAME **REALITY INVESTMENT & CONSULTING SERVICES LIMITED**, IN WHICH **RABI MUHAMMAD SHEHU** IS ONE OF THE DIRECTORS AND **HAYATU UMAR AMINU** AND **MADINA ABIDEMI LAWAL** ARE ALSO DIRECTORS OF THE SAID COMPANY, THE SAID CAC CERTIFICATE OF THE COMPANY REALITY INVESTMENT & CONSULTING SERVICES LIMITED WAS ISSUED BY MANAGEMENT ON **30/4/2013** AND GOT MISSING ON **15/1/2022** ALONG **ALKALI ROAD KADUNA, KADUNA STATE**.

ALL EFFORTS MADE TO TRACE THE SAID DOCUMENT HAVE PROVED ABORTIVE PLEASE IF FOUND RETURN TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION GENERAL PUBLIC PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

I, NOEL UGOCHUKWU, OF NO. **A71, GADO NASKO ROAD, 2/2, KUBWA ABUJA**, HEREBY INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE **LOSS OF MY ORIGINAL RIGHT OF OCCUPANCY (R OF O)** IN RESPECT OF PLOT NO. **2039 WITH FILE NO. KT 60031** MEASURING APPROXIMATELY **407,05SQM** AT **CADASTRAL ZONE F14 OF BAZANGO DISTRICT ABUJA, DATED 16/05/2011**, BEARING **ABDULLAHI JIBIR**.

THE SAID DOCUMENT GOT LOST ON **18TH FEBRUARY, 2022** WHILE I WAS ON TRANSIT WITHIN ABUJA.

ALL EFFORTS MADE TO TRACE THE MISSING DOCUMENT PROVED ABORTIVE. IF FOUND PLEASE CONTACT THE NEAREST POLICE STATION. CONCERNED AUTHORITIES AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the General public OF THE **LOSS OF ORIGINAL COPY OF CUSTOMARY RIGHT OF OCCUPANCY** WITH NO: **KAC/FCDA/LP & S/AD/121** AND **LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** WITH FILE NO: **AD121** AT **KANGO, KUJE** ISSUED TO HIM BY KUJE AREA COUNCIL FCT ABUJA IN FAVOUR OF **MUSA KADAF** GOT MISSING.

ALL EFFORT MADE TO TRACE THE SAID MISSING DOCUMENTS PROVED ABORTIVE. IF FOUND KINDLY RETURN TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION. GENERAL PUBLIC AND AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

SIGN: **ABUBAKAR BAKARI**.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public of the **loss of the original right of occupancy (R Of O)** in respect of plot no **482-B(I)** new plot no **3234** within **maitama A6 district centre** with file no **Misc 12503** grant in favour of **foukas caterers**.

All effort made to Trace the missing document proved abortive please if found kindly return to the nearest police station or land department.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

I, **Gideon C. Danladi**, Male, Christian, Nigerian Citizen, residing at **KUKWABA, Kubwa Abuja**. Which to inform the general Public that on **24th December 2018** while on transit within Kubwa Abuja, I discovered the **loss of my Right of Occupancy (R of O)** in respect of **Plot no. 857 situated at Chikakore (Byhazin) Kubwa Layout in Bwari Arewa Council Abuja measuring about 800 sqm. dated 19th February 2007**, bearing **Damilola Olagiji** issued by Federal Capital Territory Administration Urban & Regional Planing Dept. Bac Zonal Planning Office Abuja.

That all efforts made to trace the said above proved abortive. If found should please be returned to the nearest police station. General public should please take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public of the loss of Original Letter of Intent in respect of plot **No. 3, cadastral zone E19, karshi West Abuja** with file No. **MISC 108111**, date of offer **5/13/2015**, measuring approximately **331428.98m2** bearing **SNOTEC FACILITIES ENGINEERING LIMITED**. All efforts made to trace the said missing Original Land Document proved abortive.

If found, please return to the nearest police station. AGIS/Lands and general public should please take note.

ITESIWAJU OGBOMOSO PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

The General Public is hereby notified that the above named Foundation has applied for registration under part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act No. 1 of 1990.

NAMES OF TRUSTEES

1. SHOLA AYINDE - CHAIRMAN
2. SUNDAY ADAO - SECRETARY
3. JACOB ASA 4. ADABAY OYETUNDE 5. SUNDAY AFOLABI 6. OYEWALE OLADOKUN 7. MICHAEL OJO 8. MATTHEW AREMU 9. PA SAMUEL ALAGBE 10. ADENIYI ALAGBE 11. GABRIEL OYUNWOLA 12. SUNDAY OSADEYI 13. OLALEKAN OYEBODE 14. ELIJAH AJALA 15. MICHAEL ALABI 16. OLADUNNI ADEBAYO 17. SAMSON AMOLE 18. OLAWALE OLATUNJI 19. FEMI ONIFADE 20. KEHINDE ALAGBE 21. KEHINDE OYETUNDE 22. STEPHEN AKINWADE 23. OPEYEMI AYANWOLA 24. ISAIAH AKINWADE 25. JOHNSON OROLANA 26. ABAYOMI OLUGBODI 27. AJIBOYE SOLOMON 28. ADEYANU SAMUEL 29. BABATUNDE AKANDE 30. TIMOTHY IYANDA 31. KOLAWOLE ADEBAYO

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. TO UNITE MEMBERS THROUGH THEIR PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY PROGRAMS
2. TO DEVELOP THE IDEA OF ABILITY AND BETTER THINKING TO WORK FOR THE BETTERMENT OF COMMUNITY AND THE ASSOCIATION
3. TO ABOLISH THE DIFFERENCES AMONG INDIVIDUALS, DEVELOP SPIRIT OF COMMON INTEREST AND ALSO PARTICIPATE COLLECTIVELY IN COMMUNITY PROGRAMS
4. TO HELP MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION IN THEIR VARIOUS WORK WHEN THEY ARE IN NEEDS
5. TO ORGANIZE MEMBERS FOR THE PROMOTION AND PROGRESS OF OGBOMOSO COMMUNITY IN KUDENDA KADUNA
6. TO SHARE GOOD IDEA FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE MEMBERS PROGRESS IN KUDENDA KADUNA STATE
7. TO IDENTIFY AND ASSOCIATE WITH REPUTABLE OGBOMOSO COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND VILLAGE BODIES OR ASSOCIATIONS WITH SIMILAR OBJECTIVES, ASPIRATIONS AND GOALS

Any objection(s) to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

WOMAN ARISE AND SUPPORT THE VULNERABLE INITIATIVE

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE ABOVE NAMED HAS APPLIED TO THE CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION FOR REGISTRATION UNDER PART "F" OF THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT (CAMA) 2020

NAMES OF TRUSTEES

- 1) OBISUNG HEPHZIBAH OKON
- 2) OBISUNG EYOH OKON
- 3) OBISUNG ISAAC OKON

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. TO CARE AND SUPPORT WIDOWS AND THE VULNERABLE YOUTHS WITH HAND WORK OR VOCATIONAL SKILLS TO SUSTAIN THEMSELVES.
2. TO CARE AND SUPPORT THE LESS PRIVILEGED IN THE SOCIETY.

ANY OBJECTION TO THIS REGISTRATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION, PLOT 420 TIGRIS CRESCENT, OFF AGUIINYI IRONSI STREET, MAITAMA, ABUJA WITHIN 28 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS PUBLICATION.

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

How Much Should You Spend On A Bridal Shower Gift?

If your friend or family member is getting ready to walk down the aisle, you may have received an invitation to their bridal shower. A bridal shower is the perfect opportunity to celebrate the bride-to-be as they get ready for their upcoming nuptials. And typically, where there's a party, there's also the opportunity to give gifts. While attending a bridal shower for your BFF or your cousin is certainly a time to party, it can also be confusing for some guests. Do you have to bring a gift if you plan to attend? And how much? Opperman to get all the answers you need. Read on to find out how much you should be budgeting for a gift, along with other bridal shower gift etiquette and tips to keep in mind.

Bridal Shower Gift Etiquette

First thing's first, if you've received an invitation to a bridal shower, are you required to show up with a gift? In short, yes. Showing up empty-handed would be considered a faux pas. „According to traditional etiquette, you should purchase a gift when attending a bridal shower,“ says Opperman. „The only time you should not bring something is if the bride-to-be requested no presents.“

But what if you received an invitation and you're unable to attend the shower? This is where the gift-giving options differ. „It is customary to send something still even if you do not attend the shower,“ says Opperman. „That being said, you are not obligated to send a shower gift. If you're not able to be there in person, consider sending a handwritten card sharing your well wishes and excitement for the couple or bride-to-be.

How Much to Spend on a Bridal Shower Gift

Navigating the options for bridal shower gifts can be tricky, but there are a few tips to help guide you. According to Opperman, bridal shower gifts tend to be less expensive than wedding gifts. „Many people spend around \$50 to \$75, whereas closer friends and family may spend upwards of \$100,“ she says. „However, the amount you want to spend is up to you.“

It's important to consider that there are no set rules for gift-giving when it comes to bridal shower gifts, and items can certainly range in price. Another important factor to consider? Keep your own budget in mind with your choice of gift. Chances are, you'll be wrapping up a wedding gift as well, so finding a balance between the two may be helpful. You may choose to give a smaller, less expensive gift for the shower if you're planning to select a pricier wedding gift from the couple's registry.

Overall, what's most important is finding something meaningful or useful to celebrate your friend or family member's upcoming wedding. „The bride-to-be will appreciate anything you give her,“ adds Opperman.

Bridal Shower Gift Tips

If you're stuck on what exactly to give as a bridal shower gift, the options certainly range in price point. In addition, some bridal shower gifts may be more personal for the bride as opposed to gifts chosen from a registry.

If the bridal shower has a specific theme (which is often listed on the invitation) it will give you a jumping-off point for your gift. A lingerie shower will offer a fun opportunity to wrap up lingerie or sleepwear, whereas the invitation for a „Stock the Bar“ shower may request wine, spirits, and other barware to fill out the couple's home bar. A spa or self-care-themed shower may be the perfect opportunity to gift a set of luxurious bath bombs or a cozy robe.

If there's no theme, then stick to useful items, whether that be for the home, for pampering, or even something for the bride to utilize on their wedding day such as a personalized hanger or makeup bag. And if all else fails, look to the registry. „Most couples set up a wedding registry, which makes it easier as you can choose the gift from there,“ says Opperman. Remember, it's there for a reason! Items from the registry such as fine china, glassware, and towels always make great gifts to celebrate the upcoming big day.

By **Molly Allen**

Culled From: <https://www.brides.com/how-much-to-spend-on-bridal-shower-gift-5216172>

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT, 2020
MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY WINDING-UP
NOTICE OF FINAL MEETING
OF
DIRECTIONAL WIRELINE ENGINEERING SERVICES NIGERIA LIMITED RC 209592
(Pursuant to Section 631 of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 2020)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the final meeting of Directional Wireline Engineering Services Nigeria Limited ("the Company") will be held at 119, Corporation Drive, Dolphin Estate, Ikor, Lagos on 13th April, 2022 at 10 am, for the purpose of laying before such meeting, the final accounts of the Company and giving any explanation thereof.

Dated on the 13th day of April, 2022.

Albert Olanlaiye
Liquidator

24/2/2022. Olanlaiye George Nigeria Limited
Regd. No. 33087. Particulars of Liquidator
Signature: Albert Olanlaiye
Signature: Albert Olanlaiye

PUBLIC NOTICE

ARC MUSLIM COMMUNITY GIRI

The general public is hereby informed that the above named organization has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission, Abuja for registration under Part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act of 1990.

THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. DR. NASIR FAGGE ISA (CHAIRMAN)
2. PROF. MUHAMMED MUTTAKA USMAN (SECRETARY)
3. PROF. SULEIMAN D. ABDUL (MEMBER)

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To facilitate the building of a Mosque to ease the observance of daily prayers especially during harsh weather at the ASUU Researcher's Chalet, University of Abuja.

ANY OBJECTION TO THE REGISTRATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL OF THE CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION, PLOT 420 TIGRIS CRESCENT, OFF AGUIYI IRONSI STREET, MAITAMA, ABUJA WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION.

SIGNED
SECRETARY

THE GOD OF GLORY MISSION & OUTREACH MINISTRY

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE ABOVE NAMED HAS APPLIED TO THE CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION (CAC), ABUJA FOR REGISTRATION UNDER PART 'C' OF COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT, 1990.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NAMES & DESIGNATION:

1. UDOBI ANSELEM UZOMA	- CHAIRMAN
2. ALU ALUKULU INNOCENT	- SECRETARY
3. ANDREW AGNES TRIZHEIK	- TREASURER
4. VICTORIA UDOBI	- MEMBER
5. DR. ONUMINYA PETER OYINU	- MEMBER
6. VICTORIA EDOKA	- MEMBER
7. CHUKWUMA ALOYSIUS	- MEMBER

AIM AND OBJECTIVE:

1. SEEKING THE LOST (SOUL WINNING)
2. SETTING THE CAPTIVES FREE (DELIVERANCE)
3. TO ENGAGE IN EVANGELISM, CONDUCT SEMINARS AND OUTREACHES.

ANY OBJECTION TO THIS REGISTRATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION, PLOT 420, TIGRIS CRESCENT, OFF AGUIYI IRONSI STREET, P.M.B 198, MAITAMA, ABUJA WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION.

SIGNED: SECRETARY

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE PROBATE DIVISION, BIRNIN KEBBI, KEBBI STATE

Whereas the person whose name is set out in the first column here under died date and place stated in the said column. Whereas the person whose address had claimed relationship with the said deceased is set in the second column here under has applied to the High Court of Justice for GRANT OF LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION of the personal property. Notice is hereby given that the said LETTER 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 Birnin Kebbi, within TWENTY ONE DAYS from the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE

NAME AND ADDRESS OF DECEASED NASIRU SANI

NIGERIA POLICE FORCE, KEBBI STATE COMMAND

APPLICANT NAME AND ADDRESS ABDULWAHAB NASIRU (MINOR), LABIRU SANI (GUARDIAN).

NIGERIA POLICE FORCE, KEBBI STATE. Who died on the 15TH MARCH, 2022.

Dated at Birnin Kebbi on the 13TH APRIL, 2022.

HUSSAINI ABDULLAHI
Probate Registrar

PUBLIC NOTICE FROM BAUCHI COMMAND, SUPOL 'A' DIVISION, BAUCHI.

This is to inform the general public that a red Sharon vehicle with CHASSIS NO; WVVZZZMZTB803172 has been abandoned in Area Mine, Bishi Out Station, for more than two years.

Anyone who has information about the ownership of the vehicle should please contact SUPOL 'A' Division, Bauchi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW NATIONS BAPTIST CHURCH
1A, ADERIBIGBE SHITTA STREET, MARYLAND, IKEJA LAGOS

CHANGE OF MEMBERS OF BOARD OF TRSUTEES

THE ABOVE NAMED CHURCH WISH TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF A CHANGE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AS BELOW:

THE OLD MEMBERS ARE:
1. LATE DR. ADENIYI AMOLE
2. LATE MR. MAX OMICINTIN
3. MRS. YINKA OLUWOLE
4. DR. ELIZABETH A. DISU
5. REV. SAMSON OLUBUKOLA ABIMBOLA
NEW MEMBERS INCLUDE:
1. PROF. ELIZABETH A. DISU
2. MR. AYO AKINBOBOYE
3. MRS. OLUFUNMILAYO ANDE
4. MRS. ENIOLA EYESAN
5. REV. DR. SAMSON OLUBUKOLA ABIMBOLA

ANY OBJECTION TO THIS CHANGE SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION, PLOT 420, TIGRIS CRESCENT, OFF AGUIYI IRONSI STREET, P.M.B 198, MAITAMA, ABUJA WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION.

SIGNED: PROF. MRS ELIZABETH A. DISU - CHARMAN BOT

PUBLIC NOTICE

INTERNATIONAL MARKETING PROMOTIONAL SERVICES LIMITED
RC 372644
COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT 2020
PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES
INTERNATIONAL MARKETING PROMOTIONAL SERVICES LIMITED
(ON VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

NOTICE OF FINAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to section 631(2) of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 2020, the Final General Meeting of the Above mentioned Company, will be held at 18, Oladogba Street, Off Love All Street, Ikor-Ketu, Lagos, on the 20th of May 2022, at 10 am, for the purpose of laying before such meeting, the final Accounts of the Company and giving any explanation thereof.

Note: A member of the Company is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him, a proxy need not be a member of the Company.

Dated this 13th day of April 2022.

IGNATIUS OKAFOR
LIQUIDATOR

MONICA JOSHUA FOUNDATION

The general public is hereby notified that the above named Ministry has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission, Abuja for Registration under part "F" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act No. 1 of 2020.

THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. Japheth Joshua.
2. Monica Joshua.
3. Kefas Joseph Royalty

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

- a) To provide nourishing meal to every undernourished and hungry children regardless their ethnicity, race and religion.
- b) To assist mothers who cannot afford to feed their children.
- c) To eradicate poverty in the lives of children.

Any objection to the Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

SIGNED: SECRETARY

CORNERSTONE APOSTOLIC NETWORK INT'L

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE ABOVE NAMED HAS APPLIED TO THE CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION FOR REGISTRATION UNDER PART "F" OF THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT (CAMA) 2020

NAMES OF TRUSTEES

1) ALIKU BENEDICT JOSEPH	-Chairman
2) CHRISTIANA BENEDICT ALIKU	-Secretary
3) STEPHEN ENEOJO ITODO	- Member
4) AGU ATARI NATHANIEL	- Member
5) DANIEL EGBUNU	- Member

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To teach the Apostolic doctrine of our Lord Jesus.
2. To network believers in Christ to achieve the great commission.
3. To build believers in Christ into maturity.

Any objection to the Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420 Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

SIGNED: CHRISTIANA BENEDICT ALIKU
SECRETARY

FOUNTAIN OF MERCY DELIVERANCE PRAYER MINISTRIES

The general public is hereby notified that the above named organization has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) Abuja for registration under Part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act (CAMA) 2020 as amended.

NAMES OF TRUSTEES

1) OKOLI ANTHONY CHINWEE	- CHAIRMAN
2) OHAIDIO SAINTMAGNUS CHIKAEDE	- SECRETARY
3) EMIDI JOSEPHINE NNEKA	- MEMBER
4) OKOLI FAVOUR EMEKA	- MEMBER
5) ANYALEBECHI SAMUEL OKWUCHUKWU	- MEMBER

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 1) To propagate the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 2) To pray for the peace of Nigeria, the world, government and the leaders.
- 3) To organize and hold christians and ministerial conferences, seminars, workshops and crusades.
- 4) To train young Christians, license and ordain as many as are called by God into His evangelical service.
- 5) To advance the gospel through the mass and social media.

Any objection(s) to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

SIGNED: SECRETARY

PUBLIC NOTICE

ALH. ABDULWAHAB JUMARE MEMOTA FOUNDATION
C/0 24/2/2022, PLOT 420, TIGRIS CRESCENT, OFF AGUIYI IRONSI STREET, MAITAMA, ABUJA, NIGERIA
Tel: 08034527537

Date: 12/04/2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

ALH. ABDULWAHAB JUMARE MEMOTA FOUNDATION

The above named Society has applied for the Removal and Appointment of New Trustees with Corporate Affairs Commission, Abuja under Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990 Part "C"

THE OLD TRUSTEES ARE:

1. MOHAMMED ABDULKAREEM BASHIR	- RE-APPOINTED
2. ABUBAKAR NURU	- RE-APPOINTED
3. MOHAMMED SAIDU GAMBO	- REMOVED
4. UBA BELLO	- REMOVED
5. TANMIU ABUBAKAR	- REMOVED
6. YAHAYA MUHAMMAD	- REMOVED
7. BARKEE ABDULRAHEEM	- REMOVED
8. JUMARE HAMISU ABUBAKAR	- REMOVED
9. ABDULKAREEM SULEIMAN	- RE-APPOINTED
10. SULEIMAN MUSTAPHA	- RE-APPOINTED
11. JUMARE MUHAMMAD AMINU	- RE-APPOINTED

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THE REMOVED TRUSTEES ARE:

1. MOHAMMED SAIDU GAMBO	- REMOVED
2. UBA BELLO	- REMOVED
3. TANMIU ABUBAKAR	- REMOVED
4. YAHAYA MUHAMMAD	- REMOVED

REMOVED

ANY OBJECTION TO THE ABOVE SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION, ABUJA WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE RUFINA CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE ABOVE NAMED MINISTRY HAS APPLIED TO THE CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION, ABUJA FOR REGISTRATION UNDER PART "F" OF THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT NO. 1 OF 2020.

THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. ANOZIE RUFINA CHICHEDO
2. SIMDI KEVIN ONUORA
3. AWACHUO OJONUGWA BLESSINGS

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

TO CARE FOR THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN AND THE LESS PRIVILEGED

ANY OBJECTION TO THE REGISTRATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION, MAITAMA, ABUJA WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION.

SIGNED: SECRETARY

PUBLIC NOTICE

NATIONAL ONION PRODUCERS, PROCESSORS AND MARKETERS ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA
CAC/IT/NO.159001

THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NAMED HAS APPLIED TO THE CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION (CAC) ABUJA FOR



No. 28, Port Harcourt Crescent, Off Gimbiya Street, P.M.B 564, Area 11, Garki, Abuja,

NITDA, NASENI Partner To Implement NANONASENI Tech & CertVeri System



DG NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa handing photo book of the Agency's activities to EVC of NASENI, Prof. Mohammed Sani Haruna.

Empowered by section 6 of its enabling Act to regulate all information technology matters within the country and mandated to clear all Information Technology (IT) Projects in line with the policy objectives of the federal government towards maximising transparency and accountability in carrying out same by public institutions, the director general of National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) has given the nod to the collaboration request by the National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure (NASENI); seeking to implement the NANONASENI Technology and the NASENI CertVeri System in Nigeria.

The DG NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa, CCIE, who affirmed the Agency's readiness to collaborate with NASENI, commended the organisation for coming up with the two innovative solutions.

"So we are ready to work with you to support you in any way to make sure we achieve this because achieving this initiative to us is like helping

us also achieve our mandate. Anything you do to develop IT or strengthen the ecosystem translates to you helping us achieve our objective; So thank you very much".

While stressing professionalism as the watchword to getting the project underway, Inuwa described the initiatives as timely and called for immediate actions in its implementation.

According to the NITDA Boss, the proposed Special Purpose Vehicle, SPV company, known as NANONASENI and the NASENI CertVeri System, would lead to revenue generation for the country and boost the sector's contribution to the Nation's GDP, among other benefits.

He advised NASENI also to consider engaging the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), Association of Licensed Telecommunications Operators of Nigeria (ALTON), and other organizations who may have already indicated an interest in the technology as this would speed up the realization and acceptance of the creative works.

"They need to also join in conceptualising the initiative; this is important because we all want all critical stockholders to have a sense of belonging"

The DG, while assuring the team of NITDA's commitment to supporting the development of the projects, noted that it is in line with President Muhammadu Buhari's administration priority of diversifying the economy and stimulating creativity in Nigerians.

Inuwa lauded the Buhari administration, which he observed has initiated multiple initiatives that have challenged the status-quo and affected socio-economic activities and improved the livelihoods of millions of Nigerians.

Speaking earlier, the executive vice-chairman and chief executive officer of NASENI, Prof. Mohammed Sani Haruna, informed the DG that the agency intends to initiate, develop, test, and launch the NASENI CertVeri System, which he believes would allow the Federal Government to offer Nigerians professional and integrated certificate and

document verification services simultaneously anywhere, anytime, and whenever needed; particularly embassies across the globe.

Prof. Haruna explained that the system would provide integration between NASENI and selected Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) for relevant data sharing.

"The purpose of helping other organisations or institutions verify documents and authenticate them for persons in real-time is because it will deploy IoT to eliminate document faking and enhance credibility and authenticity."

While soliciting for collaboration with NITDA, the EVC said the mission is to critically engage on the needed solutions to problems of internet fraud, cybercrimes, terrorism attacks, insecurity, and certificate forgeries; matters he noted have been challenging, not only in Nigeria but nations around the world.

He expressed the hope that the collaboration, as with others to be forged, would be instrumental in implementing the two projects.

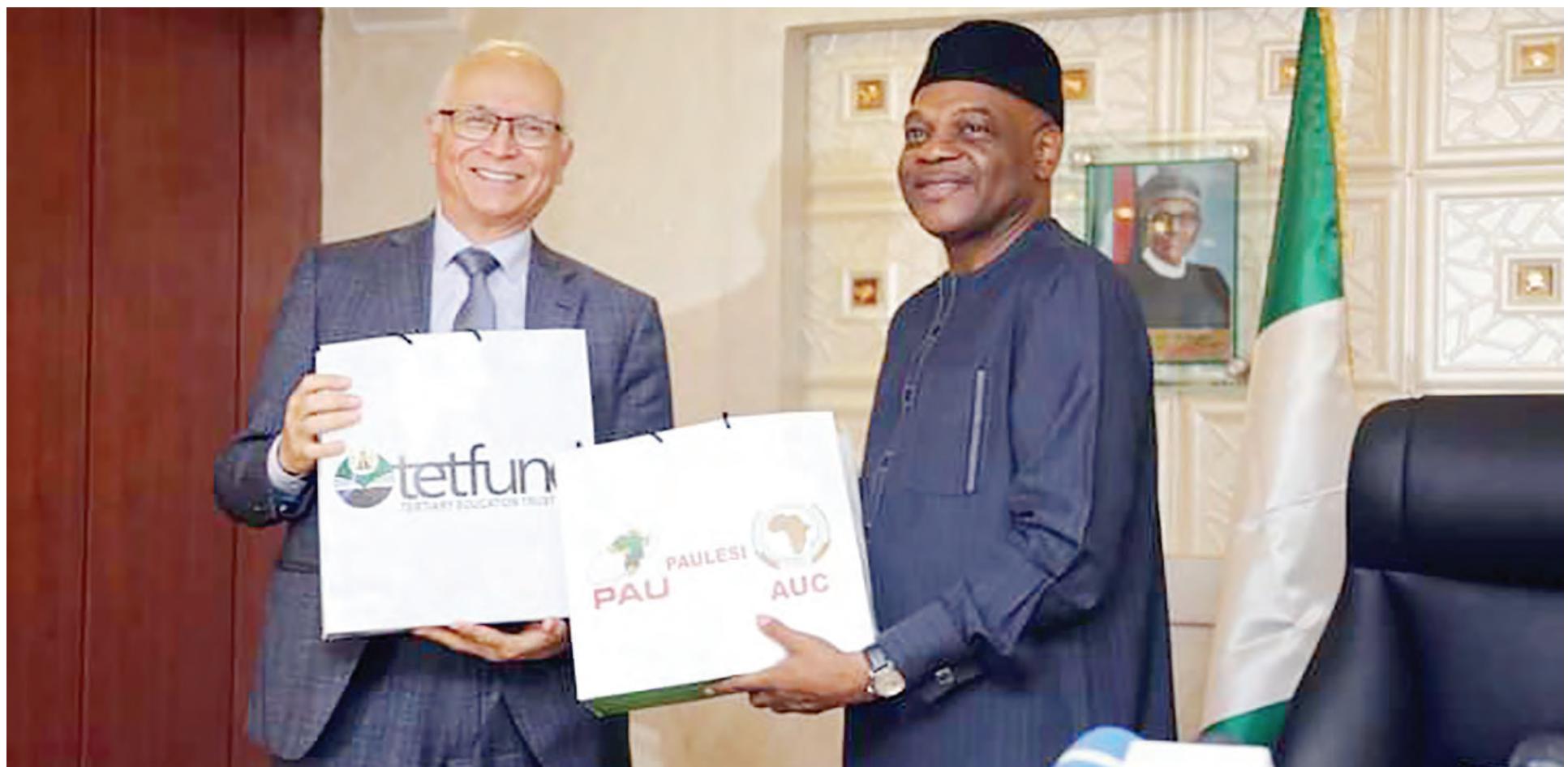
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In Focus

TETFund: Striving For Unity, Development In Africa



TETFund executive secretary, Arc. Sonny Echono received the African Union Commissioner for Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, Prof. Mohammed Belhocine and his entourage at the Fund's Headquarters in Abuja recently.

BY HENRY TYOHEMBA

The question of African unity has dominated the political and intellectual discourse for quite a while. Greater African unity has long been a cherished but delicate goal.

Although, there is a renewed drive to establish closer economic and political ties among the continent's numerous countries in recent times, the need for all hands to be on deck towards actualising the unity and development in Africa cannot be overemphasised.

Based on the heightened need for regional integration and a clearer understanding, the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), recently expressed its readiness to forge a relationship with the Pan African University to push the African Union (AU) agenda and that of the university forward.

The main objective of the partnership is to bring young Africans together in order to help create the real idea of Pan Africanism in them.

TETFund executive secretary, Architect Sunny Echono, while playing host to a team of the African Union Commission

for Education, led by Prof Mohammed Belhocine, the Commissioner for Education who came on a courtesy visit said the Nigerian Government has also been working to promote technology noting that the country is in the process of establishing a national institute in Abuja.

"I should also let you know that the government of Nigeria actually thinks in that direction promoting technology and we are in the process of establishing a national institute here in Abuja. There will be a post graduate institution intended to promote the technological transformation of our country," he said.

"The Pan African University also fits into this general framework and we believe the partnership will be there for us to be able to learn one or two things to attract values to the faculties. It will also be a huge opportunity for scholars to troop into the university."

"I like to assure you that within the framework that we have, we will give you the maximum support to make that building functional and be put to use quickly."

Speaking on the request for

construction of more classrooms and procurement of laboratory equipment for the Pan African University at the University of Ibadan, Architect Echono gave assurance that the request would be attended to.

"I am aware because I have had a different brief on the subject, the relationship at the University of Ibadan and the sequencing of your request.

"But I can assure you that as soon as we get the request, having done the most important thing of starting, we should be able to build on that and also forge the right partnership that will encourage or enable us to push the agenda of the African union and indeed the institution forward."

Speaking earlier, Prof Mohammed Belhocine said the Pan African University needed some assistance from the TETfund in terms of more classrooms, laboratory equipment and other areas.

He commended the work TETFund has done for the Commission earlier in March, the building housing the Pan African University at the University of Ibadan was commissioned saying, "that wouldn't have been

possible without your support."

"We are very grateful for that. We are sure that it will create better working conditions for our Pan African University and Nigeria has been one of the advocates for the creation of this university which is now 10 years of existence," Prof. Belhocine said.

"There are four institutes in Africa which we are operating. One in West Africa in Ibadan, another in East Africa which is in Nairobi, the other one in North Africa which is Algeria. We have one also which deals with governance and humanities, social science in Yaunde, Cameroon Central Africa."

"And we are yet to launch the last one which is the space sciences in South Africa. Some discussion about privileges and immunities and we hope we will submit it soon as the 5th institute."

Prof Belhocine disclosed that at a meeting with the Minister of Education it was agreed that either the Ministry or the TETfund should write a letter to the University of Ibadan.

"We held a meeting yesterday with the Minister of Education and we discussed with responsible

people over there. And Mr. Buhari was with us yesterday. And it was agreed that TETfund or the Ministry of Education will write a letter to the University of Ibadan.

Sometimes, the management of the University of Ibadan is reluctant to send a request which is not related to their own interests if I may say. So our request is stalled there," he said

He explained that the Pan African University is very important, noting that it brings young Africans together. "So far thanks to the foreign institutes that are already operating. We were able to join more than 1,500 masters in different areas of focus. And more 400 PhDs were trained. And these people come from 50 nationalities."

"That is, the most important thing for us is not technical performance measurement."

"It is how we are bringing young Africans together. And when you bring them together for about three to five years, it means they happen to know each other better than in cultures, languages and the beliefs of the African countries. And this will create the real idea of Pan Africanism. It will become part of them," he added.

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NTIC Announces Awardees For 19th Mathematics National Competition Scholarship



L-R: Favour Enewo (centre); Okadike Kennedy (right) and Luis Lu (left) during the finals of the 19th Annual National Mathematics Competition in Abuja recently

BY WINNER OKORIE, Abuja

Nigerian Tulip International Colleges (NTIC) has announced scholarships and cash prizes to the finalists of the 19th Annual National Mathematics Competition (ANMC).

The awardees are the outstanding students from the junior and senior categories who have made it to the second round, which commenced on the 4th -8th for the JSS 3 categories and 6th-8th for the Primary 5 and 6 category.

LEADERSHIP reports that twenty students from Primary 5 and 6 and twenty students from JSS 3 have been awarded a 100% tuition fee scholarship.

The second-round qualifiers were invited for the second round and award ceremony at NTIC last Friday, on the 8th of April, 2022, which witnessed the emergence of

21 exceptional students from the junior and senior category who will have access to 100 per cent full-tuition scholarship awardees plus cash prizes and academic equipment.

The managing director, Nigerian Tulip International Colleges (NTIC), Fevzullah Bilgin, said the annual National Mathematics Competition is a platform by which NTIC supports and encourages excellence. "I must confess that ANMC is one of Nigeria's largest mathematics competitions," he said, adding that the Nigerian Tulip International Colleges is the sole sponsor of ANMC scholarships for the benefit of students, while Access Bank is sponsoring the organisation of the 19th edition of ANMC.

The second-round award ceremony took place on 8th April, 2022 at the NTIC Conference Hall with three

exceptional students given 100% percent scholarship. Luis Lu from Kerrile Prep school topping the roll in the primary 5 and 6 level while Okadike Kennedy from Dority Intl school emerging the first position at the JSS3 category. Also, the top twenty positions were awarded cash prizes that ranged from N10,000 to N200,000, for both the Primary category and JSS 3 category, while their mathematics teachers received cash prizes up to N100,000.

"I feel great, like I am on top of the world," said Luis Lu, a student of Kerridale Prep School, Rivers state, who took first position in the South category of the Annual Mathematics Completion. Favour, who took first position in the North, thanked his parents for helping him to develop his interest in

Mathematics.

The ANMC coordinator, Erdal Yilmaz noted that, currently, 167 students are benefiting from the NTIC scholarship scheme, with more than N500 million spent annually for the awardees.

Speaking at the event, the Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu, who was represented by a director in the ministry, Folake Olatunji David, said, "Seeing children growing up in mathematical subject and excelling is a very good thing which must be appreciated and awarded."

In his remarks, the director-general, National Mathematical Centre (NMC), Prof Promise reiterated that the National Mathematical Centre is a place where teachers, university students, secondary school students and even lecturers are trained.

CAMPUS FOCUS

Sen Barau Hails Buhari Over New Polytechnic In Kano

BY HENRY TYOHEMBA

The chairman senate committee on appropriation, Senator Jibrin Barau, has commended President Muhammadu Buhari for citing one of the three newly-approved federal polytechnics in Kano State.

Barau, who represents Kano north senatorial district under All Progressive Congress (APC), expressed faith that the new polytechnic will expand access to education for the people of the state.

The federal government had in a statement by the director of press and public relations, Ministry of Education, Ben Goong, announced the approval of three new federal polytechnics by President Buhari.

Speaking at the event, the Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu, who was represented by a director in the ministry, Folake Olatunji David, said, "Seeing children growing up in mathematical subject and excelling is a very good thing which must be appreciated and awarded."

According to the statement, the three federal polytechnics would be situated in Abia, Delta and Kano states.

It noted that the establishment of the new polytechnics was in line with Buhari's determination to make tertiary education more accessible.



Adamu

The statement read: "In line with his determination to make tertiary education more accessible, President Muhammadu Buhari has approved the establishment of three New Federal Polytechnics in the country.

"The new Institutions are to commence academic activities in October 2022. This brings to 36 the number of Federal Polytechnics in the country. All States of the Federation now have one Federal Polytechnic each."

Meanwhile, Barau has pledged the "cooperation of the state government and people of the state with the federal government to ensure smooth take-off of the new polytechnic in October."

Tackling Learning Crisis In Nigeria's Basic Education

With the Nigerian education system reportedly facing a deep learning crisis, experts have called for tactical approaches to improving learning outcomes in school children. HENRY TYOHEMBA writes.

Nigeria is experiencing a learning crisis in which 70 percent of 10-year-olds cannot understand a simple sentence or perform basic numeracy tasks, according to the World Bank recent statistics.

This has become a big problem given that children who are currently in school are not even learning, aside from the rising number of out of school children which runs in millions.

Paraphrasing the words of the vice president Yemi Osinbajo, Nigeria is facing a learning crisis, where millions of children and young people are not developing even the basic skills required of them to escape poverty.

Perturbed by this, education experts have therefore warned that the country is experiencing a decline in learning outcomes among children between 3 and 10 years old and need urgent steps to get the country out of danger.

Speaking at a media dialogue organised by United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Child Rights Information Bureau of the federal ministry of information, Dr Geoffrey Njoku, the organisation's communication specialist said addressing the crisis in Nigeria's education must start with ensuring that the country is on the right path with foundation literacy and

numeracy.

He said Nigeria has an alarming record of 10.5 million out-of-school children, 70 per cent of those who are in school are not learning or do not know anything, while saying that teachers who do not understand the basics of some of the knowledge are expected to be imparted to the school children.

He added that several of these teachers lack the prerequisite training required for the teaching process. "The teachers need to be trained and re-trained; we have teachers failing primary 3 exams, so what are we doing. At this point, if we need to change the school

curriculum then let's do that to achieve improved learning for the children."

He further said the success of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), is tied to the implementation of the Child Rights Act. "This is because if we don't focus on getting the child rights right, it is going to be a hollow chase because all the SDGs are all intertwined with child rights."

To Manar Ahmed, UNICEF education specialist, the poor quality of teachers who ought to administer the knowledge to the children is also contributing to the crisis. Ahmed who referenced the 2018 Personnel

Audit conducted by the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC), which confirmed that many basic schools in Nigeria are lacking in adequate teachers and other facilities needed to impact knowledge on the people, expressed worry over what she described as an unprepared workforce laden with insufficient physical resources in schools across the country.

She also stressed the need for the country to put in more effort to ensure that programs are implemented to improve the learning process among school children. She said:

"Goal four of the SDGs is to ensure inclusive and

equitable quality education that promotes lifelong learning and all children by age 10 must know how to read and solve numeracy. It is not that Nigeria lacks the right policy but Nigeria is facing a staggering crisis with learning outcomes being one of the lowest." So, 70 per cent of the children in school are not achieving basic foundational skills."

Also speaking, the chief of the UNICEF field office in Kano, Rahama Farah, revealed that the international organisation and the federal government have continued to collaborate with the aim of improving the outcome of basic education in the country.



JIGAWA STATE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA

ADDENDUM: FOR INVITATION TO TENDER FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION / FINANCIAL BIDS PROCUREMENT NO: UBEC/SUBEB 1ST-4TH QUARTER 2021 INTERVENTION PROJECTS

1. PREAMBLE:

Reference to the tender publication by Jigawa State Universal Basic Education Board dated 28th March, 2022 the Jigawa State Universal Basic Education Board wishes to notify prospective bidders that the locations for Lot 1-96 are as follows:

2. PROJECT SCOPE:

Lot 1A- Construction of 1 block of ECCDE Classroom at Galamawa P.S (Dutse)
Lot 1B- Construction of 1 block of ECCDE Classroom at Shagari Comm. (Hadejia)
Lot 1C- Construction of 1 block of ECCDE Classroom at Nasoro P.S (Gumel)
Lot 1D- Construction of 1 block of ECCDE Classroom at Arewa P.S (Kazaure)
Lot 2- Construction of 4 blocks each of 2 Classroom Normal at Kanya SPS (Babura), Babaldu P.S (B/Kudu), Birniwa SPS (Birniwa) and Diginsa P.S (Birniwa)
Lot 3- Construction of 4 blocks each of 2 classrooms Normal at Sagu P.S (Buji), Y/Tukur PS (Buji), Limawa PS (DUT) and Kudai Gabas (Dutse)
Lot 4- Construction of 4 blocks each of 2 classrooms Normal at Gungumi PS (GGW), Kanyu (GGW), Garki SPS (GRK) and Siyori PS (GRK)
Lot 5- Construction of 4 blocks each of 2 classrooms Normal at Dan'ama NPS (GML), Ahmed Muhd Sani (GML), Dawa PS (GRR) and Guri Model (GRR)
Lot 6- Construction of 4 blocks each of 2 classrooms Normal at Jikas PS (GRM), Gagara PS (GRM), Tsubut Isl. (GWW) and Gwia Isl. (GWW)
Lot 7- Construction of 4 blocks each of 2 classrooms Normal at Agumau Isl. (HJA), Taraya PS (JHN), Ajura PS (JHN) and Yalo (KGM)
Lot 8- Construction of 4 blocks each of 2 classrooms Normal at Kwari PS (BKD), Walawa PS (BNW), Madachi (KKM) and Nafada (BKD)
Lot 9- Construction of 4 blocks each of 2 classrooms Normal at Butaranawa (BKD), Agamom Yamma (AUY), Shagari Isl. (MMR) and Jajerin Bura (KKM)
Lot 10- Construction of 3 blocks each of 2 classrooms W/office at Todarya PS (KZR), Jiyani (KKM) and Mailakauri (KKM)
Lot 11- Construction of 3 blocks each of 2 classrooms W/office at Shuwarin LPS (KYW), Yolal (KYW) and Jobi (MGR)
Lot 12- Construction of 3 blocks each of 2 classrooms W/office at H/Dolai PS (MGR), M/M Pilot (MMR) and Tsalliyi (MGA)
Lot 13- Construction of 3 blocks each of 2 classrooms W/office at Hanta PS (MGA), Galadanchi (RNG) and Z/Kanya (RNG)
Lot 14- Construction of 3 blocks each of 2 classrooms W/office at U/Dinya (RRN), Muku PS (STK) and Danzomo SPS (STK)
Lot 15- Construction of 3 blocks each of 2 classrooms W/office at Gilima (TAR), Domawa (TAR) and Fiji PS (YKS)
Lot 16- Construction of 3 blocks each of 2 classrooms W/office at Dankama (YKS), Sinamu PS (KKM) and Chiromari (MMR)
Lot 17- Construction of 3 blocks each of 2 classrooms W/office at Kanti Waje PS (HJA), Nasarawa (GRM) and Zango PS (GML)
Lot 18- Construction of 4 blocks each of 3 classrooms Normal at Shagari (KZR), K/Hausa GJSS (KHS), U/Ashe (RRN) and JSS U/Jibrin (KGM)
Lot 19- Construction of 4 blocks each of 3 classrooms Normal at JSS Kantoga (BKD), G/Sarki PS (MMR), JASS Garko (HJA) and Sabuw Shehu (HJA)
Lot 20A- Construction of 1 block of 3 classrooms Normal at JSS Gwaram (GRM)
Lot 20B- Construction of 3 blocks each of 3 classrooms Normal at JSS Katanga (KYW), Zainab Isl. (DUT) and JSS Gunja (JHN)
Lot 21- Construction of 4 blocks each of 3 classrooms Normal at Garba Halliru (TAR), Sule Arewa (STK), Alanjo PS (Guri) and Kurya (Guri)
Lot 22A- Construction of 1 block of 3 classrooms W/office at Babban Sara (STK)
Lot 22B- Construction of 1 block of 3 classrooms W/office at Birniwa Tasha (BNW)
Lot 23A- Construction of 1 block of 3 classrooms W/office at Murnar Waje (BBR)
Lot 23B- Construction of 1 block of 3 classrooms W/office at Maifaru (STK)
Lot 24- Construction of 10 blocks each of 4 cubicles VIP toilet at Hakudau (AUY), Babura SPS (BBR), Kanya SPS (BBR), Malamawa (BBR), Zarenawa (BKD), Babaldu (BKD), Jangangari (BKD), Masaiyawa (BNW), Tafajiyat (BNW) and Diginsa (BNW)
Lot 25- Construction of 8 blocks each of 4 cubicles VIP toilet at Sagu (BUJ), Chakwama (BUJ), Yarin Tukur (BUJ), Yar'gaba (DUT), Kachi (DUT), Kudai Gabas (DUT), Dandidi (GGW) and Siyori (GRK)
Lot 26- Construction of 10 blocks each of 4 cubicles VIP toilet at Siyori (GRK), T/Fage (GRK), Maigaggafa (GRK), Fada Isl. (GML), Garin Baki (GML), Ahmad Muhd Sani (GML), Adiyani (GRR), Garbagal (GRR), Guri Model (GRR) and Gagaryaga (GRM)
Lot 27- Construction of 8 blocks each of 4 cubicles VIP toilet at Zandani Gabas (GRM), Jikas (GRM), Karo (GWW), Kurman Ruwa (GWW), U/Dinya (GWW), A/Shchu (HJA), Agumau Isl. (HJA) and Babale Kiryo Isl. (HJA)
Lot 28- Construction of 10 blocks each of 4 cubicles VIP toilet at Ajura SPS (JHN), Manaba (KHS), Majeri (KHS), Wuwui (KHS), Garin Ando (KKM), Jiyani PS (KKM), Kuka (KKM), MMR Pilot (KKM), Yalo PS (KGM) and Tori Kutara (MMR)
Lot 29- Construction of 8 blocks each of 4 cubicles VIP toilet at Amaryawa PS (RRN), U/Ashe (RRN), Dansure (RRN), U/Jibrin (KGM), JSS Shagari (MMR), Kaugama Yamma (KGM), Shuwarin Kudu (KYW) and Fage (KYW)
Lot 30- Construction of 10 blocks each of 4 cubicles VIP toilet at Jamaga (MGA), Tsalliyi (MGA), Danzomo PS (STK), Sule Pilot (STK), Muku PS (STK), Gada PS (KZR), Kudu PS (KZR), Bandutse (KZR), Gangara (GWW), G/Kwalandi (MGR)
Lot 31- Construction of 8 blocks each of 4 cubicles VIP toilet at Hana Kang (MGR), S/Gida (RNG), Galadanchi (RNG), Z/Kanya (RNG), Gilima (TAR), Zarga (TAR), Karkarma (YKS) and Maisanya (YKS)
Lot 32A- Drilling of 1 no Handpump Borehole at Auyo Special (AUY)
Lot 32B- Drilling of 1 no Handpump Borehole at Garin Baki (GML)
Lot 32C- Drilling of 1 no Handpump Borehole at Garin Baki (GML)
Lot 33- Drilling of 5nos Handpump Borehole at Malamawa (BBR), Jiboga PS (BKD), Babaldu PS (BKD), Birniwa SPS (BNW), Shukan PS (BUJ)
Lot 34- Drilling of 5nos Handpump Borehole at Buju C/Gari (DUT), Dagwaje (DUT), Gagarawa Model (GGW), Malkaderi (GGW), Siyori (GRK)
Lot 35- Drilling of 5nos Handpump Borehole at Dahiru Attah (GML), Kadira (GRR), Garbagal (GRR), Z/Nagogo (GRM), Tsubut Isl. (GWW)
Lot 36- Drilling of 5nos Handpump Borehole at Mal. Abore (HJA), Abubakar (HJA), Nurul Yaqin (HJA), Sadikawa (JHN), Jahun Model (JHN)
Lot 37- Drilling of 5nos Handpump Borehole at Manaba (KHS), Shamakeri (KHS), Askandu (KGM), Zainab Isl. (KZR), Katafji PS (KKM)
Lot 38- Drilling of 5nos Handpump Borehole at Kurfi PS (KZR), Zakirai (KYW), Bakata (KYW), Karaye (MGR), G/Kwalandi (MGR)
Lot 39- Drilling of 5nos Handpump Borehole at Kashin Dila (MMR), Tsalliyi (MGA), K/Barbushe (RNG), Marke

P.S (RRN), Muku PS (STK)

Lot 40- Drilling of 5nos Handpump Borehole at Hammado (GML), Hawandu (TAR), Yankwashi C (YKS), Fiji (YKS), Galagamma JSS (GML),

Lot 41A- Renovation of 2 blocks of 6 Classrooms at Amaryawa (RRN), Gangare (RRN)

Lot 41B- Renovation of 2 blocks of 4 Classrooms at Jiyani (KKM) and Ja'e (KGM)

Lot 41C- Renovation of 2 Classrooms at Nasarawa (GRM)

Lot 41D- Renovation of 4 Classrooms at Adukuwa (MGA)

Lot 42- Renovation of 14 classrooms & office at Kaya (RRN), Wanzamai (MGR), Mai Hassan (MGR), Zingaran (MGR)

Lot 43- Renovation of 9 classrooms & office at Maiyaki Isl. (KZR), Kanti (KZR) and Bandutse (KZR)

Lot 44- Renovation of 15 classrooms at Birji (YKS), Yankwashi (YKS), Medu (GGW)

Lot 45- Renovation of 12 classrooms at Gangare (RRN), Karo (GWW), Shafe (GWW) and Malawa (BBR)

Lot 46- Renovation of 13 classrooms at Garki (GRK), Siyori (GRK), Kijawal (RNG), Tofa (RNG), Model Taura (TAR) and Gwia Isl. (GWW)

Lot 47- Renovation of 12 classrooms & office at Shamarma (AUY), Jura (AUY), Anyo SPS (AUY), Kuka Dabo (KKM), K/Kasamma (KKM), Ilallah (KKM)

Lot 48- Renovation of 12 classrooms & office at Ja'e (KGM), Birniwa SPS (BNW), Burseli (BNW), Nguwa (BNW), Abubakar Sadiq Isl. (HJA)

Lot 49- Renovation of 10 classrooms & office at Nurul Yaqin Isl. (HJA), SPS Guri (GRR)

Lot 50- Renovation of 14 classrooms at Mezan (KHS), Manaba (KHS), Ayan (AUY), Rubba NPS (KKM)

Lot 51- Renovation of 14 classrooms at Pilot (MMR), Kampala (MMR), JASS G/Gabas (MMR)

Lot 52- Renovation of 16 classrooms at Fagoji (DUT), Garkon Alli (KYW), Tsirma (KYW)

Lot 53- Renovation of 10 classrooms at Kudai Gabas (DUT), Gambasha (BUJ)

Lot 54- Renovation of 10 classrooms at Gambara (BKD), Lamido (BKD), Gidan Rafa (BUJ)

Lot 55- Renovation of 10 classrooms at Warwade (BKD), Yargaba (DUT)

Lot 56- Renovation of 10 classrooms at Ajura SP (JHN), Jahun Model (JHN), Balago (KYW)

Lot 57- Renovation of 14 classrooms at Babura SPS (BBR), Babura Arewa (BBR), Nasoro (GML), MRA Isl. (GML), Ahmed Muhd Sani (GML)

Lot 58- Renovation of 8 classrooms at Sule Pilot (STK), Maitamiya (STK), Babale Kiryo Isl. (HJA)

Lot 59- Renovation of 16 classrooms at Maizuwo (STK), Adamri (BNW), Taraya (JHN), Gululu (MGA), Dagana (GRR)

Lot 60- Renovation of 10 classrooms at JSS Gagarawa (GGW), JSS Maigatari (MGR), Muku (GRK), Gujungu Kudu (TAR)

Lot 61- Renovation of 10 classrooms at Jemawa (BBR), Kila Kudu (GRM), Andaza (KYW), Jaimmajie (GWW)

Lot 62A- Procurement of Covid-19 materials & equipment

Lot 62B- Procurement of Covid-19 materials & equipment

Lot 62C- Procurement of Covid-19 materials & equipment

Lot 62D- Procurement of Covid-19 materials & equipment

Lot 63- Procurement of 76 sets of 4nos plastic single chairs & 1 round table for ECCDE as follows:

S/N	LGEA	SCHOOL	COMPONENT	QUANTITY
1	Auyo	Jura	ECCDE	10 Sets
2	Auyo	Kakudau	ECCDE	10 Sets
3	Auyo	Kudigin	ECCDE	8 Sets
4	Auyo	Ayan	ECCDE	10 Sets
5	Babura	Aduware	ECCDE	10 Sets
6	Babura	Malamawa	ECCDE	10 Sets
7	Babura	Kandi	ECCDE	10 Sets
8	Birniwa	Dagwaleri	ECCDE	8 sets

Lot 64A- Procurement and distribution of 1,153 sets of 2 seater Prim 1-3 furniture as follows:

S/N	LGEA	SCHOOL	COMPONENT	QUANTITY
1	Kazaure	Zainab Isl.	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
2	Kazaure	Ung. Yarima	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
3	Kazaure	Bandutse	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
4	Kazaure	Toyarda	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
5	K/Kasamma	Yarimari	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
6	K/Kasamma	Jiyani	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
7	K/Kasamma	Kubayo	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
8	K/Kasamma	Iyo	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
9	Kiyawa	Nafara PS	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
10	Kiyawa	Kagara PS	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
11	Kiyawa	Kwanda	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
12	Kiyawa	Fake	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
13	Maigatari	Jobi	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
14	Maigatari	Haulin Dole	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
15	Maigatari	Gangara	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
16	Maigatari	Ladin Kane	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
17	M/Madori	Kashin Dila	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
18	M/Madori	Matsa	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
19	M/Madori	Azamu	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
20	M/Madori	Garin Mallam	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
21	Miga	Gululu	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
22	Miga	Makera	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
23	Miga	Tsalliyi	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
24	Miga	Burji Norm.	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
25	Ringim	Gujaba	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
26	Ringim	Marawa	PRI-1-3	50 Sets
27	Ringim	Galadanchi	PRI-1-3	50 Sets
28	Ringim	S/Gida PS	PRI-1-3	53 Sets

Lot 64B- Procurement and distribution of 973 sets of 2 seater Prim4-6 furniture

S/N	LGEA	SCHOOL	COMPONENT	QUANTITY
1	Kiyawa	Chiromawa	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
2	Maigatari	Garin Kwalandi	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
3	Maigatari	Karaya	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
4	Maigatari	Bulama Kauje	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
5	Maigatari	Garin Mallam	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
6	M/Madori	M/Madori Pilot	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
7	M/Madori	Kamfula UBE	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
8	M/Madori	G/Gabas Yamma	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
9	M/Madori	Torie Kutara	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
10	Miga	Makera PS	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
11	Miga	Miga CPS	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
12	Miga	Aduaehuwa	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
13	Miga	Jamaga	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
14	Ringim	Yandutse	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
15	Ringim	K/Babushe	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
16	Ringim	Zangon Kanya	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
17	Ringim	Gujaba	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
18	Roni	Gangare	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
19	Roni	Amaryawa SPS	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
20	Roni	Kaya	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
21	Roni	Dansure	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
22	S/Tankarkar	Maitamiya	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
23	S/Tankarkar	Danzeemo SPS	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
24	S/Tankarkar	Sule Pilot	PRI-4-6	53 Sets

Lot 65- Procurement and distribution of 628 sets of 2 seater JSS furniture

S/N	LGEA	SCHOOL	COMPONENT	QUANTITY
1	Auyo	Ayan	JSS	40 Sets
2	Auyo	Auyo	JSS	40 Sets
3	Babura	Takwasa	JSS	40 Sets
4	Babura	Duzau	JSS	40 Sets
5	B/Kudu	Kafin Gana	JSS	40 Sets
6	B/Kudu	Gambara	JSS	40 Sets
7	Birniwa	Nguwa	JSS	40 Sets
8	Birniwa	Biviseli	JSS	40 Sets
9	Buji	Abore	JSS	40 Sets
10	Buji	Sagu	JSS	40 Sets
11	Dutse	Kudai	JSS	40 Sets
12	Dutse	Limawa	JSS	45 Sets
13	Dutse	Hummayayi	JSS	45 Sets
14	Gagarawa	Milam Bakir	JSS	50 Sets
15	Gagarawa	Dandidi	JSS	48 Sets

Lot 66- Procurement of 76 sets of 4nos plastic single chairs & 1 round table for ECCDE as follows:

S/N	LGEA	SCHOOL	COMPONENT	QUANTITY
1	Buji	Madabe	ECCDE	10 Sets
2	Buji	Ahoto	ECCDE	10 Sets
3	Buji	Kawaye	ECCDE	10 Sets
4	Buji	Falgeri	ECCDE	10 Sets
5	Dutse	Karnaya	ECCDE	10 Sets
6	Dutse	Limawa	ECCDE	10 Sets
7	Dutse	Kudai	ECCDE	10 Sets
8	Dutse	Sakwanya	ECCDE	6 Sets

Lot 67A- Procurement and distribution of 1,153 sets of 2 seater Prim1-3 furniture as follows:

S/N	LGEA	SCHOOL	COMPONENT	QUANTITY
1	Roni	Ung. Dinya	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
2	Roni	Gangare	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
3	Roni	Kaya	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
4	S/Tankarkar	Muku	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
5	S/Tankarkar	Takatsaba	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
6	S/Tankarkar	Babbar Sara	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
7	S/Tankarkar	Muaazu	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
8	Taura	Domawa	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
9	Taura	Gurjawa	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
10	Taura	Hawandu	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
11	Taura	Zurga	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
12	Yankwashi	Kwarare GiBS	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
13	Yankwashi	Sada PS	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
14	Yankwashi	Dankama PS	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
15	Yankwashi	Kuda Sabuwa	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
16	Auyo	Mashugwar Shawara	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
17	Auyo	Ayan	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
18	Auyo	Hakudau	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
19	Auyo	Shumarma	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
20	Babura	Kandi	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
21	Babura	Takwasa	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
22	Babura	Gidan Gide	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
23	Babura	Gaskoli	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
24	B/Kudu	Warwade	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
25	B/Kudu	Jiboga	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
26	B/Kudu	Zuzika	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
27	B/Kudu	Damukaslu	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
28	Birniwa	Adamri	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
29	Birniwa	Masaiwa	PRI-1-3	32 Sets
30	Birniwa	Tatajiya	PRI-1-3	40 Sets

Lot 67B- Procurement and distribution of 973 sets of 2 seater Prim4-6 furniture

S/N	LGEA	SCHOOL	COMPONENT	QUANTITY
1	S/Tankarkar	Hammado	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
2	Taura	Gilim PS	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
3	Taura	Kwajali	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
4	Taura	Yangyami	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
5	Taura	Gujungu Gabas PS	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
6	Yankwashi	Sada PS	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
7	Yankwashi	Dankama PS	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
8	Yankwashi	Kuda Sabuwa	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
9	Yankwashi	Karkarma SPS	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
10	Auyo	Auyo SPS	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
11	Auyo	Ayan PS	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
12	Auyo	Unik Gana	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
13	Babura	Duzau	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
14	Babura	Jigawa L	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
15	Babura	Kandi	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
16	B/Kudu	Lamido PS	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
17	B/Kudu	Babaldo PS	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
18	Birniwa	Jangargari	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
19	Birniwa	Diginza PS	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
20	Birniwa	Birniwa SPS	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
21	Birniwa	Isfari	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
22	Buji	Chakwama	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
23	Buji	Y/Tukur PS	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
24	Buji	Jaji Koli	PRI-4-6	53 Sets

Lot 68- Procurement and distribution of 628 sets of 2 seater JSS furniture

S/N	LGEA	SCHOOL	COMPONENT	QUANTITY
1	Garki	Sugungun	JSS	40 Sets
2	Gumel	Aminu UPA	JSS	40 Sets
3	Gumel	Maidabara	JSS	40 Sets
4	Guri	Galdimari	JSS	40 Sets
5	Guri	Arin	JSS	40 Sets
6	Guri	Lafiya	JSS	40 Sets
7	Gwaram	Jikas	JSS	40 Sets
8	Gwaram	Rabadi	JSS	40 Sets
9	Gwaram	Kwarko	JSS	40 Sets
10	Gwiwa	Shafe	JSS	40 Sets
11	Gwiwa	Jammaje	JSS	40 Sets
12	Gwiwa	Zauma gauraye	JSS	45 Sets
13	Iladejia	Bello Baye	JSS	45 Sets
14	Iladejia	Babule Kiryo	JSS	50 Sets
15	Jahun	Bura Buri	JSS	48 Sets

Lot 69- Procurement of 76 sets of 4nos plastic single chairs & 1 round table for ECCDE as follows:

S/N	LGEA	SCHOOL	COMPONENT	QUANTITY
1	Gumel	Crusau	ECCDE	10 Sets
2	Gumel	Dantamona	ECCDE	10 Sets
3	Gumel	Garin Gambo	ECCDE	1

Lot 72- Procurement of 76 sets of 4nos plastic single chairs & 1 round table for ECCDE as follows:

S/N	LGEA	SCHOOL	COMPONENT	QUANTITY
1	Hadejia	Agumau Isl.	ECCDE	10 Sets
2	Hadejia	Abubakar Sadiq	ECCDE	10 Sets
3	Hadejia	Muhs Faransa	ECCDE	6 Sets
4	Hadejia	Garko Isl.	ECCDE	10 Sets
5	Jahun	Tamye	ECCDE	10 Sets
6	Jahun	Kanwa	ECCDE	10 Sets
7	Jahun	Gangawa	ECCDE	10 Sets
8	Jahun	Ajagara SPS	ECCDE	10 Sets

Lot 73A- Procurement and distribution of 1,153 sets of 2 seater Prim1-3 furniture as follows:

S/N	LGEA	SCHOOL	COMPONENT	QUANTITY
1	Gwawa	Tsabut Isl.	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
2	Gwawa	Gwawa Isl.	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
3	Gwawa	Karo PS	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
4	Gwawa	Kwarman Ruwa	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
5	Hadejia	Bello Bayi	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
6	Hadejia	Agumau Isl.	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
7	Hadejia	Alkali Shehu	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
8	Jahun	Ganza PS	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
9	Jahun	Barado PS	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
10	Jahun	Gangawa	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
11	Jahun	Jahun Model	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
12	K/Hausa	Shumakeri	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
13	K/Hausa	Mariawa	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
14	K/Hausa	Kore	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
15	K/Hausa	Majeri	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
16	Kaugama	Yalo PS	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
17	Kaugama	Askandu	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
18	Kaugama	Arbus	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
19	Kaugama	U/Jibrin	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
20	Kazaure	Badori PS	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
21	Kazaure	Gada PS	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
22	Kazaure	Kwifit PS	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
23	Kazaure	Dabu PS	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
24	K/Kasammaria	Maihikamri	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
25	K/Kasammaria	Katafi	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
26	K/Kasammaria	Garin Ando	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
27	Kiyawa	Rubha Norm	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
28	Kiyawa	Andoza PS	PRI-1-3	40 Sets
	Kiyawa	Kagara PS	PRI-1-3	32 Sets

Lot 73B- Procurement and distribution of 973 sets of 2 seater Prim4-6 furniture as follows:

S/N	LGEA	SCHOOL	COMPONENT	QUANTITY
1	Jahun	Garbo	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
2	Jahun	Jahun Model	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
3	Jahun	Kulturo	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
4	K/Hausa	K/Hausa SPS	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
5	K/Hausa	Jubo PS	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
6	K/Hausa	Bulangui SPS	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
7	Kaugama	Yalo PS	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
8	Kaugama	Marke PS	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
9	Kaugama	Girbobo PS	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
10	Kazaure	Badori Norm.	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
11	Kazaure	Kurofi	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
12	Kazaure	Zainab Isl.	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
13	K/Kasammaria	Kubayo	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
14	K/Kasammaria	Sunkuye	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
15	K/Kasammaria	K/Dabu	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
16	Kiyawa	Danfusun	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
17	Kiyawa	Yolal	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
18	Kiyawa	Shuwarin Kudu	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
19	Maigatari	Kukka Yasku	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
20	Maigatari	Hama Kango	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
21	Maigatari	Garin Mallam	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
22	Maigatari	Garin Kwalandi	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
23	M/Madori	Malamawa	PRI-4-6	40 Sets
24	M/Madori	Zaro	PRI-4-6	53 Sets

Lot 74- Procurement and distribution of 628 sets of 2 seater JSS furniture as follows:

S/N	LGEA	SCHOOL	COMPONENT	QUANTITY
1	Maigatari	Buraka	JSS	40 Sets
2	Maigatari	Kuka Tankiya	JSS	40 Sets
3	M/Madori	Kansala UBE	JSS	40 Sets
4	Miga	JSS Takalorifya	JSS	40 Sets
5	Miga	JSS Tsakurawa	JSS	40 Sets
6	Miga	Koya	JSS	40 Sets
7	Ringim	S/Gida SP	JSS	40 Sets
8	Ringim	Kyawal	JSS	40 Sets
9	Ringim	Amagwawa	JSS	40 Sets
10	Roni	JSS U/Ashe	JSS	40 Sets
11	Roni	Roni Yamma	JSS	40 Sets
12	Roni	Kaya	JSS	45 Sets
13	Guri	JASS Guri	JSS	43 Sets
14	Guri	JSS Lafiyu	JSS	50 Sets
15	Maigatari	Mezuwo	JSS	50 Sets

Lot 75A- Procurement of 250 sets of student beds

S/N	SCHOOL	QUANTITY
1	MBPS KUDAI	60
2	MBPS KILA	100
3	MBPS RINGIM	40
4	MBPS KAZAURE	50

Lot 75B- Procurement of 250 sets of student beds

S/N	SCHOOL	QUANTITY
1	MBPS GUMEL	70
2	MBPS BULANGU	40
3	MBPS GURI	80
4	JSSS KARKARNA	60

Lot 75C- Procurement of 250 sets of student beds

S/N	SCHOOL	QUANTITY
1	JSSS AUJARA	110
2	JGSSS GURI	100

Lot 75D- Procurement of 250 sets of student beds

S/N	SCHOOL	QUANTITY
1	S.I.D KAZAURE	40
2	S.H.I HADEJIA	30
3	S.V.I DUTSE	70
4	JGSSS MIGA	110

With a completion period of not later than 12 weeks.

This addendum does not affect the Bid opening date (10th May, 2022) stated in the last publication.

Signed:
Secretary Tender Board
Jigawa State Universal Basic Education Board, Dutse

Moniepoint Targets 41m SMEs With New MFB Licence

BY CHIMA AKWAJA AND ROY ALIBEH, Lagos

Moniepoint, the largest point of sale (PoS) acquirer in Nigeria, has secured a micro finance bank (MFB) licence to evolve into a full business bank.

Moniepoint, owned by TeamApt, one of Nigeria's leading fintechs since 2019 has enabled 162,000 small business owners to process over a billion transactions worth N23 trillion. Now with the its MFB licence, it is targeting Nigeria's 41 million small businesses who struggle with managing operations, taxes, insurance, and staff welfare.

To solve for that and power the dreams of small and medium enterprises (SMEs), Moniepoint has evolved into a business bank. In addition to their already solid payments solution, this expansion of Moniepoint enables Nigerians to grow their business with access to quick loans, manage operations, payroll, and staff welfare, and protect the business with affordable premiums.

Small businesses are referred to as the bedrock of the economy for a reason. SMEs employ 84per cent of the country's entire workforce and contribute 48 per cent to Nigeria's GDP. Their success is critical to the eco-

nomic progress of the nation. TeamApt founder and CEO, Tosin Eniolorunda said "As Nigerians, we feel the challenges of the economy acutely, in real-time. This is why we have worked hard to evolve into a business bank that truly works for the everyday Nigerian business owner.

"Moniepoint in addition to being a tech-enabled all-in-one business solution is also able to provide much needed last-mile service delivery. This is in line with our mission to power the business dreams of Africa's real economy, and provide financial happiness to all," said Eniolorunda.

PMB Confirms Abdulaziz As TCN MD/CEO

BY NSE ANTHONY-UKO, Abuja

ing been appointed on May 19, 2020.

President Muhammadu Buhari has confirmed Engr. Dr. Sule Ahmed Abdulaziz as the substantive managing director/chief executive officer of Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN), with effect from April 4, 2022.

TCN general manager, Public Affairs, Ndidi Mbah who made this known yesterday, noted that Abdulaziz's confirmation is coming after almost two year of running the TCN in acting capacity, hav-

ing been as a scheduled operator, saying that this would be determined by the performance of the airline at its various stages.

He said, "The only thing I can tell you is that the promoters of that airline have applied for AOC and their AOC is ongoing. I don't have any assurances of when the licenses would be. You



L-R: National secretary, Accord Party, Mrs Ajaja Adebukola; chairman of the party, Hon. Mohammed Lawal Nalado; 2023 presidential aspirant, Prof. Christopher Imumolen and national vice chairman (North Central) Alhaji Yusuf Abdulkarim, when the aspirant collected his expression of interest and nomination forms at the party's secretariat in Abuja yesterday. PHOTO BY OYEDELE OMOKAGBO

Anyim, Mohammed, Saraki Intensify Lobby For PDP Ticket

BY CHIBUZO UKAIBE, Abuja

Ahead of the Presidential primaries of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) former Senate President, Pius Anyim and Bauchi state governor, Bala Mohammed, yesterday stepped up their campaigns for the party's presidential ticket as they met with some critical organs of the party.

The aspirants who separately met with the party's National Working Committee (NWC), Board of Trustees (BoT) and former ministers forum, gave insights into their plans if they

win the party's ticket and eventually emerge president.

Anyim, in a meeting with the National Working Committee (NWC), said he will turn the country's fortunes around within a year.

"As part of our political consolidation process, we shall provide a platform for broad-based consultations and frank dialogue on a generally acceptable new foundation for our nation.

"We shall put the machinery in place to harvest the views and secure the buy-in of all components of our pol-

ity and build consensus on the structure of the federation, an acceptable governance system and benchmark agreed national aspiration to which all shall commit. We shall deploy a visionary leadership style that shall respond to the aspirations of the people," he said.

Bala Mohammed who also met the NWC said: "As somebody who traversed all the constituencies of the public service, the civil service, the National Assembly and indeed, the media, with all these experiences, we have built bridges. I'm a team player. I can only

lead and Nigeria needs leadership."

Earlier, Mohammed told the forum of former PDP governors that he would drop his Presidential ambition if former President Goodluck Jonathan decided to join the race.

He also promised to run a knowledge based administration. On his part, Saraki, who met with the PDP Board of Trustees (BoT), said the country needs a president who understands the dimension of the crisis facing the country just as he lamented that the country is broke.

26 PDP, APC Guber Aspirants Jostle To Succeed Wike In Rivers

BY ANAYO ONUKWUGHA, Port Harcourt

No fewer than 26 governorship aspirants on the platform of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and the All Progressives Congress (APC) are jostling to succeed Rivers State Governor, Nyesom Ezenwo Wike, come May 29, 2023. Wike, who is currently running his second

term in office, recently declared his interest to contest for Presidency on the platform of the PDP.

Out of the number of governorship aspirants, 15 are running on the platform of the PDP, while 11 are running on the platform of the APC.

LEADERSHIP learnt that the number of governorship aspirants on the PDP platform may increase before

the April 14, 2023 deadline for purchase of forms.

Those who had already purchased forms under the PDP banner include the secretary to the Rivers State Government, Dr. Tammy Danagogo and former chairman of the party in the state, Chief Felix Obuah as well as two serving members of the National Assembly, Senator George Sekibo and Hon. Far-

rah Dagogo.

Also running are former Deputy Governor, Engr. Tele Ikuru, former Minister of Transport, Dr. Abiye Sekibo, Accountant-General of the state, Siminalaye Fubara, and former Commissioner for Finance, Hon. Isaac Kamalu as well as former Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chief Austin Opara.

2023: Olawepo-Hashim Set To Declare Bid, Warns Against Voting Corrupt Politicians

BY CHIBUZO UKAIBE, Abuja

Chieftain of the ruling party, All Progressive Congress (APC) Mr. Gbenga Olawepo-Hashim, has urged Nigerians against electing a president who has made a career of living on government since 1999, adding that such a person won't make any positive changes in the country.

In a chat with newsmen, the former presidential candidate said, "The truth is that some of those who have stayed too long in the status quo have become part of the corrupt system, and it is an illusion to expect Corruption to fight Corruption."

He added, "either in the APC or PDP or any other party, those whose only

job has been to change from one government office to another and have never done any other productive thing apart from squandering government money, driving convoys of cars around that they do not fuel themselves, escorted by security paid for by government, are far removed from the true realities of Nigeria, and are

therefore incapable of comprehending the urgency and depth of transformation Nigeria needs.

"I laugh when I read about someone who has never set up even a barber shop in his or her life promising young people employment. These are people who do not even understand how businesses run" he said.

I Will Build On Govs Ishaku's Achievements – Kona

BY MOSES ORJIME, Abuja

A Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) governorship aspirant from Taraba state, Hon. Victor Bala Kona has promised to consolidate on the gains made by the present administration of Darius Ishaku in the state.

Speaking with journalists after he submitted his expression of interest and nom-

ination forms at the PDP National headquarters, Kona, a former Taraba PDP state chairman, said the governor has handled the insecurity through his peace for development initiative.

He however denied that he was the anointed candidate to take over from the incumbent Governor.

"Nobody has anointed me;

it is only God that crown leaders. You can see the calibre of people that are with me on this project, from all the local government areas of the state and National Assembly members. This is to attest to the fact that I have support across the state.

"My campaign team is made up of various professionals, business leaders and other

stakeholders."

On the issue of zoning, Kona clarified that as the immediate past Chairman of the party in the state it was zoning that produced the incumbent Governor, adding that based on the local arrangement all the stakeholders are now clamouring that the position should be zoned to the north.

2023: Women, Youths, PWDs To Get Free ADC Elective Forms

BY SUNDAY ISUWA, Abuja

The African Democratic Congress (ADC), yesterday declared free nomination forms to women, youths and Persons Living With Disabilities (PWD) for elective political offices at all levels in the 2023 general elections.

The ADC national chairman, Mr. Ralph Nwosu, who stated this in Abuja, said the move became imperative to ensure the much needed inclusiveness for women, youths and PWDs in the governance of the country.

In a statement he issued, Nwosu said women, youths and PWD represent 75 per cent of the nation's population hence the need to mainstream them by giving them opportunity to contest elections into political positions.

Imo Entrepreneur Tasks Kinsmen On Active Politics

ANGELA NKWO-AKPOLU, Imo

Imo based businessman, Ezieful Eze Opara has called on Ngor Okpala people to shun back seat and contest political positions in the state.

Opara who contested for the Ngor Okpala State Constituency bye-election under the ruling All Progressive Congress (APC) lamented that the people prefer to play back roles and are later dumped after investing time and resources.

Speaking with newsmen in Owerri, he said "Am worried that Ngor Okpala people just like to take back seat and after investing in the electioneering process, we are schemed out for taking back seats. Now that people are buying forms, where are our people to contest, even

Stop Playing Politics, Metuh Cautions EFCC

BY CHIBUZO UKAIBE, Abuja

Former national publicity secretary of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Chief Olisa Metuh has cautioned the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) to desist from partisan politics over the fight against corruption.

A statement by Metuh's special assistant, Ebiloma Abdullahi, said it was reacting to a report of a purported arraignment against the former PDP spokesman.

Abdullahi said, "Nothing exposes the desperation of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) as a mere political weapon designed to use media trial and judicial harassment against certain individuals than this campaign to intimidate and detract Chief Metuh from active participation in politics.

He described the demography as critical stakeholders who with their unique characteristics and capacities are at a vantage position to contribute meaningfully to national development if given the enabling environment.

"Since the demography represents a critical mass of the nation's population, giving them opportunity to seek elective offices by removing financial inhibitions posed by high cost of nomination forms in most political parties in the country is ADC's contribution to the growth of the nation's democracy and development," Nwosu said

He insisted that the gesture will throw up abundant human talents that otherwise would have been excluded from the governance of the country.

if they lose, why are we so comfortable hiding behind others even to our collective detriment", he queried.

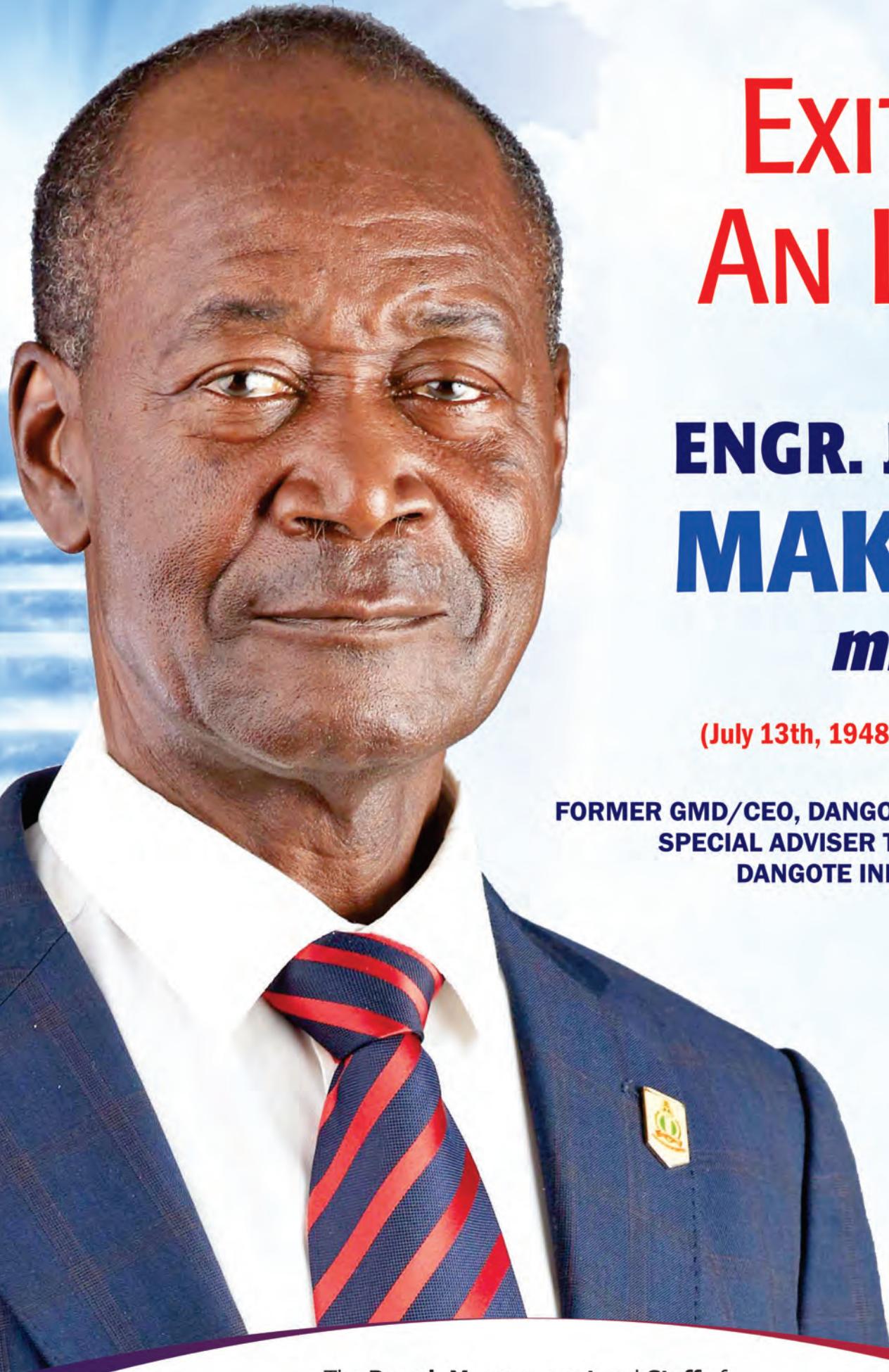
According to the Entrepreneur, a lot of people seeking elective positions do not measure up economically, financially, and mentally with Ngor Okpala people, noting that the constituency boasts of well-to-do and well-read people across the world.

Opara said "The electioneering process has begun and am yet to see anyone from Ngor Okpala seeking to contest Senate seat, everyone is just gravitating towards state Assembly Seat as though that is the only position available. I doubt anyone will seek to contest for office of the governor because of our playing background style".

For the records, the Court of Appeal has in December 2020 dismissed Justice Okon Abang's judgement against Chief Metuh on grounds of manifest bias.

"Thereafter Chief Metuh's lawyers appealed to the Supreme Court for a discharge and acquittal on the merits of the case. This they did, notwithstanding that his earlier appeal at the Supreme Court for a no-case submission has still not been heard.

"It is trite law that no prosecution can ever be done while the appeal at this stage at the Supreme Court has not been heard and decided. Why then the drama and the widely publicised media trial of an arraignment? Is any person afraid of Chief Metuh's famed strategic and tactical political prowess? Who exactly is using the EFCC at this time.



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ENGR. JOSEPH MAKOJU, *mni, OFR*

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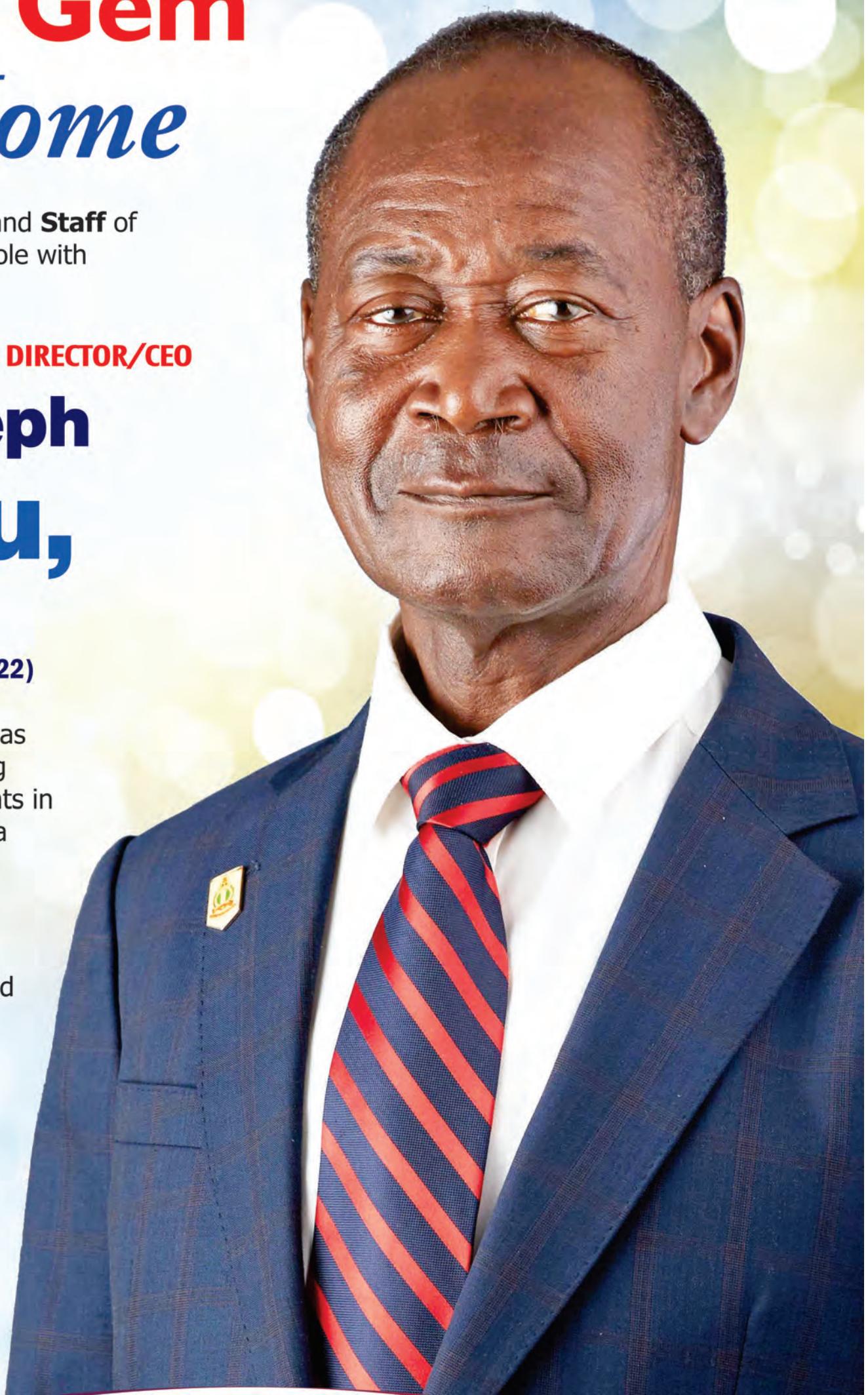
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STOCK INDEX (AS AT APRIL 13)

ASI (Points)	47,367.31
DEALS (Numbers)	5,419
VOLUME (Numbers million)	391.889
VALUE (Nbillions)	N9.952
CAP (Ntrn)	N25.536

INFLATION RATE (%)	2022	2021
DEC	15.99	14.23
JAN	15.4	14.89
FEB	15.63	15.75

INTER BANK LENDING RATE (AS AT APRIL 8, 2022)

	RATE	CHANGE%
O/N	7.0000	1.10
1M	9.6982	2.11
3M	10.3773	2.76
6M	10.6034	2.42

COMMODITY INDEX (N/KG) (AS AT APRIL 11)

Cocoa	1,230.0	0.00%
Soyabean	404.0	0.00%
Cashew	613.90	-0.03%
Sorghum	224.42	-0.02%
Paddy rice	249.87	4.60%

Bulls Tighten Grip On Equities Market, Gains N87bn

BY OLUSHOLA BELLO, Lagos

The Nigerian equities market yesterday extended positive trading with N87 billion gain, following sustained interest in Okomo Oil and 30 other stocks.

Precisely, the All-Share Index inched higher by 162.28 absolute points, representing an increase of 0.34 per cent to close at 47,367.31 points. While the overall market capitalisation value gained N87 billion to close at N25.536 trillion.

The market gain was driven by price appreciation in large and medium capitalised stocks amongst which are; Okomo Oil, MTN Nigeria Communications (MTNN), Guaranty Trust Holding Company (GTCO), Julius Berger and Nigerian Breweries.

On market outlook, analysts at GTI Securities Limited said "Equity market continued its bullish trend as bargain hunting in large and medium capitalised stocks prevailed. We expect this bargain hunting to propel the market's positive sentiment for the rest of the week," he stressed.

Market sentiment, as measured by market breadth was positive as 31 stocks gained, relative to 16 losers. MEYER Plc recorded the highest price gain of 9.56 per cent to close at N1.49, per share. Ikeja Hotel followed with a gain 9.24 per cent to close at N1.30, while Caverton Offshore Support Group rose by 6.78 per cent to close at N1.26, per share.

Union Bank of Nigeria (UBN) rose by 6.56 per cent to close at N6.50, while Japaul Gold and Ventures and FTN Cocoa processors appreciated by 6.45 per cent each to close at 33 kobo each, per share.

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W/Bank Retains Nigeria's 2.5% GDP Projection, Cuts SSA's To 3.6%

BY MARK ITSIBOR, Abuja

The World Bank has retained its growth forecast for Nigeria's economy 2.5 per cent in 2022, even as it reduced growth prospects for the sub-Saharan Africa from 4.0 per cent to 3.6 per cent.

As the sub-Saharan African economy struggles to recover from the 2020 recession induced by the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, the region now faces new economic growth challenges, compounded by the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

The World Bank's latest Africa's Pulse, a biannual analysis of the near-term regional macroeconomic

outlook, estimates growth at 3.6 percent in 2022, down from 4 percent in 2021 as the region continues to deal with new COVID-19 variants, global inflation, supply disruptions and climate shocks.

Adding to the region's growth challenges are rising global commodity prices, which are increasing at a faster pace since the onset of the conflict between Russia and the Ukraine.

As top world exporters of food staples, Russia—the world's largest exporter of fertilizers—and Ukraine account for a substantial share of wheat, corn and seed oil

imports, all of which may be halted if the conflict persists. While Sub-Saharan economies are also likely to be impacted by tightening of global conditions and reduced foreign financial flows into the region, the analysis notes that the high fuel and food prices will translate into higher inflation across African countries, hurting poor and vulnerable citizens, especially those living in urban areas. One point of concern is the increased likelihood of civil strife as a result of food and energy-fueled inflation, particularly in this current environment of heightened political instability.

Senate Gives Customs N3.019trn Revenue Target, Approves N369.04bn 2022 Budget

BY SUNDAY ISUWA, Abuja

The Senate, yesterday, approved the sum of N369.04 billion as budget for the Nigeria Customs Service for the 2022 fiscal year.

This was just as it earmarked a N3.019 trillion as revenue target for the Service in 2022.

The budget approval followed the consideration of a report by the committee on Customs, Excise and Tariffs.

The report was laid by the chairman, Senator Francis Alimikhena (Edo North).

Alimikhena, in his presentation, said out of the total expenditure of N369.04 billion approved for the NCS in 2022, N108.85 billion is for Personnel Cost; N45.89 billion for Overhead Cost; and N214.30 billion for Capital Cost.

Giving a highlight of the NCS budget, he explained that the service in 2022 would implement the E-Customs project to include the automation of Customs agency licenses and Vehicle Identification Number.

He stated that the NCS in collaboration with relevant government

agencies would pursue improved internally generated revenue by implementing the 2021 Finance Act.

According to the lawmaker, the exercise duty of six per cent on telecommunication services and N10 per litre on carbonated drinks is expected to commence fully within the 2022 fiscal year.

Out of the N3.019 trillion revenue target, Import Duty of N1.69 trillion; Excise Duty N161.69 billion; and N3.71 billion on fees and penalties are expected to be remitted to the Federation Account.

Statistician-general Harry Dies At 57

BY MARK ITSIBOR, Abuja

Statistician-general of the Federation, Dr Simon Harry, is dead. His sudden demise happened in the early hours of yesterday.

Spokesman of the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) Mr Joel Ichedi, confirmed the death of the Statistician-general to our correspondent.

Ichedi said Harry died in the early hours of yesterday after a brief illness. "It's true. He died early this morning after a brief illness," Ichedi said while confirming the news of his death.

Harry was appointed the Statistician-general of the Federation about eight months ago.

In the time of serving as the head of the statistics bureau, Harry transformed the NBS both physical structure and administrative infrastructure, prioritising workers' welfare in the transformational process.

Before his appointment as Statistician-general, Harry was the director, corporate planning and technical coordination department at NBS. He has almost three decades of statistical experience.

He joined the erstwhile Federal Office of Statistics as Statistician 11 in 1992 and rose to the position of a substantive Director of Statistics in 2019.

QUOTE OF THE DAY



We supported fuel import and we are expanding that because there are urgent needs. There are discussions currently going on with regards to food also. We are supporting Nigeria—President & chairman, Afreximbank, Prof. Benedict Oramah



Oramah



L-R: Rector, Kano State Polytechnic, Kano, Kabiru Dungurawa; President/Chairman of Council, The Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN), Bayo Olugbemi; Emir of Kano, Aminu Ado Bayero; commissioner for Higher Education, Kano state, Mariya Mahmoud Bunure; second Vice President, CIBN, Pius Olanrewaju; national treasurer CIBN, Dele Alabi; and registrar/CEO, CIBN, Seye Awojobi during the groundbreaking ceremony of the Bankers Hall (Lecture Hall) at the Kano State Polytechnic, Kano yesterday.

Afreximbank To Aid Nigeria's Fuel Imports, Food Sufficiency From \$4bn Ukraine Fund

BY BUKOLA IDOWU, Lagos

The African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) has disclosed that discussions are ongoing to assist the country from the \$4 billion Ukraine Crisis Adjustment Trade Financing Programme for Africa (UKAFPA) launched earlier this month.

According to the bank, the move would help mitigate the impact of the food and fuel crises in Nigeria.

President and chairman of Afreximbank, Prof. Benedict Oramah, made the disclosure

at a virtual news conference on the US\$4 billion UKAFPA, which was launched on April 6, 2022.

It is a programme of credit facilities that the Bank had developed to manage the impacts of the Ukraine crisis on African economies and businesses. It was launched as programmed response to an urgent call for emergency intervention by member states of the bank.

UKAFPA-compliant financing requests received from across Africa already exceeds US\$15 billion.

Oramah said the bank was

also expanding its support to Nigeria in the areas of fuel importation, in addition to other provisions made earlier by the bank.

He said: "Nigeria is an African Union and Afreximbank member and should be able to access the facility as a member country.

"We supported fuel import and we are expanding that because there are urgent needs. There are discussions currently going on with regards to food also. We are supporting Nigeria. "We are living in an unprecedented time. Since two

years, the world has been going through major challenges.

"The COVID-19 pandemic, which became a global challenge and crisis in the first quarter of 2020, is still raging.

"Again, early this year, the Ukraine crisis set in. The crisis was magnified by sanctions that had been placed and the fact that the war affects Ukraine in many other ways."

According to him, Russia and Ukraine were the bread baskets of the world, producing most of the world's wheat, corn, corn flour, and a number of food items.

Landwey To Complete \$142m Wellness City Development, Isimi Lagos In 8yrs

BY CHIMA AKWAJA, Lagos

Landwey investment, Nigeria's foremost real estate investment company, and developers of the first Lifestyle and Wellness city in Nigeria, Isimi Lagos, has revealed its Isimi 2030 Master plan as it kicks off the colossal infrastructural project estimated at \$142 million.

This announcement was made at the symposium recently organised and held at LandWey headquarters on Tuesday. The event started

with a video reveal introduction detailing the Isimi Lagos Project, closely followed by a comprehensive discussion with the guests in attendance.

The remarkable event which attracted industry players featured the official signing of the infrastructure partnership between Landwey and Zenith Construction Ltd ably represented by its Chairman, Antoine Moudaber. This collaboration will see the birth of numerous residential opportunities for the real estate eco-

system in Nigeria and beyond.

Group CEO, Oxygen Holdings, parent company of Landwey Investments, Olawale Ayilara said, "The first leg of Infrastructural developments has been signed off with the key contractor and constructions are set to begin closely. Presently, we have about 250 citizens vested interest in the potentials of the Isimi Lagos project and we are more than excited to kick-start. We are hopeful that this initial phase of the project will

enable us commence allocations for reserved slots before the second quarter of 2023."

He said Isimi Lagos is positioned such that nature, functionality and technology are encircled in one as part of its Vision 2030 plan aimed at increasing family spend on recreation and also launching a handful of eco-friendly living options in the city for residents and tourists.

Isimi, a word derived from its Yoruba origin, means rest or peace of mind.

Executive Order 5: NOTAP Intensifies Drive For Indigenous Software Devt

BY INNOCENT ODOH, ABUJA

The National Office For Technology Acquisition and Promotion (NOTAP) has intensified efforts to boost indigenous software development in Nigeria in line with the implementation of the Presidential Executive Order No.5 (EO5).

The EO5, which was signed into law by President Muhammadu Buhari on February 2, 2018, was premised on the need to promote Nigeria's software developers and exploit their immense talents

in the ICT sector which in recent times contributed 17.9 per cent to the GDP of Nigeria.

During a media chat on public presentation of an indigenous software for implementation of the EO5, in Abuja yesterday, the director general of NOTAP, Dr. Dan-Azumi Mohammed Ibrahim, said that the EO5 is to set the nation on the path of viable and sustainable economic growth with rapid transformation using the instruments and platform of Science Technology and Innovation (STI).

He noted that it is key to improving local content in public procurement with Science, Engineering and Technology components.

The "Presidential Executive Order 5 For Planning and Execution of Projects, Promotion of Nigerian Content in Contracts on Science, Engineering and Technology" is aimed at ensuring that all "procuring authorities shall give preference to Nigerian companies and firms in the award of contracts, in line with the Public Procurement Act 2007," he said. Driving this initia-

tive, NOTAP engaged an indigenous IT firm - Cagewox.net limited that has within a price of N32 million, considered moderate by the agency, developed a robust central platform/database for the agency that captures, stores, analyses and provide search and reporting capacities on the profile and competencies (i.e. qualifications, certificates, experience achievements etc) of the Nigerian professionals in Science, Engineering and Technology related fields within the country and outside.

FG Commences Work On Document For Electric Vehicle Production, Usage

BY KINGSLEY ALU, ABUJA

The federal government through the National Automotive Design and Development Council (NADD) has commenced the process of developing a document that will highlight the action plan that is needed to achieve the scale of electric vehicle production and usage in Nigeria.

To this end, the NADD has set up a technical committee on electric vehicle development plan for the country.

The committee's work is anchored on key thematic areas of the Nigerian Automotive Industry Development Plan (NAIDP) that include investment

promotion, infrastructure development, standards, skills development and market development.

Director-general of the agency Jelani Aliyu, who is also the chairman of the committee said the agency has its sight on the African free trade bloc (AFCFTA) and if the country must be a major player in this market, a comprehensive development plan has become necessary as it will also enable the

full scale local production of multiple brands of electric vehicles, in addition to ensuring their cost-effective ownership to be supported by establishing an effective ecosystem of charging infrastructure.

N4.8bn Fraud: EFCC Urges Court To Dismiss Ibeto Rights Suit

BY OLUGBENGA SOYELE, Lagos

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) has urged a Rivers state High court sitting in Port Harcourt to dismiss a fundamental human rights suit filed by the chairman of Ibeto Cement, Cleatus Ibeto against it and a businessman, Chief Daniel Chukwudozie. Ibeto had dragged the EFCC and Chukwudozie before the court through a Fundamental Rights Enforcement Suit, seeking to prevent the anti-graft agency from investigating allegations of fraud bordering on obtaining by false pretence the sum of N4.8 billion, forgery and criminal breach of trust brought against him by Dozzy Oil and Gas Limited. He is asking the court to declare that his harassment by the respondents is unlawful, that the court restrains the EFCC from arresting him and

order them to pay him N500 million damages for his unconstitutional arrest. But in his response to the suit, the EFCC urged the court to dismiss the suit for lacking in merit. The commission submitted that the invitation and interview of the Applicant by its officers is quite lawful because there is a petition against him which alleges the commission of an economic and financial crime. The anti-graft agency alleged that investigation has unequivocally linked the Applicant with the commission of the offences of obtaining money under false pretences and forgery. It also urged the court to refuse the prayer of the Applicant for a perpetual injunction to restrain the EFCC because this would amount to the court lending itself as a shield against the investigation and possible prosecution of the Applicant for alleged criminal infractions.

AFAN Decries Rising Cost Of Farm Inputs Ass Wet Season Sets In

The Kaduna state chapter of the All Farmers Association of Nigeria (AFAN), has appealed to government for intervention in curbing the rising prices of fertiliser and other farm inputs.

April and early May.

This, according to him, will address the expected surge in price of the commodity when the rainy season fully sets in.

The chairman said that the prices of assorted fertiliser was now N20,000 per 50kg bag of NPK 20-15-15, as against N12,000, and GDA-PP now selling for N30,000 as against the N15,000 sold in April 2021.

Aminu added that 50kg bag of urea now sold for N19,000, as against N11,000 in April 2021.

He added that the price of some herbicides that were sold at N1,200 in April 2021, but were now being sold at N2,500. Malam Halliru Hamza, a maize farmer, said that the increase in prices of farm inputs before the commencement of wet season farming was alarming.

A large, high-quality portrait of Engr. Joseph O. Makoju, a middle-aged Black man with a gentle smile, wearing a dark blue suit, a white shirt, and a red and blue striped tie. He is positioned on the left side of the page.

Farewell to a GREAT LEADER

ENGR. JOSEPH O. MAKOJU, *mni, OFR*

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Your long-standing friendship and affection
for my family, invaluable advice and
unwavering loyalty to our organisation
contributed immensely to our success.

May God grant his soul eternal rest.

Goodnight, my brother

From:
Aliko Dangote, GCON



L-R: Managing director, Landwey, Shola Bello; Group CEO, Oxygen Holdings Olawale Ayilara; chairman, Zenith Construction LTD, Antoine Moudaber, and chief operating officer, Landwey, Seun Eyiayi, at the recent Isimi 2030 Symposium and signing of infrastructural Partnership between the two firms in Lagos, recently.

Experts To Discuss Lubricants Sector Regulatory Changes

BY CHIKA IZUORA, Lagos

Experts are expected to discuss the regulatory changes in the lubricant sub-sector of the energy sector at the International Lubricants Conference (ILC), the 2022 Nigeria edition which will hold virtually on the 28th and 29th April, 2022. The two-day conference themed, "Technology and its application to the lubricants industry", will feature a panel of global industry experts who will share insights on global trends and outlook for the future.

The conference is a series of online free conferences connecting lubricant manufacturers with end-users, buyers, vendors, government agencies and other key stakeholders in the lubricants industry. The event will enlighten relevant stakeholders on innovative industry developments and the advancement of the lubricants market world-wide.

This year's discussions will address issues such as technological advancements in the lubricants industry over the years, the influence of digital technology on the lubricant industry value chain, global regulatory changes as well as an analysis of the raw material supply chain and logistics in Nigeria.

According to consultant to the International Lubricant Conference, Dapo Keshinro, Nigeria is the second biggest lubricant consumer in Africa. The lubricant sub-sector of Nigeria's petroleum industry is an essential part of the downstream industry which is complementary to the fuel business.

"The ILC is a free-to-attend conference that brings together industry stakeholders who will discuss relevant industry topics in real time. The growth of the industry is dependent on events such as this where industry leaders can share and align on strategies to shape the future of the sector." Dapo said.

The conference will feature experts in the global lubricants market including Taiye Williams, managing director Lubcon Limited; Indu M Gupta, director for Product Research and Development, Innova Refining & Trading FZE; Niket Shah, director Openspace Services Pvt Ltd; Lilian Ikokwu, chief marketing officer OVH Energy Marketing; Roberto Vargas, Technical and Commercial Consultant for the Lubricant Industry in Latin America; Godwin Gabriel-Ejeh, General Manager Operations, Pacegate Limited.

Airtel Nigeria Opens Commercial Data Centre To Support Businesses, Organisations

BY CHIMA AKWAJA, Lagos

Airtel Nigeria has unveiled its state-of-the-art Tier 3 data centre for commercial use, saying it will provide perfect uptime and peerless security for servers it houses as well as cloud services for businesses and government establishments across the country.

Awarded the high-end Tier 3 ANSI/TIA-942 certification by EPI, the world's leading certification body for data centres, the Airtel ultra-modern data centre runs on superior technology that enables it to perform efficiently in Nigeria's tropical climate while also providing multiple paths and backups to its users.

Speaking during a tour of

the data centre, managing director and chief executive officer, Airtel Nigeria, Surendran Chemmenkotil, said the launch of the data centre for commercial use is in response to its overarching objective of promoting digital inclusion as well as creating unfettered access and opportunities for entrepreneurs, businesses, and other organisations to enjoy premium data centre services in a world class and reliable facility.

"With over 20 years of extensive telecoms, technological and consumer-empowering operations in Nigeria, we are best positioned to support businesses and government establishments with an incomparable data centre

that will help advance commerce and ultimately expand the nation's economy, driving growth and prosperity for entrepreneurs and consumers.

The director, Airtel Business Airtel Nigeria, Ogo Ofomata, said: "We are inspiring and pioneering a new wave in the Nigeria's data centre landscape as we offer a compelling and affordable data centre to both large enterprises and small and medium scale businesses. Through our data centre, businesses will benefit from uninterrupted power and hyper secure storage for servers and data transmission equipment for various sizes of private and public sector establishments," she said.

Customs Generates N56.2bn N135.4bn From Import In Q1

BY YUSUF BABALOLA, Lagos

The Tin-Can Island Command of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), yesterday said the Free On Board (FOB), value of the export trade increased from N31.4 billion in first quarter of 2021 to N56.2 billion in Q1, 2022.

Speaking at the first quarter revenue and performance report of the command, Customs Area Controller (CAC),

Compt. Adekunle Oloyede, said the command collected a total of N135.4 billion within the period under review, which represents a N22.7 billion increase from the N112.69 billion collected the same period in the previous year.

According to him, the total tonnage of goods exported through Tin Can Island Port in the first three months of the year, January to March, grew by 62.67 per cent to

71,014.4 metric tons. He, however, said the volume increased compared to the 44,502.9 metric tons exported through the port the same period in 2021.

He listed the goods exported through the port to include non-oil products such as copper ingots, stainless steel ingots, sesame seeds, cashew nuts, cocoa beans, rubber, cocoa butter, leather, ginger, frozen shrimps among others.

Stakeholders Worry Over High Construction Cost, Taxation

BY ORJIME MOSES, Abuja

Stakeholders have expressed concern over the high cost of construction and taxation in Nigeria.

They made the observation in Abuja, at the "Construction Industry Roundtable", on the Appropriation Act 2022.

The event co-hosted by the Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NIQS), and the Federation of Construction Industry (FOCI), was themed: "Appropriation

Act 2022 and the Outlook for Construction Industry".

Speaking at the event, president of NIQS, Mr Olayemi Shonubi, said the aim of the forum was to bring in major players in the construction sector to identify major challenges in the industry and areas to engage government in advocacy to proffer solutions.

In addition, the forum would serve as a medium to engage government to make policy so as to make

things easier for them in the sector.

Shonubi identified areas such as high level of taxation, prices in building/construction materials, and gassoline, uncondusive environment for investors and the energy crisis in general.

"The taxation for example is the major areas to all of us, how do we engage the legislators so that there is a way they can look at to reduce some of the burdened areas to favour Nigerians.

Group Lauds Executive Order 11 On Public Buildings Maintenance Implementation

BY ZAKA KHALIQ, Lagos

The International Facility Management Association(IFMA), Nigeria chapter, has lauded president Muhammadu Buhari on his assent to Executive Order 11 on National Public Buildings Maintenance Policy.

The president, IFMA, Nigeria chapter, Mr. Segun Adebayo, who gave the commendation on Wednesday, noted that, the Order is long overdue and with this action, professional management and maintenance of federal assets are assured and guaranteed.

According to him, "as we earnestly look forward to the implementation of the provisions of the new order, through the setting up of maintenance departments in MDAs, our association is committed to collaborating with federal government through relevant ministries to provide required capacity building and knowledge development.

Africa's Cocoa Export Faces Fresh Challenges

BY CHIKA IZUORA, Lagos

African cocoa exporters would be facing another tough year due to the economic pressures that the Russia-Ukraine war has already weighed on the EU, a key importer of Africa's cocoa beans.

This is as Nigeria's potential joining of the Living Income Differential(LID), system set by cocoa producers shall contribute to creating a "Cocoa Opec" in West Africa with a stronger price-setting capacity that can eventually benefit poor farmers.

Experts say that cocoa alliance can ensure fair returns for small farmers.

Citing a Bloomberg report, Oxford Economics said that Nigeria is looking forward to joining the LID employed by Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana, which set a \$400/ton premium on the export price of cocoa from the 2020/2021 crop.

This premium has been

"As an association, we have been advocating the integration of sustainable practices into the built environment and this has started yielding the desired results."

While equally appreciating the minister of Works and Housing, Mr. Babatunde Raji Fashola, for this feat, he said his efforts in the ministry have yielded phenomenal results and would positively impact the various projects that this administration has embarked upon.

The executive order states that the federal government is committed to establishing a sustained maintenance programme to optimise the enormous investment in public infrastructure.

The government is determined to provide sustainable employment, job opportunities for large, small, and medium-sized businesses, artisans, and persons with vocational skills. Equally, the public assets would be maintained at a minimal cost.

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set in place to combat farmers' poverty. While over 70 per cent of the world's cocoa production comes from Africa, cocoa farmers earn only six per cent of the price that consumers pay for chocolate, said the briefing issued on Monday.

The ministry of Agriculture is expected to hold talks about the potential alliance with the Ghana Cocoa Board in May.

Nigeria is the fourth largest producer of cocoa, accounting for 6.5 per cent of the global production. The sector is dominated by at least 300,000 smallholder farmers with a cultivated area of 1,400,000 hectares.

"While Nigeria's cocoa production figures are well below that of Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana, the country's overreliance on its hydrocarbons sector has weighed on its potential in recent times, as oil production has dwindled," Oxford Economics said.

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5" x 4 COL	200,000.00	15,000.00	215,000.00	5" x 4 COL	130,000.00	9,750.00	139,750.00
5" x 3 COL	150,000.00	11,250.00	161,250.00	5" x 3 COL	93,000.00	6,975.00	99,975.00
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4" x 6 COL	235,000.00	17,625.00	252,625.00	4" x 6 COL	156,000.00	11,700.00	167,700.00
4" x 5 COL	200,000.00	15,000.00	215,000.00	4" x 5 COL	130,000.00	9,750.00	139,750.00
4" x 4 COL	155,000.00	11,625.00	166,625.00	4" x 4 COL	105,000.00	7,875.00	112,875.00
4" x 3 COL	97,500.00	7,312.50	104,812.50	4" x 3 COL	76,000.00	5,700.00	81,700.00
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5X 3	85,000.00	6,375.00	91,375.00	60,000.00	4,500.00	64,500.00
5X 2	70,000.00	5,250.00	75,250.00	40,000.00	3,000.00	43,000.00
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4X 2	52,500.00	3,937.50	56,437.50	35,000.00	2,625.00	37,625.00
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Paris 2024 Olympics: Brume, Quadri, 6 Others Get IOC Scholarships

BY SALIFU USMAN, ABUJA

Ese Brume, Aruna Quadri and six other Nigerian athletes' journey for podium success at the Paris 2024 Olympics have given a huge boost as they have been captured in the latest International Olympic Committee (IOC) scholarship scheme.

Other star athletes on the Scholarship list are reigning 100 me-

tres hurdle Commonwealth gold medallist, Oluwatobiloba Amusan, Tokyo Olympic Silver Medalist Blessing Oborodudu (Wrestling), Adekuruoye Odunayo (Wrestling), Elizabeth Anyanacho (Taekwondo), Imaobong Uko (athletics) and Offiong Edem (Table Tennis).

Under the scholarship scheme, athletes will receive monthly pay-

ment until the Paris 2024 Olympics, due to open on Friday, July 26 2024, and end on Sunday, 11 August.

An overjoyed Secretary General of the Nigeria Olympic Committee (NOC) Banji Oladapo, said the scholarship was an indication that Team Nigeria's light at the Paris Olympics could glow brighter than expected.

Oladapo noted that the scholarship included access to appropriate training facilities with coaches who specialise in their respective disciplines, regular medical and scientific assistance, accident and illness insurance, pocket money, and travel costs for the athletes' participation in relevant competitions and qualification events.

"We congratulate these eight

athletes for earning scholarships as they focus on their qualification for the Paris 2024 Olympics. All these athletes need to do is to focus on their training and set their goal towards the Paris Olympics. The NOC is always ready to ensure that Nigerian athletes benefit from the IOC as "their welfare remains our highest priority", Oladapo emphasised.



L-R: Minister of youth and sports development, Mr Sunday Dare, receives 2021/2022 UEFA Champions League Trophy from Trophy Tour Ambassador, Clarence Seedorf, in his office at the Moshhood Abiola National Stadium, Abuja, yesterday,

Champions League: Minister Extols Kanu, Finidi, Mikel Feat, Wishes Chukwueze Luck

BY SALIFU USMAN, ABUJA

The minister of youth and sports development, Mr Sunday Dare, has expressed delight for the memorable achievement of the trio of former Nigerian internationals - Kanu Nwankwo, Finidi George and John Mikel Obi - in the UEFA Champions League.

The trio are among the only 24 African footballers to have lifted the prestigious Champions League trophy.

Mikel Obi after missing out on the 2008 UEFA Champions League tro-

phy, losing to Manchester United in a penalty shootout, went on to win the prestigious trophy four years later in Munich beating Bayern Munich in the final.

The duo of Finidi George and Kanu Nwankwo played alongside ex-Netherlands international, Clarence Seedorf, who is currently in Nigeria in company of the 2021/2022 UEFA Champions League Trophy tour of the country, for AFC Ajax lifted the title in 1995.

Receiving the Champions League Trophy in his office at the Moshhood Abiola National Stadium Abuja on

yesterday, Minister Dare expressed excitement over the choice of Nigeria for the touring of the Trophy, describing it as the second most important Trophy in football after the FIFA World Cup title.

He said Nigeria, undoubtedly a football loving nation, has a strong attachment to the UEFA Champions League. "Nigerians have made significant inclusion into the UEFA Champions League. We can go down memory lane to recall Finidi George and Kanu Nwankwo, who were teammates to Clarence Seedorf who is here with us today. They won the Champions League trophy at Ajax in 1995. Austin Jay Jay Okocha, Daniel Amokachi, Kanu Nwankwo and along with Finidi George represent the golden generation of Nigeria football stars till date. Again in 2012, John Mikel Obi won the trophy with Chelsea and in November 1992, it was on record that the first goal scored in the present format of the competition was scored by Nigerian Daniel Amokachi," Dare stated.

"We train them with the modern global details, maybe minus the facilities. The routine of what the young ones should know are exposed to our players at Lakeside," he said.

He expressed optimism that Samuel Chukwueze, who is the only Nigerian left in the 2021/2022 Champions League campaign will hopefully be the next Nigerian to put his hands on the trophy.

Lakeside Proud Of Youngsters

Lakeside Academy Bariga Lagos has expressed delight over the fast rate at which players from the outfit are getting better with future prospects.

Olaelekan Ganiyu, the CEO of the Academy said the professional way in which the outfit is being administered has helped greatly in the development of the players.

He told newsmen on Tuesday that the players are being given the correct basic morals, techniques and all the foundation routines to grow better.

"It is not all coaches that know how to raise young ones to stardom. There

are elementary things those starting the game should know and when it becomes necessary they apply those skills with ease," Ganiyu said.

Head Coach of the academy, who also handles the high-flying Lakeside Queens, Oluwatobi Ganiyu, added that there were dividends already about the structure of the academy.

"We train them with the modern global details, maybe minus the facilities. The routine of what the young ones should know are exposed to our players at Lakeside," he said.

NBBF To Commence Para Basketball League In 2023

BY SALIFU USMAN, ABUJA

President of Nigeria Basketball Federation (NBBF) faction, Igoche Mark, has assured para-basketball players that the federation would by next year put in place a para-basketball league in the country.

Mark made the promise after watching a para-basketball game at the ongoing National Para Games in Abuja on Wednesday. He said his led NBBF board has a target of developing the basketball sport from the grassroots.

"This is a promise, with an all-inclusive package that will include all players, irrespective of their physical challenge or situation.

"We have promised basketball stakeholders, including players, officials and administrators, that the main goal of our board is grass roots development.

"It is a development that will be all-inclusive, irrespective of the physical challenge anyone might be going through," he said.

The NBBF president said the federation would in due course make further pronouncements on the para-basketball league.

He commended the Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports Development for organising and hosting the National Para Games, saying it is a good omen for the overall development of sports.

Onyechi Boosts John Utaka Academy Tour Of France

US based philanthropist, Dr Napoleon Onyechi, has offered incentives to John Utaka Academy of Minna in support of the team's proposed playing tour of France, next month.

The Grand patron of the club was the guest of honour during a friendly match between John Utaka Academy and FC International at Old Parade Ground, Abuja to commemorate his award with a doctoral degree in health management by Irsbacom University of Benin Republic.

Onyechi, accompanied by his wife, described the match organised by the academy, owned by former Super Eagles striker, John Utaka as an honour he never anticipated.

"I am honoured to see the young people come out to support me and participate in this joyful occasion. I feel humbled and proud of the young kids and urge them to devote their time to something productive instead of hanging out on the street. Anything I can do to support them, I will. This is our home. We have to support our own children and give them the right direction," Onyechi said.

The team is due to play a series of friendly matches with youth clubs in France including Lyon, Nice, Monaco, Strasbourg and Montpellier, where Utaka is presently an assistant coach.

The Vice President of John Utaka Academy, Usman Chatta applauded Onyechi, who was introduced to the club by Soccer Ambassador, Friday Kudjeh for his gesture, saying his visit has motivated the team.

Chatta said the team that has former National U-17 player Yusuf Bolarinwa and Jimmy Abdul that played in the last U-20 WAFU Cup and a couple of players from Ghana, was in Abuja to process its visa to travel by the first week of May. The team was forced to alter its original travel plan for this month arising from a delay in booking the flight for all 22 players and eight officers.

He said the tour of France will boost the morale of the team as they will play Strasbourg, which is presently placed fifth in the French League. He said the French team has been calling day in day out to know about the team's arrival time for this particular friendly.

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AMUSEMENT PARK

IF SOMEONE SAYS, 'IT'S NOT THE MONEY, IT'S THE PRINCIPLE, IT'S THE MONEY.'

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Self-indicted Leaders

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It was the leader of Italy, Benito Mussolini, who, during the second World War (1939-1945) in which his country was a major participant, likened war to maternity which is women's most painful but, most often, unavoidable experience. He aptly described war as a version of maternity for men and also their biggest challenge in life.

In other words, war is a natural occurrence from which men can not completely escape and are therefore expected to always be prepared to face it either as attackers or defenders. The human tendencies for aggression and retaliation have continued to find clear practical expressions in the physical attacks, counter-attacks and all other forms of violence with mostly men as the perpetrators or victims.

Such violent occurrences are now the most prevalent realities in most parts of Northern Nigeria with a lot of the local communities as victims of their terrible effects. The growing rate of the attacks on the people which continuously results in the rapid decimation of the population has continued to show the incapacity or unreadiness of the government to provide adequate security for the citizens.

The growing calls on all vulnerable communities to adopt self-defence are an expression of dissatisfaction over the approach of the government to the insecurity in the North and some other parts of the country. Even the government, in what has already appeared to be an acceptance of defeat, has unhesitatingly thrown its weight behind the self-defence clamour without the least consideration of the danger that the acquisition of arms by individuals and groups which causes unhealthy proliferation of volunteer security outfits portends for the country.

So far, the attitude of the government to the prevailing insecurity in the land is characterised by denials, blame game and even self-indictment, each of which is a factor that aggravates the situation. Aside the consistent denial of the fact that terror attacks are on the rise and the baseless insistence that the situation is under control, the government frequently and shamelessly shifts the blame to some other quarters even when some of its key functionaries at various levels and a lot of other stakeholders in the governance of the country have already admitted that



they have woefully failed to live up to their constitutional responsibilities.

In one way or another, State Governors like Aminu Bello Masari of Katsina, Nasiru Ahmed El-Rufai of Kaduna, Mohammed Bello Mawalle of Zamfara, Mohammed Sani Bello of Niger, Aminu Waziri Tmbuwal of Sokoto and Samuel Ortom of Benue have all expressed frustration over the speedy deterioration of security in their respective states. Even the Minister of Defense, Bashir Salihu Magashi and some prominent members of the National Assembly like Senators Smart Adeyemi and Ali Ndume as well as Majority Leader in the Federal House of Representatives, Alhassan Ado Doguwa and several other members of the House bitterly complained about the continuous abduction and killing of innocent people across the country.

Whether they are denials by Information Minister - Lai Mohammed and the spokespersons of the President - Femi Adesina and Garba Shehu or they are calls for the adoption of self-defense as made by Governors Masari and Ortom as well as Honourable Minister Magashi or they are unequivocal confessions about the failure of the government to protect the lives and properties of the people by Governor El-Rufai and others, they are all a confirmation of the existence of terrible gaps in the security architecture of the country.

Each of the reactions is a bold testimony to the fact that, on mat-

ters of security, Nigerians are on their own.

The strong recommendation of self-defence, by some State Governors and even the Minister of Defence, is a clear acknowledgement of the superiority of the might of the terrorists and an absolute submission to their will. It is a particular kind of reaction that simultaneously emboldens criminals and demoralizes or even devastates targets of violent attacks.

Obviously, the continuous rise of violent crimes is a direct consequence of the realisation by all various categories of the perpetrators that their targets are most vulnerable. A lot of the pronouncements of some government officials must have made the offenders to believe that all the law enforcement agencies have packed up and they can therefore freely choose what to do with the citizens.

El-Rufai's confession or admission of failure and the request for forgiveness is, unfortunately, only an acceptance of reality but not expression of determination to step up effort towards the control of the situation. It is, in fact, seen as some kind of bid to take undue advantage of the naivety of the people to exonerate himself from the huge blame for the disturbing inaction that has been the reason for the escalation of violence in Kaduna State and beyond.

Meanwhile, in all the reactions of the government to the security challenges, it is the self-indictment by El-Rufai and his likes that

is most interesting because it has exposed the inherent hypocrisy in all their approach to the problem. Nothing can be more hypocritical than an admission of such a failure even to the extent of self-indictment without a commensurate resolve to bring about a noticeable improvement.

Even with the self-exoneration effort and the apology, the self-indictment stands and it will remain a fact to which reference will continuously be made. No any other proof is required to establish the fact that the failure of the government to execute its mandate is both apparent and extensive enough to cripple a nation. Such a self-indictment, especially if it is not followed by a determination to strengthen the capacity for delivery, easily erodes public confidence in leaders.

As it is now, all the self-indicted leaders have lost substantial quantity of their reputation and have, as a result, become objects of ridicule. It is only the power they control and not their reputation or integrity that still sustains them, which explains both the resort to self-help by some of the victims of the frequent terror attacks as recommended and the resignation to fate by many others.

There is almost a conclusion now that the kind of rescue that is most desperately needed is moving further away from the people considering the fast rising incidences of insecurity, joblessness, and the resultant poverty. If, with

all the support that the citizens extended to those who are currently in positions of power at the critical times of need, what obtains now is the prevalence of an atmosphere of extreme fear, definitely the loss of hope for an early salvation is most justifiable.

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