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MPC Blames Insecurity For Rising Food Prices

BY BUKOLA IDOWU, Lagos

Although inflation has been declining for two months, monetary policy committee (MPC) members of the Cen-

tral Bank of Nigeria (CBN) have raised concern over the impact the rising insecurity in the country could have on prices, particularly, on agri-

cultural products.

Inflation backtracked to 17.93 per cent in May this year, having risen to 18.17 per cent in March. Though

food inflation dropped from 22.72 per cent recorded in April 2021 to 22.28 per cent in May 2021, indicating the second consecutive decline in

the food index, on month-on-month basis, the food sub-index increased by 1.05 per cent in May 2021, up by 0.06 per cent points from 0.99 per

cent recorded in April 2021.

While the declining inflation was welcomed by members of the MPC, they were

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- Abduct 14 others, including emir's grandchildren
- It's a joke taken too far - Speaker
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6. Prompt attention to teachers welfare, including regular salaries
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8. Payment of WAEC fees for some categories of students.
9. Building of a first class secondary school in Gembu
10. Mass training and retraining of teachers.

Ishaku is Working and Taraba is Changing!

Lagos Raises The Alarm Over COVID-19 Third Wave

BACK STORY OF THE DAY

NPHCDA Clears Air On Rumours Of Electromagnetic Ingredients In COVID - 19 Vaccines

BY PATIENCE IVIE IHEJIRIKA, Abuja

Misinformation and conspiracy theories towards discouraging the public from getting vaccinated against COVID-19 have continued to spread rampantly on social media platforms.

The social media was recently awash with videos of people claiming that the vaccine had created magnetic field around vaccination site and that it was causing their body to light up an electric bulb.

The National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) has come out to say that

the claim was untrue.

Executive director of the NPHCDA, Dr Faisal Shuaib, says the anti-vaccination elements have come up with magnetic conspiracy deceiving people with videos, that COVID-19 vaccine creates magnetic field around vaccination site and can cause the body to light up an electric bulb.

Shuaib says although the people who are manufacturing conspiracy theories about COVID-19 are in the minority, the virulence of social media increases their reach.

The ED, who spoke in Abuja points out "Today I would like to make very clear and demonstrate publicly that COVID-19 vaccine does not create any magnetic effect



around the vaccination site or any part of the body for that matter, neither does it cause the body to light up an electric bulb.

Stating that it's a common fact that people with wet, moist or sticky skin can have objects stuck to their skin especially in smooth areas. Strong friction also allows for objects to stick to the skin. And the fact that COVID -19 vaccines does

not contain any metal. So, how can it generate magnetic field or light an electric bulb?

A health worker in Abuja, Jonathan Jane who just collected her second dose of the Oxford AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, told me that her husband was getting really worried for her after watching some of the videos of spoons, phones and other metals magnetizing people's skin, but says she was very sure that the claims were not true.

A journalist craving anonymity, who has also received his second dose of the vaccine said initially, he was getting scared after watching one of the videos but that he became relieved after he tried

placing metal objects around his vaccination spot and there was no magnet.

Meanwhile, 2,495,632 people have been vaccinated with the first dose, while 1,370,130 have received their second dose of AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine in the country, said Shuaib.

"Overall, Nigeria has successfully utilised 3.9million doses, representing 96 per cent of the 4,024,000 doses of the vaccines received in the country. Nigeria is poised to achieve 100 per cent utilisation of the doses of vaccine it has received in the next few days.

"This is to ensure that people are protected against COVID-19, and normalcy is restored," he explained.

Maimuna's Memoir

Revamping Work Ethics

At The Till

Well, this is another common occurrence in my dearly beloved country that I would love to talk about. I mean, why should this be for real?? Shouldn't we be concerned?

So, one day I rush out to the supermarket close to my home to do some last minute shopping as I was preparing to receive some friends over for the weekend. I pushed my trolley through the beautiful and sophisticated shop picking one item after the other that I felt was needed.

After moving across aisles and scanning all the shelves of items on display (sometimes they move these items around, not sure why. Probably to make you walk the whole length and see other things on display that you didn't budget for to buy but all of a sudden find yourself buying) I got all I needed and headed to the till.

I stood in the queue like any decent citizen would and waited patiently for my turn. At last it came. I began placing my items carefully on the counter top as the sales man started scanning them. Done, I pushed the trolley out and

reached for the shop's branded nylon bag to pack up the scanned items and place them in the trolley. The last item was scanned and the sales man looked at me and declared, "That would be fifty-five thousand, two hundred and sixty Naira." I nodded with a smile and reached for my purse.



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SEVEN TIPS: ON HOW TO RECHARGE BEFORE GETTING BACK TO WORK

It's always good to take some time off work and feel all the better for it when resuming! Here are healthy ways to recharge before getting back to work!

Don't Check Your Email Right When You Wake Up

Don't start your day by going straight into work and answering stressful emails. During your day off, keep your phone out of your room so you can begin your day with a peaceful frame of mind. "This is your day. If someone needs to reach you badly enough, they can call. It's easy to get distracted on the Internet, then before you know it, the whole day is gone," says Life Coach Julie Holmes in an interview with Bustle over email.



er permits, take a slow mindful walk in nature, paying particular attention to the movement of your legs, the sights, smells and sounds around you. Luxuriating in soft, slow moments like this are so deeply calming and restorative, they allow the batteries to recharge quickly and effectively," says Tandon.

Do Things That Will Nurture Your Soul

During your time off, it's vital for you to do something for yourself while you take time off to recharge your mind and soul. "Take a walk through nature. Meditate ([there are] lots of guided meditations on YouTube). Read a book. Learn something new. Focus only on doing things that feed your soul, whatever that is for you," says Holmes.

Do Low-Stress Exercise

Instead of stressing your body out with a vigorous exercise routine, try a different approach by doing yoga or another type of mindful exercise. "If you are going to practice some form of physical activity (remembering that most forms are quite demanding and you want [to] recharge), try a restorative yoga class. Props are used to help the body open and stretch passively. You'll feel replenished and fluid," says Tandon.

Slow Down Your Day

Rather than being stressed by trying to accomplish a billion errands, slow time down by enjoying the little moments. "Find time to slow down your pace and just be. We're human beings, not human doings. Try to eliminate stimulants like caffeine that day, so your mind and body are able to calm down and find a restful state. In this state, take out time to read quietly in an armchair or chaise, sip on some camomile tea, or draw a bath, light some candles and play soft music," says holistic wellness coach Pax Tandon in an interview with Bustle over email.

Get More Sleep

Sleep is the ultimate body recharger. Experts recommend seven to nine hours of sleep per night for healthy adults ages 26 to 64. Getting fewer than six hours of sleep per night is a major risk factor for burnout at work. Set up a healthy sleep schedule by going to sleep and getting up at the same time every day and following other healthy sleep habits.

Change Your Diet

Your energy levels are greatly impacted by your diet. Experts recommend a mix of complex carbohydrates, such as whole grains and starchy vegetables, with lean proteins and healthy fat at each meal. It's possible to cook and eat nutritious meals, even if you have a busy schedule.

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AFRICAN FREE CONTINENTAL TRADE AGREEMENT (AfCFTA) - TRADE NEWS FROM THE CONTINENT

SOUTH AFRICA



The South African Revenue Service (Sars) and business advocacy organisation Business Unity South Africa (Busa) on July 9 announced the formation of the Sars Private Sector Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) Stakeholder Group to improve border management. Over the next four years, the programme will expand to include all supply chain actors, a simplified programme for small, medium-sized and microenterprises, a single government AEO programme and a single Southern African Customs Union AEO programme with augmented benefits.

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KENYA



Kenya has been ranked as the top country in the world in reducing the population with no access to electricity, pointing to the impact of the state's focus on rural areas for nearly a decade. The Energy Progress Report for 2021, a product of a partnership between the World Bank and bodies such as the International Energy Agency, says Kenya's electrification pace is now ahead of population growth. Kenya's annualised increase in electricity access between 2010 and 2019 was at 5.6 percent — the largest among the top 20 countries in the world with the biggest electricity access gap.

UGANDA



THE government's efforts to turn Mwanza into a transport and business hub has begun to pay off, with the shipping of petroleum products from the rock city to Port Bell, in Kampala resuming after almost 17 years of lull. Uganda Railways Corporation (URC) on Wednesday received half a million litres of petroleum products through the Mwanza- Port Bell Luzira route, from where Uganda Railways wagons picked it en route to the final destination.

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 Puzzle

Puzzle For Today

INBOX

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Hiking Of Campaign Spending

The National Assembly is presently in the process of making alterations to the 1999 constitution ostensibly to adapt it to present realities.

One of the laws the federal lawmakers are attempting to amend is the law guiding elections in Nigeria, the Electoral Act. Already, the work of the lawmakers is generating a lot of interest among Nigerians who have expressed reservations about some of the provisions added or omitted.

One of the aspects that has raised eyebrows is Clause 88 of the draft bill which proposes to hike, on a massive scale, the spending cap for aspirants seeking to vie for political offices in the country.

The draft bill increased the money a presidential candidate could spend on an election campaign from N5 billion to N15 billion while that of governorship candidates was increased from N1 billion to N5 billion.

For a senatorial election, a candidate could spend up to N1.5 billion, up from N100 million while a House of Representatives candidate could spend up to N500 million, up from N70 million.

There are many reasons why discerning Nigerians are uneasy about this provision. First of all, there is no demonstrable reason to show that increasing the spending limit for aspirants for political offices would improve the country's polity and the electoral system.

Even more poignant is that such a move would encourage the exclusion of a wide spectrum of persons from such an important national exercise and restrict the field to moneybags.

Already, the role of money in the country's electoral system had been identified as one of its banes, with aberrations such as vote buying and vote selling, bribing of security and electoral of-

ficials, and hiring of thugs and hoodlums being areas desperate politicians have poured in money to try to manipulate the process in their favour, often increasing electoral violence and undermining the development of democracy.

Also, encouraging politicians to spend more in an election will increase their desperation to win the election at all costs, and subsequently lead to the subversion of the governance system. In Nigeria's nascent brand of politics which is not underpinned by any discernible ideology - the politicians are united in their quest to make as much financial gain from government as possible, legally or otherwise - it is a given the first preoccupation of any such public office holder would be to recoup his investment many times over,

and that will significantly reduce his capacity to deliver the dividends of democracy to the generality of Nigerians.

Moreover, political appointees who may want to contest for elective offices will be preoccupied with trying to take advantage of their current positions to corner enough resources from the offices they occupy in order to match their rivals. In the end governance will suffer.

It is the opinion of this newspaper that this provision, if accepted, would also limit the chances of women, youths and persons living with disabilities - who constitute biggest segment of population - to contribute to governance. Since the Beijing Conference when affirmation action was birthed which seeks to encourage more women participation in

governance, there has been a clamour to mainstream more of the female folk into the political system. Unfortunately, in Nigeria, as the contest for power became grimmer and grimmer, the number of elected women have continued to dwindle. Women are generally less financially endowed than men, and this works against them during elections. We are compelled to argue that raising the spending cap will further alienate them from being in position to contribute their quota to the nation's development.

It is the same with youths. Though they are being encouraged to bring their youthful energy and inventiveness to public office, however, they cannot always get into elective offices as they cannot match the old brigade in financial resources. As a result, they only get party tickets to contest on the platforms of smaller parties which stand little or no chance of winning elections.

As a newspaper, we align with those who say the dominance of money in Nigeria's elections is detrimental to the political evolution as it hinders the inclusion of marginalised groups like women, youths and persons living with disabilities. So, in the end, this particular provision is tantamount to shrinking the political space.

We also hold that increasing campaign funding will not only increase desperation and violence in the electoral system, it will also reduce political campaign from a contest of ideas to a case of financial doping with the concomitant danger of increasing the avenues for corrupting the system.

We urge the lawmakers to reconsider this bill as going ahead to pass it will send the wrong signal. In fact, they should enact a law that allows more people with bright ideas to come on board. That is one possible way of improving the nation's democracy and governance.

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Panic As Bandits Kidnap Emir Of Kajuru In Kaduna

BY ISIAH BENJAMIN and RAHILA ABDULLAHI. Kaduna, SUNDAY ISUWA, Abuja

Again, bandits have abducted a second class Emir of Kajuru, Alhaji Alhassan Adamu and 14 others in Kajuru local government area of Kaduna State.

The emir was kidnapped at his residence alongside family members when the bandits invaded the area at about 12:30am yesterday, shooting sporadically before whisking away their captives.

A credible source from the community said the Emir was taken away with 14 of his household, including three women, two of his grandchildren, three of his aides and six others.

The abduction of the emir and his family members is coming few days after about 121 students of Bethel Baptist High School, Damishi, and another 13 persons from Ungwan Gimbiya,



El-Rufai

all in Chikun local government area and others in Zaria local government area of Kaduna State, were abducted by bandits.

However, Kaduna State Police Public Relation Officer (PPRO) ASP Mohammed Jalige, who confirmed the attack and abduction of the emir, said only 10 members of the emir's family were taken away with him.

According to the police

spokesperson, who issued a statement on the abduction said, "The Kaduna Police Command through the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) Kajuru, Kaduna, was in receipt of an unfortunate report on the kidnap of the Chief of Kajuru, His Royal Highness, Alhaji Alhassan Adamu, in the early hours of today 11th July, 2021.

"The incident occurred about 0234hrs when arms wielding bandits in large numbers invaded Kajuru town, shot sporadically and gained access into the Chief's residence where they abducted him and 10 members of his immediate family to an unknown destination."

He said a joint patrol of the Police Mobile Force (PMF), conventional police and the Nigerian Army attached to Kajuru LGA are currently engaged in search and rescue mission around the forest for a possible rescue of the victims while IGP's tacti-

cal units have been contacted for technical support.

ASP Jalige further said the Command was saddened at the incident and was not relenting in ensuring lasting solution to the current upsurge of criminality in the state.

He called on members of the public to remain calm and always support the Police and other security agencies with credible information that will enable them curtail any possible attack on innocent citizens.

Meanwhile, the Speaker of the Kaduna State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon Yusuf Ibrahim Zailani has described the early Sunday morning abduction of the Emir of Kajuru and family members as a joke taken too far.

The Speaker, who stated this through his special adviser on media and publicity, Ibrahim Dahiru Danfulani, said, "The news of the abduction of the Emir of Kajuru,

and members of his family is a joke taken too far and stands condemnable.

"Traditional leaders play a key role in ensuring peaceful coexistence and stability of our society, hence the abductors are out to destabilise our society," he said.

Zailani said in view of the emir's important role in the society, security personnel should track the abductors and ensure all hostages are freed unharmed.

LEADERSHIP recalls that in October 2018, the Agom Adara, Chief Maiwada Galadima and his wife were kidnapped at Maikyali village along Kaduna -Kachia road in Kachia Local Government area of the state.

In that attack, some armed men intercepted the convoy of the traditional ruler and opened fire, forcing them to stop and in the process, his police orderly and three others in the convoy were shot dead. The bandits took

away the royal father and his wife, Victoria, to unknown destination.

Although the wife was released eventually, the royal father was murdered by his abductors.

A former accountant general of the state and governorship candidate on the platform of the Social Democratic Party (SDP) in the 2019 general elections, Haruna Y. Saeed, has written an open letter to Governor Malam Nasir el-Rufai and lawmakers representing the area, demanding urgent measures to stem the tide of kidnapping in the state.

In his open letter, he said, "Early Sunday morning, a gang of bandits laid siege on the town of Kajuru and targeted the symbol of traditional authority, the Emirate in particular, and bastardised the household and took the Emir along with 14 others,

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MPC Blames Insecurity For Rising Food Prices

FROM COVER

concerned that the rising insecurity in the country could further push up prices. This was evident in the personal statements of the MPC members made available by the CBN.

A member of the MPC, Festus Adenikinju, who said he was encouraged by the positive news on growth and inflation, noted that "the economic recovery rate is still very weak and fragile," ad-

ding that "poverty and unemployment rates are still quite high."

Adenikinju explained that "the security situation in the country is hurting economic recovery, while at the same time poverty and unemployment also contribute to the worsening security challenge we have. As we enter another planting season, the effect of climate change may have negative impact on food prices in later part of the year."

He urged the CBN to use

its administrative tools to rein in inflation, especially those coming from monetary impulses, and to expand the current intervention programmes targeted at boosting real consumption by households and production by SMEs.

"The current efforts of the CBN to promote dry season agriculture would be quite helpful. There is need to expand the targeted credit facility (TCF) and the agribusiness/small and medi-

um enterprises investment scheme (AGSMEIS) to ensure more Nigerians benefit from the programme" he said.

Chikwendu Asogwa noted that some inflationary pressures could emerge in the coming months, driven by supply side uncertainties, especially security challenges in food producing areas while adverse weather conditions may affect some cereals.

"It is widely expected that inflation will remain on a

downward spiral during the remainder of 2021. Further supply side fiscal and monetary interventions are needed to soften any likely pressures. Hopefully, existing weak demand conditions may also limit any strong pass-through to core inflation in the coming months," he said.

On his part, CBN deputy governor, corporate services, Adamu Lamtek, maintained that with Nigeria projected to grow by about 2.5

per cent in 2021, the growth of the country is "below her potential and obviously not enough to significantly alleviate the unemployment situation.

"To spur all-round economic recovery and brighten the outlook for overall growth, fiscal actions must be aimed at supporting a wide range of activities including contact-intensive activities that have been heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic."

Violence Rages In South Africa Over Jailing Of Zuma

Violence spread yesterday over the jailing of former South African President Jacob Zuma.

Massive looting was carried out in the former president's home province of KwaZulu-Natal and spread to economic hub of Johannesburg

Shops were looted overnight and a section of the M2 highway was closed in Johannesburg yesterday as violence following the jailing of Zuma spread to the country's main economic hub.

Violence had mainly been concentrated in Zuma's home

province of KwaZulu-Natal (KZN), where on Wednesday night he began a 15-month sentence for contempt of court.

Police said some of those carrying out theft and damage were taking advantage of their anger at Zuma's imprisonment.

The Johannesburg Metropolitan police department (JMPD) said there had been looting in the Alexandra township and Jeppetown suburb. The M2 was closed off after reports of shots being fired at

passing vehicles.

Protests were continuing in the Hillbrow neighbourhood yesterday morning, a JMPD spokesperson, Wayne Minnaar, said.

A KwaZulu-Natal police spokesperson, Jay Naicker, said that there had also been looting in eThekweni, the municipality that includes Durban, and that nine people had been arrested, taking the number of arrests in the province since Friday to 37. "We saw a lot of criminals or opportunistic individuals trying

to enrich themselves during this period," he said.

A senior police official in Gauteng, the province where Johannesburg is located, told the public broadcaster SABC: "What is happening in KwaZulu-Natal, there is a link in a way with Gauteng."

Zuma was given the jail term for defying an order from the constitutional court to give evidence at an inquiry that is investigating high-level corruption during his nine years in power until 2018. He denies that the-

re was widespread corruption under his leadership but has refused to cooperate with the inquiry that was set up in his final weeks in office.

Zuma has challenged his sentence in the constitutional court, partly on the grounds of what he says is his frail health and the risk of catching Covid-19. That challenge will be heard on Monday.

Meanwhile, the Nigerian Citizens Association in South Africa (NICASA) has urged compatriots living in that country to take precautions

while doing business in troubled areas, to avoid destruction of their goods and property.

The President-General of NICASA, Mr Benjamin Okoli, gave the advice in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Sunday.

According to him, the South African arsonists are at it again leaving destruction on their trails. "Jules Street Johannesburg has been torched by these hoodlums, where they had destroyed properties of mostly foreign nationals.

OPS Partners FG To Protect 9m Children

Organised Private Sector (OPS) in collaboration with the federal government will offer protection to over nine million Nigerian children under the At-Risk Children Project (ARC-P).

The project will offer pro-

tection to the unprotected children who deal daily with violence, abuse, neglect, exploitation and exclusion, the special adviser to the president on social investments, Mrs Maryam Uwais, has said.

Uwais while unveiling the programme, a strategic national response to address the problem of vulnerable children coordinated by her office to the Organised Private Sector (OPS) in Lagos, she said ARC-P's vision is to

comprehensively address cross-cutting concerns of at-risk children and provide them with a life of dignity.

In a statement she issued, Uwais said, "In the family and communities, children should be fully protected so

they can survive, grow, learn and develop to their fullest potential," she said.

The project's mission, Uwais added, "is to facilitate programmes that will ensure the integration of at-risk children and young adults

by creating opportunities for skills and empowerment to reduce their vulnerabilities".

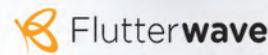
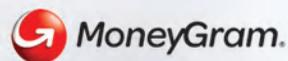
She further disclosed that ARC-P would nurture children with dignity and respect, raise equal citizens and bridge the poverty gap.



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Ndume, Moro, Others Honoured By Peace Corps

Some National Assembly members including Senators Ali Ndume, Abba Moro and House Leader, Hon Alhassan Doduwa, were at the weekend honoured by the Peace Corps of Nigeria (PCN) for their role in ensuring peace and stability in the country.

The award ceremony was part of the activities lined up to mark the 23rd anniversary/founder's day celebration of the Peace Corps of Nigeria in Abuja.

In his anniversary speech, the national commandant, PCN, Prof Dickson Akoh, said the PCN has weathered the storm in its quest to realise a Nigeria that is in peace and crime free.

Akoh said, the country today, just like any other part of the world, is passing through unprecedented health challenges occasioned by COVID-19 pandemic, and that the worst of it is the overwhelming security challenges of a troubling scale.

He said the PCN envisions a Nigeria where all young people are inspired and equipped to realise their ambition.

This, it intends to achieve by connecting young people with opportunities to transform their lives and create a better and peaceful society for all.

"This is anchored on the core mandate of the Peace Corps, which is to develop; empower and provide gainful employment for the youths; to facilitate peace, volunteerism, community services; neighbourhood watch and nation-building.

"Thus, the ideals behind the coming into being of the corps shows our unwavering commitment to peace building, youth re-orientation and empowerment," Akoh stated.

Chairman of the occasion, former head of state, General Yakubu Gowon, represented by the former military governor of Old Bauchi State, Major General Chris Garba (rtd), hailed the choice of the theme: "Rejigging The Security Architecture: Imperative For A Second Line Of Public Safety: The Nigerian Peace Corps perspectives", and urged the youths not to do anything that will take the country backward.

Gowon said that in the past 23 years, the PCN has done well in spite of the daunting challenges it has faced.

FG Cancels Port Harcourt-Maiduguri Railway Contract

BY EJIKE EJIKE, Abuja

The contract for the rehabilitation of the Port Harcourt to Maiduguri rail tracks has been cancelled and set to be re-awarded.

This is even as the minister of transportation, Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi, has insisted that local contractors must develop their capacity before they can be awarded rail contracts.

The minister, while explaining why the contracts was cancelled and ordered to be re-awarded, said the quest for local contractors to be used is not feasible, as most of them do not have the prerequisites capacity for the job.

Speaking at the weekend Amaechi said: "It is good for us to buy and equip ourselves with made in Nigeria goods, by so doing, it will support Nigerian producers, that's the only way our economy will become productive.

"I am among those who will want to support Nigerian engineers and contractors, we have tried it in the consulting engineers' sector, we asked for five years experience and they take photographs of other people's work and attached it, so they are not qualified," he stated.

The minister also said going by the requirements of companies that have acquired experience

in consultancy over the past five years, "Only TEAM will qualify because the Lagos-Ibadan rail project was supervised by them.

"They also supervised the Abuja-Kaduna rail project and the Warri-Itakpe rail project TEAM also supervised, so they are the only company that must have done five years.

"Or you want me to bring in a Nigerian company when the train derails and 50 people die, you start calling Amaechi?"

The minister further explained that "for me, I will love to get in Nigerians but they must be qualified, they must meet the requirements as approved by the Directorate of Railways."

Kaduna Declares Public Holiday Over Death Of Bala Bantex

BY JONATHAN NDA-ISIAIAH, ABUJA AND AZA MSUE, Kaduna

Kaduna State government has declared today as a work-free day in honour of former deputy governor Barnabas Yusuf Bala Bantex's memory and service to the state.

A statement issued by the special adviser to Governor Nasir el-Rufai on media and communication, Muiyiwa Adekeye, Kaduna State government formally announced the death of the late former deputy governor.

The statement reads: "Architect Barnabas Bala, who served as Deputy Governor of Kaduna State from May 2015 to May 2019, died today in Abuja. Malam Nasir El-Rufai has sent a personal message of condolence to the family, noting that it was a blessing to know Ban-

tex and to work with him. The governor acknowledged his commitment to the progress of Kaduna State and prayed God to grant him peaceful repose and to comfort his family."

Meanwhile, President Muhammadu Buhari has joined the government and people of Kaduna State to mourn the passing of Architect Barnabas Yusuf Bala (Bantex), a former deputy governor of the state during the first tenure of Governor Nasir Ahmed El-Rufai.

President Buhari in a statement by his media aide, Garba Shehu believes that Architect Bantex, a true gentleman and consummate professional, would be fondly remembered for his many years of distinguished service in his home state, his patriotism to the nation as well as forthrightness in politics.



Bantex

The president also affirmed that the former deputy governor, who served as chairman of Kaura local government council and member representing Kaura federal constituency in the House of Representatives, was a potent voice on peace, stability and progress at the state and national level.

Appeal Court Dismisses First Bank's N556m Debt Recovery Suit

BY OLUGBENGA SOYELE, Lagos

The Lagos Division of the Court of Appeal has dismissed an appeal filed by First Bank of Nigeria Plc seeking recovery of the sum of N556,493,034.16 owed it by the defunct Lead Merchant Bank Plc.

The appellate court in a unanimous judgement held that the provision of Section 54 of the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act (BOFIA) made it clear beyond reasonable doubt that deposit liabilities rank in priority over and above

every other liability of the bank where the bank suspends payment or is unable to meet its obligations.

In the lead judgement read by Justice Gabriel Kolawole, the court held that statutory provision has conferred priority on deposit liabilities over all other liabilities of the bank.

Other members of the panel are Justice Joseph Shagbaor Ikyegh (presiding) and Justice Ugochukwu Anthony Ogakwu respectively.

First Bank had filed the appeal against the judgement of Justice

Ibrahim Buba of the Federal High Court in suit number FHC/L/CS/1662/2016 instituted by the bank against the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (liquidator of Lead Merchant Bank Plc).

The facts of the suit are that prior to the revocation of the banking licence of Lead Merchant Limited, the bank became indebted to the appellant (First Bank of Nigeria) under a clearing and settlement banking transaction and the outstanding indebtedness stood at N556,493,034.16.

Sisters Keep Decomposing Mother's Corpse For 9 Days As 'Instructed By The Lord'

BY PATRICK OCHOGA, Benin City

It was a bizarre sight for the residents of Universal Road, by Medical Store Road, Okhoro axis of Benin City, Edo State capital, to behold as the decomposing body of a septuagenarian was discovered in an apartment, nine days after her death.

The strangest aspect of the sight is the fact that two children of the deceased, Mrs Agbenese Oshoma, aged 78, were in the know of their mother's death but kept the news

to themselves for the whole nine days, until the offensive odour from their house forced neighbours to barge into the house to behold the bloated body of the elderly woman.

More bizarre, the two children, Grace Osagede, a 60-year old woman and her younger sister, Theresa Suberu, aged 58, told the prying neighbours that they were instructed by the Lord not to disclose the death of their mother to anybody.

The two children, it was

gathered, went about their normal daily chores inside the house while their mother's corpse laid, rotting away as they made no attempt to embalm the body since they were "instructed by the Lord" not to tell anyone.

Neighbours, who initially perceived the stench from the building, it was further gathered, inquired from the two sisters what the matter was and the children dismissed such enquiries as nothing.

When the offensive odour

became unbearable, the neighbours mobilised and barged into the building only to discover the decomposing body of the woman everyone in the neighbourhood called "Iye", or old woman.

When confronted, the older sister, Grace, told the people that she had instruction from the Lord not to disclose the death of their mother to anybody, a position that was corroborated by her younger sister, Theresa, who said her elder sister asked her not to tell anyone as "instructed by the Lord".



Australia Reports First Death Of 2021, Highest Daily Cases

Australia has announced its first coronavirus-related death of the year as authorities in the state of New South Wales struggle to contain an outbreak of the highly infectious Delta variant.

The woman in her 90s died hours after testing positive for COVID-19, officials said yesterday.

Hers is the first death from a locally acquired infection in Australia this year and came as NSW logged a record 77 new cases of the virus.

State Premier Gladys Berejiklian told reporters that the numbers in and around the country's biggest city Sydney, already under a hard lockdown, are expected to rise.

"I'll be shocked if it's less than 100 this time tomorrow, of additional new cases," she said.

On Saturday, there were 50 cases – the previous 2021 record high. The recent outbreak stands at 566 cases.

Of yesterday's cases, 33 were people who had spent time in the community while they were infectious, raising the likelihood that the three-week lockdown of more than five million people in Sydney and surroundings will be extended.

"Given where we're at and given the lockdown was supposed to be lifted on Friday, everybody can tell it's highly unlikely at this stage," Berejiklian said.

EU Has Reached Vaccine Target, Says Von der Leyen

The European Union has delivered enough coronavirus vaccine doses to member states to reach a target to fully vaccinate at least 70 percent of adults in the bloc, European Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen has said.

Von der Leyen, who had tweeted on May 9 that the EU was on track to meet its goal of inoculating 70 percent of adults by summer, urged EU countries to increase vaccinations and said about 500 million doses, would be distributed across the union by Sunday.

"The European Union has kept its word. This weekend we have delivered enough vaccines to member states to be in a position to vaccinate fully at least 70 percent of the EU adults this month," von der Leyen said in a video statement on Saturday.

"But COVID-19 is not yet defeated. We are prepared to deliver more vaccines, including against new variants," von der Leyen, who faced sharp criticism at the start of 2021 for failing to ensure companies delivered contracted vaccines, said.

The EU joint vaccine purchasing scheme, run by the European Commission, has delivered 330 million BioNTech-Pfizer shots, 100 million AstraZeneca doses, 50 million from Moderna and 20 million Johnson & Johnson shots.



Bandits Have Taken Education In North 20 Years Back

BY ABU NMODU Minna

Former military head of state, General Abdulsalami Abubakar, has described as heartless the spate of kidnapping and banditry on school children across the northern states, saying the development has taken education back by 20 years.

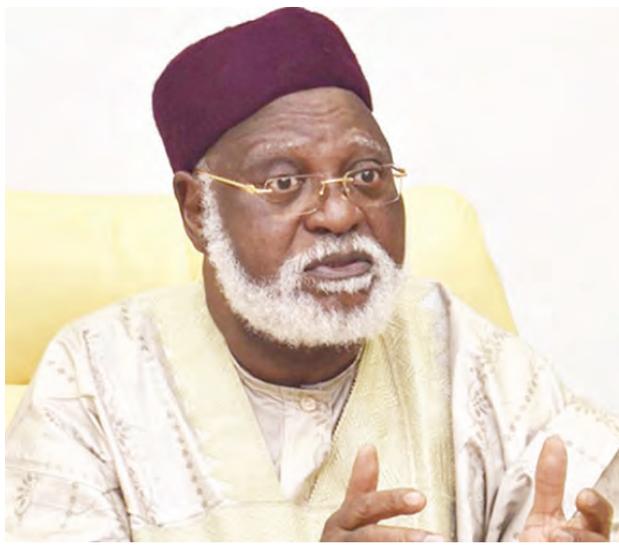
He stated this when he received the Niger State chairman of the Campaign for Democracy and Human Rights Advocacy, Comrade Abdullahi Mohammed Jabi, on a courtesy visit at his Uphill res-

idence in Minna, Niger State capital.

General Abdulsalami described the action of those behind the kidnapping of children from their schools as wicked and godless, praying that God will touch their hearts to stop the nefarious activities.

He said the incessant activities of the bandits was a setback to educational and socio-economic development of the north.

"These people don't even fear God. These people don't know what they are doing; their actions have taken education, especial-



Abdulsalami

ly in the northern part of the country 20 years back. I hope they will realise this and stop what they are doing," he declared.

He reiterated that the kidnapers and their collaborators are oblivious of the destruction on the economy and the education of the North, insisting that some heartless people keep kidnapping people, especially school children "as if these people don't have their own children."

Apparently referring to the recent abduction

of Tanko Salihu Islamiyya school Tgina pupils, he said: "I wonder if they will like their children to be treated the way they are treating other people's children in the name of a money-making venture. I hope and believe that God will touch their hearts one day to stop this wicked act."

"I know we are facing serious security challenges in the country and I want to appeal to Nigerians to let's join hands and fight these common enemies of the people."

Alleged N2bn Graft: ICPC Arraigns Former Surveyor-General Today

BY EJIKE EJIKE, Abuja

Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) will today arraign the former surveyor-gen-

eral of the federation, Ebisintei Awudu, before an Abuja High Court.

The absence of Awudu and his counsel in court last Monday stalled proceedings in the case.

The trial judge of Federal High Court, Maitama, Abuja, Justice Olusegun Adeniyi, had adjourned the case and ordered the former surveyor-general of the federation to appear

before the court today.

Awudu is alleged to have awarded multiple contracts worth over N2 billion to a company he was a director and shareholder as well as a relation and

associates.

He is also alleged to have received over N300 million as gratification from a contractor handling and executing different contracts for the Office of Surveyor-

General of the Federation, which is an offence contrary to Section (10) (a) (i) and punishable under Section 10 (a) (ii) of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act 2000.

Panic As Bandits Kidnap Emir Of Kajuru In Kaduna

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including women and children.

"I have chosen to write through this medium, first, due to the fact that my earlier letters which touched on insecurity were not acknowledged; secondly, to draw the attention of our silent representatives, Hon Samuel Uban Kato, Hon. Ishaku Chawaza, Hon Yakubu Barde, and Sen. Uba Sani, to their glaring nonchalant attitude since the escalation of the events around their constituencies, and the federal government for their handling of the security challenges, with a whole minister calling on people to defend themselves!

"I do agree that, with fewer than 150,000 military personnel on active duty and fewer than 450,000 on police roster and probably fewer than 30,000 on the Directorate of State Services (DSS) and other security personnel, the country is undermined based on our land mass and population. I do also agree that our equipment are inadequate.

"However, I do not agree that these gangs operating in the country freely outmatch the security personnel and the equipment we have.

"I may agree with Malan Nasir on non-payment of ransom to kidnapers. However, government has a responsibility to act whenever there is a situation. Bu to do

nothing in an adverse situation has no place in governance.

"People held captive must be freed. There is no excuse and no explanation for anything else, (especially) if Americans can come and rescue one soul in our land and we cannot rescue hundreds.

"Our nation is under siege. Each state should have a War or Big Crime Situation Office to combat this menace. Except for North East that is facing Boko Haram, 10,000 (personnel) assigned personnel each for Kaduna, Katsina, Zamfara, Niger and Kebbi to work in synergy should eliminate this threat. The personnel that are stationed mostly in and around flash points in these areas should have, by now, gathered enough intelligence for effective combat," parts of his open letter read.

Gunmen Abduct College Provost In Zamfara

Similarly, gunmen abducted the provost of the College of Agriculture and Animal Science, Bakura, Zamfara State, in the early hours of Sunday.

The elder brother of the provost, Mallam Nasiru Mainasara, confirmed the incident to Channels TV via telephone.

According to him, the gunmen attacked the Provost's residence at the quarters of the Government Science Secondary School, Bakura, at about 2am.

Mainasara said the issue

had been reported to the Police and the Department of State Services (DSS).

Middle Belt Forum Seeks Emergency Rule in Kaduna

Meanwhile, the Middle Belt Forum (MBF) says it is deeply worried by the ugly security situation in the country, especially Kaduna State, and called on President Muhammadu Buhari to declare a state of emergency in the state.

According to the Middle Belt Forum, the rising spate of insecurity has continued to degenerate on a daily basis with communities across various local governments in Kaduna State under unending severe attacks resulting in mass kidnappings, gruesome massacres, raping of women and destruction of property.

A statement issued by the national president of the MBF, Dr Pogu Bitrus, said the incessant kidnappings was made worse by huge payments of ransom to secure the release of abducted persons and displacement of thousands of people from their homelands.

"Arising from the glaring failures by Governor el-Rufai to protect lives and property, the MBF is calling on President Muhammadu Buhari to declare a state of emergency on Kaduna State as the governor has shown gross incapacity to maintain peace.

"We call on security forces

to create necessary synergies with attacked communities through the establishment of local vigilante groups to track down these criminals that have declared war on our people.

"While the above scenario has become the new norm in Kaduna State, the political authorities seem either incapable of dealing with these security challenges or deliberately unwilling to stop the recurring bloody tide head-on, thereby suggesting complicity on their part.

"More worrisome is the fact that attacks by these killer herdsmen and Fulani kidnapers on defenceless communities have led to massive displacement of people from their ancestral lands, thereby creating a catastrophic humanitarian crisis situation and rendering farmers unable to access their farmlands for agricultural activities," the MBF said.

The group lamented that current attacks on schools have also led to the withdrawal of pupils and students from schools or outright closure of such schools, with negative consequences of these on education and food security only to be imagined.

"On the other hand, kidnapers have taken over all the routes linking Kaduna State to other parts of the country where they have continued to unleash terror on road users. These criminals are not only engaged in abducting farmers from their

farmlands, but have also resorted to breaking homes at night to abduct people. Sometimes, members of an entire family are kidnapped and herded into the forest where relatives of victims are forced to pay unimaginable amounts of money in ransom. Often times, some abducted persons are killed even after such ransoms are paid. This trend has triggered massive relocation of residents who now abandon homes they had built with retirement entitlements and now squat in crowded neighborhoods only waiting to be further invaded," the MBF said.

The group said in recent instances, two nurses were abducted from the Idon General Hospital in Kajuru LGA of Kaduna State on April 22, 2021 were released after payment of N10 million to the kidnapers.

"On Monday July 5, 2021, these daredevil kidnapers who have become brazen also launched an attack on the National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Centre in Zaria where they abducted 10 persons, including five nurses, infants and their mothers.

"On May 21 2021, about 77 members of the Libere community (including women and children) in Kajuru LGA were abducted when they returned to their ancestral land after taking refuge in an Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camp since May 2020. This incident has never had any mention from the regular security

updates routinely issued by the government of Kaduna State. As it stands, the abductors are demanding N350 million as ransom.

"At the weekend, Warka village in Zangon Kataf LGA was attacked and nine persons, including four children, three women were killed just as no fewer than 13 homes were completely razed down. Before the weekend, Kiboro village in the same local government area came under attack on Wednesday. A widow and her three children were slaughtered by the murderers.

"Again, on Friday June 21, 2021, Ungwan Madaki community in Chikun LGA, an outskirts of Kaduna, was attacked by these cold-blooded criminals who killed two persons and kidnapped 26 others, including infants. Four of the victims have been killed over inability to pay the ransom, while 22 persons are still languishing in the den of their captors.

"The most worrisome is the attitude of Governor Nasir Ahmad el-Rufai towards tackling the security challenges confronting the state. While he has refused to negotiate with kidnapers, he has also not done anything to secure these weak communities against further attacks on vulnerable communities. More than anytime, Governor el-Rufai has continued to provoke bandits through unguarded utterances that have further enraged them to unleash more terror attacks on various communities," the statement added.

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Gains Of Investing In Treasury Bills



BY MARK ITSIBOR, ABUJA

In a world of financial insecurity, especially, as vulnerable as that of an average private sector employee in Nigeria, investment is a crucial way to build financial buffers and secure your future. Investing is more than building rainy day savings. It is the potential for healthy long term returns and beat inflation.

Every income earner (no matter how little) can invest in securities even with the smallest amount of funds in his/her disposal. Government bills, notes, and bonds, also known as Treasuries, are considered the safest investments in the world and are backed by the government, according to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Brokers sell these investments in N100 increments, or you can buy them yourself at the banks.

The reward for taking on risk is the potential for a greater investment return. The fluctuations of investment returns without sacrificing too much potential gain is another encouraging factor. In this article, we pick Treasury Bills as an investment of choice for some Nigerians, with a focus on how they are making money from investing in Treasury Bills. Treasury Bill a short term investment securities issued by governments to finance national borrowing requirements.

A Nigerian journalist and investor, Bayo Amodu described it as one of the elementary forms of investing with minimal risk, a reason it is called fixed income securities. As an investor in the security, you will know your interests at the point of investing. Your returns on investment is guaranteed. Your yield (interest) on the T-Bills investment is redeemable upfront, you can decide to automatically reinvest it for a higher income. The yield or Income on the investment is very competitive with returns on other money market instruments of similar maturities.

Mr Amodu said investing in T-Bills "is still better than just leaving my money in my bank accounts," despite some of the discouraging factor of high inflation and current low interest rate on T-Bills.

But what is the attraction to T-Bills? "The attraction for me in T-Bills is that my profit is guaranteed although it might be small. I can collect the interest upfront or decide to take it at the maturity stage. It is also easy to invest in, all I need is to go to my bank and authorize my banker to move funds from my ac-

count into T-Bills investment," Mr Amodu in an interaction with this reporter.

T-Bill is a short term negotiable bill of exchange used by governments to help finance national borrowing requirements. It is quoted for purchase/sale in the secondary market on an annual percentage yield to maturity and usually issued at discount. Treasury bills are short-term sovereign debt securities maturing in one year or less. They are sold at a discount and redeemed at par. These bills are by nature, the most liquid money market securities and are backed by the guarantee of the Federal Government of a nation. The Federal Government of Nigeria, through the Central Bank of Nigeria, issues Nigerian Treasury Bills to provide short-term funding for government budget deficit.

Amodu has companion in John Obofe said investment in Treasury Bills is one that is rewarding, stating that no matter the low value of the investment securities, the risk remains under its gains. In Treasury Bills, returns on investment is guaranteed. "Your yield(interest) on the T-Bills investment is redeemable upfront, you can decide to automatically reinvest it for a higher income. The yield or Income on the investment is very competitive with returns on other money market instruments of similar maturities."

Investors can purchase treasury bills at a bank, through a dealer or stock broker, or online from a website of Securities vendors. The bills are usually issued through an auction bidding process, which occurs weekly or monthly. Treasury bills are now issued only in electronic form, though they used to be paper bills.

The treasury bills are usually issued through a competitive bidding process, quoted and traded on FMDQ OTC securities exchange and Nigerian stock exchange platforms, among others.

Government treasury bills can be procured by individuals at a discount to the face value of the security and are redeemed at their nominal value, thereby allowing investors to pocket the difference.

Any member of the public can invest in the Nigeria Treasury bills; individuals, corporate organisations (private and public), institutions (private and public), commercial banks, discount houses, and stock brokers. Investing in treasury bills is by auction Subscriptions at the market for 91,182, 365 and 730 days.

Your Returns On Investment Is Guaranteed In T-Bills - Amodu

What was your attraction to trading in Treasury Bills?

I attended a seminar sometimes ago where someone explained the investment opportunities in fixed income securities. He said treasury bills are short-term securities issued at a discount for a tenor ranging from 91 to 364 days, such that the income received is the difference between the purchase price and the amount received at maturity or prior to the sale.

The attraction for me in T-Bills is that my profit is guaranteed although it might be small. I can collect the interest upfront or decide to take it at the maturity stage. It is also easy to invest in, all I need is to go to my bank and authorize my banker to move funds from my account into T-Bills investment.

How have you been making money from Treasury Bills?

It was very attractive for me when the interest rate was about 15 per cent. I usually invest for longer tenor at more than 180 days. Any money - spare money during the period of time, I push them into T-Bills. I believe that any money not invested will depreciate with inflation.

There was a time I formed an investment club and promised to give people some interest on their money if they save them with me. A lot of people kept their money with me and I invested them in T-Bills. I made some profits and still return their money with some interests. So, it was a win-win situation.

What are the attractions now that interests are low?

I was discouraged at first when the interest on T-Bills was reduced by the Central Bank of Nigeria. It came to about 1 per cent at a time. What I do now is that I invest for longer tenor like 364 days. It is still better than just leaving my money in my bank accounts.

What do you say to those who don't see reason(s) to invest in Treasury Bills?

T-Bills to me is one of the elementary forms of investing. The risk in it is minimal that is why it is called fixed income securities. You will know your interests at the point of investing. Your returns on investment is guaranteed. Your yield(interest) on the T-Bills investment is redeemable upfront, you can decide to automatically reinvest it for a higher income. The yield or Income on the investment is very competitive with returns on other money market instruments of similar maturities.

The securities have zero-default risk. The yield on investment is tax-free. The securities can be used as collateral for short-term borrowing from banks. The Treasury Bill can be traded on the stock exchange.



Why North Should Retain Presidency In 2023 – Ex-Rep

BY CHIBUZO UKAIBE, Abuja

All Progressives Congress (APC) chieftain and former member of the House of Representatives, who represented Yagba Federal Constituency of Kogi State, Hon Karimi Sunday, yesterday said the North should retain the presidency in 2023 in the interest of equity and justice.

The former lawmaker, in a statement in Abuja, said since the 1999 power rotation agreement between North and South has ended in the North, it must restart with the North retaining it.

He urged the political class to key into the smooth arrangement on ground and not overheat the system with what he called “unnecessary controversy as to which part of the country should produce the next president.”

The 17 governors under the aegis of Southern Governors’ Forum had resolved, at a meeting in Lagos two weeks ago, that Nigeria’s next president must come from the South.

Group Commends Defence Headquarters On Veterans’ Training

BY JONATHAN NDA- ISAIAH, Abuja

North-East Peoples Forum has commended the Defence Headquarters (DHQ) for the recent three-day skill acquisition training for retired military veterans.

The training held in Gombe from June 23 to June 25, 2021, was organised sequel to the chief of defence staff directives to train veterans in various skills to enable them engage in productive ventures rather than being tempted to avail their military skills to undeserving elements.

The exercise which was hitch-free was conducted in collaboration with the Nigerian Export Promotion Council and the Small and Medium Development Agency.

The North-East group in a statement at the weekend welcomed the training, saying it was the proper thing to do.

The group said stopping the North-East crisis should be a collaborative effort.

The statement signed by the group’s President, Waziri Gombe said “We appreciate the Defence Headquarters for this training. Definitely, it will reduce the lure for criminality by the veterans, because an idle mind is the devil’s workshop.”



FCT minister, Malam Muhammad Musa Bello (right), receiving the APC Membership Registration/Revalidation Committee's report from the chairman, Alhaji Umar Sanda Garba, in Abuja at the weekend.

SERAP Sues PMB, Govs, NASS Members Over Jumbo Allowances

BY TUNDE OGUNTOLA, Abuja

A rights organisation, the Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project (SERAP), has asked the Federal High Court in Abuja to order the Revenue Mobilisation Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC) and the National Salaries, Incomes and Wages Commission (NSIWC)

to review downward the remuneration and allowances of President Muhammadu Buhari, Vice-President Yemi Osinbajo, 36 governors and members of the National Assembly.

The group said this should be done by the duo by performing their statutory functions.

SERAP in a suit number FHC/ABJ/CS/658/2021 filed last Friday sought

“an order of mandamus to direct and compel the RMAFC to send its downward review of the remuneration and allowances of these high-ranking public office holders and recommendations to the National Assembly for appropriate remedial and legislative action, as provided for by the Nigerian Constitution 1999 (as amended).

SERAP said slashing jumbo pay for these high-ranking political office-holders would reduce the unfair pay disparity between political officer holders and judicial officers. The rights organisation said addressing the persistent poor treatment of judges would improve access of victims of corruption to justice and effective remedies.

NJC, Appeal Court President Charge Judges On Dedication

BY KUNLE OLASANMI, Abuja

Deputy chairman of the National Judicial Council (NJC), Justice Mary Peter-Odili and the president of the Court of Appeal (PCA), Justice Monica Dongban-Mensem, have called on judges in the country to be diligent and committed to duty in view of their strategic roles in the

sustenance of the nation’s democracy.

Justices Peter-Odili and Dongban-Mensem spoke in Abuja at a dinner and night of tributes held by the National Industrial Court of Nigeria (NICN) in honour of Justice Kenneth Ikehukwu Amadi, the first judge of the court to be elevated to the Court of Appeal.

Peter-Odili, who led a

number of justices of the Supreme Court to the event described Justice Amadi as a diligent and committed judge.

Describing him as a brother, Peter-Odili recalled how Amadi, as the chairman of the Mbaise branch of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), honoured her late father by naming the branch’s Bar

Centre after him (her late father).

The Chief Judge of the Federal High Court, Justice John Tsoho, who described Amadi as an ambassador the NICN at the Court of Appeal, urged him to justify the confidence reposed in him and advised that he should not detach himself from his root, being the NICN.

FG Moves Against Business Failures, Unemployment

BY FELIX IGBEKYOI, Asaba

Federal government is determined to tackle business failures and unemployment through Basic Business Training (BBT) for the Small Scale Enterprises (SSE) Department.

The acting director-general, National

Directorate of Employment (NDE), Mallam Abubakar Fikpo, stated this in Asaba at the weekend on the occasion of the opening ceremony of the BBT in order to empower youths through the activities of National Directorate of Employment.

He said the SSE was one of the four core

programmes of the NDE designed to inculcate entrepreneurial spirit among the unemployed graduates of tertiary institutions, artisans and other interested persons to prevent business failure.

Represented by the director, Rural Employment Promotion,

Dr Michael Mbata, he said over the years, the NDE had continued to reposition itself to meet the various challenges and changing posture of unemployment which included a constant update of data, facts, and factors related to the unemployment phenomenon.

Virgin Galactic Rocket Ship Touches Down After Soaring To Space

A Virgin Galactic spaceship carrying Richard Branson has safely touched down after soaring to the edge of space yesterday in a voyage the British billionaire called an “experience of a lifetime”.

The VSS Unity vessel reached a peak altitude of about 85km (53 miles), beyond the boundary of space according to the United States, allowing the

passengers to experience weightlessness and admire the Earth’s curvature.

“Congratulations to all our wonderful team at Virgin Galactic for 17 years of hard work to get us this far,” Branson said during a live feed, as the spaceship glided back to Spaceport America in New Mexico.

Touchdown occurred about 9:40am local time (15:40 GMT), about an

hour after takeoff.

Al Jazeera’s Rob Reynolds, reporting from Sierra County, New Mexico said the operation was carried out “flawlessly”.

Yesterday’s launch of the VSS Unity passenger rocket plane marked the company’s 22nd test flight of its SpaceShipTwo system and its fourth crewed mission beyond Earth’s atmosphere.

It was also the first to carry a full complement of space travellers – two pilots and four “mission specialists” – Branson among them.

A week away from his 71st birthday, Branson and his crewmates walked onto the tarmac waving to a throng of onlookers before boarding the Unity rocket plane parked at the end of a taxiway.

Nigeria Needs Prayers To Overcome Challenges – Omo-Agege

BY BODE GBADEBO, Abuja

Deputy senate president, Ovie Omo-Agege, has said that Nigeria needs prayers to overcome its current challenges.

He spoke yesterday at the first session of the 5th Synod of the Diocese of Sapele (Anglican Communion), Okpe Archdeaconry. Omo-Agege called on Nigerians not to despair over the challenges confronting the nation.

According to a statement by Omo-Agege’s media adviser, Yomi Odunuga, the event, which held at St. John’s Anglican Church, Orerokpe, Delta State, was graced by the governor of Delta State, Dr. Ifeanyi Okowa; the lawmaker representing Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency, Rev. Francis Waive; former commissioner for housing, Chief Paulinus Akpeki; chief of staff to the Deputy President of the Senate, Dr. Otiye Igbuzor, among others.

Speaking on the theme, “The Lord is my strength and stronghold”, the deputy president of the senate urged the church to continue to pray for the country.

FCC, Group Differ On Discrepancies In Chairman’s Certificates

BY TUNDE OGUNTOLA, Abuja

A non-governmental organisation, Youth and Leadership Initiative Group (LYGEL), has raised the alarm over discrepancies in the certificate of the executive chairman of the Federal Character Commission (FCC), Hajia Muheeba Dankaka.

The director of Legal and Compliance, Olalekan Idowu Oladipo, berated the Senate and Department of State Services (DSS) for lack of due diligence in their screening of the FCC chairman’s certificate amidst the inconsistency.

Oladipo also said no decent system should condone such inconsistency.

Responding to the allegation, the special assistant on General Services to the FCC executive chairman, Abdulahi Adamu Idris, called on the general public to discountenance the ill-conceived allegations levelled against the executive chairman of the commission, saying they are not factual.

APC Group Opposes Indefinite Postponement Of Congresses, Convention

BY FRANCIS OKOYE, Maiduguri

An All Progressives Congress (APC) Concerned Youth Forum has kicked against the postponement of the party's congresses and national convention indefinitely.

The ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) had shifted the timeline for the conduct of its congresses and national convention through a letter the party sent to the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC). And in the letter, the ruling party did not fix any date for the postponed exercises.

Thus, speaking at a press conference in Maiduguri on Sunday, the Secretary of the APC Youth Forum in Borno State, Umar Yakubu Bwala, said the sit-tight syndrome is in favour of party excos clamouring for extension of their tenure.

UN Deputy Scribe Rates Nigeria High On SDGs Implementation

BY IGHO OYOYO, Abuja

Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, Amina Mohammed, has described as exceptional the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in Nigeria.

In a statement signed by Rotimi Ajayi, head of communications (OSSAP-SDGs), the UN deputy scribe, gave the accolades during a high-level visit to the office of the Senior Special Assistant to the President on SDGs.

Mohammed noted that the Presidential Adviser on SDGs, Princess Adejoke Orelope-Adefulire, had demonstrated unusual leadership in steering the implementation of the SDGs in Nigeria.

"What the SSAP-SDGs has been able to do, is to build on foundations that have been laid – that's unusual leadership. It recognises that there was history and that there are things which have been done which Nigerians are benefitting from.



Participants at a training on fish and snail farming facilitated by Xploits Consulting Ltd and Access Bank in Makurdi, Benue State.

Kano Cleric Abduljabbar Apologises Over Preaching

BY ABDULLAHI YAKUBU, Kano

A Kano State-based Islamic preacher, Sheikh Abduljabbar Sheikhh Nasiru Kabara, who was recently accused by some Islamic Ulama in the state for his blasphemous comments against the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) has apologised.

In an audio message trending on the social media yesterday in Kano, Kabara said if all he had

been accused of were originated by him not drawn from the books oral tradition thus Hadith of the Prophet he would not hesitate to say sorry to the Ummah.

According to him, if what he has been accused of is directly coming from his imagination not written in the books of Hadith, then he admits committing a grievous mistake which calls for urgent repentance and or punishment."

Kabara urged all the Muslim Ummah to rise up and make a good cleansing of the mess being infiltrated into the religion of Islam by enemies of the religion.

In an Interview with Hausa BBC Service Abduljabbar was quoted as saying "he apologise for all his negative comments based on the advice given to him by his disciples.

Reports indicate that the preacher decided to tender

the apology when some of his disciples advised him to do so.

The state government had shut his mosque at Filing Mushe in Gwale local government area of the state and equally organised a heated debate between the cleric and some notable Islamic scholars in the state on the 10th of July 2021 where he failed to answer all the questions tabled before him claiming lack of enough time for him.

NDLEA Intercepts N6.5bn Heroin At Lagos Airport

BY EJIKE EJIKE, Abuja

Operatives of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency have intercepted a consignment of 26.150 kilogrammes of heroin with a street value of over N6.5billion at the SAHCO shed of the Murtala Mohammed International Airport, MMIA, Ikeja, Lagos.

The illicit drug had arrived

Lagos in 25 parcels from South Africa through an Airpeace Airline flight on June 30, 2021 and was detained for screening following reasonable suspicion of the content of the consignment.

A follow up operation was subsequently carried out the following day, July 1, when narcotic officers of the MMIA command trailed the driver

and a clearing agent that were assigned to deliver the consignment to the house of a suspected baron in Lagos.

During the follow up operation, the suspect fled his home before the arrival of the team of operatives who stormed his residence.

They were, however, able to search his home and recover a number of documents to

establish his true identity.

NDLEA spokesperson, Femi Babafemi, said following the development, the chairman/ chief executive of NDLEA, Brig. Gen. Mohamed Buba Marwa (retd) has directed that the fleeing suspect, Tony Chidi Onwurolu be declared wanted immediately and his details submitted to Interpol for tracking across the world.

PMB Congratulates Ogunlesi At 90, Aren Eggon

BY JONATHAN NDA- ISIAIAH, Abuja

President Muhammadu Buhari has congratulated the doyen of medical practice and first professor of medicine in Nigeria, professor emeritus Theophilus Oladipo Ogunlesi, who turns 98th, today.

The president in a statement issued by his

media aide. Garba Shehu, recognised Professor Ogunlesi's contributions to the growth of medicine, especially by spearheading the training of generations of Nigerians many of whom became vice chancellors of universities, ministers of health and distinguished medical professionals in Nigeria and across the

globe.

Buhari thanked Ogunlesi for giving the best of his life for the service of his immediate family, the Nigerian nation, and the medical profession across the world.

He felicitated with the entire Ogunlesi family and prayed for the professor emeritus' good health, the grace of God,

and more years of service to Nigeria and humanity.

Buhari also felicitated with Aren Eggon, Dr. Bala Abaine Angbazo, on his 40th anniversary on the throne, joining all council of chiefs and indigenes to celebrate with the royal father, whose visionary leadership continues to sustain peace in the community.

Niger Records 133 Rape Cases In 1 Year

BY ABU NMODU, Minna.

Only eight convictions were secured out of 133 rape cases reported in Niger State within one year, brief on Gender-based Violence (GBV) of the state has revealed.

The brief on GBV obtained by LEADERSHIP at the weekend indicated that less than 10 per cent conviction was secured by the authorities on the reported cases of rape.

The brief prepared by the GBV Management

Committee of the state headed by the wife of the governor, Dr Amina Abubakar Sani Bello, also disclosed that eight convictions were secured out of 77 prosecutions while 60 cases were treated and completed.

Consequently, the Niger State Management Committee on Gender-Based Violence (GBV), has commenced engagement of traditional leaders to support victims of Gender-Based violence in the state.

FCTA Demolishes Illegal Hostels, Motels Near UniAbuja

BY IGHO OYOYO, Abuja

Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) has demolished over 137 illegal blocks of hostels, motels, and other structures at Iddo Sarki, a community next to the University of Abuja's main campus.

A combined team of the FCT ministerial committee on City Sanitation, the Department of Development Control, the Department of Security Services, and other relevant agencies carried out the exercise yesterday, under the directive of the FCT minister, Mohammad Bello, to remove all contraventions and illegality from the nation's capital.

The chairman of the Ministerial Committee on City Sanitation, Comrade Ikharo Attah, said the FCT Minister was enraged by people's repeated disregard for warnings to stay away from local chiefs who have no authority to sell lands or transfer any valid title to buyers of such land, according to the provisions of the Land Use Act.

Attah said that the exercise was a fast intervention to avoid further distorting the city's growth plans and to save desperate businessmen and women from financial ruin.

Eid-el-Kabir Holds July 20

The Sultan of Sokoto and President General, Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA), Alhaji Sa'ad Abubakar III, has declared Sunday, July 11, as the first day of Dhul-Hijja 1442AH.

This is contained in a statement issued yesterday by Prof. Sambo Junaidu, chairman, Advisory Committee on Religious Affairs, Sultanate Council, Sokoto.

With the declaration by the Sultan, Nigerian Muslims will observe the 2021 Eid-el-Kabir on Tuesday, July 20, which is equivalent to 10th of Dhul-Hijja 1442AH.

"The Sultanate Council Advisory Committee on Religious Affairs in conjunction with the National Moon Sighting Committee on Saturday received reports on the sighting of the crescent of Dhul-Hijja 1442AH.

"The Sultan accepted the report and accordingly declared Sunday, July 11, as the first day of Dhul-Hijja 1442AH," he said.



Pro-PMB Group Storms Dunamis Church

BY IGHO OYOYO, Abuja

A civil society organisation under the aegis of Abuja Grassroots Project (AGP) was yesterday seen at the entrance of the church wearing t-shirts and fez caps with the inscription, #IStandwithBuhari, to prevent alleged planned protest by Omoyele Sowore's group, #RevolutionNow.

The coordinator of the group, Comrade Yunusa Yusuf, said they got reliable information that following the arrest of 10 activists wearing shirts with #BuhariMustGo inscriptions to Dunamis International Gospel Centre in Abuja, the co-convenor, #RevolutionNow, Omoyele Sowore, would be leading his followers to stage a protest at the church.

LEADERSHIP reports that 10 activists were arrested last Sunday during the church's second service by officers of the Department of State Service (DSS). The development has made the church tensed, as security operatives were on ground to forestall any breakdown of law and order.

Niger Govt Engages More Consultants For General Hospitals

BY ABU NMODU, Minna

Niger State governor Abubakar Sani Bello said his administration would continue to improve the welfare of doctors in the state to ensure good and efficient service delivery in the health sector as he engages more consultants for the general hospitals.

The governor stated this in Minna at the memorial lecture and book launch in honour of one time commissioner for health, the late Dr Ibrahim Babaminin Sule, who died about a year

ago.

Governor Sani Bello who spoke at the event organised by the Islamic Medical Association of Nigeria (IMAN) Niger State chapter added that the efforts of his administration in the sector is evident such that the Minna General Hospital that was hitherto having only two consultants now has 33 alongside other medical innovations in the state.

He described late Dr Sule as a man of integrity, honesty and a true professional who was dedicated in his service to God and humanity, hence,

he named the ongoing special ward at the Minna General Hospital after the late Dr Babaminin Sule.

While going down memory lane, Governor Sani Bello, said he had known the late Doctor as a former cabinet member and based on merit he appointed him to head a committee to reform the health sector by investigating unethical practices leading to deaths both at public and private hospitals, check quacks, diversion of patients from public to private hospitals as well as welfare of doctors

and other health workers among others.

"The committee the late Dr Sule was chairing was to look at such issues and advice the government on how it could monitor and stop such illegal practices, unfortunately he died before the conclusion of the assignment, we will however reactivate it," he said.

He said the eulogies and testimonies about the life of late Dr Sule called for sober reflections such that it would propel one to live good legacies that will stand the test of time.

Gov Bello Condoles With Rep Over Mother's Death

BY ABUBAKARYUNUSA, Abuja

Kogi State governor, Alhaji Yahaya Bello has commiserated with the House of Representatives member representing Lokoja /Koto federal constituency, Barrister Shaba Ibrahim over the demise of his mother late Hajia Belikisu Suleiman.

In a statement issued by his chief press secretary, Muhammed Onogwu, Governor Bello described the demise of a mother as a painful experience irrespective of the age owing to the bond children often shared with their mothers.

He said mother's aside many things were the strong pillars of an individual hence their demise results in an unexplainable pain which only God Almighty could give relief.

Bello also described Hajia Suleiman Belkisu as a devout Muslim who dedicated her life to the service of her maker while she also committed herself to a lifetime of helping and promoting a compassionate society.

While noting that the matriarch would be sorely missed for her wise counsels, Governor Bello extended his thoughts and condolences to the immediate and distant family, the people of Lokoja/Koto federal constituency and several other individuals touched by her demise.

Governor Sule Tasks Nasarawa Ethnic Nationalities On Peace

BY DANJUMA JOSEPH, Lafia

Governor of Nasarawa State Abdullahi Sule has called on ethnic nationalities in the state to continue to unite and embrace peace for the development of the state.

Sule made the call at the weekend during the 40th anniversary of the Aren Eggon, Dr Bala Abaine Angbazo, on the throne in Nassarawa Eggon local government area of the state.

According to the governor, no society would

achieve meaningful progress and development without peace, hence the need for Eggon nation and other ethnic nationalities to live peacefully with one another.

According to him, there is time for politics, noting that this is time for governance, and urged all to embrace peace for the overall development of the state and Nigeria.

"We must be united, respect each other and embrace peace for the development of the state and

Nigeria at large.

"As peace is priceless and non-negotiable, it is the necessary requirement for the development of every society," he said.

Sule while congratulating the Aren Eggon for clocking 40 years on the throne wished him good and sound health.

Also, speaking, the chairman of the occasion, Senator Abdullahi Adamu, Senator Tanko Al-Makura and Senator Godiya Akwashiki, all lauded the leadership qualities of the

Aren Eggon and wished him more rewarding health.

They said the first-class traditional ruler contributed positively to the development of the Eggon nation, the state and Nigeria at large.

Earlier, the Aren Eggon while conferring 32 sons and daughters of Eggon nation with traditional titles said that the traditional titles given to them was based on their positive contributions to the development of Eggon nation, the state and Nigeria at large.

Court Convicts 10 For Stealing Transformers

BY ACHOR ABIMAJE, Jos

No fewer than 10 persons have been convicted by various courts in Bauchi, Gombe and Plateau states for stealing electricity distribution transformers belonging to Jos Electricity Distribution (JED) Company, Plc.

In the same vein, one person was severely burnt which led to amputation of his right hand while tampering with a transformer.

Head of corporate communications, JED, Dr Friday Adakole Elijah in a press statement signed and issued in Jos said some of those convicted for the malfeasances were Mohammed Danarewa, Mohammed Jauro Sani and Babayo Ahmed who were handed two-year jail terms without option of fine on each of the two-count charges of conspiracy and theft respectively by the Chief Magistrate Court, Pindiga, Adamu Abdullahi.

He said Babayo was however given an option of N23,000 fine as a first offender following a plea for leniency made by his counsel Yusuf Aliyu

adding that the judge also ordered them to pay to the coffer of Jos Electricity Distribution Plc the sum of N 480, 000 only at the end of their jail term.

According to the statement, the duo were vandalising the distribution transformer as well as scooping the oil of the same transformer located at Maternity Substation, Pindiga town, of Gombe State on the 30th of June, 2021, before they were apprehended by both members of the community and security agents.

Similarly, two buyers of vandalised and stolen electricity items, Dahiru Imrana and Umar Musa, were convicted by the court in Bauchi. They were sentenced to a four-year jail term each with an option of N16,000.

Elijah also said the three suspects who were caught and whose confessions led to the arrest and prosecution of the buyers - Mustapha Bashir, Ali Ibrahim and Suleiman Ahmed were all remanded in prison custody to be tried at a date to be fixed by the court.

Lawmaker Empowers Constituents With Farming Inputs In Niger

BY ORJIME MOSES, Abuja

A member representing Bosso/Paikoro federal constituency of Niger State in the House of Representatives, Hon Shehu Belwa Beji has flagged off distribution of over 15,000 liters of agricultural chemicals (herbicides) to farmers in the constituency.

Speaking to LEADERSHIP after donating the agricultural inputs, Beji said the gesture was in line with his manifesto, which is aimed at turning the fortunes of his people around.

The member, who cautioned the beneficiaries not to sell the items, said the donation was to enhance agricultural activities of the constituents since farming is their economic mainstay.

Also speaking, Barrister Sanusi Salihu who is an aide to the lawmaker, urged the beneficiaries to make judicious use of the chemicals.

He said Hon Beji inaugurated committees to ensure proper distribution of the chemicals to the constituents.



FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC DISPLAY EXERCISE ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR THE PROPOSED RECONSTRUCTION OF OHAN AND MORO BRIDGES PROJECT ALONG ILORIN-IGBETTI ROAD, ASA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA, KWARA STATE BY THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF POWER, WORKS AND HOUSING.

In accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Act Cap E12 LFN 2004, which makes it mandatory for proponents of all new major development activities to carry out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of their proposed projects, the Federal Ministry of Environment hereby announces twenty-one (21) working days Public Display on the Draft EIA Report submitted by the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing. This display is to enable the public make inputs that shall facilitate informed decision taking by the Ministry on the project.

Brief Project Description:

The proposed project will involve the construction of two numbers of bridges; The Ohan and Moro Bridges. The Ohan Bridge will have five spans (5 x 15.0m = 75.0m) each of which is 15m long and 11m wide, supported by piers at the interior supports and abutments at the ends. The 11m carriageway is made up of 8.0m trafficked way in between kerbs. The Moro Bridge will have three spans (3 x 15.0m = 45.0m) each of which is 15m long and 11m wide, supported by piers at the interior supports and abutments at the ends. The 11m carriageway is made up of 8.0m trafficked way in between kerbs. Both are located along Ilorin-Igbetti Road, Asa Local Government Area, Kwara State. The expected lifespan of the project is 25 years.

The Disclosure/ Display Centers Are:

- Headquarters, Asa Local Government Council, Afori, Kwara State.
- Kwara State Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Ilorin, Kwara State.
- Federal Ministry of Environment Office, Ilorin, Kwara State.
- Federal Ministry of Environment, Environment House (Brown Building), Independence Way, Central Business District, Abuja-FCT.
- www.ead.gov.ng (to upload and send your comments).

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Date: 12th July – 11th August, 2021.

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FG Launches NSIP In Yobe

The federal government has launched the implementation of the National Social Investment Programme (NSIP) in Yobe State, which is made up of four unique clusters that are integrated to provide the maximum impact to the venerable.

The minister of humanitarian affairs, disaster management and social development, Sadiya Umar Farouq who was represented by the zonal monitor, Alhaji Ali Grema said the NSIP is strategically designed to fully involve all stakeholders most especially the state governments.

She said, "Based on the approval of Mr President, the anchor of these programmes in the state is the Focal Person appointed by His Excellency the Governor who provides the direct link with both the ministry and the state government through the Office of the Secretary to the State Government. The Focal Person is expected to enhance the understanding of the different packages under the NSIP and to ensure that the beneficiaries are well targeted and affected."

CSOs Task NEDC On Service Delivery, Caution Group Against Blackmail

BY FRANCIS OKOYE, Maiduguri

North East Civil Society Forum has urged the management of North East Development Commission (NEDC) to concentrate on service delivery to the affected population in the Northeast rather than paying attention to or engaging in politicking at the expense of the people they are supposed to serve.

This is even as the forum urged citizens and groups that have concerns and issues to explore civilised avenue of constructive engagement while demanding transparency and accountability, by effectively utilising established government agencies that are legally vested with the responsibilities of ensuring transparency and accountability rather than engaging in mudslinging, blackmail and character assassination.

Chairman of the forum, Ambassador Ahmed Shehu said this at a press conference held yesterday in Maiduguri, the Borno State capital.



L R: Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Mr Boss Mustapha; member representing Gombi/Hong Federal Constituency in Adamawa, Hon Yakubu Buba; managing director, North East Development Commission (NEDC), Alhaji Mohammed Alkali, during the distribution of relief materials to residents of Dabna community in Hong local government area of Adamawa at the weekend.

Victims Of Adamawa Attack Receive Relief Materials From NEDC

BY HUSSAINI HAMMANGABDO, Yola

North East Development Commission (NEDC) has donated relief materials to victims of Dabna attack at Dugwaba district, Hong local government area of Adamawa State.

At least 19 people were killed while many houses and animals were burnt in the attack.

Speaking while handing over the items to the victims the managing director of the commission, Mohamed Alkali, who listed food items donated to include rice 25kg, 2,000 bags; vegetable oil 1000; tomatoes 500; and salt 5000.

Also, non-food items include nylon mat, 1000; mosquito net, 1000; blanket 1000; wax wrapper 1000; and children wear 1000. He said the items were meant to cushion the effect of the attack on the people of Dabna village.

Alkali described the attack as barbaric at a time when the federal government is intensifying effort in tackling insecurity.

PDP Cautions Police Over Harassment Of Zamfara Deputy Governor

BY CHIBUZO UKAIBE, Abuja

Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has condemned the reported attempt by the police to undermine the statutory powers of Zamfara State deputy governor, Mahdi Aliyu Gusau, over the defection of Governor Bello Matawalle to the All Progressives Congress (APC).

The said its position is predicated on the reported

harassment of the deputy governor by the police, including an unlawful and vexatious obstruction of a planned rally by the deputy governor.

The PDP national publicity secretary, Kola Ologbondiyan, said this was despite the statutory powers vested in a situation where the governor has vacated his office, in line with the extant ruling of the Supreme Court.

Ologbondiyan in a

statement said "Instead of harassing the Deputy Governor Gusau, the police, as agents of the law, should be providing him all the protection and privileges, particularly as the formal process for his official declaration given the vacation of office by Matawalle has already commenced at the Federal High Court.

"The Police should know that by virtue of section 221 of the 1999

Constitution (as amended) as well as the judgment of the Supreme Court in Falake v. INEC (2016), that the Zamfara governorship mandate belongs to the PDP and that Gusau, not Matawalle, is now the holder of that mandate, given Matawalle's willful defection to the APC.

"The PDP's mandate is in no way transferable to the APC and the police and all security agencies should be guided by this."

7 Years After, Federal Teaching Hospital Awaits N1.5bn Takeoff Grant

BY JAIYEOLA ANDREWS, Gombe

Despite the federal government approval of N1.5 billion as takeoff grant for a Federal Teaching Hospital (FTH) in Gombe State in 2014, the hospital is yet to receive the grant as at 2021.

The chief medical director (CMD) of the hospital, Yusuf

Abdullahi made the startling revelation, in an exclusive interview yesterday with LEADERSHIP in Gombe.

According to him, the grant is meant for the resources at the hospital, adding that the grant is still being expected.

Abdullahi told LEADERSHIP that last month, the hospital paid electricity bill of N13 million and still has outstanding

debt of N56 million.

He added that he sent a reminder letter of the unpaid grant to Federal Ministry of Finance on February this year, but is yet to get a response.

The CMD said limited fund, has been the major challenge of the hospital, adding that services to patients are still being effectively and efficiently

managed.

He appealed to the federal government to provide trauma centre for the hospital, adding that the hospital has 15 to 18 beds for accident and emergency cases.

Abdullahi further disclosed that many emergency cases are being turned back, because of lack of bed spaces to accommodate patients.

Governor Ishaku Challenges APC To Show Projects In Taraba

BY JOHN MKOM, Jalingo

Governor of Taraba State Darius Ishaku yesterday challenged the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) to point at a single project executed by the federal government in Taraba State since 2015 when President Muhammadu Buhari assumed office as the president of the Federal

Republic of Nigeria.

The challenge came barely two days after the Taraba State chapter of the APC organised a press briefing in Jalingo, Taraba State capital and accused the governor of lying on the national television that he has touched all the 168 wards of the state in terms of development.

The state chairman,

Ibrahim Elsudi, held the briefing at the APC state secretariat.

Reacting to the accusations, the governor challenged the APC members in the state to point at a single project being executed by the party's leadership at federal level in the state since 2015.

The governor who spoke through his special adviser

on political matters Abubakar Bawa accused the leadership of APC in the state of distancing themselves from their wards and the reality on ground across the state.

Ishaku described the members of the APC in the state as Abuja politicians who have lost touch with their localities and are not aware of development in Taraba State.

PDP Accuses Bent Of Anti-party Activities

BY HUSSAINI HAMMANGABDO, Yola

Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Adamawa State, yesterday, accused Senator Grace Bent of anti-party activities following her defection to the All Progressives Congress (APC).

The party's organising secretary, Hamza Madagali, told newsmen that the

former senator developed thick skin against the PDP's ethics two years ago, after she lost to Senator Binos Dauda Yero during primaries to represent southern senatorial zone.

Madagali stressed that it has been long when she (Bent) lost political value in the state, which made Governor Ahmed Fintiri out of sympathy facilitated

the position of Board of Trustees (BoT) member at the national level for her.

However, Madagali said it was sad for a political party to lose a member to another party but admitted that the former senator's contribution in the party was mainly for her personal interest.

"Senator Bent dominated her zone for personal interest

as a result we lost good hand like Mr Filex Tangwami from the zone.

"Since 2019 when Bent lost out to Sen Binos Dauda, she had never participated in any political function as BoT member from the state.

"She has been destroying PDP for the last two years and therefore the PDP has no regret over her defection," he said.

Kano Orders Ex-workers, Others To Quit Schools' Staff Quarters

BY ABDULLAHI YAKUBU, Kano

Kano State Ministry of Education has directed all occupants of government staff quarters in boarding secondary schools who are not currently serving in those schools to vacate such quarters.

The vacation order is in line with the implementation of the recommendations contained in a report by a Ministerial Committee submitted and approved by the state government.

The directive, which was issued by the state commissioner of education, Malam Muhammad Sanusi Sa'id Kiru, stated that others affected are the staff already posted out from the schools, retired civil servants and staff from other MDAs residing in the houses.

While sounding warning to those affected by the vacation order to hasten up in vacating the houses before facing ejection, the commissioner said that only staff that are currently teaching in those schools are to enjoy the privilege of occupying staff quarters.

However, the affected occupants have asked for a grace period of between now and December 2021.



NYSC Verdict: Afenifere Seeks Justice For Adeosun

BY TOPE FAYEHUN, Akure

Pan Yoruba socio-political group, Afenifere, has asked President Muhammadu Buhari to do the needful by holding to account all those who brought misery on former minister offnace, Mrs Kemi Adeosun.

The Europe and United State of America chapter of the group in a statement made available to journalists in Akure, the Ondo state capital on Sunday, noted that desperate and evil people are determined to bring down shining lights in Yoruba land at the slightest excuse.

Afenifere in the statement signed by its chairman, Engr Babatunde Shinaba and Dr Durojaiye Akindurire respectively, said the evil people pursued and harassed Adeosun, in spite of her innocence and sterling work, until she finally decided that enough was enough and resigned.

According to the statement, "The Federal High Court, Abuja, has finally vindicated the former Minister in its ruling that under the 1979 constitution, non-citizens were not required to perform the National Youth Service.

Group Wants Hospitals Prosecuted For Rejecting Gunshots Victims

BY OLUGBENGA SOYELE, Lagos

A civil society organisation, the Crime Victims Foundation of Nigeria (CRIVIFON) has called for the prosecution of hospitals and medical staff that refused to treat gunshot victims without a police report.

The Foundation in a statement signed by its executive director, Mrs Gloria Egbuji, described the demand for police report before treatment as totally unnecessary because the law now empowers hospitals to commence treatment before filing a police report.

The Foundation has therefore called on the Inspector General of Police (IGP) and the Commissioners of Police to fish out all such offending or negligent hospitals and their medical staff for prosecution in order to reverse this ugly trend.

CRIVIFON insisted that hospitals and medical staff that indulged in this "wicked act" are in violation of the provisions of the Compulsory Treatment and CARE FOR Victims of Gunshots Act, 2017.



L-R: Hon Prof. Mojeed Alabi exchanging plesantry with senator Iyiola Omisore at the 90th birthday celebration of Oba David Omisore Olagade father to senator Iyiola Omisore in Osun State at the weekend

Oyo Uncovers COVID-19 Delta Variant

BY ADEBAYO WAHEED, Ibadan

Oyo State COVID-19 Task Force said yesterday that it has uncovered the Delta variant of the COVID-19 in the state.

The state's incident manager and coordinator of the Emergency Operations Centre, Dr. Olabode Ladipo, who confirmed the development, said the

general public must take extra caution and consistently abide by earlier guidelines released by the Task Force.

The governor's chief press secretary, Taiwo Adisa, in a statement on behalf of the Task Force, said the team, "wishes to notify the general public of the isolation of the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus in the state."

The statement reads

in part: "This strain has been associated with high transmission, increased severity of infection and outcomes.

"As such, this is to warn that the virus is still very much within the society."

It warned residents of the state to continue to comply with all advisories aimed at curtailing the spread of COVID-19.

The statement also asked all in-bound

travellers to always isolate for seven days and submit themselves for tests.

It further read: "The 'Own Your Action' (OYA) initiative of the State Government should be seriously considered by adhering to the guidelines of wearing nose and mouth masks in public gatherings, washing of hands with soap and water and use of hand sanitisers, among others."

Why I Picked Aiyedatiwa As Deputy Governor – Akeredolu

BY TOPE FAYEHUN, Akure

Ondo State Governor, Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, has said he decided to pick his deputy, Hon. Lucky Aiyedatiwa, as his running mate in the October 10, 2020 governorship election because of his loyalty and hard work.

Governor Akeredolu

said Aiyedatiwa has also displayed unreserved commitment and support to his political aspirations from the beginning.

The Governor who was a Special Guest of honour at a grand reception organised in honour of the Deputy Governor by the Ilaje League of Professionals, ILP, at the weekend,

described the reception as important.

Akeredolu urged members of the group to always keep eagle eyes on the Deputy Governor not to derail but remain focused.

The governor in a statement made available by his Chief Press Secretary, Richard Olatunde used the opportunity to

assure the people of his administration's commitment to continue to pursue policies and programmes that will accelerate the development of the state.

He disclosed that efforts are being intensified to ensure that electricity supply is restored to the Southern part of the state.

Osun Workers To Wear Local Fabrics On Thursdays

BY JOSHUA DADA, Osogbo

Governor Adegboyega Oyetola of Osun has directed workers in the state to wear the local fabric (Adire) on Thursday in a bid to unlock the state's untapped potential in the areas of culture, fashion and tourism.

Launching the fabric at the weekend at the ongoing International Fashion

Week in Osogbo, Oyetola noted that the event was no doubt a giant stride towards diversifying the state's economy and creating jobs for the teeming youths.

To achieve the initiative and take its plans to fruition, the state government has partnered with Musty Great Development and Alexandria Jones Couture, U.S.A., to organise the

International Fashion

Week, for the promotion of Osun brand of Adire (Adire Eleko) for global exhibition.

Oyetola said Adire is indigenous to Osun pointing out that it is not for nothing that Osogbo, the state capital, is referred to as 'Ilu Aro' (Home of dye).

He added that the initiative was to reawaken the people's consciousness towards socio-cultural and

artistic renaissance in the state.

Oyetola who was represented by the Secretary to the State Government, Prince Wole Oyebamiji, reiterated the administration's commitment to promote and project culture to the world in a way that will draw attention and attract humongous revenue to the state.

Lagos Raises The Alarm Over COVID-19 Third Wave

BY GEORGE OKOJIE, Lagos

Lagos State Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu yesterday raised the alarm over the surge in the number of emerging third wave of COVID-19 pandemic in the state, warning that the general public risks losing both lives and livelihood on a devastating scale if it goes out of control.

The governor who disclosed this in a press

statement he signed and made available to journalists to provide update on coronavirus pandemic situation in the state and ongoing response of the state government, said 60,202 cases of COVID-19 had been confirmed in the state.

He said, "From the beginning of July, we started to experience a steep increase in the number of daily confirmed cases, with

the test positivity rate going from 1.1 per cent at the end of June 2021 to its current rate of 6.6 per cent as at 8th of July, 2021.

"The rapid increase within a week gives great cause for concern. Also, within the last two weeks, the occupancy rate at our two isolation centres increased from an average of one per cent to six per cent. This is the new and disturbing reality that now confronts us. But we must

not be demoralised by this. We must instead resolve that we will not leave any stone unturned in our bid to effectively mitigate the third wave of this pandemic in Lagos State.

"As you all know, Lagos has been the epicentre of the pandemic since the start, and the way we manage it here has a significant impact and reverberating effect on the national outlook and outcomes."

Lagos Residents Lament Religious Intolerance

BY OGUNTADE ISMAILA, Lagos

The residents of Lateef Kayode Jakande Gardens have lamented the brewing religious intolerance in the estate, saying it could result in anarchy if the residents imbibed the spirit of love, peace and unity.

The chairman of the Lateef Kayode Jakande garden residents association, Mr. Andu Olajide who stated this at the weekend during the first inaugural ceremony and swearing-in of executives members of the association in Igando area of Lagos appealed to the residents to jettison religious disharmony.

According to him, if the residents imbibe the spirit of love, peace and unity they can achieve a lot and take the estate to a greater height in the state.

Olajide who was unanimously elected on opposed by the members of the association explained that the major philosophy they have as an estate is to live together as one family irrespective of religious, ethnicity backgrounds in such that they can put in a pedestal that should be within the scope of Lagos state.

UNILAG Confers Honorary Doctorate Degree On Shobanjo

BY BUKOLA IDOWU, Lagos

The chairman of Troyka group, Dr. Biodun Shobanjo, has been awarded a Honorary Doctorate Degree of Doctor of Letters (D.Litt) by the University of Lagos (UNILAG) for his immense contribution to the institution and the economy at large.

He was awarded the degree at the 51st convocation ceremony of the institution. Conveying the University's Governing Council's approval, to the honoree, the Chancellor, Alhaji (Dr.) Abubakar Ibn Umar Garbai El-Kanemi, CFR, stated that, "the governing council of the University of Lagos has approved that an honorary degree of Doctor of Letters (D.Litt) Honoris Causa of the University, be conferred on you at the 51st Convocation Ceremony today."

The Chancellor in his speech acknowledged that the decision to honour the Chairman of Troyka group by the university was an easy one to make as his contribution to the industry and also the university remains unparalleled.

CUPP National Scribe, Ameh Greets Imoke @ 60

BY CHIBUZO UKAIBE, Abuja

National secretary of the Coalition of United Political Parties, High Chief Peter Ojonugwa Ameh, has felicitated with a former governor of Cross Rivers State, Senator Liyel Imoke, on the occasion of his 60th birthday.

In a congratulatory statement made available to reporters in Abuja, Ameh described Imoke as a man with incredible leadership qualities, contributing significantly to the glorious years of Nigeria's return to democracy between 1999 and 2003.

He said the former senator in clocking 60, reflects a life of dedication to God and humanity, adding that, "he possesses remarkable leadership qualities whose years of experience in Resource Administration, Legal Practice, Legislature, and statesmanship remain unequalled."

South Korea Finds Cross River Attractive For Investments - Ambassador

BY MOSES ORJIME ABUJA

The South Korean government has expressed its willingness to invest in Cross River State.

South Korean Ambassador, Kim Young-Chae, gave the indication in Abuja recently during a meeting with Governor Ben Ayade.

Ambassador Young-Chae who said big corporations in Korea were poised to do business in Cross River if encouraged, solicited close collaborations with the state government to attract foreign investments from South Korea.

He said Korean businessmen find Cross River State attractive for business hence the willingness to explore investments options in the state.

The ambassador also sought to establish an enduring relationship with Cross River, promising a mutually rewarding partnership necessary to develop the state.

Speaking, Governor Ayade maintained that Cross River was open to partnership and collaborations geared at developing the state, observing that Koreans were responsible people with altruistic business culture.

Female Inheritance: EU-UN Wants Ebonyi To End Obnoxious Practices

BY OBINNA OGBONNAYA, Abakaliki

European Union-United Nations Spotlight initiative (EU-UN) has called on the Ebonyi State government, the traditional leaders and other authorities in the state to work towards ending the obnoxious practices where women and girls are denied inheritance by their family members.

A child protection

specialist, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Enugu Field Office, Mr. Victor Atuchukwu made the call yesterday during a three-day capacity building on child protection case management and community dialogue for Abakaliki local government area and VAC/VAWG Community Surveillance Teams.

The dialogue which was organised by the

Ebonyi State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development with support from EU-UN Spotlight initiative is aimed at dialoguing with traditional leaders and others on ending all forms of violence against women and girls in the LGA.

Atuchukwu noted that denial of female children parental inheritance has been an age-long tradition in Ebonyi State adding

that EU-UN Spotlight initiative had continued to take the campaign against such norms to the rural communities with the aim of ending them.

He said it is against the law for relations to deny the female child the inheritance of the father because she is a girl child or woman adding that such practice negates equity and justice which the Nigerian constitution stipulates.



L R: Governor Ben Ayade of Cross River State with South Korean Ambassador Nigeria, Kim Young-Chae, during their meeting in Abuja at the weekend.

Ohanaeze Raises Legal Team To Monitor Kanu's Trial

BY NNAMDI MBAWIKE, ENUGU.

Apex Igbo socio-cultural organisation, Ohanaeze Ndigbo, has constituted a legal team to monitor the trial of the leader of the proscribed Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB), Nnamdi Kanu.

Ohanaeze took the decision during its National Executive Committee meeting held at the weekend

in Enugu.

A communique issued at the end of the meeting and made available to journalists by the spokesman of Ohanaeze, Alex Ogbonna, said the apex Igbo body had observed with keen interest the recent re-arrest and consequent trial of their son, Mazi Nnamdi Kanu.

The communique said though Ohanaeze was not averse to the trial of Kanu,

he should be tried within the ambit of the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and in line with global best practices.

"That as part of our avowed determination to ensure the fair trial of Mazi Nnamdi Kanu, we have constituted a legal team led by the national legal adviser of Ohanaeze Ndigbo Worldwide and eminent Igbo leaders to monitor

the legal proceedings, throughout the trial," he said.

The Igbo group also stated in the communique that it was in support of the Southern Governor's Forum on anti-open grazing, restructuring, rotation of the president of Nigeria to the South in 2023 as well as the proposed 5 per cent share of Petroleum Industries Bill.

Police Arrest Drug Kingpins, 10 Suspected Cultists

BY FELIX IGBEKYOI, ASABA

Delta State police command has arrested three drug barons among them one Esealuka Paul, 17, caught with 68 sachets of dried weed suspected to be Indian hemp.

He was arrested by an Operation Delta Hawk Patrol team on stop and search along Cable Point Asaba and seen with 33 sachets of SK, six packs of Razler and one lighter when search was

conducted on him.

Operation Delta Hawk also arrested 41-years-old Sunday Umadia for carrying 174 wraps of dried weed suspected to Indian hemp

The suspect who hails from Ogbobo quarters of Ogwashi-Uku was arrested at Ishekpe quarters Ogwah-uku, Aniocha South Local Government Area of the state.

He was equally in possession of 800 sachets of suspected SK, 10 razler (roll

bond), one lighter and cash sum of N317,890

Similarly, after series of intelligence gathering, 'A' Division Warri Rapid Respond team raided a black spot at Ogedegbe street, Warri where one Austin Ojunom, 29, was arrested with 129 wraps of weed also suspected to be Indian hemp.

According to the acting police public relations officer, Bright Efafe, after suspects confessed to the

crimes, investigation later revealed that the suspects were major dealers in illicit drugs.

In another development, the DPO 'A' Division Warri, CSP T.Y Mahmud-led men of the Divisional Rapid Respond Squad on visibility patrol, while on patrol, they intercepted and arrested one Oghenewaro Bebe 'm' 21yrs of No. 22 of Ughoton area in Okpe LG in a full regalia of Aiye Black Axe confraternity.

A/Ibom Community Laments Deplorable Roads, Others

BY BERNARD TOLANI DADA, UYO

The Mkpato Uno village in Obot Akara local government area of Akwa Ibom State has called the attention of the state government and the Niger Delta Development Commission to the deplorable condition of the

road in her domain.

The village head of the community, Ekpenyong Edem who made the plea while speaking with our correspondent yesterday lamented that the only access road had been closed following the destruction of the Bailey bridge on the

road during the civil war in 1970, adding that since then the community had been shut out from the rest of the world.

According to the monarch, the villagers have been forced to go through a long distance of over 20 kilometres to access the next

community instead of just a few kilometres to access same through the bridge.

He said since he received his certificate as a village head of the community in 1995, he had written several times to the state government and recently to NDDC but to no avail.

Thunderstorm Kills 3 In Ebonyi

BY OBINNA OGBONNAYA, Abakaliki

Thunderstorm during after a heavy rainfall yesterday struck and killed three persons in Afikpo in Afikpo North local government area of Ebonyi State.

The incident LEADERSHIP gathered occurred in Ngodo community and another community in the town, after a down pour which lasted some hours.

The incident was said to have occurred around 3pm at the weekend.

A resident of Afikpo, Mr. Iheukwumere Okogwu Otu, who spoke to LEADERSHIP said one of the deceased hailed from Cross River State but had lived in the area for many years.

Otu who described the tragedy as unfortunate noted that the incident was the first of its kind in the area.

Bayelsa Varsity Re-opens After Row Over Uniform

BY OSA OKHOMINA, YENAGOA

Bayelsa State-owned Niger Delta University (NDU) located in the Wilberforce Island of Ammassoma in Southern Ijaw local government has re-opened for academic session after a few days of row between the management and the students.

The management of NDU after ordering the re-opening of the institution also denied the claims over the cause of the row between the students and the institution.

In a statement signed by the public relations officer, Mr Ingezi Idoni, titled: "Niger Delta University Students' Protest; Setting The Records Straight", the management said "the social media has been inundated with several falsehood pertaining to the Niger Delta University in respect to the closure of the school fees/registration of courses portal and the imposition of uniform on students.

The traditional ruler also complained that there was no single health institution in the village, adding that pregnant women were always left at the mercy of traditional birth attendants who did not have the required training in modern day technology.

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YOSEMA officials offloading food and non-food items for distribution to victims of flood and windstorm disaster in Karasuwa local government area of Yobe State.

Yobe Assembly Amends Health College Nguru Law To Rename Institution

The Yobe State House of Assembly has amended the law that established the College of Health Sciences and Technology Nguru and renamed the institution, Galtima Mai Kyari College of Science and technology Nguru.

The House amended the law after the adoption of the report of its standing committee on higher education, on the bill seeking for the amendment of the law by the executive arm of government.

Speaking on the amendment of the law, the Chief Whip of the House and also the chairman House Committee on Higher Education, Hon Buba Ibrahim Kalallawa says the law was amended in order to change its name from College of Health Sciences and Technology Nguru to Galtima Mai Kyari College of Science and Technology Nguru.

Kalallawa says the institution was named after the late elder statesman Galtima Mai Kyari, in recognition of his contributions and support to the education sector across the Nguru Emirate and the state at large during his lifetime.

The speaker of the House Hon Ahmed Lawan Mirwa, commended the members for their efforts which has led to the amendment and subsequent changing of the name of the college.

YOSEMA Assists Victims Of Windstorm, Flood Disaster With Food, Other Items In Karasuwa

STORIES BY ALIYU MUSA, Damaturu

The Yobe State Emergency Management Agency (YOSEMA) has assisted the victims of windstorm and flood disaster in Jajimaji, the headquarters of Karasuwa local government area of Yobe State.

The executive secretary of the Agency Dr Mohammed Goje said the support was meant to cushion the effects of a heavy windstorm and flood disaster that affected

over 191 households last week.

Goje said the assistant which was a directive by Governor Mai Mala Buni, was meant to ameliorate the sufferings of the victims of the disaster which destroyed several public and private roofs, market stalls among other public properties.

He said, "His Excellency the executive governor of Yobe State Hon. Mai Mala Buni has directed that while the government is working tirelessly to provide more

support to other vulnerable populace, it is pertinent to assist those affected by the disaster with food among others.

"The support, especially to those who take refuge in their neighbourhood is necessary so as not to overstretch the host household of their resources," the ES maintained.

According to him, most victims of the disaster are predominantly petty traders and low-income earners who live by the

day's earnings.

"Each beneficiary will go home with food items such as (rice and combo pack containing pastas and condiments) WASH Kits including buckets, plates, soap, detergent, torch light, jerrycan, kettle as well as mosquito nets, mats, mattresses among other items."

Goje said the distribution is being carried out between the officials of SEMA and that of the Karasuwa local government area.

Yobe, FG Meet Over Scaling-up Of Number Of Pupils Benefiting From NHSFP

Stakeholders from the Yobe State Government and the federal ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development have met on the need to scale up the number of pupils benefiting from the National Home-grown School Feeding Programme (NHSFP) in the state.

The minister of Humanitarian Affairs, Hajiya Sadiya Umar Faruk while flagging-off stakeholders engagement on enumeration of the programme in Damaturu, notes that the federal government decided to embark on the intervention in order to reduce hunger, malnutrition and gener-

ate employment.

Faruk, represented by the zonal monitor, Alhaji Ali Grema, says the meeting was organised in order to strengthen partnership and the need to do more on the NHSFP designed to cover the entire country.

She says the engagement designed under the umbrella of the government social protection mechanism, was meant to scale-up the number of the pupils benefiting from the programme as directed by President Muhammadu Buhari.

"The federal government NHGSFP and the state govern-

ment team as well as other key stakeholders, are to work jointly and closely to verify the existing numbers of the beneficiaries of the programme and update the records for effectiveness, transparency and accountability."

The commissioner of Humanitarian Affairs in Yobe State, Dr. Abubakar Garba Illiya represented by his permanent secretary, Alhaji Ibrahim Shu'aibu expressed happiness that the programme will now capture more beneficiaries in the state.

"Its quite fascinating that the federal government will scale-up the number of benefiting pu-

pils across the state. We as stakeholders must work hand in hand to avoid mistakes of the past on the programme for better results."

The Yobe State programme manager of NHGSFP, Hajiya Fatsuma Accama says the programme kick started in the state on 30th September 2019 and was piloted in some schools from both rural and urban areas.

Accama states that the programme designed to provide nutrition to children in class 1-3 was initiated and funded by the federal government and has been receiving the desired support from the state government.

Governor Buni Appoints GM RUWASA, State Accountant General

Yobe State governor, Mai Mala Buni, has appointed Alhaji Abubakar Liman Baba as the general manager, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) with immediate effect.

A statement issued and signed by the head of Service, Alhaji Muhammad B. Nura, said the appointment of Alhaji Abubakar Liman Baba was

based on his years of experience, commitments and dedication to duty.

"I have the pleasure to convey the approval of His Excellency, the executive governor of Yobe State, Hon Mai Mala Buni, for your appointment as general manager, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) with effect from 7th July, 2021.

"Your appointment is based on your experience, commitment, dedication to duty and excellent record of performance.

"While extending His Excellency's best wishes over this well deserved appointment, it is our fervent hope that you will work even harder to justify the confidence reposed in you," the statement said.

Similarly, Governor Mai Mala Buni has approved the appointment of Alhaji Musa Audu Fara Fara as the Yobe State Accountant General.

According to a statement issued by the head of Service, Alhaji Muhammad B. Nura said the appointment of Alhaji Musa Audu Fara Fara as the Yobe State Accountant General was also with immediate effect.



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■ Governor Nasir El-Rufai of Kaduna state and Inspector General of Police Usman Alkali Baba, when the latter paid a courtesy call to Sir Kashim Ibrahim House

NLC strike: KDSG sets up Commission of Inquiry

Kaduna State Government has established a Judicial Commission of Inquiry to look into the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC) strike of May 2021, with Justice Ishaq Bello, a retired Judge as chairman.

A statement issued by Special Adviser on Media and Communication, Mr Muyiwa Adekeye also mentioned former Attorney-General of Cross River state Eyo Ekpo and Mrs Joan Jatau-Kadiya, ex Attorney General of Kaduna state as members.

According to the statement, former Assistant General Secretary of NLC and an ex-Deputy National Secretary of the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ) Chom Bagu is also a member of the Commission of Inquiry.

Adekeye listed other members of the commission to include AVM Rabi Dabo, Dr Nasirudeen Usman and Malam Mohammed Isah Aliyu.

The Special Adviser stated that "the Judicial Commission of Inquiry is constituted based on the 1999 Constitution and the Commissions of Inquiry Law CAP 34, Laws of Kaduna state 1991."

According to the statement, the Inquiry has 14 terms of reference which include "to ascertain the legality of the warning strike, the actions of various persons and organisations.

Adekeye added that the commission should also "determine whether such actions amount to any breach of the Trade Union Act, the Trade Disputes

Act, the Trade Disputes (Essential Services) Act, the Miscellaneous Offences Act, the Quarantine Act, the Public Health Law and Penal Code Law of Kaduna state and other laws."

"The Inquiry will also ascertain the economic losses incurred during the strike, assign responsibility for actions and make recommendations for appropriate actions, including civil remedies, criminal prosecution and policy measures," he said.

The statement pointed out that "Section 7 of the Commissions of Inquiry Law grants the Judicial Commission of Inquiry the power to summon any person in Nigeria to give evidence and to issue a warrant to compel the attendance of anyone so summoned."

Deputy Gov tasks Biotechnologists on food sufficiency

By Peter Ibrahim

The Deputy Governor of Kaduna state, Dr Hadiza Balarabe, has noted that Biotechnology will play a key role in the industrialisation of the state, create more jobs and enhance its economy.

Dr Balarabe who made this known at the opening of the first annual symposium of the Biotechnology Society of Nigeria, Northwest Zone, said that Kaduna State Government has begun "laying the foundation to transform the economy to be private sector-driven."

"Our overarching goal is industrializing the state, thereby creating jobs and a vibrant economy. We are determined to follow this positive economic trajectory, knowing quite well that industrialization will revolutionize the production of goods for domestic consumption and export.

"Because of the practical use of biological processes in industrial

production, biotechnology will play a key role in the attainment of this goal", she pointed out.

The Deputy Governor also tasked Biotechnologists to use their profession to increase the nation's food production and make Nigeria attain self-sufficiency.

Dr Balarabe argued that with the projected population growth that will reach 450 million by the year 2050, Biotechnologists should bring up plans to "help us grow enough food by increasing productivity".

The Deputy Governor who chaired the symposium which had the theme, "Biotechnology as a Tool of Achieving Sustainable Development in the 21st Century", pointed out that Biotechnology is "critical in the fields of food-production, renewable raw-materials and energy, pollution-prevention and bioremediation".

According to her, "encouraging the growth of Biotechnology in the state will significantly impact

on pharmaceuticals, animal health, agriculture, textiles, chemicals, plastic, paper, biofuels and food.

"With benefits cutting across all strata of society, it will support the creation of new jobs, sustainable development, public health and environmental protection. This simply means that countries like ours, must re-strategise with a focus on biotechnology-based researches, to improve food and cash crops to eradicate hunger", she added.

Meanwhile, the Biotechnology Society of Nigeria has given Dr Balarabe the title of the "Ambassador of Biotechnology Development in Kaduna and North-western states."

The Vice Chancellor of Taraba State University and Chair of BSN Board of Trustees, Professor Vincent A Tenebe said the award was in recognition of her excellent contribution to science as a Medical Doctor.

Other personalities conferred with various awards are the Emir of Zazzau, Ambassador Nuhu Ahmad Bamalli, and the immediate past Vice Chancellor of Kaduna State University, Professor Barnabas Qurxyx.

Column

El-Rufai: Providing skills and opportunities

By Manasseh Istifanus



From declaring a state of emergency on the sector, to making teachers of public schools undertake a competency test, to improving schools' infrastructure, as well as providing free uniforms and instructional materials, education is the fulcrum of the Malam Nasir El-Rufai administration. Indeed, one of the most revolutionary steps that the governor has taken is enthroning transparency in the award of scholarship.

Under the leadership of Malam Hassan Rilwan, the Executive Secretary of the "new improved" Kaduna State Scholarship and Loans Board, students don't need "to know someone" to get scholarship. The application, selection of candidates and assessing them are all done online at the "paperless Scholarship Board". Also, scholarship has been unbundled into three categories, the Need-based, Merit-based and Disability scholarships.

The Need-based is strictly for the children of the poor and eligibility is determined by parents' annual turnover. If the parents are deceased, the Death Certificate will be required. On the other hand, Merit-based scholarship entails the applicant showing evidence that he or she is an exceptional student. This category of scholarship is for high flying students who have been consistently outstanding in their academics for a number of semesters. Indeed, anyone who is physically challenged is eligible for the Disability scholarship.

Significantly, there is the loans window, where the government, in conjunction with FCMB, has set aside N2 billion for students to borrow from and fund their education. After graduating and securing a job, the beneficiaries can start the repayment. Workers can also access this window to fund their education.

On May 27, 2021, the Board granted 34 students international scholarships and by September, they will proceed for postgraduate studies. The successful 34 scaled a rigorous selection process out of 265 applicants that applied. The scholars comprise 22 first class degree holders, six second class (upper division) degree holders with CGPA of 4.0 and above going for masters. Likewise, three master's degree holders who bagged a distinction and three others who have merit, will be sponsored for doctorate degrees on foreign scholarship.

Indeed, the selection process was transparently done using global best practices. All the 265 that applied were subjected to the use of English and Plagiarism test and 153 applicants passed. Thereafter, each of the 153 applicants was officially contacted and requested to upload a personal statement and a three minutes video. In the end, 79 of them passed. "As part of the transparency, open governance policy and determination of the state government to present only its best for Merit Based Foreign Scholarship, the management and staff of the Scholarship and Loans Board, having shortlisted the candidates, decided to remove itself from the final scoring and selection process," Hassan disclosed. According to him, a team of individuals who have the experience, track record of diligence and objectivity, was constituted to form a Selection Committee. The Executive Secretary further said that "each applicant was scored online by at least three committee members and their final score averaged."

Specifically, Hassan advised students not to give up after failing at first trial because the "the overall best student applied for the scholarship twice before succeeding. Another student who scored 37.78% the first time scored 72.22% on the second attempt to clinch the scholarship," he pointed out. Last week, the Executive Secretary was at Kaduna State University (KASU), where he interacted with the management. Afterwards, he disclosed that Kaduna State Government has provided scholarships to cover all tuition fees for indigent and brilliant students, promising that no student will drop out of school due to the increase in school fees in state-owned tertiary institutions.

In the 21st century, skills and a good education are the enablers of upward mobility and not circumstance of birth, gender or ethnicity. That is what Governor El-Rufai is determined to give the people of Kaduna state.

We inherit N15bn liabilities, paid off N13bn debts – Kaduna State Pension Bureau

The Executive Secretary of Kaduna State Pension Bureau, Prof SALAMATU ISAH, explained the differences between the new Contributory Pension Scheme and the old Defined Benefit Scheme and issues surrounding the liabilities that the present administration inherited from the past government, in this interview.

By Manasseh Istifanus and Abdallah Yunus Abdallah

There is some kind of confusion between the Contributory Pension Scheme and the Defined Benefit Pension Scheme, so much that some civil servants don't seem to know the difference between the two. Can you shed light on them?

The Defined Pension Scheme is actually the old pension system, while the Contributory Pension Scheme is the new one. The difference between the two is that the Defined Pension Scheme is a pension plan in which the total pension obligation is borne by the employer, either the state or federal government. The employer promises to give the employee some benefits after specific years of service, either after putting in 35 years or when he or she reaches the retirement age of 60 years. This benefit is only due to a person whose appointment is pensionable; minimum of 10 years and maximum of 35 years in service. For the deceased, he is entitled to Death Benefit, gratuity and five years accrued pension if he hasn't started collecting monthly pension at the time of death. However, if someone on this scheme has commenced pension of say two years before he dies, the remaining years will be calculated as part of the Death Benefits, which will be given to his Next-of-Kin to complete the mandatory five years of pension payment as provided by Section 11 of Pension Act, 2004.

As the name implies, the Contributory Pension Scheme entails that the employee and the employer are involved, and bear the risk. Both contribute certain percentages. In Kaduna state, with the amendment to that law in 2020, it is now 7% monthly contribution from the employee and 8% from the state government, making the total percentage contribution 15%. Every employee in the new scheme is expected to have a Retirement Savings Account (RSA), more like a bank account, into which those contributions are remitted. You must have put in 35 years of service or attained the age of 50 years before accessing the pension. For instance, upon retirement in accordance with the terms and conditions of employment, the retiree may withdraw a lump sum of money, of not more than 25% of the amount standing to the credit of his Retirement Saving Account (RSA), provided such withdrawals shall only be made after two months of such retirement, and the retired employee has not secured another employment.

Civil servants were given a lump sum called gratuity before they begin receiving pension in the old scheme. Is it also the same with Contributory Pension Scheme?

Well, it is not the same; in Contributory Pension Scheme, the total contribution is what is due to you, plus return on investment. In the old scheme, a retiree is entitled to gratuity and pension at the point of retirement, which is sponsored by the employer using a certain predetermined payment formula, based on employees' earnings history, tenure of service, age, etc., rather than on individual investment returns. The employer contributes to a pool of funds to cover benefits for all participants.

While in Contributory Pension Scheme, upon retirement, an employee can draw a lump sum from the balance standing to the credit of his RSA, provided the balance could procure an annuity or fund monthly pension payment as at the date of his retirement. However, an employer may choose to pay any other severance benefits (by whatever name) over and above the retirement benefits payable to the employee subject to the terms and conditions of his employment. The total contribution made by both employee and employer may be more, because it is expected that the Pension Fund Administrators (PFAs) will invest the money to generate



■ Prof Salamatu Isah

gains before the beneficiaries retire. Government does not make any payment again at the point of employee retirement, once it has contributed its percentage share into the individual's RSA.

In the old Defined Benefits Scheme, pension is for life. Is it the same in Contributory Pension Scheme?

Yes, but this depends on the arrangement that a civil servant has with his PFA. In Contributory Pension Scheme, there are two benefits, namely periodic monthly or quarterly pension, and the one-off lump sum payments. In the periodic payment, we also have Programmed Withdrawal and Life Annuity. In the Programmed Withdrawal, the retiree collects his retirement benefits monthly or quarterly throughout the length of the estimated lifespan. Life Annuity is a series of monthly or quarterly payments paid to the retiree for life by an insurance. Under this scheme, PFAs give retirees their entire savings which the beneficiaries transfer to the insurance companies of their choice. These insurance companies then place them on pension.

The PFAs have different Withdrawal Plans, and sometimes these plans are based on a retiree's age and the percentage share of defined lump sum. For instance, if someone retires at 50 years, probably he has about 25 to 30 years to live, the lump sum is 25%, then 75% of the total benefit will be spread across the expected lifespan of 25 to 30 years on a monthly or quarterly basis. Sometimes, if the benefit is a small amount, a retiree may not even have a lump sum, and the monthly pension may be peanuts if spread across the period of years, let's say a lifetime.

The National Pension Commission has accused several states of not remitting pension funds to PFAs. Is Kaduna state making these remittances as and when due?

Kaduna state has consistently been making its remittances. However, we observed that we still have people in the public service that have not registered or opened a Retirement Savings Accounts. To this end, we have not been able to credit their account or transfer their contributions from Transitional Contributory Fund (TCF) to their various PFAs. Once the PFAs are identified, the Pension Bureau will remit or transfer all the monies that have been deducted from these individuals' salaries as their pension contributions. So, we are up to date in remittances to all PFAs.

Some civil servants that left service in 2017 have not gotten their pensions. Can you clarify this situation, given what you said that Kaduna state has been making prompt remittances?

The Contributory Pension Scheme started even before 2016 when it was made compulsory. So, between 2008 and 2016, pension deductions were deposited into an account but not remitted directly to Retirement Savings Accounts. There was a mop-up and an actuarial valuation of how much was deducted from individual civil servants as contributions at both state and local government levels, when this administration came in. The total amount of these deductions is what we referred to as Past- Service

Benefit or Accrued Rights. So, anybody that retired in December 2016 is actually in the old pension scheme, but anyone that has crossed over to January 2017 is supposed to be in the new pension scheme, which is mandatory for every public servant. So, the contribution that an individual made from 2008 to 2016, if he has crossed over to 2017, is what we call Accrued Rights or Past Service Benefit, which the state government must pay at the point of retirement and the amount is added to what he has contributed, from 2017 to date, as total benefit.

So, when people retire, we use the principle of "First in-First out" or "First to retire, First to be paid" to make payment. If you retired in 2017, you are in a queue; when you retired in 2018, 2019, up to date, you also join the queue. So, in making payments, we usually consider those in the queue first, which is those from 2017. Kaduna State Government has established a Retirement Benefits Bond Redemption Fund Account in the Central Bank of Nigeria. The employer groups of the Public Service of the state are already making monthly payments into the Fund of an amount equal to 5% of the total monthly wage bill. Once this amount is received, we make payment to retirees through their various PFAs.

The aggregate of 5% of the total monthly wage bill that we get is usually less than the total number and amount of requests put forward by PFAs. So, we have to consider the number that the money we were given will cover. So far, we have exhausted 2017 and 2018 with some PFAs, while in others, we are still on the 2017 list. But we are doing our best to finish with most people on the 2017 list. By the time we are able to cover the entire retirees of 2017 with all the PFAs, the complaints will reduce. But for now, I will honestly say that we have a considerable number of requests on queue, and looking at the state's resources, we can only cover the list of retirees, batches by batches. Hopefully, everyone on that queue will be paid with time.

How much did this administration inherit as pension liabilities when it came to office in 2015 because there have been some conflicting figures in recent times?

I remembered that early last month or so, when the former governor of Kaduna state, Alhaji Mukhtar Ramalan Yero, claimed that he left an estimated amount of N8 or N9 billion-plus, but the current administration said it was N15 billion. In the real sense, when the Transition Committee came on board immediately after the election in 2015, what it received was a paper value on liabilities. That is the figure that the former governor had used to make a claim. But a lot of gaps were discovered in the paper value. For example, no breakdown was given as to what each PFA owed in terms of outstanding, the total contribution of civil servants as employers, as well as contributions from the state government as employers that were supposed to have been remitted in each of the RSAs, were not remitted.

For example, Premium Pensions had 21,686 funded accounts, and the amount received was N8.4 billion with an outstanding amount of N399,013,364.40. The outstanding was for October to December 2014 only. Sigma Pension received N4,374,614,502.14 as remittances but had an outstanding liability of N1,089,957,864.97 and N395,903,778.09 as outstanding for January 2015. Leadway Pensure had 35,637 RSAs and received N2,558,681,780.56 remittances but had an outstanding liability of N6,466,385,935.51 (N449,674,093.13 of employees' deduction and N6,016,711,819.38 of employer (LG remittances). So, these figures were not mentioned in the liabilities that the former governor claimed to have left behind. We also had some employees that what was deducted from them as contributions were not captured by the former governor and what the government was supposed to have remitted too. These missing gaps were what necessitated the setting up of a committee to investigate the total amount of liabilities in the state. The report of the committee brought to light, the N15 billion plus as inherited liability.

The committee presented its report to the State Executive Council, and more insight on the total outstanding liabilities on retirement and Death Benefits for state and local government retirees and deceased staff as of November 2016 were provided, stating the amount as Fifteen billion Five Hundred and Seventy-Five million, Three Hundred and Ninety-Two thousand, One Hundred and Fifty-Two Naira, Forty-One Naira (N15,575,392,152.14). On the whole, we have paid over N13 billion out of the N15 billion Defined Benefit Scheme liabilities that we inherited from the last administration, and over N13 billion of the current Contributory Pension Scheme



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Further to the publication by the Directorate of Technical Aid Corps (DTAC), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, dated 22 March 2021 inviting applications from suitably qualified Nigerians into the Scheme as prospective Volunteers, the following candidates have been shortlisted and are to appear before an Evaluation/Interactive panel. Prospective candidates are to appear on the dates listed against their names as contained below:

S/N	NAME	QUALIFICATION		
BATCH A (10th August, 2021)				
1	LUCKY SALUBI INAYA	PHD ACCOUNTING	122	IGNATIUS IKECHUKWU UCHE
2	LUCKY O.ONMONYA	PHD ACCOUNTING	123	SIKIRU AKEEM BABATUNDE
3	VICTOR OUT OKA	PHD RESPIRATORY PHYSIOLOGY	124	IBRAHIM BILAL DUHU
4	RAYMOND AHAMEFULA	PHD HUMAN ANATOMY	125	NZERUEN OKWUCHI CHIOMA
5	LAWAN UMAR SHESHE	PHD NEUROLOGICAL PHYSIOTHERAPY	126	AGU JULIET IDEOMA
6	HARUNA SAIDU	PHD BIOSCIENCE	127	ACHEGBANI SIMEON
7	LUGOS MOSES DABAH	PHD HAEMATOLOGY LEUKAEMIA	128	YUSUF ADEJOH THOMAS
8	MORDI JOSEPH CHUKWUFUM NAYA	PHD CLINICAL TOXICOLOGY	129	AMIRA UMAR
9	KOLO ABDULWAHAB	PHD AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS	130	HARUNA KAITA
10	ABUBAKAR BELLO	PHD BOTANY	131	OKOKON ANIEFIOMKONG
11	KOMOLAFE KAYODE CHARLES	PHD BIOCHEMISTRY	132	QASIN OLALERE AKINRETI
12	ALO OLUWSEUN OLUBISI	PHD COMPUTER SCIENCE	133	UCHE NNAWULEZI
13	ABUBAKAR ABDULKARIM	PHD ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC	134	SALEH IDRIS TUDUN WADA
14	OLOTU EMMANUEL BONIFACE	PHD BIOMATERIAL MECHANICS	135	EZE EMENIKE OZOKO
15	ANIDIJOB VINCENT OKECHUKWU	PHD CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	136	OKEKPA SIMON IMAKWU
16	LAWAL AYODELE	PHD INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING	137	OKEKPA UDOKA EDE
17	RAFIU OYESOLA SALAWU	PHD MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATIONAL	138	ILANG DONATUS CHUKWUMA
18	AKENBOR CLECTUS OKHIOKPSMONYI	PHD BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	139	CHJOKE CHIMELA
19	OLARINOYE ISMALL OYELEKE	PHD PHYSICS	140	YINKA SANUSI
20	OLAKUNLE OGUNJOBI	PHD SPACE PHYSICS	141	KOFFA DUROJAIYE JUDE
21	OLUMIDE OLUWASANMI IGE	PHD NUCLEAR RADIATION PHYSICS	142	MUSA IBRAHIM
22	OWOYELE JIMOH WALE	PHD APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY	143	BENSON AKUNME
23	IHM AUGUSTINE CHINEDU	PHD MEDICAL LAB	144	ADEYINKA TELLA
24	MEICHIZEDEC JAMES ONOBE	PHD MASS COMMUNICATION	145	TIJANI BASHIR MUSA
25	ODONYE DAUDA YUSUF	PHD PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	146	ABDULKABIR OLADIMEJI
26	ABDULRAZAK YUGUDA MADU	PHD PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	147	SALISU NASIR
27	IGBINOBA SHARON IYOBOR	PHD PHARMACOLOGY	148	ABUBAKAR YUSHA'U
28	AJALA ADELADUN STEPHEN	PHD TECH ENGINEERING	149	SADIQ OSHOKE AKHOR
29	GENTRY KABIRU ISHOLA		150	DASAT GEORGE
30	FISCHER VICTOR ADOLF	PHD REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY	151	AKPOMIE OLUBUNMI OLUFUNMI
31	KEHINDE MOJISOLA OLANKIE	PHD ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES ECON	152	DAHIRU MUSA
32	BALOGUN JOSEPH OLABODE	PHD ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES PLAN	153	MIMKA NDAZOSIKU
33	OBINNA DAVID IKE	PHD LAW	154	AKEEM BABATUNDE DISU
34	SAMPSON SHABA	LLM	155	UMARU MOHAMMED
35	MUNTARI BALA	PHD BIOTECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING	156	IROYE KAYODE ADEMOLA
36	MUDATHIR FUNSHO AKOREDE	PHD ELECTRIC POWER ENGINEERING	157	UMAR OSU UJJIH
37	ABDULKADIR TAFEEQ SHOLAGBERUMALE	PHD CIVIL ENGINEERING	158	PROF GRACE MODUPE ADEBO
38	MAKLU NANTEER YO'NLA	PHD ENTREPRENEURSHIP	159	MARK OJUKWU
39	ZUBAIRU ADAMU	MSC CONFLICT MANAGEMENT AND PEACE STUDIES	160	EFFIONG JOHN BEN
40	MARVELOUS ISIBOR AIGBEDION	PHD FINANCE	161	ISHAKU USMAN GADZAMA
41	EDOGBANYA ADEJOH	PHD ACCOUNTING	162	OKWARA JOHN EKENEDIRICHIKWU
42	THOMAS ADIDAMBE UGBE	PHD STATISTICS	163	ADEOYE AKINWUNMI
43	SHESHI DANJUMA THEOPHILUS	PHD ENGLISH	164	AKWU BALA PETER
44	OKWECHIE SIMON IDOKO	PHD CROP PROTECTION	165	TAJUDEEN DELE
45	MOYIN JESU EMMANUEL IBUKUNOLLIWA	PHD CROP PRODUCTION	166	MATTHEW NWOKIKE
46	UMAR ADAMU AHMED	PHD ZOOLOGY	167	GIMBA JOSEPH
47	OLAIFA REBECCA OLUGBEMI	PHD ANIMAL PRODUCTION	168	UMAR DAHIRU
48	ABDULGANIYU MUTIU	PHD ECONOMICS	169	OLUWASEYI VICTOR ADAJA
49	ABDULHADI YAKUBA	PHD MICROBIOLOGY	170	AKINBOYEDE LIJOKA
50	IDOKO MICHAEL	PHD POLICY ANALYSIS(POLITICAL SCIENCE)	171	OMOGBEIN OLOSOLA OJONLA
51	ABIODUN DANIEL OLABODE	PHD GEOGRAPHY	172	EYESAN ELOHOR YVONNE
52	UMAR OSU UJJIH	PHD GEOGRAPHY		
53	IBORI PHILIP MOPNANG	PHD GEOGRAPHY	BATCH B (11th August, 2021)	
54	AYOK JEREMIAH	PHD GEOLOGY	173	LEAH ORITOGUN LEAH
55	NWOFOKO CHUKWUEMEKA	PHD CHEMISTRY	174	ALABI OLANIRETI
56	IBRAHIM MOHAMMED	PHD GEOGRAPHY	175	OKOLIE CHUKWULOZIE PAUL
57	YAHAYA ALHASSAN	PHD	176	SUNDAY CASMIR
58	FRIDAY OGAR IDIKU	PHD AGRIC EXTENSION AND RURAL	177	MOGBO TOCHUKWU CHINEDU
59	MUHAMMAD LAWAN KAURAN GINI	PHD MATHS	178	EKEMEZE IFEOMA
60	MANSUR HASSAN	PHD MATHS	179	UCHECHUKWU MADUKA
61	ONUORAH MARTINS ONYEKWE	PHD APPLIED MATHS	180	MBAMALU ADAOLISA
62	EGUDA FELIX YAKUBA	PHD APPLIED MATHS	181	CHINONSO SIXTUS ONYEANUSTI
63	PETER BENJAMIN AINA	PHD PURE AND APPLIED MATH	182	ENE-BONGILL GOODNESS
64	ADEWOLE SUNDAY	MSC CHEMISTRY ORGANIC	183	OGUNTA KINGSLEY
65	GBENGA FESTUS KOLEDIOYE	PHD AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION	184	ANYAEGBU JOSEPH
66	AMINU UMAR IMAN	PHD BIOCHEMISTRY	185	UMEH CHINEDU JOSEPH
67	OGBU AMBROSE EJIFOR	PHD BIOCHEMISTRY	186	NWEDO JOY IFEOMA
68	ETENG OFEM EFFIONG	PHD BIOCHEMISTRY TOXICOLOGY	187	EYINLA TEMITOPPE OYEYEMI
69	ELEAZU CHINEDUM OGBONNAYA	PHD BIOCHEMISTRY	188	GOYEI FINEMAN
70	DAYYABU SHEHU	PHD BIOCHEMISTRY	189	ABDULRAHAMAN ADAMU
71	ADINDU EZE AZUBUIKE	PHD BIOCHEMISTRY	190	VINCENT OKWUDILI
72	KHALID MUHAMMAD MUSTAPHA	BSC NURSING	191	TIJANI ELRUFAT ABDULLAHI
73	ONODUGO IFEANYI CHRIS	PHD BANKING AND FINANCE	192	AMINU ALKASIM
74	ONUOHA STANLEY CHUKWUDOZIE	PHD MICROBIOLOGY	193	OGOSHI ZULKIFLU ELAYO
75	EZEUGWUNNE IFEOMA PRICILLA	PHD CHEMICAL PATHEOLOGY	194	HASSAN OZEGYA
76	ADEYEMI ADEGOJU	PHD ENGLISH	195	IBRAHIM KANI AMINU
77	MICHEAL OLUWATOYIN OJO	MSC PHYSICS	196	SULETIAN DABO
78	EMMA-OKORIE FRANCISCA EJITURU	PHD ENGLISH LANGUAGE	197	MUKHTAR SHEHU
79	ABDULSALAM ISMAILA	PHD PHYSICS OF NANOMATERIALS	198	NURA LAWAL
80	EMELIFE JULIET NWAKAEGO	RN MID WIFE	199	ALTYU ADAMU GOMBE NASIRU
81	OLOKO PAULINA	DIPLOMA IN COMMUNITY HEALTH	200	UCHEALEX CHIGOZIE OBY
82	TERHEME ABOIYAR	PHD APPLIED MATHS	201	UZOEGBO HELEN
83	OGBENE G IGBUM	MSC AGRICULTURE	202	IDOKO FELICA
84	MRUMUM SOOMTYOL	MSC MATHS	203	PAUL OGWUCHE ADOYI
85	TERSEER AKO	PHD CIVIL ENGINEERING	204	UDOH GODWIN EKPENYONG
86	PATRICK CHENGE	MSC AGRICULTURE	205	VERA GRACE AWENEGIEME
87	OLUYEMI O FAYOMI	PHD	206	AZUKA EMMANUEL
88	ALIYU MADALLA	BSC MEDICAL LAB SCIENCE	207	ESHIEMOKHA HALIMA
89	PROF LANRE OLUADEYEMI	PHD POLITICAL SCIENCE	208	OMOLE OHONSI ABIODUN
90	PROF FAYANKINU		209	ANTHONY ANIEBO
91	PROF FASORANTI OLAYIWOLA OLUWAJENYO	PHD RURAL SOCIOLOGY AND AGRIC. EXTENSION	210	OBETEN IKPI EXPO
92	IWUH KENNETH AMANZE	BSC COMPUTER SCIENCE	211	OLOKOBA OPEYEMI
93	GLADYS SOPURUCHI ONYIKE	BA LIBRARY AND INFORMATION	212	UMAR AMINA
94	JULIUS LAMBERT NYANANYO	MA PERSONNEL PSYCHOLOGY	213	IBRAHIM ABDULQADIR
95	PROF ADEYEMO O.	PHD POLITICAL SCIENCE	214	SANI AHMAD
96	OGBA FRANCISCA N	PHD EDUCATION	215	HAKEEM GBADAMOSI
97	IGU NTASIOBI C.N	PHD EDUCATION	216	AHMED ATTAH JACOBS
98	AGUMAH N BENARD	PHD MED LAB	217	ALIDU BENJAMIN
99	OKORIE CORNELIUS O	PHD POLITICAL SCIENCE	218	JAKADA AYUBA BULUS
100	IGWE IHEANYI OKORE	SCIENCE EDUCATION	219	SAMUEL AYOKUNLE
101	SALISU ABDULLAHI	PHD MATH	220	SAMUEL OLUWABUNMMI OMPARIOLA
102	AYOBAMI ADEBOLA	PHD ENGINEERING	221	AFOLABI WASIU ADEBOWALE
103	LAWAL ADAMU	PHD APPLIED MATHS	222	OKORO CHINYERE ADA
104	ABDULKAREEM IBRAHIM AHOKO	PHD LAB SCIENCE	223	PAM DAVON PAM
105	IMAM ISAH PAIKO	PHD ECONOMICS	224	EMMANUEL CHONG
106	ISHIAKU IBRAHIM	PHD GEOGRAPHY	225	JAWFU NANCY CHINATU
107	JAMES BABA MOKWA	PHD MECH ENG	226	REUBEN TASDO
108	ADAMU BALA	MSC CONSTRUCTION	227	ABDULLAHI ISAH KUBA
109	OBINNA EBIRIM	MBBS	228	ADAMU ADAMU
110	UMAR ZAINAB	M TECH PHARMACEUTICAL	229	YAKUBU YUSUF SALKI
111	LAWAL IBRAHIM	BSC COMPUTER	230	ACHO YOHANNA SILAS
112	ABUBAKAR ISAHQ	BSC NURSING	231	AYELE JOSPEH SAMUEL
113	LUCKY IZIENGBE IGBINOSUN	PHD MATHS	232	OGUNDEJI KOLAWOLE
114	FATIMA MUKTAR	BSC NURSING	233	MAHMUDA SHUAIBU
115	UMAR ABDULLAHI	MSC HEALTH ECONOMICS	234	ADETUNJI OLADENI
116	IBRAHIM JIBO ABUBAKAR	B NSC	235	FOLUKE DELE OSIBANJO
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120	NGUM JETRO	MBBS	239	EKPENYONG AGNES UDO
121	CELEMENT OLUWOLE	PHD POLITICAL SCIENCE	240	HABIBA YAHAYA ABDULLAHI
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			243	FADIPE VICTOR OLUGBENGA
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				BSC INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
				PHD POLITICAL SCIENCE
				MBBS
				MSC PUBLIC ADMIN
				PHD FISHERY MANAGEMENT
				PHD CHEMICAL PATHOLOGY
				PHD LAW
				PHD CHEMICAL PATHOLOGY
				BSC GEOLOGY
				MSC MED LAB
				MSC ECONOMICS
				MSC MICRO BIOLOGY
				PHD STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING
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				PHD BIOCHEMISTRY
				PHD HUMAN ANATOMY
				OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE
				PHD PHARMACOLOGY
				PHD LOCAL GOVERNMENT
				PHD ADULT EDUCATION
				PHD POLITICAL SCIENCE
				MSC ARTS
				BSC BOTANY SCIENCE
				BSC SOCIOLOGY
				MSC SOCIOLOGY
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				HND PUBLIC ADMIN
				BA ENGLISH
				HND ENGINEERING
				PHD REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH
				BSC MOLECULAR BIOLOGY
				B ENG ELECTRONICS
				BSC ELECTRONIC AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING
				BSC ED BIOLOGY
				BSC MATHS
				PHD INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
				MSC INFECTION BIOLOGY
				PHD MARKETING
				MSC PUBLIC POLICY
				MSC ACCOUNTING
				MSC BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
				MSC INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
				PHD INORGANIC CHEMISTRY
				B PHARMACY
				B ART
				B ENGLISH
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				MSC NURSING
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				MSC MEDICAL SURGERY
				BNSC
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255 YUSUF HASSAN	PHD CHEMISTRY
256 GARBA ALHAI ADAMU	PHD CHEMISTRY
257 OGUEJIOFOR UJAM	PHD CHEMISTRY
258 MUHAMMAD ADO	PHD CHEMISTRY
259 UMEIKA CHIOMA	PHD CHEMISTRY
260 AKINSEHINWA AKINLUA	PHD CHEMISTRY
261 EMUROTU JUDE	PHD CHEMISTRY
262 ADEDOKUN ROSEMARY	PHD CHEMISTRY
263 ODEBODE ADEYINKA	PHD BOTANY
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266 EMEKA P IGBODIKE	FWACS OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY
267 ABDULMAIK AJOKE	PHD HEALTH EDUCATION
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270 JAMILU SANI	BNSC
271 AJAO OLAYINKA	MSC NURSING
272 MICHEAL CHUKUGOZIEM	MBBS
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274 KOROYE OYINTONBRA	WACS
275 TOLANI MUSLIU ADETOLA	MBBS
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280 BATURE YUYU USMAN	MSC CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY
281 AYANFE SAMUEL OMOLOLU	MBBS
282 ROTIMI OLUWASJI JOSEPH	MBBS
283 LYDIAREGINA ISHAYA	MBBS
284 HASSAN JEREMIAH	MDCN
285 ISAH VERONICA DADA	MSC NURSING
286 PANNMIAL DAMULALA	PHD PHYSICS
287 LIDIMMA BEN	PHD MEDICAL LAB
288 IKECHUKWU NWOSU	PHD PHYSICS
289 EKE NDOCHUKWU	PHD INTERNATIONAL
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292 PIUS TUNMBA	PHD MATHS
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294 FELIX OMOTOSHO	PHD POLITICAL SCIENCE
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297 CYRIL GWAZAH	PHD APPLIED GEOGRAPHY
298 OLAWOLE SURAJUDEEN	PHD COMPUTER SCIENCE
299 MOHAMMED UMAR MUSTAPHA	PHD BIOLOGY
300 SHOMBORO KARAU	PHD CONSERVATION BIOLOGY
301 CHIOMA VIVAN	PHD ENVIRONMENTAL MYCOLOGY
302 BAPTUNDE SUNDAY OGUNSINA	PHD AGRICULTURAL/ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
303 JEROME OBO IHUMA	PHD ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT
304 ALIYU HASSAN IBRAHIM	PHD ENVIRONMENTAL RESOUCE
305 EDIGBONYA THOMPSON	PHD ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY
306 DANIEL GBADESERE AKINTUNDE	PHD ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY
307 OLUREMILEKUN OPEYEMI	PHD ENVIRONMENT CHEMISTRY
308 INNOCENT OMODUNBI	PHD PURE AND INDUSTRY CHEMISTRY
309 YAHAYA ABDULRAQ	PHD CHEMISTRY
310 HENRY UBONG	PHD CHEMISTRY
311 OYEDEJI OLAEKAN	PHD INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY
312 ABDULKABIR OLADELE	PHD INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY
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314 OTACHE JOSEPH	MSC DEVELOPMENT STUDIES
315 YAKUBA SUNDAY	PHD CHEMISTRY
316 UBAEZUE UGOCHUKWU	PHD ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY
317 BLESSING DANIEL ENEJO	PHD COLOUR CHEMISTRY
318 JULIUS PUTSHAKA	PHD INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY
319 AHAMED SALISU	PHD CHEMISTRY
320 SALEHDEEN MOHAMMED	PHD POLYMER CHEMISTRY
321 OLAFISOYE OLADUNNI	PHD CHEMISTRY
322 OLUTONA GODWIN	PHD ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY
323 ONOABEJE ABRAHAM	PHD ORGANIC CHEMISTRY
324 IBRAHIM GARBA	PHD ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY
325 OKPO EKERENAM	PHD MATERIAL SCIENCE
326 ADEYANJU OLUSOLA	PHD ORGANIC CHEMISTRY
327 ISAH YINUSA	PHD ORGANIC CHEMISTRY
328 EDDY NNABUKA	PHD PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY
329 IBOROMA DAOPUYE	PHD ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY
330 SALAUDEEN OLAWOLE	PHD ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY
331 EMUROTU JUDE	PHD ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY
332 ERIBE MARY JOHANSON	PHD ORGANIC CHEMISTRY
333 OBTINNA OFOGBU	PHD POLYMER CHEMISTRY
334 ENOJO KENNIE ENOJO	PHD POLITICAL SCIENCE
335 OKAFOR CHARLES	PHD INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
336 GHAZAIL BELLO ABUBAKR	PHD INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
337 ABDULLAHI M UMAR	PHD SOCIOLOGY
338 ADAMU MOHAMMED	PHD POLITICAL SCIENCE
339 COMFORT OLAMIDE	PHD EDUCATIONAL
340 TOBI CHIDIMA ACHUDUME	PHD INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
341 OLUKAYODE FALEYE	PHD HISTORY
342 IBRAHIM MAJI	PHD ECONOMICS
343 ADEDEJI OLUSEUN	PHD ECONOMICS
344 EVELYN DANIA	PHD ECONOMICS
345 UPAHI JOHNSON ENERO	PHD SCIENCE EDUCATION

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346 VICTOR ONUKWUBE APEH	PHD MEDICAL BIOCHEMISTRY
347 CHRISTOPHER KALU	PHD DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS
348 UVERE IKECHUKWU	PHD INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
349 ONUMAGBU AUGUSTINA	BSC NURSING
350 CHRISTOPHER BLESSING	MSC BIOLOGY
351 ABIKWU OLACHI	B.ED POLITICAL SCIENCE
352 ADEYEYE TOKUNBO	BSC POLITICAL SCIENCE
353 NZEWUHE SAMUEL	BSC CHEMISTRY
354 IREJOR KATHERINE	MBBS
355 LILIAN EGEJURU	REGISTER NURSE
356 OMIRI KINGSLEY OWURU	MSC POLITICAL SCIENCE
357 OJO AKINLEYE AYINOLA	PHD ENGLISH
358 FESTUS NKPOYEN	PHD SOCIOLOGY
359 GARBA SHEIFF ABDULAH	DIPLOMA IN NURSING
360 REX ASIBUODU UGULU	PHD CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT
361 IBRAHIM MUSTAPHA	PHD AGRIC ECONOMY
362 YUNUSA HASSAN	PHD GEOGRAPHY
363 MUHAMMAD SANI USMAN	PHD NANO SCIENCE APPLIED
364 SHUGABA KWATA	MSC PUBLIC HEALTH
365 EBERE JAMES OKORIE	PHD CRIMINOLOGY
366 ISA USMAN LAWAL	PHD PHYSIOTHERPY
367 MADAKI GAMSHA	PHD MATHEMATICS
368 ABUBAKAR IDRIS	PHD ECONOMICS
369 ADIBE TIMOTHY NNEMEKA	PHD CIVIL ENGINEERING
370 ANSEIM EGO ONYIMONYI	PHD ANIMAL NUTRITION
371 INNOEZE CIARA UCHENNA	PHD CIVIL ENGINEERING
372 CELESTINE ODENIGBO	PHD ENGINEERING
373 IKEGBU AHAMEFULA	PHD PHILOSOPHY
374 ARMONA OKPE JONAH	PHD ACCOUNTING
375 APAPA ONISOWURUN	MBBS
376 NNENNA GENEVIEVE	PHD PHARMACY
377 MAHMUDA ADAMU	PHD SCIENCE EDUCATION
378 IKE SOPURUCHUKWU	MSC INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY
379 SUNDAY YOMI	PHD MATHEMATICS
380 KAREEM MOJISOLA MUJILI	PHD ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY
381 ADEYEMO WALE LATEEF	PHD SHARIAH AND JUDICIARY
382 NDUBUISI NWAFOR	PHD LAW
383 MARYAM AUDU GARBA	BNSC
384 NAOMI YAKUBU	MSC PUBLIC HEALTH
385 UGO FLORENCE	RPN
386 INYIAMA OLIVER IKECHUKWU	PHD ACCOUNTING
387 EZE NWEZE OGONNAYA	PHD ACCOUNTING
388 ASOBIE JULIANA OBIAGERI	BSC NURSING

389 CHIEMEKA IFEYINWA	MSC PUBLIC HEALTH
390 BOSEDE OLANIKE AWOYEMI	PHD SOCIAL SCIENCE
391 JOAN EMMANUEL SAMSON	MSC PHYSICS
392 MOHAMMED BAKARI MAHRE	PHD VETERINARY
393 HANNAH HASSANATU	
394 SULEIMAN ZUBAIR	MSC ENVIRONMENTAL
395 ADEMOLA OJEKUNLE	PHD LAW
396 PHILEMON OMEDE	PHD LAW
397 ADELEKE OLADAPO BANWO	PHD MANAGEMENT SCIENCE
398 JOSUHA BENJAMIN WISDOM	PHD PHYSICS
399 MUHAMMAD SANI MAGAMI	PHD MATHEMATICS
400 IBRAHIM GARBA WAWATA	PHD CHEMISTRY
401 MOHAMMED IBRAHIM RIBAH	PHD ANIMAL SCIENCE
402 LAIATU YAKUBU	BSC NURSING
403 SAFIYA ABDULLAHI	PHD AGRICULTURE
404 HUSSAINI IDRIS	
405 IBITOYE JULIUS	PHD ECONOMICS
406 EDOHO E.A	PHD MATHS
407 ZINYAHS MARI ZAKKA	PHD MATH EDUCATION
408 AKINTOLA OLUWATOSIN	PHD POLITICAL SCIENCE
409 ISIDORE NNADI	PHD ENGLISH
410 PHILIP AKPEN	PHD HISTORY
411 SALAWO AYENI JIBRIL	PHD AGRICULTURE
412 JUDE AIGBE AGHO	PHD ENGLISH
413 OLUWABUSAYO OMOSUYI	MBBS
414 VICTOR KANGSUK	MA PHARMACOLOGY
415 NWOSU GLORIA NWEHIESHIANYI	MBBS
416 OGUNKUNLE TUNDE	MSC CHEMISTRY
417 IDRIS AHMED JAMO	PHD PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
418 JULIANA AJIFA SILAS-OLU	MSC CRIMINOLOGY
419 HARUNA OJOMA RACHEAL	MSC INTERNATIONAL AFFAIR AND DIPLOMACY
420 OCHEJE JOSEPH EJEH	MSC ENGINEERING IN CIVIL
421 MICHAEL VICTOR	BSC PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY HEALTH
422 CHUKWU GODWIN MADUBUIKE	PGD EDUCATION BSC MICROBIOLOGY
423 EZE OGBONNAYA NWEZE	PHD ACCOUNTANCY
424 ABAH IDOKO JOHN	BSC EDUCATION
425 SAMUEL FRIDAY	HND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION/MANAGEMENT
426 FRANCISA NKECHINYERE MUSEI	MSC OIL AND GAS MANAGEMENT
427 BAKARE OLUWASEYI	BSC SOCIOLOGY
428 ASOBIE IFEANYI MICHAEL	MSC ENVIRONMENTAL MICROBIOLOGY
429 AIYEOLA ABIOLA WALIYU	PHD ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT
430 DICKSON IGWE OGBONNAYA	PHD CRIMINOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT
431 CHIDINMA THERESA O	PHD LAW
432 ODAGHARA CHIJIOKE JULIAN	MSC MEDICAL PARASITOLOGY AND ENTOMOLOGY
433 EDIKAN IKPEME	MSC MASS COMMUNICATION
434 OBIEFULE INNOCENT	M.ED PSYCHOLOGY
435 NDUKAKU CHINONSO EMMANUEL	MSC ARCHITECTURE
436 CHILE AGADA NDUNJU BOB	MSC COMPUTER SCIENCE
437 UDEMA NNEOCHI DOREEN	MSC MASS COMMUNICATION
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439 NNAJI AZUKAEGO	MSC RISKS, CRISES AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT
440 AJOGI OKOKO GIDEON	BSC INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
441 VINCENT ISAH IDOKO	MSC MANAGEMENT
442 SOLOMON SUNDAY	PHD NEMATOLOGY
443 JIBRIL HAUWA	BA ENGLISH
444 OLUBELA RAMONI AFOLABI	PHD TEACHER EDUCATION/SOCIAL STUDIES
445 BUSUYI DAVID KEHINDE	PHD BIOCHEMISTRY
446 FAGBOLU OLUTOLA OLAIDE	PHD COMPUTER SCIENCE
447 ALADENIYI OLUSOJI	MSC INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
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449 MERSHAK PANGAM PROSPER	BACHELOR OF MEDICINE, BACHELOR OF SURGERY
450 EDEH OBIOMA CHUKWUCHETAM	BSC MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE
451 OBIAJU EBELI JACINTA	MSC POLITICAL SCIENCE
452 AFOLABI KAMALDEEN KOLAWOLE	MSC PUBLIC HEALTH
453 ODEY MICHAEL OKO	PHD BIOCHEMISTRY (ENVIRONMENTAL AND BIOCHEMICAL TOXICOLOGY)
454 UZORKA MOSES OBIAJURU	MSC PUBLIC HEALTH
455 JAMES AGBO AMEH	PHD MICROBIOLOGY
456 IKUYINMINU KEHINDE	BSC PHYSIOLOGY & CLINICAL
457 IKUYINMINU TAIWO	BSC ECONOMICS, PGD PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
458 EZINNE IGBOKWE	PHD CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
459 SANUSI AHMED JEGA	MSC BIOCHEMISTRY
460 IBRAHIM BABANGIDA ABUBAKAR	PHD BIOSCIENCE
461 IHUOMA IBUKUN AKINREMI	PHD LINGUISTICS
462 LEVI IKECHUKWU NWANKWO	PHD PHYSICS
463 PAUL EBERE ACHUNINE	MSC PROCUREMENT AND LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT
464 JOSEPH ENYIA EKPANG	PHD MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION
465 AGATHA O. OGBE	PHD AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
466 UGOMA MARIA EZE	MSC SECONDARY EDUCATION
467 OGWUIKE PHILOMENA CHIOMA	PHD AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
468 AKINKUNMI PETER KAYODE	MSC BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
469 SABIU BALA MUHAMMAD	PHD EXPLORATION GEOPHYSICS
470 ESSIEENOBONG ANIEKAN JACOB	MSC PUBLIC HEALTH WITH ENVIRONMENTAL OCCUPATIONAL
471 SOLOMON CHUKWUDI UWAOMA	B.TECH IN PHYSIC
472 SALIHU MUHAMMAD AL-AMIN	B.SC EDUCATION IN PHYSICS
473 ABDULHAMID ISMAILA	MSC ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
474 OCHE CHRIS OTSE IKESE	PHD ANALYTICAL/ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY
475 ABAH JOSHUA ABAH	PHD MATHEMATICS EDUCATION
476 JULIET OKEKE CHINEMELU	M.ENG IN TRANSPORT, MSC GEOGRAPHY
477 IMO AKANIMO ESHIETT	MSC INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
478 GABRIEL SUSSAN AFOR	M.ED EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY
479 NNUJI EMEKA CELESTINE	MSC CIVIL ENGINEERING(GEOTECH)
480 LIMAN ALHAI GOJE	PHD INFORMATIC(HEALTH)
481 ALIYU HASSANA MUSA	BA HISTORY AND DIPLOMATIC STUDIES
482 FATORISA OLUWATAYO CLEMENT	BSC TECHNICAL EDUCATION
483 OHAKWE JOHNSON	PHD STATISTICS
484 SULE SHUAIBU UMARU	MSC PUBLIC HEALTH
485 ISAH MUSA AHMAD	PHD AGRIC ECONOMICS
486 DANIEL IFEANYI OSONDU	BSC HISTORY AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
487 JEMIMAH FWANGMIUN WAMYIL	BSC MICROBIOLOGY
488 AKUJOBI REMI	PHD COMPARATIVE LITERATURE
489 EMMANUEL JACOB	MSC MATHEMATICS/COMPUTER SCIENCE
490 OYE IDEKI	
491 WILFRED ASINABA	MA ENGLISH AND LITERARY STUDIES
492 ARUNMONA OKPE JONAH	PHD ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE
493 APPA ONISOWURUN	BSC MEDICINE AND SURGERY
494 MADAKI ABDULLAHI GAMSHA	PHD MATHEMATICS
495 EDEKHE GREGORY OGWIMEH INANIGHIE	PHD AGRIC ECONOMICS
496 OBIORA ARTHUR IKECHUKWU	MSC INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND DIPLOMACY
497 ADO-BABA AHMED	PHD ENTOMOLOGY
498 IKEGBU EPHRAIM AHAMEFULA	PHD PHILOSOPHY
499 ADEBAYO OLUWAFEMI FRANCIS	MSC PHILOSOPHY
500 ISAH JOY UYO	MSC COMMUNICATION
501 CHIJIOKE FRANCIS ONYEBUKWA	PHD INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
502 AMAEFULE MIRACLE CHIDINMA	PHD OPTOMETRY
503 MICHAEL ABIODUN ONI	MSC GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING
504 EMMANUEL ENYINNAH ONYIKE	BSC BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
505 FLOXY CHRIS AMAKIRI	
506 IKE JOACHIMS	
507 MUSTAPHA BALA RUMAH	PHD ENGLISH
508 UMAR FAROUQ BABA	MEDICAL LAB SCIENCE
509 AONDOAKAA ASAMBE	MSC FOOD ANIMAL MEDICINE
510 BINGA SAMUEL SHAMAKI	MSC PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
511 PETER AKPAN CHRISTINE	MSC INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
512 ASHINU TUKUR INUWA	PHD MASS COMMUNICATION
513 ADEBAYO OLAWOLE SURAJUDEEN	PHD COMPUTER SCIENCE
514 SHERIFAT OZAUJISE ENJEYON	M TECH MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY
515 HAYATU UMAR BAURA	RN
516 DYADYA UMAR MOHAMMED	PHD MASS COMMUNICATION
517 ZARUWA MOSES	PHD BIOCHEMISTRY
518 TOLUPE AMINA	PHD GEOGRAPHY

2. The three-day exercise will be held at the **Nicon Luxury Hotel & Apartment Area 10 Garki, Abuja** from 9:00am daily. Candidates are expected to come to the Venue with Four (4) copies of their Curriculum vitae and Certificates including the originals.

3. Furthermore, candidates must be willing to adhere to the Federal Government COVID-19 protocols during the exercise i.e. wearing of face mask, social distancing and submit to the use of hand held body temperature reader as well as hand sanitizer.

4. Should prospective candidates need clarification(s) the numbers to call are
- **0805-394-5070; 0701-111-4343**

**Signed
Management**



9TH JULY, 2021

AN OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT MUHAMMADU BUHARI RE: CONSTITUTION OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF NDDC: Setting The Records Straight.

The attention of Oron Union, the apex socio-cultural organization of Oro people has been drawn to a misleading and provocative letter on the aforesaid subject matter written by Ekid People's Union to the President and published in some national dailies. The said publication is not only characterised by half truths and outright falsehoods, it is riddled with inconsistencies, illogicalities, distortions and barefaced misrepresentations. Ordinarily, we would have ignored the tantrums and lies contained in the said petition challenging the right of Oron Federal Constituency as the largest oil producing community in Akwa Ibom State.

For the avoidance of doubt, what is politically known as Oron Federal Constituency is composed of five littoral Local Government Areas which are all oil and gas producing. The Local Government Areas are - Mbo, Okobo, Oron, Urueoffong/Oruko and Udung Uko. The oil producing status of the five Local Government Areas of Oron Federal Constituency was confirmed with legislative backing by the National Assembly through a Resolution passed on Wednesday 16th May, 2012. The said Resolution was conveyed by the Clerk of the National Assembly to the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF) through a letter dated 23rd May, 2012 and referenced NASS/CNA/105/VOL. 17/116 (See photocopy of the Resolution attached).

Acting on the Resolution of the National Assembly, the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF) sent a letter dated 9th July, 2012 and referenced SGF. 15/T/693 to the Governor of Akwa Ibom State, the Minister of Niger Delta Affairs and the Managing Director of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) for implementation.

It is incontestably on record that there are nine oil companies operating in Oron Federal Constituency, namely-

- 1) MONI PULO PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT LTD (OPL 230),
- 2) ADDAX PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LTD (SINOPEC) (OML 123),
- 3) SEVEN/ UNIVERSAL ENERGY STUBB CREEK (OML 14)
- 4) SOVEREIGN /NEXEN /ORIENTAL ENERGY (OML 115)
- 5) ORIENTAL ENERGY (OML 67)
- 6) SHELL PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LTD (OML 14)
- 7) AMALGAMATED OIL COMPANY OF NIGERIA (AMOCON)
- 8) TOTAL E&P (OML 101 and 102)
- 9) EXXONMOBIL

Despite being the largest oil producing community in Akwa Ibom State, Oron Federal Constituency has never enjoyed a full term on the Board of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC). From the year 2000 when the Commission was established, no Oro man was appointed into its Board until 2013 when Engr. Etim Inyang Jnr was appointed Akwa Ibom State Representative. Unfortunately, that tenure was cut short in 2015 and he was replaced by Mr. Samuel Frank of Eket Federal Constituency. It is instructive

that he was not replaced by another person from either his native Mbo Local Government Area or Oron Federal Constituency.

Interestingly, Ekid People's Union never protested this development because it benefitted them. The next time anyone from Oron Federal Constituency was appointed into NDDC was in 2020 when Barr. Efiang Akwa was appointed into the Interim Management Committee (IMC). In effect, Oron Federal Constituency is yet to enjoy the benefit of a full term in a substantive position on the Board of the Commission. It is also important to note that Eket Federal Constituency had already produced a full term State Representative in the person of Barr. Bassey Dan Abia, the same Barr. Bassey Dan Abia later became Board Chairman and subsequently Managing Director of the Commission. Mr Ibanga Etang of the same Federal Constituency served as Executive Director, Finance and Administration of the Commission.

Moreso, Mr. Godwin Eyo Moffat and Imaobong Inyang of the same community had previously served as State Representatives in the Commission. It is pertinent to state that all the names mentioned above are indigenes of the Ekid speaking part of Eket Federal Constituency and by extension, members of Ekid People's Union.

It is laughable that Ekid People's Union is protesting the possibility of a simultaneous appointment of two persons from two different Local Government Areas into the Board of the NDDC, whereas two blood brothers of Ekid origin from Esit Eket Local Government Area - Barr. Bassey Dan Abia and Pastor Godwin Mofatt had once simultaneously occupied the posts of Board Chairman and Akwa Ibom State representative on the Board of the Commission. This is either a case of hypocrisy or amnesia.

In a fruitless attempt to mislead Mr. President and unsuspecting Nigerians, Ekid People's Union disingenuously listed Oil Producing Local Government Areas of Akwa Ibom State as Ibeno, Eket, Esit Eket, Onna, Eastern Obolo, Mbo, Ikot Abasi, Mkpat Enin and Okobo. They dubiously omitted Urueoffong/Oruko, Udung Uko and Oron Local Government Areas from the list. They even went ahead to allocate spurious oil production percentages to each Local Government Area while giving humongous 26% and 20% to Eket and Esit Eket Local Government Areas respectively of Eket Federal Constituency. In the figment of their imagination, land logged Eket and Esit Eket Local Government Areas purportedly produce a combined 46% of the total production output of Akwa Ibom, a littoral State whose oil deposits are more than 90% offshore.

If the land logged Eket and Esit Eket Local Government Areas were oil producing, Akwa Ibom State would not have



lost its oil producing status when the obnoxious onshore/offshore dichotomy was introduced by the administration of Chief Olusegun Obasanjo.

Moreover, on July 10, 2012, the Supreme Court ruled that seventy six (76) oil wells which were subjects of a dispute between Akwa Ibom and Cross River States belonged to Akwa Ibom State. Considering the fact that it is Oron Federal Constituency that shares maritime boundary with Cross River State, the oil wells are now owned by Akwa Ibom State by virtue of their location in Oro waters.

It is a well known fact that Eket's only valid but fragile claim to being an oil producing community is its historical relationship with, and geographical proximity to Ibeno Local Government Area. It can be recalled that the present Ibeno Local Government Area, an oil producing and littoral community was a part of the old Eket Local Government Area. That relationship with Ibeno automatically conferred an oil producing status on the land logged Eket with the corresponding benefit of hosting a housing estate and the now abandoned airstrip. Ordinarily, with the creation of Ibeno Local Government Area, Eket had ceased to be an oil producing community. One then wonders where it gets the 26% oil it claims to be contributing to the State.

It is noteworthy that the oil producing Akwa Ibom South Senatorial District is made up of three Federal Constituencies, namely Eket, Ikot Abasi and Oron. A review of the spread of NDDC Board appointments among these federal constituencies shows that out of a total of sixteen (16) NDDC Board appointments made in Akwa Ibom State between 2000 and 2021, Eket Federal Constituency takes a whopping eleven (11) slots, Ikot Abasi, three(3) slots while Oron Federal Constituency takes a meagre two(2) slots. Out of the two Board appointments which came to Oron Federal Constituency, one was a State Representative who spent about two years in office while the other is a member of the Interim Management Committee (IMC).

Interestingly, out of the eleven(11) slots that went to Eket Federal Constituency, the two Ekid speaking Local Government Areas represented by Ekid People's Union benefitted from six(6) slots. Ekid People's Union is the least qualified to complain of lopsidedness in the constitution of the Board of the NDDC. The analysis made above shows that Ekid speaking two Local Government Areas of Eket Federal Constituency have taken more than their fair share of appointments into the Board of the NDDC.

Please, see the table below:

TABLE OF NDDC BOARD APPOINTMENTS FROM INCEPTION TILL DATE

S/N	FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY	COMMISSIONER/ STATE REPRESENTATIVE	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	MANAGING DIRECTOR	CHAIRMAN	NUMBER OF SLOTS
1.	Eket	1. Pastor Godwin Moffat 2. Sir Barr. Bassey Dan Abia 3. Engr. Imaobong Inyang 4. Mr. Samuel Frank	1. Engr. Ukot T. Ukot (Projects) 2. Arc. Esoetok I. Ette (Ptoject) 3. Engr. Edikan Eshiet 4. Chief Ibanga Etang 5. Obong Udo Mboso	Sir. Barr. Bassey Dan Abia	Sir. Barr. Bassey Dan Abia	11
2.	Ikot Abasi	1. Late Mr. Udo Marcus Akpan 2. Mr. Nsima Etokakpan		Obong Nsima Udo Ekere		3
3.	Oron	Engr. Etim Inyang (Jnr) 2 years	Barr. Effiong Akwa (IMC)			2

In conclusion, it is clear that the petition by Ekid People's Union is spurious, mischievous, misleading and lacks merit. In view of the fact that there's no known oil company operating in the environment of the petitioner (Ekid People's Union), its petition is both overreaching and unjustifiable.

Curiously, Oron Federal Constituency with nine(9) oil companies operating in its territory that contribute over 80% of the total oil production output of Akwa Ibom State has been at the receiving end of unwholesome political marginalisation in terms of appointments into NDDC Board. Time is now ripe for this ugly situation of imbalance to be redressed by giving Oro its due in terms of appointments into the NDDC Board in the interest of equity, fairness and justice.

Yours Sincerely,

Bishop Etim Ante
President General

Prince Asuquo Esifa
Publicity Secretary

Cc:

1. The Senate President, National Assembly, Abuja
2. The Speaker, House of Representatives
3. The Secretary to the Government of the Federation
4. The Chief of Staff to the President
5. The Honourable Minister, Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs, Abuja
6. The Chairman, Senate Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions
7. The Chairman, House of Representatives Committee on NDDC
8. Senator Bassey Albert Akpan, Chairman, Akwa Ibom State Caucus, NASS
9. Senator Akon Eyakenyi, Representing Akwa Ibom South Senatorial District
10. Executive Governor, Akwa Ibom State

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THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA

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The Secretary,
Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs, 1st Floor,
Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SCGF),
Plot 100, Phase 1, State House Complex,
Abuja, FCT, Nigeria

SGF/157/693

9th July, 2021

The Clerk to the National Assembly,
National Assembly Complex,
Three-Arms Zone,
Abuja.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON NIGER DELTA MINISTRY, SPECIAL DUTIES, NIGER DELTA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (NDDC), PETROLEUM RESOURCES (UPSTREAM) ENVIRONMENT AND THE NON-INCLUSION AND RECOGNITION OF ORO COMMUNITIES OF AKWAIBOM STATE AS OIL AND GAS PRODUCING COMMUNITIES AND CATCHMENT AREAS.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter Ref: NASS/NA/105/Vol.17/116 of 23rd May, 2021 on the above subject and to inform you that a copy each of the letter conveying the Resolutions of the House Committees has been forwarded to His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Akwa Ibom State, the Honourable Minister of Niger Delta Affairs and the Managing Director of the NDDC for necessary action.

Please accept the warm regards of the Secretary to my Government of the Federation.

Femi Otedola



Clerk to the National Assembly
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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23rd May, 2012

Secretary to the Government of the Federation
P-Wing
Shehu Shagari Complex
Three Arms Zone
Abuja

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON NIGER DELTA MINISTRY, SPECIAL DUTIES, NIGER DELTA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (NDDC), PETROLEUM RESOURCES (UPSTREAM), AND ENVIRONMENT ON THE NON-INCLUSION AND RECOGNITION OF ORO COMMUNITIES OF AKWA IBOM STATE AS OIL AND GAS PRODUCING COMMUNITIES AND CATCHMENT AREAS:

The House of Representatives on Wednesday 16th May, 2012 considered the Report of the Committees on Niger Delta Ministry, Special Duties, Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), Petroleum Resources (Upstream), and Environment on the Non-Inclusion and Recognition of Oro Communities of Akwa Ibom State as Oil and Gas Producing Communities and Catchment Areas and consequently resolved that:

- (i) the Federal Government duly recognize the five (5) Local Government Areas of Mbo, Udung Uko, Okobo, Oron, and Uko/Ofon/Oruko, as oil producing/catchment areas;
- (ii) any Oil/Gas Companies operating in Oro Communities shall put in place Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for proper partnership with the people, and fulfill their Corporate Social Responsibility and also abide by the Nigerian Local Content Laws;
- (iii) in appointments into Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Board, Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs, etc. the five (5) Local Government Areas be considered being oil and gas producing/catchment areas; and
- (iv) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) should be carried out on the 5 Local Government Areas of Oro Communities

- 2. This letter is to request you to bring the above Resolutions to the attention of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for necessary action.
- 3. Attached is a copy of the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday 16th May, 2012 for details.
- 4. Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

SALISU A. MAIKASUWA, mni, FNIM
Clerk to the National Assembly

IN THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT OF NIGERIA
IN THE LAGOS JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT LAGOS

SUIT NO: FHC/L/CS/1785/2020

IN THE MATTER OF UNION DIAGNOSTIC AND CLINICAL SERVICES PLC
(RC 352457)

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES & ALLIED MATTERS ACT, 2020

ORDER

UPON THIS MOTION EX-PARTE dated and filed on the 17th day of June, 2021 coming before the court and praying as follows:

- 1. AN ORDER extending the time within which the Applicant shall bring an application for the variation of the order of the Court given in this matter on 22/02/2021.
- 2. AN ORDER varying the Order of this Honourable Court made in this matter on 22/02/2021 such that the words 'and its General Creditors' be removed from the terms of the order which shall now read as follows:

HON JUSTICE T. G. RINGIM
JUDGE

O. Y. THOMAS (MRS)
CERTIFIED TRUE COPY
Principal Executive Officer
FEDERAL HIGH COURT
IKOYI, LAGOS

"That an Order of this Honourable Court is hereby granted to the Petitioner that the Scheme Agreement set out in the resolution of the company dated 25/01/2021 and the Scheme Document is sanctioned by this Honourable Court and same shall be binding upon the Company and its Shareholders as therein defined."

AND for such other or orders as the Honourable Court may deem fit to make in the circumstances.

UPON READING through the Affidavit in Support of the Motion Ex-parte with the Exhibits attached therein, deposed to by Kehinde Akinola, Male, Christian, Nigerian Legal Practitioner of First Almond Attorneys, 4th Floor, Marina View Plaza, 60 Marina, and filed at this Court Registry.

AND AFTER HEARING the submissions of Kehinde Akinola Esq, learned counsel for the Applicant and the Learned Counsel moving in terms of the Motion paper.

AND THE COURT after careful consideration of the application and submissions of Counsel.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. That an Order is hereby granted to the Applicant extending the time within which the Applicant shall bring an application for the variation of the order of the Court given in this matter on 22/02/2021.
- 2. That an Order is hereby granted to the Applicant varying the Order of this Honourable Court made in this matter on 22/02/2021 such that the words 'and its General Creditors' be removed from the terms of the Order which shall now read as follows:

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ISSUED AT LAGOS, UNDER THE seal of this Honourable Court and by the Hand of the presiding Judge this 24th day of June, 2021

ALOKPESI C. N. (MRS)
REGISTRAR

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28/6/2021
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Ecobank To Empower 40m Nigerian Women In Business

BY BUKOLA IDOWU, Lagos

Ecobank Nigeria said it plans to empower 40 million women-owned and women-managed businesses in the country through its recently launched gender-based proposition, Ellevate.

Managing director and chief executive of the bank, Mr Patrick Akinwuntan, speaking on Ellevate, said the gender-based proposition for women-owned businesses is targeted at reducing gender inequality in entrepreneurship and aids equal representation for women in the formal business sector.

According to him, the product is part of Ecobank group's objective to drive financial integration and contribute to the economic development of the continent by deepening engagement with women-owned businesses.

Akinwuntan reiterated that the businesses under Ellevate will also have "access to Ecobank's unique digital payments and collections solutions like Omnilite for payments, EcobankpayNQR for contactless local and cross-border collections, modern POS channels and various lifestyle benefits including campaigns and promotions to drive their business growth and personal well-being."

He added: "The Ellevate proposition is a total package addressing the broad needs of women-owned businesses in Nigeria including businesses that produce for women."

Speaking at the launch of Ellevate, managing director, Development Bank of Nigeria (DBN), Mr Tony Okpanachi, lauded Ecobank for introducing the product, which he said would go a long way to assisting the target group.

He disclosed that DBN was doing a lot to uplift small businesses in the country, stressing that it was ready to partner with reputable financial institutions such as Ecobank in that regard.

INFLATION RATE (%)	2021	2020
FEB	17.33	12.20
MARCH	18.17	12.26
APRIL	18.12	12.34

INTER BANK LENDING RATE(AS AT JUNE 7 2021)	RATE	CHANGE%
0/N	14.6250	-0.39
1M	12.2044	0.50
3M	13.5297	0.63
6M	14.8144	0.22



Chairman and Managing Director, Chevron Nigeria Ltd., Rick Kennedy, receiving the award for the best exhibition booth at the 2021 Nigeria Oil and Gas (NOG) Conference/Exhibitions from the GMD NNPC, Mallam Kolo Mele Kyari, in Abuja.

Declining Naira Value Forces Businesses, Companies To Parallel Market

BY BUKOLA IDOWU, Lagos

With the value of the naira further declining to N504 to the dollar, businesses and corporates are resorting to sourcing foreign exchange at the parallel market as turnover at the Nigeria Autonomous Foreign Exchange (NAFEX) market continues to plummet. This is as the 30-day moving average of the external reserves continue to decline. As at July 8, 2021, it had declined to \$33.12 billion, down from \$35.64 billion which it was at the beginning of the year. Total turnover as of July 8, 2021 at the NAFEX window also known as the Investors' and Exporters' window, decreased by 24.5 per cent to \$526.79 million with trades consummated between N400 to N460 to the dollar.

Speaking at the bi-monthly forum of the Finance Correspondents Association of Nigeria (FICAN), immediate past director-general of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI), Dr. Muda Yusuf, noted that the foreign exchange market faced liquidity constraints in the first

half of 2021, with forex being inadequate to meet rising demand.

To him, "the supply of foreign exchange was inadequate to meet rising demand. The rate premium between the Nigerian Autonomous Foreign Exchange Rate (NAFEX) and the parallel market rate averaged around 20 per cent. Several businesses and corporates encountered difficulties in sourcing foreign exchange at the formal segment of the market and were forced to source the greenback at the parallel market.

"Foreign exchange illiquidity aggravates investment risk which could negatively impact asset quality in the banking system. Foreign currency-denominated loans account for about between 30 per cent and 35 per cent of banks' loan book. Foreign exchange volatility is associated with risks relating to asset quality and financial stability."

Yusuf, who spoke on 'Nigerian economy in first half 2021 & outlook for the financial services sector,' said financial service institutions

need a conducive business climate to create more avenues for investment and that more profitable asset classes are needed for profitable investments to take place.

He further stressed the need to address the structural, policy, institutional and regulatory constraints in the business environment which would also result in a reduction in non-performing loans in the banking sector.

He, however, noted that despite the pandemic and the resultant effect on the economy, the Nigerian banking industry remained resilient.

Yusuf said the borrowing spree of the federal government was hurting the economy as it escalates the already high rate of inflation in the country.

According to him, the facility usually comes at a huge cost to the taxpayer as the government paid N480 billion interest on the N1.8 trillion facility granted to it through the ways and means window between January and May 2021.

FG Welcomes Indigenous Hospitality App, Aura

BY MARK ITSIBOR, Abuja

The federal government has endorsed a digital platform enabling travellers book accommodation and other hospitality experiences influenced by local culture.

The vice president, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo gave the endorsement in Abuja last week when he launched Aura by Transcorp.

Aura is Nigeria's equivalent of Bookings.com where members of the public can make reservations for hotels, apartments, spas, restaurants, even photographers.

Osinbajo described the Aura application as an "excellent innovation" that would give a boost to the country's hospitality industry.

Speaking of his experience using the aura app which is owned and operated by Transcorp Hotels, the vice president said he "was quite intrigued by the concept of Aura. I actually went to the website to better acquaint myself with the service. I downloaded the app on my phone and on my iPad and I found the dashboard was quite easy to navigate".

Of particular interest to him was the fact "there are copious offerings of hotels, short let apartments, restaurants and I have found the response interesting."

While commending Transcorp Hotel for coming up with the Aura app, Osinbajo noted that "the unique offering here is that Transcorp Hotel is putting its huge reputation behind helping customers choose the best accommodation. I think this is great and it will help revive the hospitality industry especially after the downturn in the aftermath of COVID-19".

QUOTE OF THE DAY



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R-L: Chairman, House Committee on Petroleum Downstream, Hon Abdullahi Mahmud Gaya with minister of state for petroleum, Chief Timipre Sylva, after a meeting with the committee at the National Assembly, recently.

FMDQ Exchange Admits N7.34bn FBNQuest Merchant Bank CP

BY OLUSHOLA BELLO, Lagos

FMDQ Securities Exchange Limited has approved the quotation of the FBNQuest Merchant Bank Limited N7.34 billion Series 19 Commercial Paper (CP) under its N100 billion CP Programme on its platform.

A commercial paper is a money-market security issued by companies with a maturity of not more than 270 days to get capital from investors to meet short-term debt obligations.

The Exchange said the net proceeds from this CP will support the issuer's short term funding requirements.

FBNQuest Merchant Bank is a merchant banking firm that offers an array of financial services, including coverage and corporate banking, financial advisory, debt capital markets, equity capital markets, institutional sales, fixed income currency and treasury and wealth management.

The bank is committed to finding innovative solutions for its client base of high net-

worth individuals, small and medium enterprises, corporates, financial institutions and governments, whilst catering to their diverse financial needs.

The Exchange further said: "The timely admission of this CP issue, and in general, all securities on FMDQ Exchange, is reflective of the potential of the Nigerian debt capital market and the commendable level of confidence demonstrated by both issuers and investors in the market."

Post COVID-19: Nigeria, Egypt Pick up On Travel, Gasoline Spendings

As economies across the world pick up tempo after the COVID-19 pandemic, economic activities in Nigeria and Egypt seem to be taking off at a faster rate as travels and gasoline usage have peaked beyond the 2019 levels.

This is contained in a Post COVID-19 Recovery Insight by Mastercard. A statement issued by chief economist of Mastercard for the Middle East and Africa (MEA), Mr David Mann, noted that a rebound in ground travel and pick-up in domestic flight bookings showing encouraging signs.

"There are indicators of recovery across some markets in the Middle East and Africa, for example gas spending in Nigeria and Egypt are already above 2019 peaks. Global gasoline spending is up by

13 per cent from its previous peak in 2019. In Egypt and Nigeria, spendings at gas stations are already higher than their 2019 peaks, while in the UAE and in Kenya, they have equalised previous levels.

"Air travel remains down significantly globally, although the trajectory is upwards. In markets like the UAE, Egypt, Nigeria, and Kenya, international flight bookings are climbing, but are still at a fraction of where they were before the pandemic began."

Mann said that the report, developed by the MasterCard Economics Institute, drew on aggregated and anonymized sales' activity across the global MasterCard network to better understand the next phase for travel, its drivers and challenges.

Access Bank To Boost Digital Service Banking

BY OLUSHOLA BELLO, Lagos

Access Bank Plc has said its customers can now have access to simple, fast and secure tech-driven solutions to all digital banking challenges via its newly launched AccessX experience centre.

The bank explained that the experience centre is a one-stop technology hub where its customers are taken on a digital tour spanning from ar-

tificial intelligence to robotics and smart data, saying, the centre is related to digital channels and a place to demonstrate the best of its innovative solutions through self-service banking.

Speaking to journalists during a tour of the newly built AccessX experience centre recently in Lagos, the executive director, retail banking of Access Bank, Victor Etuokwu, said: "The experience centre

is a one-stop technology hub where customers are taken on a digital tour spanning from artificial intelligence to robotics, and smart data."

Etuokwu explained that the vision of the bank is for every Nigerian to be able to make banking transactions in several branches digitally, adding that Access Bank took to the initiative churning out a touch point to ensure its services can be accessed.

Sterling Bank Pledges Support For Lagos Tourism Masterplan

Sterling Bank Plc has pledged support for the 20-year Lagos State tourism masterplan and policy crafted to transform Lagos into one of the top five tourism destinations on the African continent.

In a goodwill message at the public presentation of the tourism masterplan and policy, the bank's chief executive officer (CEO), Abubakar Suleiman, promised to support the government to unleash the tourism potential of Lagos State.

According to the bank chief, the presentation of the 20-year masterplan and policy to industry stakeholders is a concrete and coordinated action for re-booting the tourism economy in Lagos on a robust and sustainable basis.

Abubakar, who was represented at the event by the regional business executive, institutional banking, Lagos, Mojibola Oladunni said: "We are confident that the masterplan and policy will ensure a more sustainable and resilient tourism sector that would improve the citizenry's quality of life, accelerate job creation and poverty alleviation."

He noted that COVID-19 lockdown and restrictions threw the global tourism industry a curveball in 2020, stopping about one billion people from embarking on international trips.

This, he said, provides a massive opportunity for Lagos to work with private sector partners to stimulate the sector to create experiences

that would excite and make international leisure travelers visit local destinations.

He said although Lagos has been a beacon for managing tourism in a structured, coordinated and sustainable manner, the unveiling of a masterplan and policy will further harness the power of innovation, entrepreneurship and communication to develop the sector.

Presenting the masterplan, Lagos State governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu, represented by his deputy, Obafemi Hamzat, said: "We have taken decisive steps to explore the abundant possibilities in this very critical sector by allowing practitioners and key stakeholders to be directly involved in every one of our policies."

Onyeama Lauds NEPC's Export Enabling Initiatives

Foreign Affairs Minister, Mr. Godfrey Onyeama, has lauded the export-enabling initiatives of the Nigerian Export Promotion Council under the management of the chief executive officer, Mr Segun Awolowo.

The minister who gave the commendation at the weekend when he paid a courtesy call on Awolowo in Abuja, said the NEPC boss is a man of boundless energy, who has made the agency one of the most successful in Nigeria.

According to Onyeama: "The NEPC remains a valued partner of the ministry of foreign affairs and together we are transforming Nigeria in a very concrete and sustainable way. The future of Nigeria lies in trade and NEPC is strategically placed to help Nigeria trade its way from pandemic to prosperity."

He congratulated Awolowo on his well-deserved appointment as the first ECOWAS trade promo-

tion organisation president and said that he is in a position to use his boundless energy and strategic skill to transform trade in the region, emphasising that regional trade cooperation and integration are very important mechanisms and platforms so the ECOWAS and AfCFTA are game changers.

He commended the minister of foreign affairs' achievements stating that missions abroad have been instrumental in driving the penetration of Nigerian non-oil products in their respective countries of assignment.

According to the NEPC boss, some of the success stories included the drive for Nigerian Cuisine Beyond Borders, a book by Ambassador Eniola Ajayi, and the display of cassanova hips at the Nigerian embassy in Germany amongst other promotion activities being facilitated by foreign missions abroad.

Tangerine Life Targets 8 African Countries By 2024

BY OLUSHOLA BELLO, Lagos

Tangerine Life is planning to have a presence in at least eight African countries by the year 2024.

Similarly, Tangerine Nigeria has repositioned its operation to deepen financial inclusion in Nigeria with the deployment of tech-driven solutions.

Speaking to journalists in Lagos at the launch of its financial service product offerings, head pensions, Tangerine Nigeria, Dapo Akisanya said: "Under two years, we have been able to successfully acquire and rebrand several businesses, firmly establishing Tangerine."

"We have also made significant strides in repositioning our businesses in readiness for growth by assembling a strong, agile and experienced team that aligns with our strategic thinking."

Akisanya added, "At Tangerine, we believe in democratising access to financial services and products and we seek to achieve this by developing simple value-adding products that are easy to understand and, which leverage technology to increase ease of accessibility, helping millions of uninsured Nigerians have protection or save for the future."

On the company's strategic plan for the future, head, Life Insurance of Tangerine Nigeria, Livingstone Magorimbo explained: "Our intention over the next three to four years is to build strong businesses that are profitable and have a fair share of the larger market in all of the segments we participate in."

"We aim to do this by ensuring that the assets acquired in Nigeria are efficient and all the merger synergies are fully realised. In addition, we plan to generate value through customer acquisition, expansion of our agent network, cross-selling to our pool of customers and improving efficiencies."

Magorimbo further said: "We see our future growth coming from the retail segment where we have made significant investments in understanding the market need, and in the technology and people required to support us going forward. We are also set to expand Tangerine's presence beyond Nigeria. We plan to have a presence in at least eight African countries by 2024."

FG, States, Private Firms Remit N203bn Pension Into Workers' Accounts

BY ZAKA KHALIQ, Lagos

The federal government, pension adopting states as well as private companies have paid N203 billion as monthly pension contributions into the Retirement Savings Accounts (RSAs) of their workers in the first quarter of 2021, LEADERSHIP can report.

Out of this total, the public sector accounted for N115.83 billion translating to 57.03 per cent while the private sector contributed N87.27 billion or 42.97 to the pension kitty.

In a document released by the National Pension Commission (PenCom) and sighted by LEADERSHIP at the weekend, the cumulative pension contributions received from both the public and private sectors from inception to the end of the first quarter of 2021, amounted to N6.91 trillion, up from the N6.70 trillion as at the end of the Q4,

2020.

This pension plan ensures workers have a better life after retirement, as their pension contributions would be spread over a certain number of years, to be paid either monthly or quarterly depending on the choice of the pensioners.

Similarly, the commission disclosed that during Q1, 19 Pension Fund Administrators (PFAs) registered 3,292 contributors under the micro pension plan (MPP), adding that, N16.7 million was remitted to the RSAs of 435 contributors during the period.

In the quarter under review, 25 states of the federation had enacted pension laws on the contributory pension scheme (CPS) while seven states were at the bill stage.

Out of the five states operating other pension schemes, four states have adopted the contributory defined ben-

efits scheme (CDBS), while one, Yobe State, operates the defined benefits scheme (DBS).

Speaking in Lagos at the weekend, the president, pension fund operators association of Nigeria (PenOp), Wale Odutola, noted that, "the pension industry has moved from a largely unfunded pension system to one that is fully funded, professionally managed and mainly private sector-driven.

"We can all agree that the contributory pension scheme practiced in Nigeria has adopted international best practices, is technologically-driven and has grown steadily over the period.

"There is also a marked progress with respect to the level of professionalism within the industry. The pension industry has raised the bar for professionals locally."

While stating that good

things can be improved upon, he said pension penetration in Nigeria is still very low when compared with its contemporary countries.

Nigeria, he said, currently has a pension penetration rate of approximately 11 per cent of its labour force, adding that, this pales in comparison to 19 per cent in South Africa, 20 per cent in Kenya and 77 per cent in the United Kingdom.

"Consequently, it goes without saying that the industry needs to deepen its level of penetration, especially in the informal sector," he added.

Another area of improvement, he added, was the level of pension assets to GDP. Nigeria's level of pension assets to GDP, he said, is only a little over seven per cent while in developed markets, it's typically above 100 per cent.

Coca-Cola, BAF's Tech Teacher Initiative Impacts 24,000 Pupils

BY MARK ITSIBOR, Abuja

Managing director of the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) Mr Bello Hassan, has called on the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) to include courses on deposit insurance system into its programmes and modules to deepen the understanding of the scheme within the banking public.

The NDIC chief executive officer made the call during a courtesy call on the corporation's management in Abuja by the council members of ICAN, led by the president, Mrs Comfort Eytayo, a statement from the NDIC said.

Hassan said that would help to bridge the knowledge gap and address misconceptions on the benefits and limitations of the DIS, particularly its contributions to financial system stability.

Mr Hassan noted that public awareness was a critical factor towards ensuring the maximum impact and penetration of the ben-

efits of the deposit insurance system on the general public and the financial system as a whole.

He said partnership with ICAN and other stakeholders to promote public awareness of the idea had become necessary in view of the novel nature of the scheme in Nigeria and world at large, adding that the corporation would continue to place premium on collaboration with its strategic stakeholders in the overall discharge of its mandate.

The NDIC Boss thereafter, congratulated Mrs. Eytayo on her assumption of office as the 57th ICAN President. He urged her to ensure chartered accountants continue to uphold the ideals of accuracy and integrity as enshrined in the institute's motto. He assured the institute of the corporation's continued support and collaboration.

In her remark, Mrs Eytayo acknowledged the invaluable contributions of the NDIC in stabilising the financial system in Nigeria.

Nigeria, Russia Trade Collaboration To Increase Economic Growth

BY OLUSHOLA BELLO, Lagos

Nigerian Ambassador to Russia, Prof. Abdullahi Yibaikwal, has said enhanced trade and economic cooperation between Nigeria and Russia holds tremendous opportunity for international market penetration and economic growth.

Yibaikwal said this during the Russia-Nigeria Business conference held in Moscow, which was organised by Nigerians in Diaspora Organisation (NIDO), Russia and Moscow Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

According to him, Nigeria was an emerging economy and the prospects for trade and economic cooperation between both countries through inflow and outflow of trade and investment were very bright.

The ambassador who noted that Nigeria had the largest market in Africa, with a population of over 200 million, projected to grow to over 400 million by 2050, said president Muhammadu

Buhari's administration intends to establish strong economic ties with all countries to harness Nigeria's human and natural resources.

Yibaikwal listed the priority areas of investment in Nigeria as agriculture, manufacturing, solid minerals, services, construction, real estate, oil and gas.

"Nigeria has a huge market for Russian products and we expect the economy to grow speedily with engagement of trade and investment between both countries."

On the trade volume between both countries, he said it was very low, less than \$1 billion, exploring trade activities between both countries would assist to shore up the figure.

Also, director, Department for Asia, Africa and Latin America, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Russia, Mr Sergey Nosov, said areas of mutual cooperation must be created between both countries to enhance economic growth.



L-R: Minister of Transportation, Rotimi Amaechi; permanent secretary, Dr. Magdalene Ajani; acting managing director, Nigerian Ports Authority, Muhammed Bello-Koko and chairman, Lekki Port, Mr Biodun Dabiri, during the inspection visit to Lekki Port by the minister at the weekend.

Lagos Airport Records 1.2m Passengers In One Year

BY YUSUF BABALOLA, Lagos

Terminal one of the Murtala Mohammed Airport (MMA), Ikeja, recorded 1,235,709 passengers in one year, following easing of the COVID-19 lockdown.

The terminal manager, MMA, Mr. Adegunle Aderibigbe, who disclosed this in

an interview, also revealed that between July 2020 and June 2021, the terminal recorded 14,079 aircraft movements.

Aderibigbe stated that after the restart of operations following the easing of Covid-19 national lockdown, passenger turnout was low, but added that the situation is now encouraging.

"We have appreciable turnout of passengers compared to last year during the restart of activities," he said.

He further said that activities within the terminal have been sanitised, from the entrance gate to the terminal.

According to him, the authority stopped ticketing agents from coming to the ter-

минаl building in order to reduce crowd and touting as passengers have been encouraged to go online and buy tickets instead of patronising touts.

He added that sanity has returned to the car park with the automation system of the park, as no individual will park his vehicle at the car park indiscriminately.

Fidelity Bank Embarks On Strategic Growth, Expansion

BY OLUSHOLA BELLO, Lagos

The new management of Fidelity Bank Plc has embarked on a seven-point agenda aimed at strategic growth and expansion.

In a statement made available to LEADERSHIP at the weekend, the chief

executive officer/managing director of Fidelity Bank, Mrs Nneka Onyeali-Ikpe, explained that the agenda focused on brand architecture, brand building and refresh, talent development and transformation and regulatory compliance.

According to Onyeali-

Ikpe, the bank intends to embark on an innovation drive through the implementation of new processes and techniques.

The bank, she stressed, is also executing fresh ideas to ensure continuous process improvement, reduce cost to serve, increase competitive-

ness, improve brand recognition and value, build new partnerships and relationships, drive turnover, and increase profitability.

"We are embarking on brand refresh with the aim to increase top-of-mind awareness of the Fidelity brand by external and inter-

nal stakeholders. Workforce transformation to create a future readily supported by a high performing and empowered workforce.

"This will be achieved by deepening the skills and competencies of staff across the bank, entrenching a culture of high performance,

and embedding new ways of working in the bank. Similarly, our service excellence is intended to build brand loyalty through personalised and seamless customer experience delivery. This is already underway with the award-winning virtual assistant IVY," she explained.



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I, formerly known as **MAIRO HASSAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **HASSA MARYAM LEDA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

USMAN

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

JOHNSON

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

LARABA

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

OLANREWAJU

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

AKADIRI

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

IKYUEN

I, formerly known as **GEOFFEREY MONDAY, DOB: 11-06-19890** now wish to be called and addressed as **IKYUEN MONDAY, DOB: 22-04-1989**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

JONAH

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

TAIWO

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

MOHAMMED

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

ASAMAU

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

AGWU

I, formerly known as **PHILOMENA EZE** now wish to be called and addressed as **AGWU UZOMA CHINENYE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

UGWU

I, formerly known as **ENYI GODWIN OZIOMA** now wish to be called and addressed as **UGWU INNOCENT CHIDERA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ABDULLAHI

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

DANIEL

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

LUKMAN

I, formerly known as **ARIBA TAYIBAT ANAVAMI** now wish to be called and addressed as **LUKMAN TAYIBAT ANAVAMI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public to take note.

ELEGA

I, formerly known as **ELEGA JULIUS IDOWU** now wish to be called and addressed as **ELEGA JULIUS MONDAY**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public to take note.

SUMEILA

I, formerly known as **SAKI HABIBAT** now wish to be called and addressed as **SUMEILA OHUNENE FAITH. MY DATE OF BIRTH IS 25/5/1991 NOT 16/4/1991**. All former documents remain valid. Stanbic bank PLC and general public to take note.

IBRAHIM

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

ARAGA

I, formerly known as **ENEYAMIRE OYIZA JAMES** now wish to be called and addressed as **ARAGA JULIET**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ISHAQ

I open bank account with name as **ISYAKA RABIU OMEIZA**. Now wish to be known and called as **ISHAQ RABIU OMEIZA**. My date of birth is **19/3/1994 NOT 19/3/1991**. Former documents remain valid. First bank PLC and general public to take note.

ABDULLAHI

I open bank account with name as **JIMOH LUKA**. Now wish to be known and called as **ABDULLAHI RUKAYAT OYIZA**. Former documents remain valid. GT bank PLC and general public to take note.

KAREEM

I, formerly known as **ABDULKAREEM ANAVAMI MEDINAT** now wish to be called and addressed as **KAREEM ANAVAMI MEDINAT**. All former documents remain valid. GT bank PLC and general public to take note.

SALAMI

I am known and called as follows :- **SALAMI OKARAGA OZIEMA** and **KABIRU SHERIFIDEEN**. Now wish to be known and called as **SALAMI OKARAGA OZIEMA**. My date of birth is **5/5/1987 NOT 9/5/1987**. Former documents remain valid. Stanbic bank PLC and general public to take note.

BELLO

I, formerly known as **BELLO OMEIZA YAHAYA** now wish to be called and addressed as **BELLO YAHAYA. MY DATE OF BIRTH IS 23/11/1979 NOT 30/4/1980**. All former documents remain valid. GT bank PLC and general public to take note.

ABDULLAHI

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

KHADJAT

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

ABUBAKAR

I, formerly known as **ADAMS ABIGAIL, WITH DATE OF BIRTH, 7 FEBRUARY 2000 WITH PHONE NO: 08115103773** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABUBAKAR GRACE, DATE OF BIRTH 17 FEBRUARY 2002 PHONE NO: 09050631327**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AZUAKOLAM

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

IORNENGE

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

ISA

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

DIADI

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

CORRECTION OF NAME

I, was Mistakenly and wrongly addressed **MOHAMMED BABA ALIYU** now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED BABAJIYAH ALIYU**. All former documents remain valid. Union Bank of Nigeria Plc. and General public take note.

ADDITION OF NAME

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

ELLA

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

CHRISTIANA

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

DEBORAH

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

SULEIMAN

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

ADDITION OF NAME

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

CORRECTION OF NAME

My names were wrongly captured as **KWAGHVER CHUAN SABASTINE** instead of **CHUWAN SABASTINE KWAGHVEER**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **CHUWAN SABASTINE KWAGHVEER**. Authorities concerned and general public take note.

DEBORAH

I, formerly known as **ADILE DEBORAH CHIBUENYI** now wish to be called and addressed as **DEBORAH CHIBUENYI ADILE-KECHUKWU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

CHARITY

I, formerly known as **CHARITY CHINWENDU OKOCHA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. CHARITY CHINWENDU VICTOR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

OGECHUKWU

I, formerly known as **IFENDU IKWUAGWU UGO** now wish to be called and addressed as **OGECHUKWU UGOCHI PRECIOUS**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

BENJAMIN

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

HALIRA

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

CORRECTION OF NAME

I am known and addressed as **YAKUBU ZUBAIRU** but my name was wrongly captured as **ZABAIRU** instead of **ZUBAIRU** in my BVN now want it to be corrected as **YAKUBU ZUBAIRU**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

ABDULHADI

I, formerly known as **KASIM HADI AISHETU, LYDIA AISHETU HADIKASIM** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABDULHADI AISHA KASIM**. All former documents remain valid. Concerned authorities and general public to take note.

ABDUSSAMADU

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

ISAH

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

YAKUBU

I, formerly known as **ISYAKU SAHADATU** now wish to be called and address as **YAKUBU SHAMSIYA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

INUSA

I, formerly known as **SANI MAHMUD** now wish to be called and address as **INUSA SHAMAWILU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

CHIYA

I, formerly known as **DAMUK NANBAK PADIL, WRONG D.O.B 23/11/1986**, now wish to be called and addressed as **CHIYA NANBAK PADI DAMUT, CORRECT D.O.B 23/12/1986**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ATTAH

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

BLESSING

I, formerly known as **MISS BLESSING CHIKAODILI OKEKE** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS BLESSING .C. EMMANUEL BENJAMIN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

YAKUBU

I, formerly known as **YAKUBU UMMARU, WRONG D.O.B 31/10/1983** now wish to be called and addressed as **YAKUBU ISA, CORRECT D.O.B 01/01/1978**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

OGBAJI

I, formerly known as **OGILEGWU UDUMA MARTINA** now wish to be called and address as **OGBAJI MARTINA UDUMA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

DANIEL

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

UMARU

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

GARBA

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

MAHMUD

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

BASHIR

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

NWAZE

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

GISIOHA

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

LADAN

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

LYDIA

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

SABO

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

IBRAHIM

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

RABIU

I, formerly known as **RABIU YADAMU DANJUMA ON MY BVN AND FIRST BANK ACCOUNT** now wish to be called and addressed as **RABIU BAKO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

STEPHEN

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

ESTHER

I, formerly known as **DORCAS IYABO IYABO OSENI** now wish to be called and addressed as **ESTHER OBASA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

RECONCILIATION OF NAMES

This is to confirm that **ABDULWAHEED OLOBA** and **ABDULWAHEED OLOBA ABDUL-AZEEZ** refers to one and the same person now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULWAHEED OLOBA ABDUL-AZEEZ**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

SULE

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

RAPHAEL

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

AWORAWO

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

GLORY

I, formerly known as **MISS. GLORY OJIMA OKOH** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. GLORY OJIMA OBASOYEN**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public take note.

IJEOMA

I, formerly known as **MISS. IJEOMA ONYEKA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. IJEOMA EDIDIONG EFFIONG**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public take note.

HAUWA

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

UKOH

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

UDEZE

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

PRINCESS

I, formerly known as **FASHANU OLUWAPELUMI DEBORAH** now wish to be called and addressed as **PRINCESS AROKOYO-FASHANU OLUWAPELUMI DEBORAH**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

PRINCESS

I, formerly known as **FASHANU OLUWANIFEMI DANIELLA** now wish to be called and addressed as **PRINCESS AROKOYO-FASHANU OLUWANIFEMI DANIELLA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ELKANAH

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

OKOYE

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

ZAINAB

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

OMEJE

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

DAIYABA

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

MAIMUNA

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

AMINU

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

NASIRU

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

ABIEYUWA

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

SHEKWOGAZA

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

USMAN

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

AYUBA

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

UGBEDEJO

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

OMOLEI

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

DAUDA

I, formerly known as **PAULINA D. OMMAME** now wish to be called and addressed as **DAUDA IGWOTA OMAME, AND THAT MY ACTUAL DATE OF BIRTH 6/08/1993 NOT 01/01/1987**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MUHAMMED

I, formerly known as **DAHIRU DUDU** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUHAMMED DAHIRU, AND THAT MY ACTUAL DATE OF BIRTH 07/05/1981 NOT 04/04/1992**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

IBRAHIM

I, formerly known as **IBRAHIM ELISHA BATURE** now wish to be called and addressed as **IBRAHIM JOHN, AND THAT MY ACTUAL DATE OF BIRTH IS 27/12/2000 AND NOT 27/12/1996**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ISA

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

MELE

I, formerly known as **MISS MELE BULUS MUSA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS MELE LHEBADE AGWADU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ZAINAB

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

SAFIYA

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

DAUDA

I, formerly known as **DAUDA VICTOR** now wish to be called and addressed as **DAUDA EWUTSO VICTOR, AND THAT MY ACTUAL DATE OF BIRTH 12/12/1992**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AUWAL

I, formerly known as **YAHAYA LAWAL** now wish to be called and addressed as **AUWAL YAHAYA GULUMBE, DATE OF BIRTH; 01-01-1990**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AKPATA

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

HALIMA

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

AISHA

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

AJIDAHUN

I, formerly known as **ABDULWAHAB SIKIRU OLAWALE** now wish to be called and addressed as **AJIDAHUN SIKIRU SEGUN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

GABRIEL

I, formerly known as **OKOH FRANCA OBIYE**, now wish to be called and addressed as **GABRIEL FRANCA OBIYE**. All former documents remain valid. Concerned authority and general public take note.

ADDITION OF NAME

I, formerly known as **IGBA SAMUEL** now wish to be called and addressed as **IGBA JOSEPH SAMUEL**. All former documents remain valid. Access bank PLC and general public should please take note.

ONYEUKWU

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

KABIRU

I, formerly known as **ISHAKA MOHAMMED**. OLD DATE OF BIRTH IS 30-01-1987 now wish to be called and addressed as **KABIRU MUHAMMED JIDAWANI**. NEW DATE OF BIRTH IS 05-02-1995. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

OLADAPO

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

IDOKO

I, formerly known as **EMMANUEL MARTIN'S** now wish to be called and addressed as **IDOKO AMODU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

YAHAYA

I, formerly known as **HABIBA UMAR SHAIBU** now wish to be called and addressed as **YAHAYA HABIBA SHUAIBU**. All former documents remain valid. Bank's and N.I.N take note.

NWOKEDI - JOSEPH

I, formerly known as **MISS NWOKEDI SANDRA ULOAKU** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS NWOKEDI - JOSEPH SANDRA ULOAKU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

LUBABATU

I, formerly known as **LUBABATU JENNIFER UMARU** now wish to be called and addressed as **LUBABATU JENNIFER UMARU - THOMAS**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

CORNELIUS

I, formerly known as **MISS DEBORAH AGODI MONLE**. now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS CORNELIUS DEBORAH MONLE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

CONFIRMATION OF NAMES

I, **AJISEFINNI RASHEED BALOGUN** am the same person that bearing **AJISEFINNI RASHEED OLATUNBOSUN**. that henceforth I want to be known call and address as **AJISEFINNI RASHEED BALOGUN**. All former document remain valid. Banks and general public take note.

IKECHUKWU

I, formerly known as **IKECHUKWU EMMANUEL NWOKOYE** now wish to be called and addressed as **MR. IKECHUKWU EMMANUEL**. All former documents bearing the old name remain valid. General public should please take note.

DAUDA

I, formerly known as **DAUDA OKANLAWON IBRAHIM** now wish to be called and addressed as **DAUDA OLASOJIO LASUNKANMI ABRAHAM**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

FOLORUNSHO

I, formerly known as **SURNAME. FOLORUNSHO, FIRST NAME RASAKI** now wish to be called and addressed as **SURNAME. FOLORUNSHO, FIRST NAME. RASAQ, MIDDLE NAME OLADEHINDE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AKINPELUMI

I, formerly known as **SURNAME. AKINPELU, FIRST NAME. OLABANJI, MIDDLE NAMES. OSUOLALE** now wish to be called and addressed as **SURNAME. AKINPELUMI, FIRST NAME. OLABANJI, MIDDLE NAME OSUOLALE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MONDAY

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

LAWANSON

I, formerly known as **AKINDELE OLUWAGBENGA ADEMUYIWA** now wish to be called and addressed as **LAWANSON SAMSON OLUWAGBENGA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

OMOLADE

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

SALIU

I, formerly known as **KOLAWOLE FRANCIS** now wish to be called and addressed as **SALIU SUNDAY SYLVESTER**. 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 wrongly captured as **SHEIFU KOREDE** instead of **SHEIFU AKOREDE OLAWE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

LORITA

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

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JABIR SARKI CHARITY FOUNDATION

The General public is hereby notified that the above named has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission Abuja for Registration under Part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act No. 1 of 2020.

The Board of Trustees members are:

1. JABIR ABUBAKAR SARKI
2. HAFSAT BASHIR MAITAMA

Aims and Objectives

1. To create peace, unity and progress in amongst societies .
2. To give charity and assist the needy in the community 3To Enlighten of public upon day to day activities of the organisation.

Any objection to the above registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General Corporate Affairs Commission, plot 420 Tigris Crescent Off Aguiyi Street, Maitama P.M.B. 198, Abuja within 28 days-of this publication.

AR RAZAK WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FOUNDATION

The General public is hereby notified that the above named has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission Abuja for Registration under Part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act No. 1 of 2020.

The Board of Trustees members are:

1. Maryam Ibrahim Kolo
2. Aisha Salihu Lemu
3. Muhammad Hashir Saldu
4. Jamilu Ajiya Lawal

Aims and Objectives

1. Create awareness, educate women and children
2. To help the orphans by providing food items and clothing.
3. To co-operate with National and International NGO's and agencies by networking and co-aligning for the achievement of specific goals for the welfare and development of women and children especially orphans.
4. To set up temporary abode for distressed girls and women including battered women and to prepare such girls and women psychologically be counseling and other forms of therapy and education for a re-orientation towards attaining a better and more purposeful life in the future.

Any objection to the above registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General Corporate Affairs Commission, plot 420 Tigris Crescent Off Aguiyi Street, Maitama P.M.B. 198, Abuja within 28 days-of this publication.

POWER OF PRAISE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE ABOVE NAME HAS APPLIED TO THE CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION FOR THE REGISTRATION UNDER PART 'F' OF THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT

TRUSTEES ARE:

1. DAVID KPRAKE
2. JUMOKE KPRAKE
3. JOSHUA KPRAKE
4. DANIEL KPRAKE
5. BLESSING OKPOLERO EDUGBO
6. EMMANUEL OMOAMILA
7. EBIAMA OFONIBEINGHEN.

OBJECTIVES:-

1. TO PREACH AND REACH OUT WITH THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THROUGH SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, OUTREACHES, CRUSADES, WEEKLY MEETINGS, ETC.
2. TO ENGAGE IN PUBLIC ENLIGHTENMENT, EMPOWERMENT AND EDUCATIVE PROGRAMMES FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST AND THE SOCIETY AT LARGE.

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, NIGERIA. WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION.

SIGNED: SECRETARY:- BARR JOSHUA KPRAKE

ZABARMAWA DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

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. Ahmed Ibrahim, - Chairman.
2. Saidu Yahaya Makera
3. Yakubu Matyaki.
4. Muhammadu Dantila - Secretary.
5. Abdulhamid Bashir Hassan.
6. Rugga Isah.

AIM AND OBJECTIVE:

1. To Foster the culture and tradition of Zabarmawa community.
2. To form unity, peace among the Zabarmawa community.
3. To assist and educate the less privilege children to studies both islamic and western education.
4. To assist orphans and less privilege men and women as well as the special needs.
5. To engage and encourage youth to participate in skill acquisition and entrepreneurship development.

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

DIVINE REHOBOTH HOUSEHOLDS IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE ABOVE NAME HAS APPLIED TO THE CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION FOR THE REGISTRATION UNDER PART 'F' OF THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT.

TRUSTEES ARE:

1. ITUA COLLINS EHIAMIEN
2. NNALUE ADAOBI EDITH
3. ITUA OMON PHIL

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. TO CREATE BETTER SOCIETY THROUGH POVERTY REDUCTION
2. TO REDUCE INFANT MORTALITY THROUGH HEALTH TALKS AND EDUCATION TO POOR HOUSEHOLDS.
3. TO PROMOTE TALENT ENHANCEMENT SUPPORT.
4. TO ENHANCE HOUSEHOLD LIVING THROUGH FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT.

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, NIGERIA. WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION.

SIGNED:- CHAIRMAN.

GRACE ACCESS CHURCH

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE ABOVE NAME HAS APPLIED TO THE CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION FOR THE REGISTRATION UNDER PART 'F' OF THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT 2020.

TRUSTEES ARE:

1. AWE AYODEJI ADEWALE.
2. TUNDE-DADA FOLAKE AYOOLA.
3. OMONIYI OMOTAYO TEMITOPE.
4. AGBEYO OLUWATIMILEHIN AYODEJI.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. TO PROMOTE AND PROPEL LOVE, UNITY AND PEACE THROUGH CARING, SHARING, GIVING AND VISITATION FELLOWSHIPS WITH ONE ANOTHER AS ONE GREAT PRECIOUS REDEEMED FAMILY OF GOD.
2. TO TEACH, PREACH, PRAY & IMPACT: TO FEED GOD'S PRECIOUS AND REDEEMED PEOPLE WITH SOUND INSTRUCTION IN THE WORD OF GOD AND STRONG DEMONSTRATION BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD TO A KNOWLEDGEABLE, UNDERSTANDABLE AND PRACTICABLE LIFESTYLE. THESE BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES ARE ACHIEVED THROUGH A SYSTEMATIC AND EXPOSITORY IN-DEPTH SCRIPTURAL SEARCHING.

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, NIGERIA. WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION.

SIGNED: CHAIRMAN.

BOLD AFRICA FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND ADVANCEMENT.

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE ABOVE NAMED ORGANIZATION HAS APPLIED TO THE CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION FOR REGISTRATION UNDER PART 'F' OF THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT 2020.

THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. VIVIAN NNEMAOBINWA OKOYE
2. IKENNA CHIDIEBERE ANYADIKE
3. VICTOR CHIDIEBERE OGBONNA
4. MARY IFUEKO ATALOR
5. EMMANUEL YABA JOSEPH

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. TO USE POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP RESPONSIBILITY, LEADERSHIP AND INTEGRITY.
2. TO COLLABORATE AND PARTNER WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO ADVOCATE FOR THE ERADICATION OF VIOLENCE OF ALL KINDS AGAINST YOUNG PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS.
3. TO PROMOTE THE EFFORTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN DEVELOPING AND ADVANCING YOUTH INCLUSIVENESS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING IN THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

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 OF THIS PUBLICATION.

SIGNED: SECRETARY

ASSOCIATION OF LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GAS MARKETERS IN RIVERS STATE

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. Chief Benedict Sunday Chukwumezie
2. Sam Ogbonna Okoro
3. Chindah Angela Ogorchukwu

AIM AND OBJECTIVE:

1. To promote and protect the interest of domestic LPG plant owners in Rivers state.
2. To deepen the penetration and utilization of domestic gas through effective gas education and enlightenment programmes Rivers state.

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

RICHLIGHT OF JESUS CHRIST 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.

TRUSTEES ARE:

1. Okonkwo Chike - Chairman
2. Okonkwo Ijeoma - Secretary

AIM AND OBJECTIVE:

1. To preach the gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

JOMIDA FOUNDATION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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. Agbo Christian Obiora,
2. Toyin Janet Aderemi
3. Aminah Rahma Audu
4. Damian Okechukwu Ivom

AIM AND OBJECTIVE:

- A. To galvanize voices of different stakeholders and create awareness on issues around the rights and privileges of persons with disabilities
- B. To advocate and engage the relevant stakeholders on the rights of persons with disabilities
- C. To educate and sensitize the public on the rights of persons with disabilities
- D. To build the capacity of persons with disabilities on how to engage and demand for their rights
- E. To source and publish inspiring stories of persons with disabilities who have distinguished themselves.

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

ORILE AGECE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 88.

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. Samson Ivabor Eigbokhan
2. Oluga Ebenezer Adeoluwa
3. Raimi Makinde Yomi
4. Anigilaje Taibat Mosunmola
5. Yakubu Kayode Babatunde

AIM AND OBJECTIVE:

1. To foster peaceful and cordial relations among OACHS Class 88 members
2. To build a dynamic global platform to encourage interaction and friendship among OACHS Class88
3. To establish association chapters in any state or country where four or more members reside.
4. To create opportunities for enlightenment, support, and mentoring of OACHS Class88 in career development, business, and Politics.
5. To be the voice of OACHS Class88 members on all issues concerning the association that requires a common voice.

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

OMAR IBN SULEIMAN CENTRAL MOSQUE

The general public is hereby notified that the above named Association has apply to Cooperate Affairs Commission for Registration under part of the company & Allied matters Act 2020.

TRUSTEES ARE:

1. Eng. Omar Suleiman - Chairman.
2. Bashiru Adamu Uba - Secretary.
3. Aliyu Salihu Santuraki.
4. Mohammed Kabir Yahaya
5. Mohammed Alhassan

AIMS & OBJECTIVES:

1. To worship Allah the supreme being and also to advanced the course of human spirituality
2. To be a centre of worship & learning where upright- dutiful islamic community will be raised and nurtured to advance humanity positively.

Any objection to this Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Cooperate Affairs Commission Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja Within 28th days of this publication.

SIGNED: SECRETARY

PUBLIC NOTICE HENDIAC CHARITY FOUNDATION

This is to inform the general public that the above name foundation has applied to the corporate affairs commission, (CAC) abuja for registration under part 'c' of the companies & allied matters act 1990.

TRUSTEES ARE:

1. Mr. Okogbo Henry Ndukuwo - The Chairman
2. Mrs. Ndubwo Ulemuferu Rebecca - Secretary
3. Mr. Afobyen Babatunde Felix - Member
4. Miss. Adewale Adeola Omowumi - Member

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES ARE:

1. Encouraging the observance of human rights, improving the welfare of the disadvantaged.
2. To ensure welfare and provide aid to poverty and disease struck poor people or in respect to social groups.
3. To assist in the process of social integration and personal realization of underprivileged children, young people, adults and families.
4. To endorse the human rights and in particular the rights of the children and young people as well as the rights of underprivileged groups and communities.
5. To encourage and popularise voluntary work.
6. Empowering and developing local communities.

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 of this publication.

SIGNED: SECRETARY.

KADUNA TWINS ASSOCIATION FOR HUMANITY

THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE ABOVE NAMED ASSOCIATION HAS APPLIED TO THE CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION (CAC) ABUJA FOR REGISTRATION UNDER PART 'C' OF COMPANY AND ALLIED MATTER ACT OF 1990.

THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. MR. FELIX HASSANI HYAT - CHAIRMAN
2. ALHAJI MUSTAPHA ONEA SANI - SECRETARY
3. MR. ONUH HASSAN EMMANUEL - MEMBER
4. MRS RUTH ONYANTA UCHE - MEMBER
5. MRS OMAKU MARTHA ELUOJO - MEMBER

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF LESS PRIVILEGED TWIN, TRIPLETS AND QUADRUPLETS IN KADUNA STATE - NIGERIA
2. TO PROTECT, DEFEND AND PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT, INTERACTIONS, FRIENDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP DISCIPLINE AND COOPERATION AMONG MEMBERS.
3. TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR SOCIAL AND CULTURAL INTERACTIONS AMONG MEMBERS THROUGH CULTURE, SYMPOSIUMS, SEMINARS, ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITIONS.
4. TO CO-OPERATE WITH ANY OTHER SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE STATE/ COUNTRY HAVING SIMILAR AIMS AND OBJECTIVES AS THE ASSOCIATION.
5. TO FOSTER AND STRENGTHEN THE BONDS OF UNITY AMONG MEMBERS.
6. TO CREATE AWARENESS OF UNITY AND STAND IN THE GAP FOR EACH OTHER.

ANY OBJECTION TO THE APPLICATION 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 APPLICATION.

SIGNED: SECRETARY

OBENA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION.

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. Achegbulu Felix Ada - Chairman
2. Ogbeche Emmanuel Awodi - Secretary
3. Adukpoku Andrew Oche - Trustee

AIM AND OBJECTIVE:

1. To work for the development of obena community.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT, 2020
IN THE MATTER OF COMPANIES LIMITED BY SHARES
IN THE MATTER OF MEMBERS VOLUNTARY WINDING UP
NOTICE OF FINAL GENERAL MEETING
OF
LUBE-OILS LIMITED RC 143095
Pursuant to Section 631 (1) and (2) of the Companies and Allied
Matters Act 2020**

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that a final General Meeting of LUBE-OILS Limited will be held on the Tuesday 17th day of August, 2021 at 58/60, Broad Street, Lagos, Lagos State at 10:00am prompt to consider following matters:

1. To receive the final account of the Liquidator showing how the Winding-Up of the Company had been conducted and the property of the Company has been disposed off together with Auditor's Report therein.
2. To receive any explanation on the Winding-Up in general and any incidental matter(s).

Dated this 7th day of July, 2021

SIGNED: **OLUSEGUN OLANIYI - LIQUIDATOR**

FISABILILLAH FOUNDATION RIKKOS, JOS

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. Abdullahi Hassan Muhammad (Chairman)
2. Abdullahi Umar (Secretary)
3. Adam Abdulrauf Zubairu
4. Abdur-Rahman Ismail
5. Aminu Maimasari

AIM AND OBJECTIVE:

1. To promote peaceful coexistence among Muslim and non muslim in the society.
2. To promote honesty, and sound relationship among members.

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**

ONHIGH OUTREACH

The general public is hereby notified that the above named has applied to Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Abuja for Registration under part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Acts, (CAMA) 2020.

NAMES OF TRUSTEES:

1. Inyama Godstime Uzor - Chairman
2. Ogunseyi Philomena Damilola - Secretary
3. Inyama Japhet Chijioko - Trustee
4. Agbonghae Bright Ogbeide - Trustee
5. Edijala Mercy Oghenefergu - Trustee

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. To improve women's lives by ending rape and domestic violence, set up a shelter or educate women about how to stay safe and community assistance

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 of this publication.

SIGNED: **CHAIRMAN**

LANDLORDS AND LANDLADIES OF CARIBBEAN ESTATE ASSOCIATION

The general public is hereby notified that the above named has applied to Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Abuja for Registration under Part "F" of the Companies and Allied Matters Acts, (CAMA) 2020.

NAMES OF TRUSTEES:

1. Iroque Wilfred Aiguobasimwin .
2. Onoigboria Kester Alus.
3. Joseph Edosomwan Henry.
4. Ilueminosen Victor Ose.
5. Odiase-Alegimenlen Obeki Adetokunbo.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. To foster unity among members.
2. To promote welfare of members.
3. To promote communal works, to improve the standard of living amongst ourselves and the society.

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 this publication.

SIGNED: **CHAIRMAN.**

METEORICS FRIENDS CLUB

The general public is hereby notified that the above named has applied to Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Abuja for Registration under Part "F" of the Companies and Allied Matters Acts, (CAMA) 2020.

NAMES OF TRUSTEES:

1. Obi, Starislaus Ifeanyi - Trustee and President
2. Anele Henry Ndidiamaka - Trustee and Secretary
3. Ottih, Mathias Ikedi - Trustee
4. Iwuaba, Kingsley Chidera - Trustee
5. Omenugha, Vivian Ekene - Trustee

AIM AND OBJECTIVES:

1. To foster togetherness among member;
2. Promotion of each others business;
3. Impacting the society at large through philanthropic gestures.

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 this publication.

SIGNED: **CHAIRMAN**

LAWRENCE ENTERTAINMENT FOUNDATION

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

THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. ATADEDE LAWRENCE EWOMA - CHAIRMAN
2. STEPHEN EDDY EDIMURAI
3. USIADE GODWIN CHUKKY

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. TO CREATE AWARENESS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ENTERTAINMENT, SOCIAL CLUBS, FOOTBALL AND EVENT CENTRES BOTH IN NIGERIA AND INTERNATIONAL.
2. TO BUILD A SOCIETY WHERE ETHICAL BEHAVIOUR AND MORAL VALUE OF THE CHRISTIAN PRIESTHOOD AND THE GLORY OF GOD WILL BE THEIR WATCH WORD.
3. TO ASSIST THE YOUTH TO DISCOVER THEIR DESTINY AND NURTURE THEM TO FULFILL THEIR DESTINY.

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 OF THIS PUBLICATION.

SIGNED: **D.A MOMOH ESQ.**

MEGA LIGHT DELIVERANCE MISSION

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

THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. EMHALUMHE MESHACK OGBAJI (CHAIRMAN)
2. UNACHUKWU UCHE MARIAGORA (SECRETARY)
3. SOLOMON EMMANUEL (MEMBER)

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. TO PREACH & TO TEACH THE WORD OF GOD
2. TO WIN SOULS TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD
3. TO RENDER HELP TO THE LESS PRIVILEGE AS GOD LEADS & DIRECT

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 OF THIS PUBLICATION.

SIGNED: **SECRETARY.**

CKAY FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN

This is to inform the general public that the above named has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Abuja, for Registration under part "F" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 2020

THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. Asagba Egwonor Constance (Chairman)
2. Asagba Okeremute (Treasurer)
3. Oghene Lydia (Secretary)

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. To help transform the world by providing a better future for the under-privileged women and children
2. To empower & encourage women in the society Orphanage care & social care Education & skill acquisition

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 of this publication.

SIGNED: **SECRETARY.**

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

I, **HARUNA ABUBAKAR**, HEREBY WISH TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE LOSS OF ORIGINAL LAND DOCUMENT, RIGHT OF OCCUPANCY (R OF O) IN RESPECT OF PLOT NO. **1715**, WITH FILE NO. **KN 11366**, MEASURING ABOUT **6,016.10SQM**, CADASTRAL ZONE **BO7**, KATAMPE DISTRICT ABUJA

THE LOSS OF THE SAID DOCUMENT WAS DISCOVERED WHILE I WAS ON TRANSIT FROM KANO TO ABUJA. ALL EFFORTS MADE TO TRACE THE MISSING DOCUMENT PROVED ABORTIVE. CONCERNED AUTHORITIES AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE

EGBUOMA PEOPLES ASSEMBLY

The General Public is hereby notified that the above named ORGANIZATIONS has applied to Corporate Affairs Commission Abuja for Registration under the Part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.

THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. Uzoaru Fred
2. Okeke Humphrey Nduka.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. To incorporate, unite and empower all the youth of Egbuoma under one Umbrella organization with all rights and privileges accorded.
2. Promoting and Restoration of Egbuoma Community, Cultural and Traditional Heritage.
3. The development of Egbuoma Town.
4. To Empower Women and Children of Egbuoma Community.
5. To Rehabilitate and Discourage the use of illicit drugs amongst the youth. Also to dissuade the youth from enlisting and participation in secret cult organizations.
6. To Empower the Youth by encouraging positive mindset.
7. To observe and preserve the legal right and justice for all, making sure everyone is treated equally under the law.
8. To monitor and be accountable to the members on financial matters and other available resources therein.
9. Empowerment and support of widows and less privileged members of Egbuoma Community and its Neighbors.

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 of this publication.

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

FERDYAMAKA CHARITY FOUNDATION

The General Public is hereby notified that the above named Foundation has applied to Corporate Affairs Commission Abuja for Registration under the Part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.

THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. Nwachukwu Maurice Okechukwu
2. Alilonu Ferdinand Nzewunwa - Chairman
3. Iwu Jacqueline Uzoamaka. - Secretary

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. To provide humanitarian service and supports widows.
2. To provide academic and vocational training and education to orphans and less privileged children and youths.
3. To provide basic amenities and support in rural areas in Nigeria and beyond.

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 of this publication.

SIGNED: **ALILONU FERDINAND NZEWUNWA - (CHAIRMAN)**

WOMEN AND THE GIRL CHILD RIGHTS FOUNDATION

The general public is hereby informed that the above named Organization has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for Registration under part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act. 2020

THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. Mrs. Uduak Edem Udoh
2. Mr. Udem Etim Udoyen
3. Best Elim Udoh

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. To foster unity among women and to encourage them to speak in unanimity in matters that affect women.
2. To assist and advance the cause of victims of domestic violence, other kinds of gender based violence and discriminations.
3. To give hope to women in despair, whether they be adolescent, singles, youth, sick, aged or widowed.
4. To advance women's right and fair treatment of women.
5. To assist indigent women and train them on skills acquisition.
6. To partner with other non-governmental organizations, government agencies, corporate bodies and individuals for the attainment of all of the above objectives or any of them

Any objection to this Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420 Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Garki, Abuja within 28 days of this publication

SIGNED: **NAPOLEON UMOH ESQ.- SOLICITOR.**

OBRUCHE ORPHANAGE

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 THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT, 2020.

THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. ABIYE-SIBI OGHENEWEDE OBRUCHE - CHAIRMAN
2. OKAH OGHENEKPAROBO - SECRETARY
3. ABIYE-SIBI ALBERT
4. ABIYE-SIBI DEBORAH

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. TO PROVIDE HOME FOR THE ABANDONED ORPHANS AND MOTHERLESS BABIES.
2. TO PROVIDE COUNSELLING, MOTHERLY CARE, EDUCATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL FOR ITS CHILDREN.
3. TO ASSIST AND PROVIDE PHYSICAL, MENTAL, FINANCIAL, HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE LESS PRIVILEGE PEOPLE IN THE SOCIETY
4. TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN SPIRITUALLY AND MORALLY

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 OF THIS PUBLICATION.

SIGNED: **BARR. OKORO UGOCHUKWU. - 08068757629**

PUBLIC NOTICE

**THE THRONE ROOM OF GRACE HEALING MINISTRY .
Address : No 22, Wisdom Street, Off 2nd East Circular Road, Benin City, Edo State**

The general public is hereby notified that the above named has applied to Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Abuja for Registration under Part "F" of the Companies and Allied Matters Acts, (CAMA) 2020.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

1. Oghagbon Osarieme Maureen - Chairman
2. Abure Bridget Adesuwa Zita - Secretary
3. Oghagbon Praise Osayimwense - Member

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. To preach and teach the word of god to all people and turn them from darkness to light.
2. To proclaim far and wide, the gospel of our lord Jesus Christ and to turn many to righteousness.
3. To reach out to the less privileged in their needs.
4. To set the captives free through the gospel of our lord Jesus Christ.
5. To win souls into the kingdom of god.
6. To help believers live a victorious life over sin, sickness, poverty, failure, and satan.
7. To continue to engage in children evangelism and the care for pregnant and nursing mothers all over the country as directed by our lord Jesus Christ.
8. To engage in divine healing and set those in spiritual and physical bondage free.
9. To evangelize the world through publications, television, and radio broadcasts, Christian literature, and printing of religious tracts.
10. To conduct children's annual open-air crusades as sponsored by other bodies where clothes, shoes, foods, etcetera, can be given to the less privileged in our society.

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 this publication.

SIGNED: **OGHAGBON OSARIEME MAUREEN (CHAIRMAN)**

ABUJA ROAD OLD JUMMA AT MOSQUE SABON GARI RIGASA KADUNA

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TRUSTEES ARE:

1. Mohammad Jibril
2. Mohammad Abubakar - Chairman
3. Musa Garba Boso,
4. Jibrin Labaran Nasiru
5. Dan'asabe Haruna - Secretary
6. Tanko Sanda Umar

AIM AND OBJECTIVE:

1. To serve as a masjid to Muslims.

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- TRUSTEES ARE:**
- 1. Adedeji, Oluwatosin Adewusi - Chairman
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 - 3. Olatunji, Oluwaseun Amazia
 - 4. Olaifa, Isaiah Ibikunle
 - 5. Odeniran, Damilola Jeremiah
 - 6. Olaleye, Taiwo
 - 7. Olaleye Kehinde
 - 8. Omotehinse, Oluwaseun Solomon

AIM AND OBJECTIVE:

- 1. To help people rise beyond mere identification with Christ into their full identity in Christ.
- 2. To disciple nations and bring them unto the Fullness of CHRIST
- 3. We are committed to bringing people into their full identity in Christ, helping them live a Christ-centred life through the development of Kingdom nature, culture and character.

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SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

CHANGE OF FAMILY NAME

This is to inform the General public that we the following family members wish to change our names and that we were formerly known as:

- 1. IFEANYICHUKWU OBIUKWU
- 2. SOLOMON UDOEZKA
- 3. MOSES UDOEZKA
- 4. CHIBUZOR UDOEZKA
- 5. ONYEKACHUKWU UDOEZKA

We now wish to be known and addressed as:

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- 2. SOLOMON CHUKWUKADIBIA IFEANYICHUKWU
- 3. MOSES IFEANYI
- 4. IFEANYICHUKWU CHIBUZOR JOHN
- 5. ONYEKACHI SUNDAY IFEANYI

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- TRUSTEES ARE:**
- 1. Adeyinka-Oni Modupe Oluwafunmilayo - Chairman
 - 2. Mayowa Adeyinka-Oni. - Secretary
 - 3. Olusola Seriki - Treasurer

AIM AND OBJECTIVE:

- 1. To provide viable alternatives to classroom education for primary school children in areas where they lack both infrastructure and manpower.
- 2. To ensure that no local government, community, village, town or state is left out in the provision of online basic Education to children.
- 3. To produce digital and printed resource materials that will be relatable to our context and/or environment which will be used to improve their teaching and learning experience..

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Puzzle For Today

Child Development

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ACROSS

- 1. A person who provides direct care (as for children)
- 3. A feeling of admiring someone or something that is good, valuable, important, etc
- 6. To believe that someone or something is reliable, good, honest, effective, etc. : to have confidence in (someone or something)
- 7. Treat all people fairly
- 8. Infant's bed
- 9. A place where sick or injured people are given care or treatment and where children are often born

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- 1. Feeling or showing concern for other people
- 2. A duty or task that you are required or expected to do
- 4. The character of an individual viewed as a member of society
- 5. A female parent
- 8. An unborn or recently born person

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Moshood Abiola National Stadium Not Abandoned – Minister

BY SALIFU USMAN, ABUJA

The minister of youth and sports development has slammed media reports that the Moshood Abiola National Stadium in Abuja which is undergoing rehabilitation was abandoned.

The minister in a statement issued by his media Assistant, John Joshua-Akanji, described the re-

port by a national daily (not LEADERSHIP) that the Stadium has become a den of robbers and miscreants as not only false, but mischievous.

“My attention was drawn to a misleading report in the Sunday Sun of 11th July 2021 which created the impression that the Moshood Abiola National stadium, Abuja was abandoned, had be-

come a den of robbers and miscreants, habited by reptiles and dangerous animals. This report is not only misleading, but totally at variance with current reality,” Akanji said.

“For the records, the stadium is undergoing rehabilitation with re-grassing of the main pitch, replacement of the scoreboard, vandalised cables restored which en-

sure the facility is lighted at night to ensure security. While I admit that there have been challenges in the past, the intervention work in collaboration with the Dangote Group which is funding the rehabilitation has brought a new lease of life to the facility. While the pace of work was slowed down by many factors, the contractor has assured that the work will soon be

completed.”

He further said “A stadium that hosted African Handball Championship, Principal’s Cup Final, OSOM Games, Swimming competition, the Olympics camping of athletes among other events cannot be said to be abandoned. I am convinced that the edifice will soon be ready to host major events and be put to the best use”



Atiku Celebrates D'Tigers' Shock Win Against USA

Former Nigeria vice president Atiku Abubakar has congratulated D'Tigers after they stunned basketball superpower USA in an exhibition game in the early hours of Sunday.

The D'Tigers, who are ranked 22 in the world, shocked No. 1-ranked team and three-time Olympic gold winners USA 90-87.

The game is part of the buildup games ahead of the Tokyo 2020 Olym-

pics.

The Americans had gone 39-0 in their last three Olympic seasons — including pre-Olympic exhibitions — on their way to gold medals and had been 54-2 in major exhibitions since NBA players began playing for USA Basketball in 1992.

Also, they'd beaten D'Tigers by a combined 127 points in their last two meetings, one at the 2012 Lon-

don Games by 83 points, the other a warm-up for the 2016 Rio Games by 44 points.

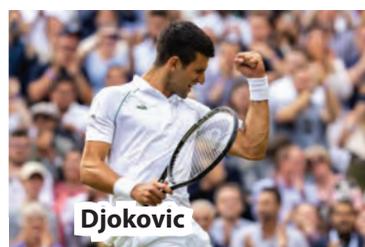
In the latest clash, D'Tigers trailed only 43-41 at the half, led for long stretches of the opening 20 minutes.

And reacting to the impressive win Atiku wrote on Twitter: “Congratulations, Team Nigeria, @NigeriaBasket.”

D'Tigers are in Group B at the Olympics alongside Germany, Italy and Aus-

Djokovic Beats Berrettini To Win 6th Wimbledon, 20th Grand Slam Title

World number one and defending champion, Novak Djokovic, overcame a stern challenge from Matteo Berrettini before lifting himself to a sixth Wim-



bledon title in a contest that lasted over three hours and 30 minutes on Sunday.

Djokovic was off to a shock start as he witnessed a fiery Berrettini snatch the first set in the tiebreaker.

The Serbian then regained his composure to waltz through the next two sets before closing the game in the fourth set with an eventual scoreline that read: 6-7(4), 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.

Djokovic's triumph now sees him level with Roger Federer and Rafael

Nadal with 20 Grand Slam titles among men. The win also made him the first man to win since Rod Laver in 1969 to win the Australian Open, French Open and Wimbledon in the same calendar year.

Federer had 16 titles when Djokovic won his second in 2011 but over the last decade the Serbian has hunted down his great rivals to achieve what had looked impossible, and the world number one does not seem likely to stop there.

Winning Copa America In Brazil Against Brazil Historic – Messi

Lionel Messi spoke of his relief after finally ending his trophy drought with Argentina by winning the Copa America 1-0 against Brazil in Rio de Janeiro on Sunday.

Messi, 34, had previously tasted defeat in three Copa finals and one World Cup final with Argentina, with his critics, at home and abroad, often questioning his ability to lead his country to silverware.

However, at the fifth time of asking, Messi finally won a major final with Argentina as Angel Di Maria's 22nd-minute goal at the Maracana ended the Albiceleste's 28-year wait for a trophy.

“I was close many times,” a visibly emotional Messi told reporters after the match. “I knew it would happen eventually. I am grateful to God for giving me this moment, in Brazil against Brazil. I think He was saving this moment for me.

“I still don't think we are aware of what we have done, beyond becoming champions. Now we're really happy, celebrating, but this is a

game for the history books, beating Brazil in a final in Brazil.

“It's crazy. I can't explain how happy I feel. I've been sad many times [with Argentina after tournaments] but I knew it would happen and there's no better moment. This team deserved it.”

Messi was named the Player of the Tournament at the Copa America and shared the competition's Golden Boot with Colombia's Luis Diaz. Both players scored four goals. Messi also laid on five assists.

At full-time, the Argentina players raced toward Messi and threw him in the air in recognition of his role in their run to the final.



Minister Wants States To Key Into Sports Industry Policy

BY SALIFU USMAN, ABUJA

The minister of youth and sports development, Mr. Sunday Dare, has called on state governments to identify specialized areas that they can key into in the new Sports Industry Policy which will soon be ready.

Dare made the assertion when paid a courtesy visit to the Governor of Bayelsa State, Senator Douye Diri, after watching Team Nigeria wrestling final preparations for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

He applauded the Bayelsa State giant strides in establishing itself as the wrestling capital of Nigeria.

“When I visited the new gym being constructed, I took time to look at the plans and was excited

that it met international standards. It shows a government with foresight and committed to sports development.

“In the last 20 months we have devoted our time largely into turning sports into an industry. Sports have been a mere recreation in our country. When you look at all successful nations that have successful sports development, it is because they run sports as a business.

“In another few days, we should be able to deliver for this country its first ever Sports Industry Policy. One of the middle pillars of that policy is infrastructure, the entire policies predicated on three “I” s. The first ‘I’ is infrastructure. We must have infrastructural rationalization.”



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Loopholes In The Proposed Electoral Act

Traditional wrestling in the southern part of Nigeria is intriguing and exciting. To the uninitiated, it would appear there are no rules, but to those who understand it, there are standard rules that govern it. The electoral system in Nigeria is like the traditional wrestling common to most parts of Nigeria. To non-Nigerian observers, they can place a bet that rules do not govern elections, but to the politically discerning persons, they see rules governed by regulations observed in the breach. Everything Nigerian is unique, though often not properly documented as a model-Nigerian English, Nigerian Jollof rice, Nigerian movies, Nigerian democracy and maybe now Nigerian Electoral Act.

Free and fair elections are the bedrock of every functional democracy, ensuring that government authority derives from the will of the people. It is crucial to place rules and regulations that would guide the elections to ensure that elections are free and fair. These laws usually take into consideration, the socio-economic and political context of a particular environment. What would work in 'Sokoto' may not work in 'Shokoto'. Agreed no laws are perfect, and none would completely curb electoral malpractices. Human beings, especially political actors, always have the ability and ingenuity to develop strategies to undermine a rule, however iron cast it looks. Subverting an election is not entirely an African or Third World thing.

Since the return to democratic rule in 1999, Nigeria has been experimenting with different sets of laws meant to enhance the process and credibility of our elections. The latest chapter of this tinkering is the proposed Electoral Act (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill 2020, currently in consideration at the National Assembly. There are speculations that the original recommendations of the Joint Technical Committee co-Chaired by Senator Kabiru Gaya of the INEC committee in Senate and Hon Aisha Dukku of Electoral Matters Committee in the House of Representatives, may have been tampered with, especially the provisions on electronic transmission of results and limits on political campaign finance.

According to some of the members of the Joint Technical



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Committee, the Committee, Clause 50(2) gave INEC the powers to determine the procedure for conducting election, including if chooses, electronic transmission of results. The members expressed shock, like the rest of the country, that its report was apparently tampered

with, and words inserted in the said Clause 50(2), that outrightly outlaws the transmission of election results by electronic means. The disputed Clause 50(2) was now made to read as follows: "Voting at an election under this Bill shall be in accordance with the procedures determined by the commission, which may include electronic voting provided that the Commission shall not transmit results of the election by electronic means."

The Southern Governors' Forum, in its meeting held last week in Lagos, rejected the removal of electronic transmission of results clause from the Electoral Bill as well as the confirmation of exclusive jurisdiction in pre-election matters on the Federal High Court.

The electronic transmission of election results has been an issue in Nigeria's elections for some time now. The opponents of this measure have cited, amongst other issues, the poor state of our infrastructure and the ability of hackers and fraudsters to manipulate results when they are transmitted electronically. They point out that the electronic voting process was never part of the Electoral Act of

2010 as amended and that even the card reader has never been part of the Act.

If the above insertion of the "strange" clause 50(2), outlawing electronic transmission of results, passes, the implication is that we are on a backward movement. The original idea behind INEC adopting electronic transmission of results, as seen in Edo elections, is to progress our electoral process to electronic voting. E-voting is no rocket science, and in this age of invention, we do not need to re-invent the wheel. Developed countries such as United Kingdom, France, Germany, Switzerland, and developing countries like India, Venezuela, and the Philippines have all adopted and are using the full compliments of e-voting. On the other hand, paper ballots, manual counting, manual collation, and hand carrying of results represent some of the most significant

challenges that have affected the sanctity of elections in our part of the world and made a mockery of democracy. It leads to a lot of contestations and creates a dilemma as to whose result is original. e-compilation and e-transmission of results will strengthen our faith in the electoral system and, by extension, democracy. After all, the essence of democracy is the sanctity of votes. If the ballot is open to contestation, then it does not breed trust.

The contentious nature of our elections has made Nigerians question if it represents the wishes

and aspirations of our people. Any act that further depletes trust in the electoral system is an invitation to anarchy and may lead to the death of democracy as we know it today. Due to contentions about the nature and authenticity of election results, the courts now play a more significant role in deciding who is the winner of an election, denying the people the right to free choice. In recent times in our country, the court gave some judgements that put people in office who, in the real sense, did not participate in the electoral process. A rejection of electronic transmission of results and a return to the manual transmission of results is a return to everything wrong with elections in Nigeria. For all we care, we might, as well, legalise electoral violence, ballot paper snatching, stuffing of ballot boxes, writing of results in individual homes and multiple results if we are to go back to manual and analogue electoral practices and processes.

The hue and cry of Nigerians over the purported attempt to exclude electronic voting and transmission of results from our electoral law have been deafening. And there is palpable fear amongst Nigerians that were this to succeed, it may mean that the 2023 general elections will be characterised by the flaws that have become the recurring decimal in Nigeria's polls since 1999. Some Nigerians perceive it as an elite conspiracy to ensure Nigeria fails as a country.

I interpret the clause seeking to exclude electronic transmission of election results from the Electoral Bill 2020 as setting the grounds

for cheating in future elections, as we saw in some states in 2015 and 2019. If there is anything we owe the future generation of Nigerians, it is an electoral system representing their aspirations and allowing them to elect the kind of leaders they want. Nigeria should be on the same page with other civilised countries where electronic

transmission of results means that each stage of the electoral process is as transparent as possible. For most of us, even the accreditation of voters should be electronic to curb the ongoing issues of multiple voting or overvoting.

The second issue is the excessive monetisation of the electoral process. The proposal before National Assembly is to move the limit of campaign expenditure for presidency from N5bn to N15bn, governorship from N1bn to N5bn, Senate to N1.5bn, House of Reps to N500m, State House of Assembly

and Area Council Chairmanship to N50m. The real challenge is in monitoring of this expenditure cap and enforcement of the provisions of the law. A clear case of negative impact of monetization in our politics can be seen in the alleged bribery of INEC officials to the tune of N360m in the 2015 elections by a south-south Governor. He did this knowing fully well that these corrupt officials can easily manipulate the system to his advantage. If electronic electoral processes are adopted, these types of assault on our electoral system will be minimised, if not completely eliminated. For many Nigerians, some of the manual processes in our elections are susceptible to manipulation, so there should be electronic accreditation using the card reader backed by law, electronic counting of votes, electronic transmission, and electronic collation of results.

Another area of concern is the confirmation of exclusive jurisdiction in pre-election matters on the Federal High Court. Understandably, the proponents of this rule want to reduce election-related litigation for the interest of our political class and our courts, which are currently overstretched.

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