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## FG Approves New Debt Management Strategy For Nigeria

BY MARK ITSIBOR, Abuja

The federal government yesterday approved a new medium-term debt management strategy for Nigeria for the period of 2020-2023. The Debt Management Office (DMO) confirmed this in a statement yesterday, saying the approval was made at the Federal Executive Council (FEC).

### ● Buni applauds FEC over approval of N8bn for dam project

The medium-term debt management strategy is a policy document that provides a guide to

the borrowing activities of the government in the medium-term, usually four years.

It is recognised as one of the

best practices in public debt management and is recommended by the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) to

ensure that public debt management is driven by a well-articulated strategy that is structured to meet a country's broader macroeconomic and public debt management objectives.

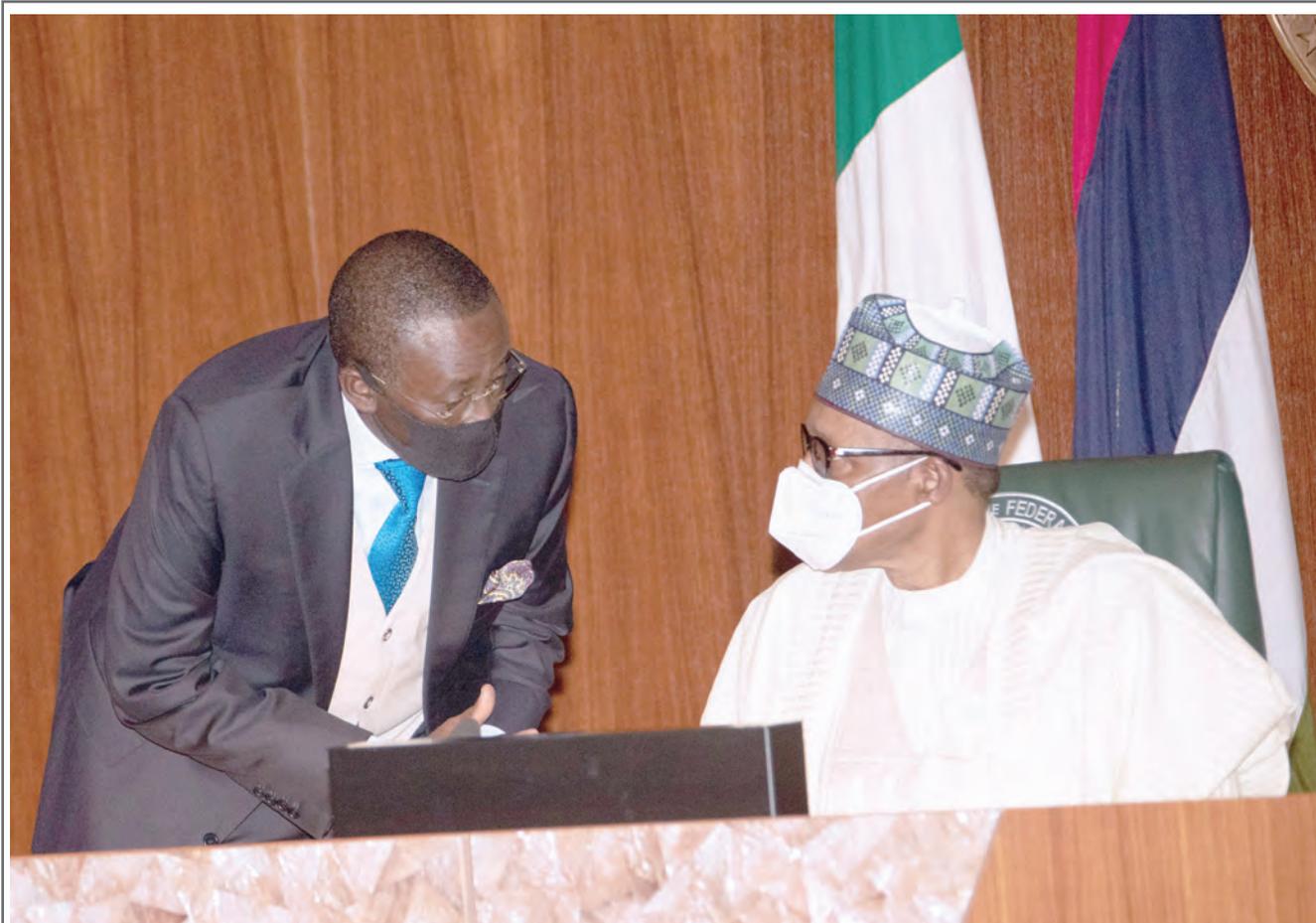
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President Muhammadu Buhari (right) with National Security Adviser, Maj Gen Babagana Mongonu (lft), during a virtual federal executive council meeting at the presidential villa yesterday

## 2023: Fani-Kayode Has Joined Us In APC – Governor Bello

● No, I am still in PDP, says ex-aviation minister

● Meets with Jonathan

BY CHIBUZO UKAIBE and ANDREW ESSIEN Abuja

In what appeared to be unknitting of the plot in the uncertainty surrounding the political fate of former minister of Aviation, Femi Fani-Kayode, Kogi State governor, Yahaya Bello, yesterday affirmed that the former presidential spokesman has joined the All Progressives Congress (APC).

But in a swift response to Bello's claim, Fani-Kayode declared that he remained a bonafide member of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

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L-R: A member of the House of Representatives representing Jalingo/Yorro/Zing federal constituency of Taraba State, Hon. Kasimu Maigari with the Charge D'Affaires, Chinese Embassy, Mr. Zhao Yong, jointly decorating the Chinese Banny during the 50th anniversary of Chinese diplomatic ties with Nigeria and the Chinese New Year celebration, in Abuja, yesterday.

## Why Bandits Have Not Been Proscribed – *Lai Mohammed*

BY TUNDE OGUNTOLA, Abuja

The minister of information and culture, Alhaji Lai Mohammed, has said bandits cannot be proscribed in Nigeria because they don't go by any name yet.

Speaking during an interview on AIT's Kaakaki programme monitored by our Correspondent yesterday, the minister said there is a difference between the bandits and the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB), a group that has been proscribed

by the federal government.

The minister said proscribing the bandits is not what matters but how they are treated.

He said a group can only be proscribed when their names are known.

According to him, "You proscribe known groups with names. You can't just proscribe an unknown group legally. It is not whether they are proscribed or not, it is the way they are treated. Does the government actually treat them with kid

gloves? The answer is no."

The minister also said when a group is championing a course for the disintegration of Nigeria such group can be proscribed.

"A group like IPOB that does not even recognise Nigeria as a state, sets up its own army and thinks it is a sovereign state is different from bandits and criminals. Please, don't compare apples and oranges", he said.

Speaking further, he said, if the bandits are not also threatening the sovereignty

of Nigeria by taking up arms against the citizens, he said the cases are completely different.

He said, "Security challenges are one thing. Challenging the sovereignty of Nigeria is a completely different thing. Don't let us dwell on semantics."

Speaking further, he said, "Don't armed robbers threaten the security of lives and property? They do. Is there anywhere in the world that armed robbers have been proscribed?"

## EFCC Arrests 39 Suspects For Internet Scam

BY EJIKE EJIKE, Abuja

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has arrested 39 internet fraud suspects, also known as 'Yahoo-Yahoo Boys'.

EFCC spokesperson, Wilson Uwujaren said in a statement that ten of them were arrested at Ilesha, Osun state, while 29 others were arrested in different locations at Ago-Iwoye, Ogun state.

Those arrested at Ilesha are: Oyesoji Tosin, Olaniyi Emmanuel, Samson Ojo, Sodiq Sunkanmi, Kolawole Abiodun, Oluwale Gbenga, Olajuyigbe Olamide, Oyebanji Olabisi Temitope, Ayoola Oluwafemi, and Oluwatobiloba Gbadamosi.

The suspects arrested at Ago-Iwoye include Emmanuel Lawal, Kareem Olamide, Adekunle Kehinde Salawu, Bella Tijesu, Aderibigbe Adedoyin,

Anifowose Hammed, Lateef Adetayo, Busari Oluwatobi, Tobi Adeyemi, Gabriel Obisesan, Oluwale Olasunkanmi and Odetola Samson.

Others are Farouq Dosu, Ayilara Akindeji, Ademola Adedare, Ishola Adeleke, Alex Olasunmade, Idowu Abolaji, Okegbenro Idris, Akinlolu Akintunde, Oshoboke Shashaeniyan, Adeyemi Opeyemi, Oluwatoyin Olutekunbi, Albert Charles, Olawuyi

Olanrewaju, Tunde Adekoya, Gbolahan Olalekan, Alade Oluwasegun and Ajanaku Qudus.

Uwujaren also said, "the suspects were arrested after series of surveillance based on intelligence on their alleged criminal activities.

"Items recovered from them include seven cars, laptop computers, mobile phones, and several documents containing false presences.

## #EndSARS: Court Orders CBN To Unfreeze Protesters' Accounts

BY KUNLE OLASANMI, Abuja

Justice Ahmed Mohammed of a Federal High Court in Abuja, has asked the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to unfreeze the bank accounts of 20 #EndSARS protesters.

The court gave the order yesterday after counsel to the CBN and the legal representative of the protesters agreed to end the case.

The CBN froze the bank

accounts in the heat of the #EndSARS campaign after a court order was secured to that effect.

Some of the banks, in which eight of the accounts are domiciled issued public apologies after citizens started a social media trend calling on customers to close their accounts with the banks for "colluding with the government" to oppress #EndSARS protesters.

Justice Ahmed Mohammed gave the order following the withdrawal of the suit by counsel to the CBN, Mr Michael Aondoakaa (SAN).

When the matter was called on yesterday, Aondoakaa told the court that he had discussed with counsel to the defendants and in the spirit of reconciliation, his client was withdrawing the suit.

Justice Mohammed, in a short ruling, struck out the suit

following the application for its withdrawal.

"All processes filed deemed to have been withdrawn in the spirit of reconciliation, the suit is hereby struck out.

"The order of Nov.4, 2020 freezing the accounts of the respondents is hereby set aside.

"An order is made de-freezing the accounts of the respondents immediately," the judge said.

The apex bank had filed an

ex-parte application on Oct. 20, 2020 asking the court to freeze the accounts of the respondents which was granted by Justice Mohammed.

Some of those whose accounts were frozen included Bolatito Oduala, Chima Ibebunjo, Mary Kpengwa, Saadat Bibi, Bassey Israel and Wisdom Obi.

Others are Nicholas Osazele, Ebere Idibie, Akintomide Yusuf, Uhwo Promise and Mosofofoluwa Odeseye.

# our stand

## Elections In One Day: The Real Issues

The dynamics of democracy and, in particular, the intricate process of choosing the political actors who help to define it, will continue to remain in the front burner of public discourse. Recently, a shade of political opinion joined the fray when it asserted that staggered elections have tended to be sluggish if not cumbersome and expensive.

This school of thought suggests that all elections, from the Presidential to the House of Assembly, could be held in one day at a tolerable cost. This is coming as the National Assembly commences debate on the envisaged amendment to the Electoral Act intended to fine-tune the legal framework that is the backbone of the entire process.

Spear-heading this debate is a group of political actors under the auspices of Inter-party Advisory Council (IPAC). This body that draws its membership from most of the registered political parties strongly believes that elections in one day is not only feasible but also doable in line with perceived international best practices.

It also claims that if adopted, a unified election schedule will address what it considers as unnecessary challenge of huge spending and the needless grounding of businesses during multiple elections.

Furthermore, in their opinion, it will have the advantage of eliminating the bandwagon effect of the party in power as well as tame the desperation by politicians to manipulate the polls.

As a newspaper, we consider this argument persuasive but not without its own flaws. Even worse, it begs the real issues. We are compelled to accept without conceding that staggered elections are wasteful, economically disruptive and exposes the polity to avoidable

stress and pressures as virtually national life literally comes to a standstill. And to that extent, undesirable.

Before now, experts have tried to point out that the habit of shutting down the socio-economic life of the nation to avert certain untoward behaviour of politicians and their hangers-on as well as to attain the chimerical free and fair election is unhelpful and makes democracy in this clime appear unattractive.

They also point out that in spite of those preventive measures, the country still ends up with a process punctured by violence, disputations and endless litigations that question the integrity of the entire electoral process and the effort that went into organising it.

On the basis of this, one may

be tempted to buy the position of this political group. However, in our considered opinion, elections in one day, if adopted as an option, will certainly compound the observed challenges.

We note that in developed democracies, active political parties are very few indeed. But in the case of Nigeria, the parties are in multiples including those that hold no prospects whatever but must nevertheless be accommodated in the arrangement as provided for in the constitution and other extant laws.

It is pertinent to emphasise that in all cases, not just in Nigeria, the conduct of elections is tasking and capital intensive. This reality derives from the inexorable need to ensure that the system, defined as participatory, is seen to be so in words and in deed. That is to say, that

the people, the electorate, the ultimate custodian of democratic power, are given an unrestrained opportunity to exercise their franchise without let or hindrance.

The average politically exposed persons in Nigeria, usually inordinately ambitious, incurably optimistic, perceptibly rambunctious, lacking in sportsmanship and richly endowed in brinkmanship often insist on exercising their rights as they see them regardless of the cost. The political class sees their participation in politics as an investment which must not be allowed to go waste hence the desperation that the electoral umpire, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), in an attempt to curtail, expands its budget.

INEC, therefore, in the preparation of the same budget, makes provision for pre and post-election litigations which involve heavy legal fees. When an election is postponed or cancelled outright what it means is that a chunk of its budget has been wasted and must have to be replenished. In preparing for the conduct of elections, the budget for security is heavy. Often, some of the election materials are procured outside the country not because they are not available locally but as part of the commitment to ensure that there is no manipulation. This adds immensely to the cost of the elections. These are the issues that stretch resources beyond elastic limits. Not whether they are held in one month or in one day.

In our view, the infelicities in the electoral process as pointed out by IPAC can be effectively controlled if politicians accept that losing is also part of the electoral contest that, under normal circumstances, should attract statesmen not political jobbers who want public office and the power it attracts just for the heck of it.

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# Reps Disagree With Senate On Constitution Review

BY BODE GBADEBO, ADEBIYI ADEDAO AND IGHO OYOYO, Abuja

The House of Representatives yesterday rejected a motion calling for the adoption of the reports from the 2014 National Conference and the Governor Nasir el-Rufai-led All Progressives Congress (APC) committee on True Federalism as part of documents to be considered in the ongoing review of the 1999 Constitution (as amended).

Instead, the House declared that items contained in the two reports have been itemised by its ad hoc committee on the review of the constitution and the committee was expecting memoranda from the public.

The Green Chamber's position comes barely two weeks after the Senate ad hoc committee on the review of the 1999 Constitution chaired by deputy Senate president, Ovie Omo-Agege, announced that it has adopted the two reports in question for its assignment.

Omo-Agege had on Friday, January 29, 2021, while declaring a retreat for the Senate Committee open, said the sole purpose of the event was to review and analyse reports of the 2014 National Conference and APC ad-hoc committee on True Federalism, including over 280



Lawan

memoranda received from the public in order to translate them into Bill proposals for the committee.

The deputy minority leader of the House, Hon Toby Okechukwu, had in a motion on urgent matters of national importance, urged the House committee on

Constitution Review to obtain the reports of the 2014 National Conference and the APC Committee on True Federalism within two weeks.

But the deputy Speaker of the House, who doubles as the chairman of the committee, Ahmed

Idris Wase, urged the House to step down the motion, saying the committee has its procedure which, according to him, does not include obtaining report from any conference or political party.

He, however, assured that issues contained in the two reports had been shortlisted by the committee for inputs from the general public.

"We have a procedure. The motion is asking us to obtain a report from a political party. This is not part of the procedure; it's the duty of these groups to send in their suggestions to the committee. I want to beg that the motion should be stepped down," Wase said.

In response to Wase's concerns, Okechukwu argued that obtaining the report does not flout the committee's rules.

"I do not think that the approach offends any of our rules. As he (Wase) has said, the committee has advertised. It is better to err on the side of caution. The Kaduna State governor who chaired the APCAPC committee said that since we are reviewing the Constitution, he hopes that we will consider some of the recommendations.

"I am saying this because of the state of the union because with what I am seeing, the state of union is not strong."

Okechukwu, however, ap-

plied for the motion to be stepped down.

## ...To Merge Unproductive Agencies

Meanwhile, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Femi Gbajabamila, has said that at a time of reduced revenue, with pre-existing and worsening infrastructure deficits requiring significant investments, Nigeria cannot afford to keep establishing more institutions that impose a permanent liability on government's incomes.

The Speaker, who spoke yesterday at plenary on resumption of the House for the 2021 legislative session, said it has become more difficult with each appropriation cycle for the government to meet up with its obligations.

Gbajabamila explained that the exploding recurrent cost of governance demands that the legislators be more circumspect in the priorities they pursue, particularly regarding sponsoring Establishment Bills in the National Assembly.

He said, "At a time of reduced revenue, with pre-existing and worsening infrastructure deficits requiring significant investments, we cannot afford to keep establishing more institutions that im-

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## 2023: Fani-Kayode Has Joined Us In APC – Governor Bello

### FROM COVER

Speculations that the former minister was defecting to APC were rife early this week when pictures of his meeting with national chairman of the APC Caretaker/Extraordinary Convention Planning Committee (CECPC) and Yobe State governor, Mai Mala Buni, in the company of the Governor Bello in Abuja surfaced.

Before meeting with Buni, Fani-Kayode had revealed that he had fruitful meetings with Kogi State governor and Senator Smart Adeyemi separately at his Abuja residence.

However, while he explained that his meetings with the APC chieftains was on building bridges to address challenges facing the country, Governor Bello declared to a crowd of APC supporters yesterday that Fani-Kayode had decamped to the APC.

Addressing the crowd in a video that went viral on social media, Bello, who chairs the Sensitisation and Mobilisation Committee of the APC registration and revalidation exercise, said, "Our brother and friend, Chief Femi Fani-Kayode has joined our party in good faith. He's joining our party to add his own positive energy and make contributions into ensuring that APC is a party to beat."

He also pointed out that Fani-Kayode is one of the foundation

members of the APC.

The governor added that he was holding talks with the leaders of other political parties besides the PDP.

But in a swift reaction, Fani-Kayode denied dumping PDP where he served as minister of Aviation and later spokesman of former President Goodluck Jonathan's presidential campaign in 2015.

The minister in his tweeter handle said, "Though we have had meetings across party lines and we are in a season of political consultation I have not left the PDP."

After his meeting with the APC leaders on Monday, the former minister met with his former boss, President Goodluck Jonathan on Tuesday evening at the latter's Abuja residence.

"My team and I had the honour and privilege of spending a wonderful evening with President Goodluck Jonathan in his Abuja home last night. None like him," the minister tweeted on Wednesday without revealing details of the meeting.

Speculations were also rife of Jonathan's political future shortly after Buni led some APC governors to pay him a visit at his Abuja residence last year.

However, the APC national chairman recently dispelled the rumour that the party was plotting to field Jonathan as its candidate in 2023.

Everybody In South East



Bello

### Wants To Join APC - Umahi

Meanwhile, the Ebonyi State governor, David Umahi, declared yesterday that APC registration forms sent to the South East are a far cry from what was expected, adding that everybody in the South East wants to belong to the APC.

Umahi who stated this after a meeting with APC caretaker committee chairman, Mai Mala Buni at the party's national secretariat said he has requested more registration forms for the South East.

Speaking with journalists after the meeting, he described as "world class" the quality of the sensitisation, mobilisation and organisation of the ongoing APC

membership registration, revalidation and update exercise.

The governor who is also chairman of the South East Governors Forum said, "I complained to him that the hundreds of forms at the polling units is a far cry from what we expected. Everybody in the South East wants to belong to the APC."

Umahi who was visiting the party's national secretariat for the first time since he joined APC last November hailed the party leadership for doing a good job in managing the party.

He said, "The ongoing registration, arrangements and logistics and the intentions are very wonderful. It is first class because I



Fani-Kayode

have never seen it in any party administration. So it is important I come to commend him and to also commend the staff who are working with him. This is essentially the reasons why I have come.

"Mr. President has actually helped the South East so much. And in every of my broadcast or media chats I have always enumerated what Mr. President has done for our people. And Ebonyi State is a shining example of the intervention by Mr. President"

Umahi's commendation of the registration exercise comes days after former chairman of APC, Chief Bisi Akande and Comrade Adams Oshiomhole, questioned the legality of the exercise.



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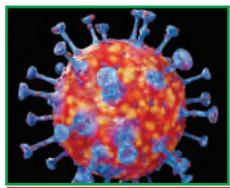
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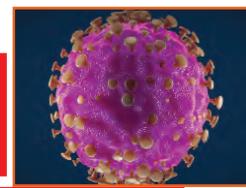
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# COVID-19 GLOBAL UPDATE



## 130 Countries With 2.5bn Population Yet To Administer Single Dose

BY PATIENCE IVIE IHEJIRIKA,  
Abuja

More than three quarters of the 128 million vaccine doses administered so far were administered in just 10 countries that account for 60 per cent of global GDP.

Almost 130 countries, with 2.5 billion people, are yet to administer a single dose.

This was disclosed in a joint statement by UNICEF executive director, Henrietta Fore and WHO director general, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

According to the duo, this self-defeating strategy will cost lives and livelihoods, give the virus further opportunity to mutate and

evade vaccines and will undermine a global economic recovery.

“Today, UNICEF and WHO – partners for more than 70 years – call on leaders to look beyond their borders and employ a vaccine strategy that can actually end the pandemic and limit variants.

“Health workers have been on the frontlines of the pandemic in lower- and middle-income settings and should be protected first so they can protect us.

“COVAX participating countries are preparing to receive and use vaccines. Health workers have been trained, cold chain systems primed.

What’s missing is the equitable supply of vaccines,” they said.

To ensure that vaccine rollouts begin in all countries in the first 100 days of 2021, the statement said it is imperative that governments that have vaccinated their own health workers and populations at highest risk of severe disease share vaccines through COVAX so other countries can do the same.

“We need global leadership to scale up vaccine production and achieve vaccine equity.

“COVID-19 has shown that our fates are inextricably linked. Whether we win or lose, we will do so together,” the statement concluded.

## Global Cases Declined 17% Worldwide, Says WHO

The number of new COVID-19 cases reported across the globe has declined for a fourth week in a row, according to data from the World Health Organization (WHO) offering a glimmer of hope that the world is turning a corner in its efforts to contain the pandemic.

The number of COVID-19 deaths reported worldwide decreased for the second week running, with 88,000 new deaths reported last week, a 10% drop compared to the previous week, according to WHO.

More than 3.1 million new cases of COVID-19 were reported around the world last week, the WHO said in its weekly epidemiological update. That was a 17% decline from the previous week and the lowest number



of cases worldwide since the week of October 26, 2020.

“Although there are still many countries with increasing numbers of cases, at the global level, this is encouraging,” the weekly update said.

The United States accounted for the highest number of new COVID-19 cases, with 871,365. However,

this figure represented a 19% decline in cases from the previous week, according to WHO data.

Brazil, France, Russia and the United Kingdom were also among the nations reporting the highest number of new cases worldwide, the WHO noted, although all of them saw a decrease compared to figures from the previous week.

Of all the regions, compared to WHO’s previous weekly update, Africa saw the greatest decline in cases, at 22%, while the Eastern Mediterranean saw the smallest, at 2%.

Overall, new cases in the Americas accounted for more than half of all new cases worldwide, with more than 1.5 million new cases and more than 45,000 new deaths.

## Balkan Nations Turn To Russia, China For Vaccine

Nearly two months after the European Union started its vaccination campaigns, four out of six countries in the Western Balkans have yet to begin. With climbing coronavirus cases and no clear timeline on when vaccines from the COVAX mechanism and EU procurement scheme will be delivered, many countries have been looking towards China and Russia for solutions.

The moves come as wealthy nations have been criticised for taking the bulk of this year’s vaccine supply.

Israel has the highest number of inoculations in the world per capita, followed by the UAE, the UK, Bahrain, the US and EU member states Italy, Germany and France.

To compare, 60 percent of Israel’s population has already received at least one shot, as other countries relying on COVAX and the EU procurement mechanism, such as Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia and Kosovo, are yet to start vaccine drives.

Montenegro currently has the highest number of coronavirus cases per capita in Europe (9,910 infected per 100,000 people) while Bosnia and Herzegovina has one of the highest COVID-19 related mortality rates in Europe (4,775 deaths with a population of 3.5 million).

To address the pandemic, the World Health Organization (WHO) set up COVAX in April to ensure that

all participating countries worldwide, regardless of their wealth will have equal access to vaccines.

“It was clear from the beginning that this meant that the vaccines’ delivery might not be as quick as for the EU, but it was considered the safest and the cheapest path,” Cerimagic said.

Serbia paid four million euros (\$4.8m) to COVAX last year, but with the unexplained prolonged delay from the EU, it began making its own bilateral deals with Russia and China.

The country now leads continental Europe with the highest inoculation rate, having vaccinated 550,000 people so far out of a population of seven million.

## Sri Lanka To Allow Burials For Muslims After Outcry

Sri Lanka will begin giving permission for Muslims who die of COVID-19 to be buried following an outcry over the government’s decision to cremate all those who died of coronavirus.

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa gave the assurance yesterday in response to a question from a lawmaker in Parliament.

Sri Lanka made compulsory the cremation of all people who die from COVID-19, saying the virus in human remains could contaminate underground water.

Muslims and non-Muslims have protested against the rule over the past year, calling it unscientific and insensitive of Muslim religious beliefs.

The United Nations also raised concerns with the government. The World Health Organization and Sri Lankan doctors’ groups have said COVID-19 victims can either



be buried or cremated.

Sri Lanka is a predominantly Buddhist country where it is customary for Buddhists and Hindus, the second-largest religious group, to cremate the dead.

Muslim lawmaker Rishard Bathiudeen said while he was happy with Rajapaksa’s assurance, the government should implement it by withdrawing the compulsory cremation rule.

“Many people have been cremated before and their fam-

ilies are living in great agony. I am happy that they showed some compassion even at this stage, but it has to be implemented soon because people are dying every day,” Bathiudeen said.

UN special rapporteurs have twice called on Sri Lanka’s government to reconsider its policy in letters sent to authorities in January this year and last April.

In their latest note, UN experts said the practice ran contrary to the beliefs of Muslims and other minority communities in Sri Lanka, and could “foment existing prejudices, intolerance and violence”.

“While we must be alert to the serious public health challenges posed by the pandemic, COVID-19 measures must respect and protect the dignity of the dead, their cultural and religious traditions or beliefs, and their families throughout,” the UN experts said in January.

## Kaduna To Distribute COVID-19 Vaccines With Drones

Kaduna State has taken a major revolutionary step towards reversing the losses to the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), which has cost the state 57 lives, as at Saturday, February 6.

According to statistics from the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), 7804 persons have been infected with the virus in the state. While 7467 persons were treated and discharged, 280 cases are on admission.

But the state government has signed a first-of-its-kind innovatory Memorandum of Understanding with a private medical to deploy Unmanned

Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), better known as, drone technology to deliver vaccines and other medical supplies to areas that may be difficult to penetrate due to challenging topography and bad roads.

This method of procurement and distribution of vaccines and medications is a novelty in Nigeria pioneered by the Kaduna State Government.

Other states are reportedly negotiating with the company to enter a similar working relationship. The clamour for the company’s services is influenced by the success rate of the medical delivery

firm, Zipline, which has the distinction of having delivered more than one million doses of other vaccines in Africa over the past year.

The novel delivery of vaccines and other drugs in Kaduna is planned to start in the second quarter with 30 drones working full time from three distribution centres.

To accomplish this goal, Governor Nazir el-Rufai said the state government has upgraded 255 primary health centres, installed a pharma-grade warehouse and is recruiting and training 3,000 officers to manage the facilities.

## Lawan Reprimands Aide Over Face Mask

BY BODE GBADEBO, Abuja

President of the Senate, Dr. Ahmad Lawan, yesterday reprimanded one of his legislative aides (name withheld) for his failure to wear a face mask while within the premises of the National Assembly.

Lawan, who was in the company of his security de-

tails on arrival at the Complex before plenary, spotted the aide standing at the lobby without a facemask.

Upon seeing the aide, Lawan stopped and queried him, “where is your face mask?”

The legislative aide who looked rattled by the unexpected question, mumbled, “it’s in my pocket, Sir”, while

making frantic effort to retrieve his face mask from his trousers.

The Senate President, who stood still as the aide quickly wear his face mask, thereafter, proceeded to his office at the White House Wing of the Complex to have a leadership meeting before the resumption of the day’s plenary.

## Gov Okowa To Hold Private Burial For Late Father

BY INNEH BARTH, Asaba

Delta State governor, Senator Ifeanyi Okowa, has announced that because of the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic, the family had resolved to hold a private burial for their late Sir Arthur Okorie Okowa sometime in February, 2021, adding that

a “celebration of life” would be held in his honour in August, 2021, subject to the slowing down of the pandemic.

The governor, in a statement he personally signed, thanked all those who came to condole with him and those who called or sent messages of condolences to him

and his siblings.

“Hopefully, by then the current challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic would have given way to a freer and more assured environment,” he stated. He expressed appreciation to Nigerians for their condolences and show of love on the passing of his father.

# Reps Disagree With Senate On Constitution Review

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se a permanent liability on government income.

"I am not unmindful of the realities that often necessitate such legislation, yet we cannot ignore the facts that lie before us. Let us work together to reform and strengthen the institutions already in existence, and remove those no longer fit for purpose. I believe most sincerely that this is the pathway to a legacy that we can all be proud of".

He further said that in the 2021 legislative year, the House will focus attention on Bills and Motions that improve ease of doing business and unlock economic potentials by stripping away restrictive regulations and ending predatory regulatory practices that deprive young people the opportunity to conquer new frontiers. Gbajabiamila added that in this age of technology and innovation of daring and enterprise, the government cannot risk implementing policies that handicap the ability of a nation to participate in new markets and profit from emerging industries.

## ...Constitute 20-man C'ttee To Screen Service Chiefs

The House of Representatives also announced a 20-man



Gbajabiamila

committee to screen the newly appointed service chiefs nominated by President Muhammadu Buhari.

The micro-committee comprises three members each from the House standing committees on De-

fence, Army, Airforce, and Navy.

Chairmen of the four committees and their deputies were made automatic members of the micro-committee with the chairman of the House committee on Defence, Hon Babajinmi Benson, as the chairman of the screening committee.

Speaker Gbajabiamila at the resumption of plenary said the House adopted the system to reduce the number of members who would interface with the nominees due to exigencies created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gbajabiamila had earlier read a communication from the president on the nominations of Major-General Lucky E.O Irabor as Chief of Defence Staff; Major-General Ibrahim Attahiru as Chief of Army Staff; Rear Admiral Awwal Zubairu Gambo as Chief of Naval Staff and Air-Vice Marshal Ishiaka Oladayo Amao as Chief of Air Staff, all for confirmation.

## Channel Your Grievances To NASS, Lawan Tells Nigerians

Meanwhile, the president of the Senate, Ahmad Lawan, has appealed to all Nigerians to take whatever issues they feel strongly about to the National Assembly, especially now that the constitution review is in progress.

Lawan made the appeal yesterday when a delegation of

the Enugu State committee on the creation of Adada State visited him in his office at the National Assembly.

The delegation which included former minister of Information and the immediate past president-general of Ohanaeze Ndigbo, Chief John Nnia Nwodo, was led by Chief Vita Abba.

The meeting was facilitated by Senator Chukwuka Utazi who represents Enugu North Senatorial District.

The Senate president told his guests that they were in order by taking their request to the National Assembly.

He said, "You are in order. You are at the right place. This is the people's Assembly saddled with the responsibility and mandate of receiving and listening to Nigerians who desire one form of legislative Intervention or the other to ensure that Nigeria is stable, peaceful, that people live in harmony and trust.

So your quest for the creation of Adada, you are welcome. We are going to give you every opportunity and support that will be necessary for the creation of the Adada State.

"It is a constitutional and legitimate agitation. Nigerians should take the opportunity of the constitution review process that the 9th Senate and indeed the National Assembly have embarked upon".

# FG Approves New Debt Management Strategy For Nigeria

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been prepared by the DMO in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, including Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning, Central Bank of Nigeria, Budget Office of the Federation, National Bureau of Statistics and Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation.

Nigeria has had two medium term debt management strategies (2012-2015 and 2016-2019) prior to the current Strategy.

The new strategy had to be reworked to reflect the global and local economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and incorporates data from the revised 2020 Appropriation Act and the medium-term expenditure framework 2021-2023.

The new MTDS adequately reflects the current economic realities and the projected trends.

The preparation of the MTDS usually involves the consideration of alternative funding strategies available to government as it seeks to meet its financing needs taking into consideration the cost of borrowing and the associated risks, while ensuring debt sustainability in the medium to long-term.

The 2016-2019 MTDS included some Debt Management Targets which were applied in the borrowing activities of the

government during the period which led to the high success rates achieved.

Based on the current public debt stock, government's borrowing needs in the medium-term (as stated in the 2021 Appropriation Act, MTEF, 2021- 2023) as well as future global trends, Nigeria's 2020-2023 MTDS, can be summarised as follows: "Borrowing will be from domestic and external sources but a larger proportion of new borrowing will be from domestic sources using long-term instruments, while for external borrowing, concessional funding from multilateral and bilateral sources will be prioritised."

The implementation of the medium-term debt management strategies, over the years, has helped in managing the structure of the growing public debt and ensured debt sustainability as well as effectiveness in public debt management.

With the approval of the Federal Executive Council of the MTDS, 2020-2023, the Strategy will be implemented to support economic development while ensuring that the Public Debt is sustainable.

## Governor Buni Applauds FEC Over Approval Of N8bn For Dam Project.

Meanwhile, Yobe State governor and chairman, Caretaker Extraordinary Convention Plan-

ning Committee, of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Mai Mala Buni, yesterday commended the Federal Executive Council (FEC) for approving N8billion for Dam project to boost water supply.

The governor said the project which was approved by the Federal Executive Council on Wednesday would tremendously contribute to solving water scarcity in Damaturu, the state capital.

Buni said the project would complement efforts of the state government in addressing water problems of the state capital and its environs.

A statement by his director-general, Press and Media Affairs, Mamman Mohammed, quoted Governor Buni as saying: "I want to specially appreciate President Muhammadu Buhari and the federal executive council for considering and approving the completion of this very important project that would touch the lives of our people.

"This is another dividend of democracy extended to Yobe State by the President Muhammadu administration. It is important to us because, Damaturu has over the years increased in size and population, and is in need of a corresponding water supply.

"The state government has continuously been making efforts to improve water supply across the state to meet the water needs of the people."



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## Cleric Drags Ganduje, Others To Court

BY ABDULLAHI YAKUBU, Kano

The legal team of the embattled Islamic Cleric, Sheikh Abduljabar Shiekh Nasir Kabara on Tuesday instituted a legal action against Governor Abdullahi Umar Ganduje for infringing on his fundamental human rights and subjecting him to an unnecessary house arrest.

The lawyers who acted on the Cleric's behalf sought for an order of perpetual injunction restraining Gov Ganduje, Kano state police commissioner and other state agents from oppressing, harassing and imposing any inhibition on him henceforth.

Recall that the Kano state government last week debarred Sheikh Kabara, a frontline Khadiriya Islamic sect leader, from preaching and promoting an ideology, the government considered provocative and inciting to the peace and security of the people of the state. The state government also restricted the airing of the Clergy's seminaries on media outfits while directing the security operatives to ensure surveillance of religious activities of Sheikh Jabar.

Challenging the action of government in a motion on notice filed before a Federal High Court sitting in Kano, Sheikh Kabara insisted his rights to freedom of expression, movement and peaceful assembly were being violated.

## NILDS DG Mourns Ossi Prestige

BY ABDULLAHI OLESIN, Ilorin

The director-general, National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies, NILDS, Prof Abubakar O.Sulaiman has described the death of Hon Ossi Prestige as very painful and sad.

In a condolence statement by the DG, he described the late member of NILDS Governing Council as an outstanding and dedicated parliamentarian.

Sulaiman recalled how Hon Prestige sponsored Bills ranging from National Directorate of Employment, 2020 to Criminal Code, 2020, which shows how passionate he was about the advancement of governance in Nigeria.

As a Member of NILDS' Governing Council, the growth of the Institute was one of his priorities and he made a notable bequest to its realization.



L-R: Senator Aishatu Dahiru Ahmed (Binani); chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC) Registration and Revalidation of Membership Committee, Yola South local government area (LGA), Mallam Rufai Ahmed; APC secretary, Yola South LGA, Mohammed Bello Aminu and the APC chairman, Yola South LGA, Alhaji Suleiman Adamu, after the registration of the lawmaker in Yola.

## Rule Of Law Needs The Bar, Bench To Cooperate – CJN

BY JONATHAN NDA- ISAIAH, Abuja

The fountain of the rule demands the professional cooperation and rigorous commitment to ethical practices and processes by the bar and the bench to sustain its glow of justice and delivery of fairness to all in every progressive society.

Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Tanko Mohammed stated this while receiving a high powered delegation of the African Bar Association (AfBA) led by the president, Mr Hannibal Uwaifo at the Supreme Court chambers in a parley to deepen

a working convergence of their critical roles to promote and protect good governance and human rights in the African continent.

Welcoming the group with other accomplished Justices of the Supreme Court, the chief justice noted that it is a thing of settled joy that the people of Africa as indeed Nigeria, and the world at large are in universal agreement that the rule of law is the true lustre of good governance, the cornerstone for peace, and the engine that gives growth and development the sprint for acceleration.

He said it is too critical for any

lapse of attention to it and the eternal vigilance belongs to the bar and the bench as coworkers in the temple of justice.

Uwaifo while addressing the CJN and other justices described the Supreme Court bench as one of the best in Africa, carrying out its duties with salutary dedication and inspiring equanimity.

He also emphasised that the present Supreme Court bench as led by Justice Muhammad has never stopped anyone or body from criticising the Court, nor have they joined issues with anyone in the arena.

## INEC Tasks Security Agencies On Peaceful Elections

BY TUNDE OGUNTOLA, Abuja

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has urged security agencies to use the same level of professionalism displayed in last year's governorship polls in Edo and Ondo states for the Anambra governorship and 2023 general elections.

Speaking during an inter-agency consultative committee on election security (ICCES) meeting held at

the commission's headquarters in Abuja yesterday, INEC chairman, Prof Mahmood Yakubu said the commission has already released the timetable for the Anambra governorship election.

It would be recalled that despite few skirmishes, stakeholders had commended the electoral umpire and the role played by security agencies in the Edo and Ondo governorship poll held in November last year.

He said, "Let me express the

appreciation of the commission for the roles played by the members of ICCES in the conduct of the two off-cycle governorship elections in Edo and Ondo states in September and October last year as well as 16 legislative bye-elections in twelve states in the last nine weeks.

"As you are aware, the commission has already released the timetable for the Anambra governorship election scheduled to hold on 6 November, 2021."

## APC Membership Registration'll Promote Internal Democracy – Sen Binani

The chairman, Senate committee on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Sen Aishatu Dahiru Ahmed (Binani) yesterday said the ongoing registration and revalidation of membership will promote internal democracy in the All Progressives Congress (APC).

She said the exercise will also help the party to check imposition of candidates for elective offices.

She said with the massive turn out in Adamawa state for the exercise, APC will soon be the dominant party in the state.

Sen. Aishatu, who spoke after registering in Yola, said the APC leadership was working on the bottom to the top membership structure.

A statement by her media

office said, "Registration and revalidation of party membership is an important step towards laying the foundation of internal democracy within our great party, the All Progressives

Congress (APC). After this exercise, the genuine party members will now elect their leadership. And also they will determine the candidates for various elective posts for future elections.

With this development, they will thereby give no room for imposition of candidates. By so doing, we are building the party from the bottom to the top.

"This is in line with what President Muhammadu Buhari said that we should build our party

from the bottom to the top and not a top to bottom system. This exercise is just confirming that. As far as APC is concerned, the issue of imposition of candidates from Abuja or wherever will be a thing of the past with this exercise."

Responding to a question, she said APC is waxing stronger in Adamawa State with the massive turn out of the people of the state for registration as members of the party.

"As you can see, people are trooping into APC and they will continue to troop into our party. APC is waxing stronger and I think in no time, Adamawa state, in no time will become a one party affair. That is, only APC in the state.

"I am calling on the people of

## Obasanjo's Ex-aide, Directors' Legal Tussle Threatens Oil Firm

BY JONATHAN NDA- ISAIAH, Abuja

A former special adviser on energy in the Olusegun Obasanjo administration, Prof Anthony Adegbulugbe, and two directors in Green Energy International Ltd have dragged themselves before a Federal High Court in Abuja over the ownership of the oil company.

Adegbulugbe, in a suit with number: FHC/ABJ/CS/390/2020, is praying the court for a declaration that the two directors, Dr Bunu Alibe and Mr Ayodele Olojede, cannot impose their will on the grounds that they are minority shareholders with only 22.6% holding in the company.

The suit has been fixed for hearing by Justice Ijeoma Ojukwu on March 2.

In the suit filed on behalf of Adegbulugbe by Mr Benbella Anachebe, SAN, the complainant also wants the court to restrain the two directors from doing anything inimical to the interest of the firm but use internal mechanisms in resolving any dispute.

However in their counter affidavits, the two directors claim that Adegbulugbe usurped the function of the managing director of the firm and had been taking unilateral decisions that were against the objectives of the company.

## Stop Smear Campaign Against FG, Group Tells TI, Local NGOs

BY KUNLE OLASANMI, Abuja

Transparency International (TI) has been accused of working with some organisations in the country parading themselves as non-governmental organisations, to tarnish the image of President Muhammadu Buhari and the federal government.

The National Transparency Initiative (NTI) raised the alarm yesterday during a press conference in Abuja.

Secretary-general of the group Elder Tony Odey said Transparency International's poor rating of Nigeria in its latest corruption index is aimed at undermining President Buhari's legacy on corruption.

He noted that the rating is orchestrated by some Nigerians with foreign interests to undermine the country's sovereignty and integrity.

Odey accused the Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC) and two female former ministers of working with TI.

## Security Operatives Raid Calabar Baby Factory, Rescue 24 Pregnant Girls

BY RICHARD NDOMA, Calabar

Security outfit codenamed by Governor Ben Ayade of Cross River state as 'Operation Akpakwu' has raided a baby factory operating within the outskirts of Anantigha axis of Calabar South local government area of Cross River state.

The security outfit which is a joint taskforce of army, police and civil defense was formed by the Governor Ben Ayade's administration to check surging kidnapping activities in the state.

Delivering the 24 ladies, eleven children and 2 suspects purported to be behind the baby factory, to NAPTIP officials, Mr. Oba Jacobs and Eta Eteng, to the officer commanding 13 Brigade, Brig-Gen. Mohammed

Abdulahi, NAPTIP officials stated that suspects would be investigated and charged to court for prosecution.

"As an agency, we have the mandate to arrest, prosecute, we also urged the public to assist us with useful information that would lead to arrest of these category of people involved in this kind of racket."

Jacobs who is the head of operations, NAPTIP urged the public to keep an eye on their neighbours and report such to the agency for proper action.

He said that the agency has a facility in Calabar where suspects would be kept until proper investigation is done and those found wanting are charge to court to face the wrath of the law.

Similarly, officer commanding 13 Brigade Provost, Major Stanley Ikepeme who did the handing over of suspects of baby factory to officials of NAPTIP on behalf of the 13 Brigade commander Brig.

Gen. Mohammed Abdulahi, said that the army will not relent on its task of ensuring that peace and security reigns in the state.

In a brief interview with one of the suspects purported to be the owner of the baby factory, Mrs Fedelia Daniel, who was whisked by the security agents alongside her husband denied the allegations saying she knows nothing about the factory.

But in a brief chat with one of the teenagers who claimed she is carrying a five months pregnancy, Stella John, said she was introduced to the place by one of her friends who she failed to mention her name after her boyfriend jilted her just as he got her impregnated.



L-R: Director-general, NYSC, Brigadier General Shuaibu Ibrahim and director, special duties, Mr James Afolayan, during a press briefing ahead of the President's NYSC Honours Award ceremony at NYSC headquarters in Abuja, yesterday.

PHOTO BY OLU AREMO

## Peterside To Deliver Honour's Day Lecture At Otuoke Varsity

Turnaround expert and immediate past director-general of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), Dr Dakuku Peterside is set to deliver the First Honour's Day Lecture of the Federal University, Otuoke, Bayelsa State.

This is coming barely three days after he delivered a keynote address at the Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON) retreat in Calabar, Cross River State.

Dr Peterside will on Friday, February 12, 2020, deliver a paper titled "Challenging The Way We Deliver Higher Education In A

Changing World".

A statement from the university signed by the registrar, Yousuo Donald Iruo, revealed that the event is part of activities marking the send forth of the institution's 2nd vice-chancellor, Professor Seth Accra Jaja.

A columnist and technocrat, Dr Peterside will share his thoughts on re-engineering the way tertiary education is delivered in an era of globalization and rapid technological disruptions, and the need to be innovation-driven.

According to the university,

Honour's Day Lecture is a unique opportunity for town-gown interaction, which aligns with the desire of the institution to create platforms for academics and society to synergize in finding innovative solutions to society's most pressing challenges.

Federal University Otuoke, Bayelsa State is one of the 12 universities established by the Goodluck Jonathan's administration in 2011. The university which currently has over 8000 students and 200 teaching staff is fast establishing itself as a force to reckon with.

## Kwara Uncovers Plot By Politicians To Instigate Violence, Blackmail Gov AbdulRazaq

BY ABDULLAHI OLESIN, Ilorin

Kwara State government has alerted the security agents and members of the public of plot by some politicians to instigate violence in the state and later blame it on the state governor, AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq.

Chief press secretary to the governor, Rafiu Ajakaye, disclosed this at a news conference in Ilorin, the state capital yesterday.

Ajakaye who said those behind the plot cut across party lines and that the plot is part of a grand conspiracy to defame the governor.

He said the plot also included sponsorship of spurious corruption allegations using sexed up official documents and innuendoes in the media to blackmail the governor, urging members of the public and security agencies to be wary of the conspiracies.

"The objective of the plotters is to create a false image for the governor as a promoter of violence, thereby heating up the polity in the name of politics and pitching him against the public.

The desperadoes behind this plot do not care about the safety of the ordinary people and their properties", Ajakaye said at a news briefing in Ilorin, the state capital.

## Renewed Communal War Claims 5 Lives In A/Ibom

BY BERNARD TOLANI DADA, Uyo

Not fewer than five people have been sent to their early grave following a reprisal attack by youths of Okopedi village with their neighbours, Amamong in Okobo local government area of Akwa Ibom state.

The crises which has so far claimed over 15 lives, with several injured, started on the 28th of December, 2020 over a land dispute by the two communities.

Though leaders of the two communities, and the state government had earlier waded into the communal crises urging the warring communities to live in peace even as relief materials worth millions of naira was distributed to victims of the communal war to assist those who lost their properties.

The state deputy governor, Mr Moses Ekpo who distributed the relief materials stressed that with the ravaging COVID-19 pandemic already taking its toll

on the economic fortunes of the state, it would be irresponsible for communities which hitherto lived together to resort to killing and wanton destruction of properties.

While appealing to the two communities to give peace a chance, he reminded them that no tangible development could thrive in an atmosphere of chaos and war, warning that the state government would no more send relief materials to any community which engages in what he called "man-made disaster".

## 110 Ex-corps Members To Receive President's NYSC Honours Award

BY STELLAMARIES AMUWA, Abuja

The director-general, National Youth Service Corps, NYSC, Brigadier General Shuaibu Ibrahim has stated that about 110 ex-corps members who distinguished themselves in various areas are to be conferred the President's NYSC honours award today, Thursday, 11th February, 2021

at the Banquet Hall, Presidential Villa Abuja.

Ibrahim made this known during a pre-event press briefing organized by NYSC at the headquarters, yesterday in Abuja.

According to Brigadier General Ibrahim, the Awards to the deserving ex-corps members will combine 2018/2019 service years, and all corps members that have

contributed immensely to national growth but all cannot be awarded. Only the qualified takes the award out of over 500 selected corps members from the state level. The national committee that comprises of representatives of organization as well as other eminent Nigerians screened the award nominees forwarded by the states and 110 were finally selected.

## High Turnout At APC Membership Registration Sign Of Victory Ahead – Former LG Boss

BY ISRAEL BULUS, Kaduna

Former interim chairman of Kaduna North local government, Usman Ibrahim popularly known as Sardaunan Badarawa has praised large turnout of people at day one of APC Membership registration exercise in Kaduna, describing it as an prelude to the party's victory in 2023.

He disclosed this to newsmen shortly after completing his membership validation exercise of APC at Badarawa/Malali Ward.

The Kaduna Central Zone APC stalwart was full of praises for the party

supporters for trooping in large numbers to take part in the exercise, urging them not to relent in their loyalty and belief in ability of the ruling party to make Nigeria great.

He lauded the achievements of Gov el-Rufai in areas of infrastructure development, education, socio-economic among others, saying the governor had given governance a new definition of service to people.

According to him, Senator Uba Sani has proven himself to be a trusted leader they can entrust to lead the good people of Kaduna state as the next governor come 2023.

## KADSRRA Holds Digital Literacy Training For Kaduna Civil Servants

BY ISIAIAH BENJAMIN, Kaduna

Kaduna State Resident Registration Agency (KADSRRA) with funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), yesterday commenced Digital Literacy Skills Assessment and Training (DLAT) program for staff of the agency and other interested civil servants in the State.

The training which is expected to last for six weeks, is in two phases; basic training on digital literacy, and advance training on data analysis with 30 civil servants participating.

Declaring the training open at the Kaduna ICT hub, the executive secretary (ES) KADSRRA Zayyad Tsiga said digital knowledge in a digital world is of paramount importance, hence the training.

Represented by the special assistant to the governor on resident registration, Joy Ajuluchukwu, the ES said the training which is hundred percent funded by USAID is basically aimed at providing digital skills for public Servants in the State.

## Again, Boko Haram Attacks Gaidam

BY HUSSAINI JIRGI, Damaturu

There was pandemonium among residents of Gaidam town in Yobe State when some suspected Boko Haram members stormed the town.

A credible source confirmed that one resident, whose house is located on the main access road into the town, confirmed the incident.

According to him, “ We were thrown into panic when we started hearing gunshots around custom area of northern part of our town around 6:40pm, we all ran home and locked ourselves for safety.

“ I was able to see most of the boys because my house is located very close to the main road entering Gaidam. I saw them in large numbers.

They came in a convoy of Hilux vans and started shooting sporadically, most of the attackers dressed in military uniforms.”

Another resident confirmed the invasion saying that he ran as soon as the insurgents entered Gaidam as it was clear that they would launch an attack.

He added that, “We got news that the suspected Boko Haram members were advancing to Gaidam from Borno State through Damazak, so many people fled to other villages for safety.”

## Police Arrest 35-year-old Man For Raping Woman, 90

BY HUSSAINI JIRGI, Damaturu

Yobe State Police Command has confirmed the arrest of Mohammed Faruk for allegedly raping a 90-year-old woman (name withheld) in Gadaka town in Fika local government area of the state.

A statement signed by the command's spokesman, ASP Dungus Abdulkarim, and made available to LEADERSHIP in Damaturu, Yobe State capital revealed that, “ the incident occurred at about 2 p.m., on Monday, February. 8/2021, when Faruk intruded into the nonagenarian's room in a compound and forced himself into her, without her consent.”

Mr Dungus also said that the medical examination at the General Hospital, Fika, disclosed some drops of semen on the woman's private part.

According to him the case would soon be transferred to the state CID for investigation and subsequent prosecution in the court.



Minister of communications and digital economy, Dr Isa Ali Ibrahim Pantami (middle), laying the foundation at the ground-breaking ceremony of the National Digital Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre, while the chief executive officer, Cosgrove Investment Limited, Mr Umar Abdullahi and the director-general, National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), Mr Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi, watch with keen interest, in Abuja, recently

## Cosgrove Begins Construction Of National Digital Innovation Centre

Cosgrove Investment Limited has commenced the construction of National Digital Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre in Abuja at the instance of National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA).

This as the chairman and chief executive officer, Cosgrove Investment Limited, Mr Umar Abdullahi, has assured that the

organisation would deploy its core competence in the construction of the centre.

According to him, apart from strictly adhering to the contractual timeline for project delivery, Cosgrove's visionary team will implement the innovative designs proposed, as agreed with the federal government.

Mr Abdullahi, who gave the assurance at the groundbreaking ceremony of the National Digital Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre, said the twin towers of seven and eight stories respectively would be fully automated, adding that the public sector project would bear Cosgrove's signature of incorporating technology in infrastructure development.

## Pirates Attack Passenger Boats, Abduct 64-yr-old Chief, Others In Bayelsa

BY OSA OKHOMINA, Yenagoa

There is panic among indigenes of Nembe, Brass and Akassa areas of Brass and Nembe local government areas of Bayelsa State following attacks on commercial boats and kidnapping of 64years old chief and three others.

LEADERSHIP gathered that the rising incidence of attacks by sea pirate along the various routes of

Odioma, Nembe, Brass and Akassa in Bayelsa east senatorial district is ongoing without security check.

The state chairman of the Nigerian Maritime Union, comrade Ogoniba Ibingansi confirmed to LEADERSHIP on telephone that the waterways are no longer safe and all boats operating along Odioma, Akassa, Brass and Nembe are no longer loading and passengers have been turned back.

Ibingansi, who also confirmed

that the security agencies including the special adviser on security matters to the Bayelsa State Government are battling on ways to counter the pirates lamented that “the boys have taken over the water routes.”

It was gathered that on Monday evening, along the Yenagoa-Akassa in Brass local government route, an Igbo businessman was stripped naked and taken away by the heavily armed sea pirates.

## Trump's Second Impeachment Trial Intensifies

BY INNOCENT ODOH with agency reports

The first full day of arguments in the US Senate impeachment trial of former President Donald Trump started yesterday as the former President is being accused of ‘incitement of insurrection’ for his words and actions preceding the deadly US Capitol riot on January 6.

The second impeachment trial,

which began on Tuesday focused on the constitutionality of holding impeachment proceedings for a former president; with the Senate voting 56-44 that the trial is legal.

Trump's lawyers and supporters in the Senate had argued it is unconstitutional to put a private citizen through this process but Tuesday's voting has made the trial legal.

The prosecution and defence will now have 16 hours each to present

their case, with House impeachment managers going first.

Seventeen Republicans will need to turn against their former president to convict him. It is unlikely, but if successful, it would lead to a subsequent vote to bar him from seeking public office again.

The Democrats decried Trump as ‘inciter in chief’ at impeachment trial and their prosecutors are expected to show unseen images of the attack on the Capitol.

## Zulum, Humanitarian Officials In Cameroon For Repatriation Of 9,800 Refugees

BY FRANCIS OKOYE, Maiduguri

Borno State governor, Professor Babagana Umara Zulum alongside officials of federal ministry of humanitarian affairs, disaster management and social development, has arrived Marwa in the Republic of Cameroon, for the voluntary repatriation of 9,800 Nigerians of

Borno origin, who are among 46,000 Nigerians taking refuge in Minawao camp in Cameroon.

The 9,800 Nigerians constitute the first batch of citizens who have shown willingness to be evacuated to resettlement houses built by Borno government in Bama and Banki towns.

Zulum arrived Cameroon on

Tuesday evening and yesterday, lead Nigerian delegation to a meeting on the tripartite (repatriation) agreement signed between Nigeria, Cameroon and the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, which is to hold in Marwa in far north Cameroon. Governor of Cameroon's far north, Mijinyawa Bakare is to host the meeting.

## N32bn Worth Of Cocaine Seized By NDLEA At Lagos Tin Can Port

BY KUCHA JEREMIAH, Abuja

The National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) has arrested two clearing agents and seized 40 parcels of cocaine weighing 43.11kilogram (100.05pds), with an estimated street value of over N32 billion in Lagos Tincan Port.

In a statement by Jonah Achema, deputy commander, narcotics and principal staff officer, public affairs, NDLEA noted that a consignment carrying illicit drugs arrived Nigeria from Brazil on board a vessel marked MV SPAR SCORPIO and was put under surveillance by the operatives of the Tincan Command of the NDLEA for some days until two clearing agents showed up on February 8, 2021 to clear it.

Narrating the incident, NDLEA commander, Tincan Port Command, Sumaila Ethan said the clearing agents were promptly arrested and the consignment thoroughly searched.

“After a thorough search, we discovered 40 compressed parcels, which after laboratory investigations tested positive to cocaine. The two clearing agents have been taken into custody while we continue with the investigation.”

## China Celebrates 50 Years Of Bilateral Ties With Nigeria

The China Cultural Centre in Abuja, yesterday, hosted the 50th anniversary of ‘Diplomatic Ties and ‘Happy Chinese New Year’ Launching Ceremony.’

The director of the Centre, Li Xuda, welcomed guests to the august occasion pointing out that over the past 50 years, China and Nigeria have been offering mutual support and learning from each other.

The 10th of February makes it 50 years that both countries have shared cordial relations. According to the Charge d’Affaire of the Chinese Embassy in Abuja, Zhao Yong, the year 2021 is an important year for China-Nigeria relations.

“We are ready to work with Nigerian friends to speed up the implementation of the consensus reached during the visit by H.E Mr Wang Yi, State Councillor and Foreign Minister of China last month, and continuously push forward the development of China-Nigeria community with a shared future,” he stated.



# Lake Chad Commission

## International Invitation for Bids n° 003/LCBC/2020 In-depth Studies on the Improvement of the Hydraulic Capacity of the Chari and Logone Rivers

- 1- The Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC) is a sub-regional organization created by the Fort-Lamy Convention on 22 May 1964 by the four riparian countries of Lake Chad (Cameroon, Niger, Nigeria and Chad). The Central African Republic became member in 1994 and Libya in 2007. Sudan became an observer member country in 2000 pending its ratification of the Convention establishing the LCBC. The Republic of Congo, the DR Congo and Egypt are also observer member countries. The head office of LCBC is N'Djamena, Republic of Chad. The conventional basin covers an area of more than one million km<sup>2</sup>.
- 2- The LCBC received grants in various currencies of its member states to fund the In-depth Studies on the Improvement of the Hydraulic Capacity of the Chari and Logone Rivers, thus, leading to the launch of this call for tenders.
- 3- The LCBC represented by its Executive Secretary hereby calls on prospective bidders who fulfill the related requirements to submit their bids in a sealed envelope for the conduct of these studies.
- 4- The call for tenders shall be subject to international contract award procedures available in the World Bank Guideline, procurement of goods and services, is open to all bidders coming from eligible countries as defined in the documents of the call for tenders.
- 5- The study area is located in Chad and Cameroon in the Conventional Basin of Lake Chad and mainly focuses on the Chari and Logone rivers and their Floodplains until the River Mouth of the River where it empties into the Lake Chad.
- 6- The In-depth Studies of the improvement of the Hydraulic Capacity of the Chari and Logone Rivers composed of a single lot with three (3) distinct steps.

### Step 1 : Conduct of preliminary studies

Countries: Chad and Cameroon

Study Area: River bed of Chari and Logone (downstream of Sarh for the Chari River and Lai for the Logone River up to Mouth of the Lake Chad).

Studies :

- Conceptual study of the interface of the Chari and Logone Rivers with the floodplains;
- Study of the ecological functions of flood plains;
- Analysis of the impacts of additional flows on the Chari and Logone Rivers and the Lake Chad;
- Analysis of the impacts of erosion on the banks, silting up, sedimentation and invasive plants on the flows;
- Conceptualization of possible solutions and preparation of the TOR of the Detailed Engineering Design;
- Workshops to validate the results of the studies;
- Corrections and submission of final reports.

### Step 2 : Conduct of preliminary studies and Detailed Engineering Design

Countries: Chad and Cameroon

Study Area: River bed of Chari and Logone (downstream of Sarh for the Chari River and Lai for the Logone River up to Mouth of the Lake Chad).

Studies :

- Data collection;
- Analysis of the impacts of hydraulic changes;
- Hydraulic capacity improvement solutions;
- Impacts mitigation measures;
- Development of the Summary Preliminary Project (SPP)

- In-depth Environmental and Social Impact Study;
- Development of the Detail Engineering Design (DPD).
- Development of the Tender Documents (TD).
- Workshops to validate the results of the studies;
- Corrections and submission of final reports.

### Step 3 : Conduct of In-depth studies of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Countries: Chad and Cameroon

Study Area: River bed of Chari and Logone (downstream of Sarh for the Chari River and Lai for the Logone River up to Mouth of the Lake Chad).

Studies :

- The rationale of the project
- Analysis of options for improving hydraulic capacity
- Description of the selected project
- Description of the environment (human and natural)
- Impacts and mitigation measures
- Surveillance and monitoring programme
- Development of the Environmental and Social Management Plan
- Correction of the terms of Reference of the Detailed Engineering Design to take into account the In-Depth Impact Study
- Workshops to validate the results of the studies;
- Corrections and submission of final reports.

- 7- The contract will be awarded in accordance with the procedures of international calls for tenders and attended by all bidders.
- 8- Eligible and interested bidders can obtain information at LCBC and forward their bids to the following contact address :

Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC)  
Address : Po Box 727 N'Djamena, Chad  
Telephone: (235) 22 52 – 41 - 45  
Fax : (235) 22 52 – 41 -37  
Email : [cblt.lcbc@gmail.com](mailto:cblt.lcbc@gmail.com)

- 9- Interested bidders can secure a complete set of Tender Documents (TD) paying a non-refundable amount of one thousand (1,000 \$US). The payment shall be made through a certified cheque or in cash in favor of the LCBC, Bank United Bank for Africa (UBA), Account No 60008 05701 70100500022 78. Tender documents can be collected upon presentation of the cheque or the receipt of payment or by an application for forwarding tender documents through mail service with non-refundable shipment charges.
- 10- Bids shall be submitted at the above-mentioned contact address not later than the **25<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at 12:00, local time**. Bid guarantees shall be attached to the bidding documents. Bids submitted after the deadline above shall be rejected. The bidder shall commit to keeping his bid for 90 days as from the submission deadline of bids.
- 11- Bids shall be open in the presence of representatives of the donors and bidders, who wish to take part in the bid opening ceremony on the **25<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at 13:00 local time** in a hall to be identified by LCBC's officials.
- 12- The selection of bidders shall be made following the criteria spelt out in the tender documents.

N'Djamena, the 30 NOV 2020

Executive Secretary  
Amb. MAMMAN NUHU



## Group Calls On Nigerians To Cooperate With NPF For Effective Policing

BY STELLAMARIES AMUWA, Abuja

The Coalition Of Civil Society Organisations For Justice and Equity (CCSO-JE), has called on Nigerians to join hands with the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) for effective policing bearing in mind that the security of all is the responsibility of all.

The chief convener, CCSO-JE, comrade Olayemi Success made this known during a press conference yesterday, in Abuja.

According to comrade Success, the inspector general of police, Muhammadu Adamu has performed excellently well and urged him to discharge his duties more excellently well to justify the confidence well meaning Nigerians and President Muhammadu Buhari have in him.

## Jema'a LG Boss Laments Delay In Restoring Electricity In Kafanchan

BY ISRAEL BULUS, Kafanchan

The chairman Jema'a local government area, Hon Peter Danjuma Averik has expressed dismay over the delay by Kaduna Electricity Distribution Company (KAEDCO) to restore power to the area despite concerted interventions and pleas from key community and political leaders of the local government.

Hon Averik expressed his concern during an emergency stakeholders meeting convened by the Community Development Charter (CDC) Champions to discuss developments critical to peace and economic wellbeing of the people in the local government yesterday.

During the meeting which was held at the local government board room, Kafanchan, the chairman said he has made efforts including leading a high-powered delegation of eminent stakeholders including the member Kaduna State House of Assembly, Hon Ali Kalat to the company's headquarters in Kaduna in an attempt to broker understanding with Kaduna Electricity Distribution Company on the need for them to restore light to the local government and wondered what must have been the reason for the continued delay.



L-R: Minister of Mines and Steel Development, Arc. Olamilekan Adegbite exchanging pleasantries with Kaduna State governor, Mallam Nasir el-Rufai, during the minister's visit to the Government House in Kaduna, yesterday

## TETFUND Hands Over Printing Machines To Modibbo Adama Varsity

BY HUSSAINI HAMMANGABDO, Yola

Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) has handed over modern printing machines for the smooth take off of Academic Printing Centre (APC), at the Modibbo Adama University Yola.

The equipment supplied and installed by TEKRA Global Concepts Limited includes Konica Minolta Accurio Printing Machine, Champion Digi-band binding Machines, Champion Digi-Cut Cutting Machine, Champion Stitching and Champion Laminating Machine and is expected to make printing of books, journals and projects easier

for lecturers and students.

In November, executive secretary TETFUND, Prof Suleiman Elias Bogoro met heads of tertiary institutions from the region where the takeoff of the regional Academic Publishing Centre (APC) was discussed.

The centre would reduce dependence on foreign companies for printing services and encourage academic related publications in Nigeria's tertiary educational institutions.

Also it would nurture the culture of quality authorship and production of indigenous books that will not only ensure the availability of relevant books in

diverse subject areas that take cognisance of local environment and sensibilities.

In his remarks, the vice chancellor, Prof Abdullahi Liman Tukur, who enumerated the benefits of the centre assured of improved internally generated revenue (IGR) as it coincided with the conversation of the university to a conventional one.

Tukur enjoined other institutions to patronize the centre as it has capacity of producing large volume of books per day.

Ten staff has been trained to man the machines as agreement for the maintenance has been signed with the contractor.

## Nasarawa Speaker Installs 150 Solar-powered Streetlights In Umaisha

BY DANJUMA JOSEPH, Lafia

The speaker, Nasarawa State House of Assembly, Hon Ibrahim Balarabe Abdullahi, has commenced the installation of solar streetlights in his constituency.

So far, 150 streetlights worth N8million have been installed in Umaisha ward in the first phase of the project.

Balarabe Abdullahi (APC, Umaisha/ Ugya) while inspecting the solar streetlights installed in Umaisha yesterday urged his constituents to continue to give him the maximum support in order to enjoy more dividends of

democracy.

According to the speaker, the project will be in phases and will cut across all the six electoral wards of his constituency namely Umaisha, Katapha, Shege, Keyenhu, Dausu and Ugya respectively.

"The entire project is expected to be completed between the first and second quarters of this year by God's grace across all the six electoral wards.

"You are aware of what I have done in the areas of education, health, agriculture, youths and women empowerment as well as transportation among others

toward touching on your lives positively.

"I want to re-assure you of more dividends of democracy as I will continue to represent you well by providing sound and quality representation at the state legislature.

"I will continue to key into good policies and programmes that will improve on your standard of living, bring development to our constituency, Toto LGA and the state at large," he said.

Balarabe Abdullahi urged his constituents to support Gov. Abdullahi Sule and other leaders at all levels to succeed.

## PMB Working Hard To Fulfill All His Campaign Promises – Onu

BY NNAMDI MBAWIKE, Enugu

Minister of Science and Technology, Dr Ogbonnaya Onu has assured Nigerians that President Muhammadu Buhari is working hard to ensure that all the campaign promises he

made are accomplished.

He gave the assurance after re-validating his membership of the All Progressives Congress (APC) alongside his wife at 003 Obiozara ward 1 in Ohozara local government area of Ebonyi State.

The minister said it was high time Nigerians started believing in their leaders especially when the government in power is fulfilling its promises.

He also advised young people in the country to use the

ongoing membership registration and revalidation exercise of All Progressives Congress (APC) to join the party.

"I want to use this opportunity to call on young people in Nigeria to join APC.

## 2023: Late Modibbo's Political Structure Collapses Into Adamawa APC

BY HUSSAINI HAMMANGABDO, Yola

Few weeks after it received high level defectors including the collapse of ADC structure into its fold, Adamawa State chapter of the All Progressives Congress (APC) has recorded another mileage with the return of thousands of the late Ahmed Modibbo's loyalists to the party.

Late Adamu Modibbo who died late last year has been a stalwart of different political parties on whose crest he took a shot at the plum office in the state.

In order to chart a new political direction following the demise of the political icon, his supporters across party lines including ADC and PDP in their thousands dumped their respective parties and joined the APC.

The spokesperson of the group, Mrs Bless Osagie stated that the late politician has variously attempted to govern Adamawa State on the platform of the ANPP, PDP, and Labour Party amongst others.

She added that such valiant moves to rule the state on different platforms have made the politician very popular to the extent of becoming a household name in the state and beyond.

## We're Uniting Nigerians For National Development – NOA

BY ERNEST NZOR, Abuja

Director-general of National Orientation Agency (NOA) Dr Garba Abari has said that the agency is uniting Nigerians for national development through its programmes and activities.

Abari stated this during the closing ceremony and awards of six-month online campaign with the theme "#4ABetterNigeria" yesterday in Abuja. He said the programme engaged youths to promote peace, love and national unity.

He said the campaign has encouraged young Nigerians to make and submit videos of themselves in patriotic talks about Nigeria.

He noted that the aim is to get young Nigerians involved in promoting the ideals of unity and national heritage from within their communities, state and local government.

NOA boss said, "Why NOA decided to initiate such a programme is to extend the conversation around sense of patriotism, national unity and love for one another."

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## How Far Can NCFront Go?

Can a new political movement cause an upset ahead of 2023, **ERNEST NZOR** interrogates the issues



Na'Abba



Utomi

In Nigeria, prospects of a new political intervention offer some sort of hope especially when the rating of established platforms seem to have dropped.

Although such scenario paved way for the emergence of the viable opposition platform, All Progressives Congress (APC), back in 2013 which soon became the governing party, whether another platform can rise out of the seeming discontent with the political status quo is another matter, pundits aver.

As it stands, the National Consultative Front (NCFront) is seeking to fill a void in the political space.

The NCF is offering an alternative ideological platform for achieving the much desired new Nigeria that works for all similar to the feat attained in turning around the fortunes of countries like Singapore, South Korea, China, Brazil and the United Arab Emirates.

For conveners and promoters of the NCFront, they believe that with the right men and women at the helms of affairs of a new constitutional system, Nigeria will rise again.

As such they have been offering alternative views in a political space dominated by a battle over

who controls narratives on security, economy, corruption, concept of restructuring and ethnic tensions.

Just last week, they made one of such interventions. Addressing a press conference during a zoom meeting hosted by the National Consultative Front (NCFront), the former deputy governor of CBN and presidential aspirant, Prof Kingsley Moghalu, said that Nigeria needs a new constitution that backs true federalism. It would be difficult to solve the nation's economic woes without solving the root causes.

He further said that if the government can't protect the citizens then it can't fault them if they protect themselves.

According to renowned political economist, Prof Pat Utomi, said "Nigeria was becoming a challenging place for investors due to heightened insecurity, as leaders of conscience, they have a duty to seek a better

country for their children.

"Every loophole causing chaos and problems in the country must be corrected. If you dream of a new Nigeria, we can make it happen. The time is now for us to say enough is enough," he added.

Also speaking, the director, publicity and advocacy of the Northern Elders Forum, Dr Hakeem Baba-Ahmed, said that both Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and All Progressives Congress (APC) are less than two per cent of Nigerians, hence the country deserves leaders of conscience who put national development first, and Nigerians have not be given the opportunity to elect leaders.

He said what the NCFront is doing is to achieve a grassroots political movement for the betterment of the nation.

However, the position of NCFront was detailed in a communique jointly signed by Prof Utomi; former Speaker of the

House of Representatives, Hon Ghali Umar Na'Abba; Hakeem Baba-Ahmed, Dr Mailafia, Dr Olisa Agbakoba (SAN), and Prof. Moghalu, Prof Mrs Remi Sonaiya, Comrade Issa Aremu, Prof Chidi Odinkalu, Chief Precious Elekima, Arch Ezekiel Nya-Etok, Dr Tanko Yunusa and HC Peter Ameh.

They said, "Given this worrisome situation of our dear country and the fear that things may get out of hand, if this situation is allowed to continue, a group of us, Citizens of Conscience and a Consortium of Organizations, from across the length and breadth of Nigeria have resolved to initiate and drive a national redemption movement to rescue and save Nigeria from an impending anarchy and to direct the country's endowments towards erecting a truly prosperous and harmonious Nation that can deliver good governance and prosperity

to her citizens, while also providing an exemplary leadership in Africa to take the black race out of her longstanding misery and poverty.

"Nothing more directly raises the imperative for initiating our new Group, the National Consultative Front, NCFront to resetting Nigeria than the shameful mishandling of the recent peaceful protests of the #EndSars Movement of the Nigerian Youths against State brutality in the country as well as the helplessness and incapacitation currently being demonstrated by Governments and the Nigerian State over the crisis and tension foisted by clashes between farmers and herders in the country, thereby compelling private individuals to resort to self-help.

"These among other indices of misgovernance have exposed the deep seated trust deficit between

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those who govern the country and the governed and with such level of distrust, governing the country is clearly going to be suboptimal with serious effects on the legitimacy of the State to exercise authority over the people and this may shrink to the point that our social circumstances can degenerate (God forbid) to the level of Somalia or Liberia of two decades ago or to the extent of a disastrous economic decline, similar to the current situation of the oil-rich Venezuela, which is today in extreme distress.

“The new Nigeria we seek to create will reject a style of politics that divide us as a people for the sinister purpose of capturing the state and using our common patrimony and public resources for self aggrandizement. Our dream is a stable, secured and prosperous Nigeria that works for all with due respect to fairness, equity, justice and dignity of the human life.

“This aspiration and more were addressed with candour on October 1, 2020, when the NCF hosted a national reconciliation and healing summit on the future of Nigeria, a national confab graced by the attendance of celebrated elders of the Country like Alhaji Ahmed Joda, Chief Mbazulike Amaechi, Chief Ayo Adebajo, Cardinal Onyekan, Obong Victor Attah, Dr. Hakeem Baba Ahmed, the Widows of the Late Zik and Mallam Adamu Ciroma, Madam Uche Azikwe and Hajia Inna Maryam Ciroma, Hajia Najatu Mohammed among other eminent Nigerians including traditional rulers. Their bemoaning of the legitimacy of the extant order of the country reinforced the urgency of the need to save Nigeria with concrete collective action beyond words,” the communique noted.

They also decried the high cost of governance, weak institutions, corruption, marginalisation, monumental loss of faith in the state as well as trust in government,

a phenomenon they said leads to failure to cooperate with policy ideas and Nigeria’s decline into a criminal enterprise, failed state and poverty capital of the world.

They also rejected what they described as a style of politics that divides the people for the sinister purpose of capturing the state and using its common patrimony and public resources for self-aggrandisement.

On political party reform, they said, “This committee shall undertake the tasks of reviewing the problems of internal party democracy as well as the purpose, ideology and modus vivendi for political parties in Nigeria, as these subjects are critical to the current stifling of the emergence of quality political leadership in the country.

“In this regard, the NCFront is committed to production-oriented and value driven form of government based on compassion for the socially disadvantaged but directing efforts towards equalization of opportunity and bringing the majority into a people’s capitalism of SME owners, as NCF has committed itself into forging a coalition between the rural farmers, NEPU-type of artisans, the administrative class, and the center-left intellectuals.”

According to them, “we believe this is the coalition that will bring productivity, prosperity and social harmony to Nigeria. NCF therefore aspires to becoming a Movement of the centre-left progressives with conservative values built around the dignity of the human person, liberty, human solidarity and the principle of subsidiarity. An ideology proceeding therefrom will shape our new movement manifesto and political culture in Nigeria going forward.”

However just as they seek to define their space, former governor of Imo State, Rochas Okorochoa, has started his own political movement, calling out to aggrieved members within APC and PDP to join his fold.



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He called for a new political alliance ahead of the 2023 general elections to rescue the country.

But when asked by LEADERSHIP if NCFront is willing to work with Okorochoa’s movement, Yunusa, said “We have not been approached by Rochas Okorochoa- led political movement or groups.”

He added “But the NCF is reaching out to different groups and political parties for possible allainaces and other collaboration.

“Any political party or movement that believes in the ideology and program of action of the NCFRONT is welcome to join us.

“We are interested in rescuing Nigeria from shackles of poverty and misrule. We are presenting people of impeccable character and good track record .

“The people must decide between the old wine that have not serve them well and a brand new one that gives them hope of certification,” he said.

However, pioneer national chairman of the defunct Congress for Progressive Change (CPC) Senator Rufai Hanga, said believes that a new political platform cannot win in 2023.

While he admitted that members of the ruling APC might be disgruntled and leave to join new platforms it won’t guarantee that such platform outside APC and PDP will emerge winner in 2023.

“The party (APC) is disintegrating but unfortunately those who will break away from those parties cannot make any impact because they can never come together to form a party like APC, nobody will take it. Moreover, who are the disgruntled people in PDP and how many are they? PDP is strong, they would have won the presidency in the last election but they are not in power and they had no incumbency so they were muscled out that is the fact. You might not have a lot of breakaways from PDP but you will have many from APC. And I assure

you that most breakaways will go to PDP.

Speaking in an interview with LEADERSHIP on the plan to mega political movement in Nigeria, chairman of the Social Democratic Party (SDP) in Delta State, Amb Oke Idawene said while the new political movement is peopled by know names, they cannot achieve the task they have set out to achieve because they are part of the system.

“On behalf of young Nigerians from age 50 to 18 years request they apologize for past errors because their generation has failed. Amongst the 18 registered political parties, they should identify with one with a good manifesto to get credible people for election. We can’t remain like this.

“What Nigeria needs now is the way forward, we need leaders to repent, put the nation first to make sacrifices. We ensure that credible people are elected to lead, we say no to new movements or parties. Identify with the existing ones or sell the lofty ideas you claim to have let’s move ahead. Enough of divisive comments and suggestions cum tendencies,” he said.

He call on the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to put stringent rules and regulations for party registration, also we call them to join the SDP to take Nigeria to Greater heights, adding that Nigeria already have enough parties in the polity and Nigeria must be restructured.

The task ahead for the movement may be daunting but there is no denying their capacity and experience to turn the tide provided they can get the buy in of Nigerians across divides. They might not have a large war chest or persons who already occupying strategic political offices as was the case during the APC merger, but pundits aver that they might get sympathy of Nigerians if their narrative strike the right chord.

“Just as they seek to define their space, former governor of Imo State, Rochas Okorochoa, has started his own political movement.



## In Focus

### Bogoro Restates Need For Knowledge-based Economy In Nigeria

Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Prof Suleiman Elias Bogoro has advocated the need for Nigeria to move away from a resource to knowledge-based economy.

Bogoro stated this while delivering a convocation lecture titled Forging Partnerships in the Triple Helix Model and the Drive for the Institutionalization of Nigeria's Knowledge Economy at the 9th Convocation Ceremony of Veritas University, Abuja, recently.

He said despite Nigeria's place as Africa's leading economy with a Gross Domestic Product (GDP) projected to grow between 1.7 and 2.0 per cent in 2021, the GDP would be of no effect if it did not translate into solving the problems of its citizens.

According to him, the country must engage in problem-solving research and build a knowledge-based economy to ensure global competitiveness.

"The obvious reality is that nations across the world are closing borders due to the Covid-19 pandemic with underlining economic reasons.



**Bogoro**

We must fix Nigeria by adding value to our natural resources for global competitiveness and sustainable knowledge economy," he said.

Bogoro further expressed worry that since after independence, Nigerian universities have been emphasizing teaching at the

expense of research. He added that most of the research carried out in universities was for the purpose of acquiring degrees and not solving the nation's socio-economic problems.

According to him, part of the problem is because there has not been adequate

commitment of funds into Research and Development in the country and that partly accounts for the failure of research in the country.

Adding, he said despite the periodic increase of TETFund's National Research Fund (NRF) grant from N5 billion to N8.5 billion in 2021, the funds were

still grossly inadequate.

He noted the Fund has been making a case for the establishment of a National Research and Development Foundation in the country, which when operational, would source for over \$2 billion as seed money to be injected into research in the country.

Also speaking at the event, the Chancellor of the university, Rev. Dr. Ignatius Kaigama stressed the quality education offered by the university and expressed commitment that the institution would continue to train students and equip them to develop self-confidence and become employers of labour.

In his convocation address, the Vice-Chancellor of the university, Prof. Hyacinth Ichoku said over the years, the institution has laboured to equip the students morally and academically to prepare them for the future.

He added that despite the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, the university utilized ICT to keep pace with its academic calendar during the lockdown and in keeping with Covid-19 protocols.

### TETFund's Positive Strides Gaining Recognition – Bogoro

Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Prof Suleiman Elias Bogoro has disclosed that the positive strides being recorded by the Fund are gaining the recognition of top stakeholders in the country, including President Muhammadu Buhari, minister of education, Malam Adamu Adamu and other top cabinet officials.

Bogoro made the disclosure at the 2020 TETFund Management Retreat held in Abuja recently.

He said the Fund has continued to receive commendations from several quarters on its contributions to the developmental efforts of the country and TETFund staff should be proud of their performance.

While commending the staff for the good reputation earned for TETFund, he



**Stakeholders at the TETFund management retreat**

admonished them to strive towards its sustenance. He assured that Management would continue to provide a conducive working environment for them but would not hesitate to apply sanctions where there is need.

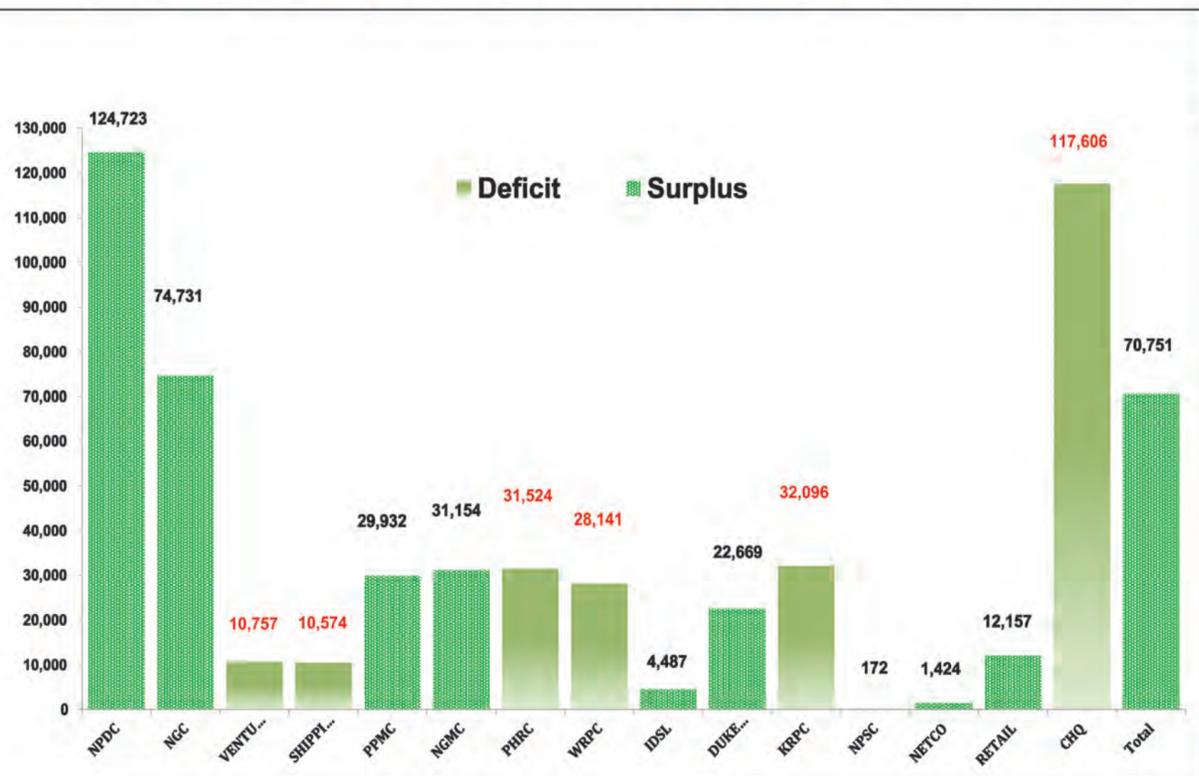
Speaking on the Fund's Zonal Offices which were reopened recently, the Executive Secretary stated that the offices would serve as interface between beneficiary institutions across the six geo-political zones and the Head Office in Abuja to ensure ease of operations.

The TETFund boss added that the decision to send some Directors and Deputy Directors sometime back to take charge of affairs at the zonal offices was to enable them use their wealth of experience to nurture the offices for full take-off before handing over to zonal coordinators.

# NNPC MONTHLY OIL & GAS REPORT: NOVEMBER, 2020

## NNPC Group Financial Performance by Entity

SBU/CSU	MONTHLY BUDGET (=N= MILLION)			OCTOBER, 2020 (=N= MILLION)			NOVEMBER, 2020 (=N= MILLION)			2020 BUDGET (=N= MILLION)			2020 ACTUAL (=N= MILLION)		
	Revenue	Expense	Surplus/(Deficit)	Revenue	Expense	Surplus/(Deficit)	Revenue	Expense	Surplus/(Deficit)	Revenue	Expense	Surplus/(Deficit)	Revenue	Expense	Surplus/(Deficit)
	NPDC	187,866	96,814	91,052	80,904	68,723	12,182	70,271	62,751	7,519	2,066,524	1,064,954	1,001,570	775,781	651,058
IDSL	3,455	2,310	1,145	2,423	1,067	1,357	2,835	1,221	1,614	38,010	25,415	12,596	18,306	13,819	4,487
NETCO	3,434	2,995	440	1,533	1,359	174	1,435	922	513	37,779	32,940	4,839	17,016	15,592	1,424
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>194,756</b>	<b>102,119</b>	<b>92,637</b>	<b>84,861</b>	<b>71,149</b>	<b>13,712</b>	<b>74,541</b>	<b>64,895</b>	<b>9,646</b>	<b>2,142,313</b>	<b>1,123,309</b>	<b>1,019,005</b>	<b>811,103</b>	<b>680,469</b>	<b>130,634</b>
NGC	11,016	1,947	9,070	10,234	7,202	3,031	10,583	1,470	9,113	121,181	21,414	99,766	96,611	21,880	74,731
NGMC	21,919	16,166	5,753	19,451	16,644	2,807	19,428	16,584	2,844	241,106	177,826	63,280	193,004	161,851	31,154
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>32,935</b>	<b>18,113</b>	<b>14,822</b>	<b>29,685</b>	<b>23,846</b>	<b>5,839</b>	<b>30,011</b>	<b>18,054</b>	<b>11,957</b>	<b>362,287</b>	<b>199,240</b>	<b>163,047</b>	<b>289,616</b>	<b>183,731</b>	<b>105,885</b>
KRPC	9	2,008	(1,999)	477	1,982	(1,505)	419	1,887	(1,468)	101	22,086	(21,985)	7,593	39,689	(32,096)
PHRC	13	2,515	(2,503)	1	2,029	(2,028)	8	2,102	(2,094)	138	27,666	(27,528)	72	31,596	(31,524)
WRPC	77	1,628	(1,551)	37	1,993	(1,956)	38	2,472	(2,433)	849	17,911	(17,063)	369	28,509	(28,141)
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>6,151</b>	<b>(6,052)</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>6,004</b>	<b>(5,490)</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>6,460</b>	<b>(5,995)</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>67,664</b>	<b>(66,576)</b>	<b>8,034</b>	<b>99,794</b>	<b>(91,760)</b>
RETAIL	29,064	27,709	1,355	17,991	16,568	1,423	22,146	20,706	1,438	319,706	304,799	14,907	170,260	158,103	12,157
PPMC	279,313	275,120	4,193	157,698	154,879	2,819	222,860	221,817	1,043	3,072,439	3,026,315	46,124	1,560,424	1,530,492	29,932
NPSC	5,559	5,596	(37)	6,931	6,456	475	3,530	3,422	108	61,146	61,556	(410)	49,139	48,967	172
SHIPPING	10,165	9,858	307	12,617	12,883	(266)	10,750	11,257	(507)	111,818	108,439	3,379	120,367	130,941	(10,574)
DUKE OIL	73,094	72,467	627	112,634	110,043	2,591	58,712	54,001	4,711	804,039	797,141	6,898	1,055,050	1,032,381	22,669
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>397,195</b>	<b>390,750</b>	<b>6,445</b>	<b>307,871</b>	<b>300,828</b>	<b>7,043</b>	<b>317,998</b>	<b>311,205</b>	<b>6,793</b>	<b>4,369,148</b>	<b>4,298,250</b>	<b>70,898</b>	<b>2,955,239</b>	<b>2,900,883</b>	<b>54,356</b>
CHQ	823	19,713	(18,890)	185	11,506	(11,321)	68	7,065	(6,996)	9,055	216,844	(207,789)	642	118,249	(117,606)
VENTURES	587	3,073	(2,486)	53	1,128	(1,075)	0	1,974	(1,974)	6,454	33,805	(27,351)	443	11,200	(10,757)
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>1,410</b>	<b>22,786</b>	<b>(21,376)</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>12,634</b>	<b>(12,396)</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>9,039</b>	<b>(8,970)</b>	<b>15,509</b>	<b>250,649</b>	<b>(235,140)</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>129,449</b>	<b>(128,363)</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>626,395</b>	<b>539,919</b>	<b>86,476</b>	<b>423,169</b>	<b>414,461</b>	<b>8,709</b>	<b>423,083</b>	<b>409,653</b>	<b>13,430</b>	<b>6,890,344</b>	<b>5,939,111</b>	<b>951,233</b>	<b>4,065,076</b>	<b>3,994,326</b>	<b>70,751</b>



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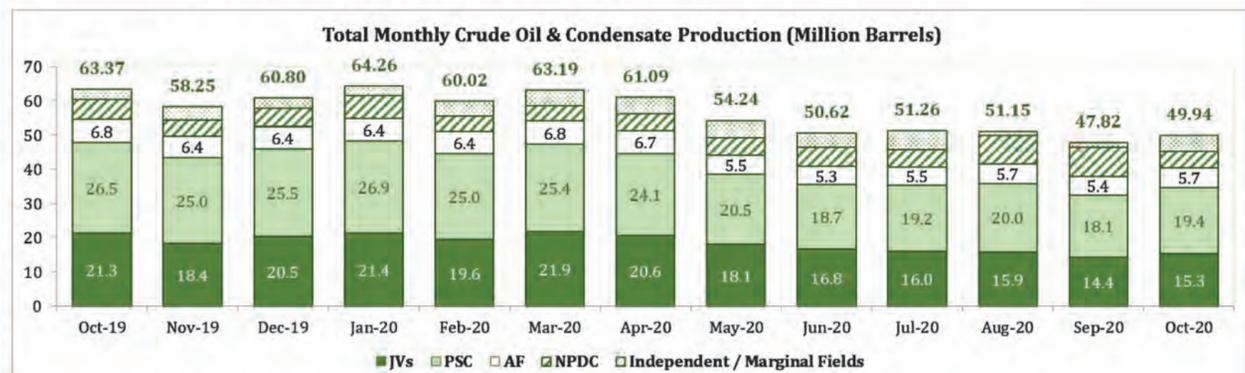
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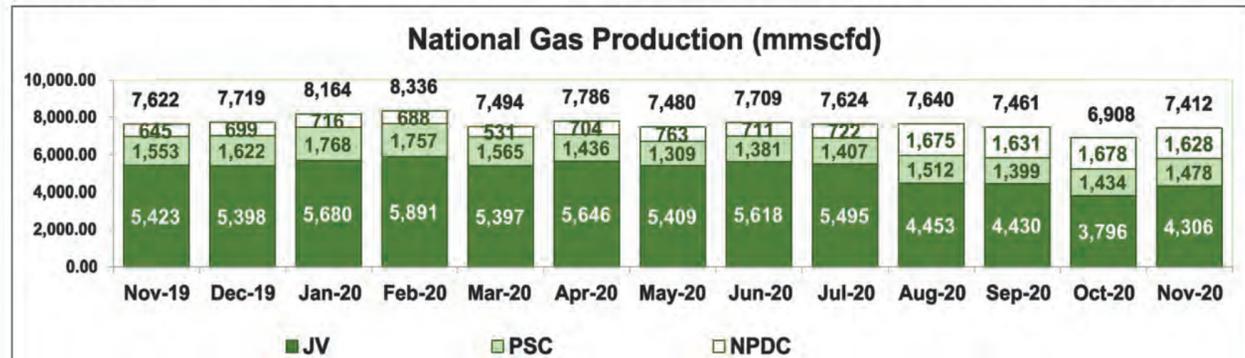
## National Crude Oil & Condensate Production (Fiscalised) by Business Arrangement

Month	JVs	PSC	AF	NPDC	Independent / Marginal Fields	Total	Average Daily Production
	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels
Oct-19	21,266,847	26,519,528	6,761,513	5,878,606	2,947,843	63,374,338	2,044,333
Nov-19	18,402,011	24,970,450	6,387,164	4,638,276	3,851,588	58,249,489	1,941,650
Dec-19	20,501,440	25,507,750	6,420,300	5,509,484	2,863,809	60,802,783	1,961,380
Jan-20	21,407,353	26,943,371	6,388,285	6,827,648	2,693,737	64,260,394	2,072,916
Feb-20	19,563,126	24,994,553	6,445,960	4,512,437	4,504,573	60,020,649	2,069,678
Mar-20	21,901,436	25,404,808	6,765,485	4,594,710	4,523,944	63,190,383	2,038,399
Apr-20	20,575,026	24,091,959	6,681,456	4,957,641	4,780,105	61,086,187	2,036,206
May-20	18,106,980	20,513,448	5,526,253	5,093,266	5,003,806	54,243,753	1,749,798
Jun-20	16,805,111	18,688,133	5,336,469	5,728,836	4,063,552	50,622,101	1,687,403
Jul-20	16,020,162	19,207,680	5,536,653	4,914,838	5,576,863	51,256,196	1,653,426
Aug-20	15,891,021	19,994,146	5,733,972	8,231,966	1,295,659	51,146,764	1,649,896
Sep-20	14,378,542	18,140,639	5,418,210	8,546,145	1,336,629	47,820,165	1,594,006
Oct-20	15,348,392	19,362,368	5,701,588	4,960,669	4,571,663	49,944,680	1,611,119
<b>PTD</b>	<b>240,167,447</b>	<b>294,338,832</b>	<b>79,103,308</b>	<b>74,394,523</b>	<b>48,013,771</b>	<b>736,017,881</b>	<b>1,853,949</b>

Note: October '20 Crude Production comprises Crude only of 38,442,934 barrels (1.30 mbd), Pure Condensate of 7,004,682 barrels & Spiked Condensate of 2,547,108 barrels.



PERIOD	JV	PSC	NPDC	TOTAL
	mmscfd	mmscfd	mmscfd	mmscfd
Nov-19	5,423.06	1,553.27	645.35	7,621.68
Dec-19	5,397.90	1,621.80	699.29	7,718.99
Jan-20	5,680.18	1,768.26	715.79	8,164.23
Feb-20	5,890.92	1,756.60	688.40	8,335.92
Mar-20	5,397.33	1,564.98	531.34	7,493.65
Apr-20	5,645.78	1,436.08	704.31	7,786.17
May-20	5,408.88	1,308.79	762.70	7,480.36
Jun-20	5,617.82	1,380.62	710.94	7,709.38
Jul-20	5,495.21	1,406.78	721.99	7,623.98
Aug-20	4,452.90	1,511.63	1,675.46	7,639.99
Sep-20	4,430.20	1,399.11	1,631.49	7,460.80
Oct-20	3,796.28	1,434.45	1,677.61	6,908.34
Nov-20	4,305.54	1,477.98	1,628.00	7,411.52
<b>Average</b>	<b>5,149.38</b>	<b>1,509.26</b>	<b>984.05</b>	<b>7,642.69</b>



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# NITDA's Corner

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## Economic Diversification, Pivotal In Prosperity Creation – DG NITDA

Director-general of the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), Mallam Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi, has said economic diversification is not basically just to alleviate poverty but also to create prosperity by designing a high value market chain for local production.

He said this when he received delegates from the Federal University of Technology (FUT), Minna, led by its vice chancellor, Prof Abdullahi Bala, at the National Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics (NCAIR) established by NITDA, in Abuja.

Abdullahi explained technological ecosystem comprises of the Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (SME's) which grow lineally and the Innovative Driven Enterprises (IDE's) which grow exponentially and have a broader market, adding innovation is the best mechanism in creating prosperity.

He pointed out that most of the developed and wealthy nations do not depend on their natural resources but on creative innovations.

Abdullahi expressed delight at the university's intention in seeking more collaboration, a synergy which he described as strategic in sustaining a digital economy, prepare the students for the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR), and boost industrialization as a whole to move the country forward.

He said the creation of an ICT



Abdullahi

hub for universities in all the geopolitical zones which included the FUT, Minna, was in line with the NCAIR's mandate of collaborating with universities in empowering youths.

"Graduates are unemployable these days because all they know is theory and will always need additional training upon employment but exposing them to these technology advancements will broaden their knowledge and give them the opportunity to

conceptualize their ideas," he said.

The NITDA boss stated that minimal capital is needed to be a part of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, saying that is the purpose of Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Centre, to devise ways in which fundamental technology can be used to solve problems and create prosperity.

Earlier in his speech, Bala said the purpose of the visit was to thank the agency for its intervention through the creation

of IT hub in the university which has been built and commissioned for use, and also to leverage on the cordial relationship between the agency and the university in exploring more collaborative opportunities for productive interactions in research, innovation and development in emerging technologies.

The don assured the DG the university has scaled up its capacity to further collaborate and complement the efforts of NITDA

by creating an International Centre for Emerging Technology, an initiative which he believes, in collaboration with the NCAIR will focus on areas of artificial intelligence, robotics, capacity building, research and development.

Bala said that the university has all it takes to train NITDA scholars in post graduate studies and urged them to come occasionally as visiting lecturers to interact with their students.

## 'Digital Ecosystem Will Create Value, Wealth, Prosperity For Nigeria'

Director-general of the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), Mallam Kasifu Inuwa Abdullahi, has said the ecosystem is a sure way in creating value, wealth and prosperity, especially as Nigeria is on its course to become one of the leading digital economies in the world.

Abdullahi made this known during the unveiling ceremony of the first Nigerian assembled Hyundai KONA Electric Vehicle launched by National Automotive Design and Development Council (NADDCC) in Abuja.

He averred creating ecosystem is the only way to easily get value that will enable growth, wealth and prosperity.

The NITDA boss affirmed that with the introduction of electric

vehicles in the country, the nation is definitely advancing towards a vibrant economy, even as he attributed the economic success of South Korea, which was not as developed as Nigeria 20 years ago, to advancement in innovative technology.

Abdullahi agreed with the minister of works and housing, Mr Babatunde Raji Fashola (SAN), who spoke earlier at the event, that innovation is a rebirth of the reassembling of cars in Nigeria, adding Nigeria should advance in the participation of building parts and not only in the assemblage of the automobile.

He stated NITDA is working with start-ups, and young Nigerian entrepreneurs to develop ground breaking ideas on automobile, using Internet of

Things (IOT), renewable energy and others.

"This is an opportunity to work together to challenge our start-ups" he added, even as he expressed passionate excitement about the launching of the electric automobile.

Abdullahi explained NITDA is driven towards innovation and technology advancement, affirming the agency is committed to implementing the National Digital Economic Policy and Strategy (NDEPS) for a digital Nigeria.

"Our mandate is to create a framework for the planning, research, development, standardization, application, coordination, monitoring, evaluation, and regulation of Information Technology (IT)

practices in Nigeria," he said.

The NITDA helmsman reiterated the recent ground breaking of National Digital Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre (NDIEC) established by NITDA is in line with federal government's policy and its commitment to lift 100 million Nigerians out of poverty in the next 10 years as promised by Mr president.

"The NDIE Centre is intended to provide facilities that would encourage inquisitive perspectives and create opportunities for entrepreneurs to transform their skills to productivity. In addition, the centre will provide the opportunity for start-ups to accelerate their innovations through design thinking sessions and co-innovation workshops,"

he added.

Abdullahi also ascertained that the Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy, under the auspicious leadership of Dr Isa Ali Ibrahim Pantami, is taking enormous strides in promoting the President Muhammadu Buhari's Digital Agenda by ensuring IT becomes a relevant tool in the nation's development.

He applauded the NADDCC director-general, Jelani Aliyu, and their partners, Stallion Group, for their innovation and contribution to the technological advancement of Nigeria.

He informed the NADDCC and the Stallion Group that Nigerians have been very eager to use the Hyundai's KONA since its first launch in Lagos on November 13, 2020.

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INFLATION RATE (%)	2019	2020
JULY	11.08	12.82
AUGUST	11.02	13.22
SEPT	11.24	13.71

INTER BANK LENDING RATE(AS AT FEBRUARY 5)	RATE	CHANGE (%)
O/N	13.5000	3.50
1M	1.2552	0.00
3M	1.1903	-0.02
6M	1.7529	0.00

## Stakeholders Task Govt On Long-term Economic Plan

BY OLUSHOLA BELLO, Lagos

Stakeholders in capital market have called on the federal government to build its long-term plan around the capital market to ensure faster and sustained growth and development.

The experts, who spoke at the yearly economic review of the Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers (CIS), were unanimous that the outlook for the economy remained positive but efforts must be made to address identified loopholes and weak points to achieve optimal economic performance.

In the webinar entitled, 'The Nigerian economic review for 2020 and outlook for 2021 with recommendations', the CIS identified major factors that would propel the country's growth despite the negative impacts of COVID-19 on businesses globally.

Presenting the institute's position paper, chairman, research and technical committee, CIS, Mr Akeem Oyewale said the capital market has the potential to catalyse the nation's development with right policies and patronage.

According to him, besides the impressive equity index performance, which led global returns with 50.03 per cent last year, the massive 446 per cent over-subscription of the federal government's third Sukuk bond, issued to construct and rehabilitate 44 major roads across the country, has further confirmed the strong absorptive capacity of the capital market.



L-R: Kaduna State governor Nasiru el-Rufai receiving document from director Trade, Federal Ministry of Industry Trade and Investment, Aliyu Abubakar, while the senior special assistant to the president on public sector matters, Mr Francis Anatogu, watches during their courtesy visit to Sir Kashim Ibrahim House in Kaduna, recently

## FG Okays N26.7bn Contracts In Communication, Water, Information Ministries

BY JONATHAN NDA-ISAIAH

The federal government has approved contracts worth over N26.7 billion for projects under the ministries of Information and Culture; Communication and Digital Economy, and Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development.

The contacts were approved during the federal executive council meeting presided over by President Muhammadu Buhari at the Presidential Villa.

The government also approved a new National Policy on Aging.

The minister of water resources,

Suleiman Adamu, said council also approved N8.43 billion for the implementation of Damaturu water supply scheme.

Adamu said the contract for Lot A was awarded to Mallam Matari and Service Center Water Supply Project. Lot B is the construction of Water Supply at Nufakalam and Lot C Water Supply scheme at Sunsuma.

"They are all ground water or bore-hole projects spread over wide distance because they are covering three major cities. They will be mostly solar based and also it's in response to the critical needs of these localities in Yobe State."

Suliaman said the localities were affected by the activities of insurgents eight years ago, adding that the area is a high Sahel region where surface water is difficult to come by.

"We hope that with this intervention, the water supply within this area will be greatly enhanced. The completion period is 24 months."

His Communication and Digital Economy counterpart, Isa Pantami, disclosed that the council approved about N8.9 billion for a new National Information Communication and Technology (ICT) park in the FCT to coordinate public and private ICT hubs in the country.

## FG, Labour To Meet Over Fuel Price, Electricity Tariff

BY ANDREW OJIEZEL, Lagos

Federal government and the organised labour are set to meet to discuss Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) price modulation and electricity tariff in the country.

The meeting, which should have held, but was postponed till February 22 2021, will examine the report by the technical committee set up on PMS pricing framework.

Minister of labour and employment Senator Chris Ngige while speaking during the recent submission of the report by the technical committee, stated that the committee was set up with a mandate to come up with a viable framework for PMS price modulation and electricity tariff.

He said the committee was mandated to examine the two policies respectively in relation to the demands of the organised labour unions.

The February 22nd meeting is a continuation of the series of meetings held in 2020 in a bid to persuade labour unions not to embark on industrial action over the increase in the price of petrol and electricity.

The minister said that the adjournment was to enable the representatives of organised labour subject the report to the analysis of their various organs.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*The wisdom behind the ICT Park is for it to be a center where youths with crazy and disruptive ideas will be mentored*  
Minister of communication and digital economy, Dr Isa Pantami



Pantami

## Senate Confirms Ahmed Kurus AMCON MD For 2nd Term

BY BODE GBADEBO, Abuja

The Senate yesterday confirmed the nominations of Mr Ahmed Lawan Kuru and Bello Hassan as managing directors of the Asset Management Corporation of Nigerian (AMCON) and Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) respectively.

The confirmation of both nominees followed consideration of two separate reports of the Senate Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions on their nominations.

Also confirmed are Ebelechukwu F. Uneze and Aminu Ismail as executive directors of AMCON; and Muhammad Ibrahim as executive director of NDIC.

Chairman of the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions, Senator Uba Sani (APC – Kaduna Central), in his presentation, said since Mr Kuru was confirmed as the managing director of the Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria in 2015, adding that, "the Corporation saw tremendous and tangible transforma-

tion and performance in effectively discharging its mandate during his first tenure through the introduction of new policies and frameworks."

"Strategically under his leadership, AMCON partnered with investors and operators for value-enhanced exit of its portfolio companies as well as the introduction and implementation of the Asset Management Partners (AMP) scheme to assist with the resolution of small loans which in turn created over 3000 jobs both directly and indirectly.

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# NPPM/NSC: Plugging Vulnerabilities In Ports System



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BY FRANCIS UGWOKÉ

At such a time of dwindling oil fortunes and resultant effect on the economy, the nation's maritime industry is considered as key in filling some gaps. This is even more so with the sector being adjudged as next to oil in contribution to the economy.

In the past few years, the sector has been generating at least about N3trillion each year. And this is formally. Informally, the sector could be raking over N4trillion every year or more. This is if all the fraudulent practices in terms of under-declarations or under-invoicing and outright concealment being perpetrated by importers, customs agents and shipping agents are addressed. Capacity of the law enforcement agents to address issues of smuggling will also lead to increase in revenue generation from the sector. The current scenario is that what is lost by the government goes to private pockets of individual personnel working with agencies of the state. Last year, the Customs posted a revenue generation of N1.5trillion. This was despite all the economic difficulties suffered worldwide as a result of the ravages of coronavirus pandemic.

Observers argue that the Customs could rake more revenue than it has done over the years if all the loopholes to fraudulent practices in the system are plugged. On the other hand, there is the strong belief that if the potentials in the industry are developed, the sector could be raising as much as more than half of the nation's annual budget.

## Dirty deals at ports

The nation's ports are haven to trade malpractices. What has been at stake is the national economy that is being shortchanged on daily basis for the past decades. Everyone appears out to work out his/her own way of benefitting from what is seen as national cake. At some point in the past, some importers were even evading payment of duties and were allegedly 'flying containers'. Now that era appears to be gone, but other forms of trade malpractices have remained in the system. The ugly scenario benefits the importers, their customs agents/freight forwarders and most importantly the key elements among the agencies of government, particularly some unscrupulous Customs personnel.

The importer underpays, conceals or under-declares and settles it out with those who are supposed to check him. Incidentally, settling with the customs and others at the ports has never been enough to save such importers as they are again confronted some meters away from the ports gate and along the highways where their goods are intercepted over what the resident officers at the ports had ignored for obvious reasons. Like the resident customs officers, this set of operatives engage in another round of extortion which is capped with a demand notice (DN) to fulfill all righteousness as the reason for the interception.

## Other issues at ports

Beyond the above scenario, the nation's ports industry is suffering a lot of other issues. The multinational shipping agents and indeed the terminal operators are not left alone. The shipping lines and their agents are engaged in under-declaration of gross registered tonnage (GRT) of vessels in a bid to pay less duties. The nation loses so much revenue as a result. Clearing in the nation's ports is usually a herculean task because most times some processes are done physically instead of online. Even as the importer pays his duties online and carries out other processes online, he is still confronted with queries that will force him to appear physically before the government personnel. He has to respond to several alerts, some of which are designed purposefully to extort him. There are some of the alerts he expects knowing fully he may have been involved in some trade malpractices listed above. Yet there are many that are simply frivolous and deliberately to extort him. The importers and their agents also suffer congestion and other bureaucratic bottlenecks in the system which affect easy clearance of goods. Some could be infrastructure related, including the Lagos ports gridlock that has slowed down movement of goods.

## Achieving ports efficiency

Apparently worried about the situation in the ports and its negative impact on trade facilitation, the federal government in the middle of December 2020 appointed the Nigerian Shippers Council (NSC) as lead agency for the implementation of the Nigerian Ports Process Manual (NPPM). The appointment places

on the shoulders of the Council the responsibility of overseeing ports operations on daily basis.

Vice President, Prof Yemi Osinbajo while launching the NPPM said its implementation will improve the anti-corruption ranking of the country before the international community.

Osinbajo said apart from achieving efficiency in ports operations, there was the need for an effective implementation of ideas that will change the perception and ranking of Nigeria in the Corruption Perception Index (CPI) of Transparency International.

The process manual is aimed at addressing vulnerabilities in the port system with emphasis on creating an enabling environment for port users. To observers, the choice of the ports economic regulator for the job is therefore for obvious reasons. The Council has been dear to all in terms of the efforts to improve on trade facilitation at the ports.

The Council had confronted shipping service providers as well as consumers of shipping services over issues affecting trade. The target has been to enthrone efficient service delivery in the nation's seaports. This will give Nigeria a pride of place as the hub of shipping in the West African sub-region. As a government agency, the Council has been using its offices to champion the interest of shippers and other stakeholders for an enviable infrastructural development that will enhance trade. It has also been in the forefront of ensuring that service providers are well equipped with modern technology for efficient cargo handling operations. Government and indeed other stakeholders are aware of this. It was therefore in recognition that the Council was given this national assignment.

Observers believe that the statement credited to the VP clearly shows how much the Council is held in high esteem. In the maritime circle, the appointment is indeed interpreted as one of trust on the Council having shown dedication to achieving an efficient service delivery over the years.

## Resolve of NSC

In the past few years, the executive secretary of the Council, Mr Hassan Bello has been in the forefront of speaking out the expectations of all stakeholders for an enduring efficient port system. He had been pointing out the responsibilities of the government in infrastructure provisions. Bello had at different times pointed out the consequences of poor ports infrastructure to the national economy.

He does not want Nigeria's neighbouring countries to take advantage of this by cornering cargoes meant for Nigerian ports. Often times this had been the case as some shipping lines and importers had at critical times diverted cargoes to neighbouring ports. Some of these goods are smuggled into the country, particularly automobiles and other goods. The NSC in a bid to check this had championed for a lasting solution to the poor access roads.

— Ugwoke, journalist, wrote from Apapa

# Nigerian Businesses Will Be More Competitive If They Embrace ICT—Thompson

Dr Thaddeus Thompson is the chairman of T&T Web Designing and Marketing Services. In this interview with **JOSEPH CHIBUEZE**, he speaks on the opportunities open to Nigerian businesses with effective information and communication technology infrastructure.

Can you tell us why you are interested in Nigerian businesses?

T&T Web Designing sees the strength of the Nigerian market (Almost 300 million consumers), the educational standard of Nigerians, and the human capital strength of the country. In the late 90s, when e-commerce began to substitute brick and mortar business operations worldwide, our company moved from Switzerland to the Silicon Valley, California, USA, the heart of the tech industry worldwide and began servicing companies, particularly in the areas of sale and marketing, as well as studying customer needs.

During our 20-year service in the US, we learned from the business environment how to exchange services for knowledge; in this case studying marketing trends and consumer behavior. Nigerian businesses will be much more competitive when given access to advanced agile marketing systems and web designing technology. This will also connect them to prospective customers and showcase their products and services in a more elaborative way.

Obviously you believe Nigeria still have a lot to do in the area of the penetration of web based business activities?

Nigerians are quite informed about marketing trends and are aware of the power of websites in a business set up. To understand the dynamics of running a business for profit is in the Nigerian blood; however, what good does it present when the resources such as a website and web designing company are in short supply? We established T&T Web Designing & Marketing Services in Nigeria to make it easier for Nigerian businesses to benefit and maximise profit from transacting through Cloud-based websites. Customer service policies were designed to demonstrate how polite representatives were until new research and innovations proved that actual results in Return of Investment (ROI) and Return of Sales (ROS) were higher when consumers and businesses develop closer relationships through online platforms.

The goal of our company is to help businesses in Nigeria develop a transactional customer relationship system with their customers using artificial intelligence (AI) and visual communication technology to better understand the needs of their target market.

Over the past 25 years, Customer Service has evolved from what used to be the conventional customer service of handshakes to a more effective Customer Relationship Marketing (CRM), which is a transforma-



Thompson

tion of a company's entire marketing strategy into an electronic content management system called Web Designing. Today websites should not just be photo-fronts where products and services are displayed, but rather the entire operations of a company and how its services or products benefit customers. Our main aim as a web designing company is to help businesses realise the importance of CRM that empowers customers, create a user-friendly environment, and helps customers in their buying decisions-making processes. Web designing and marketing cannot be separated; they work conjunctively. The resulting conceptual mixture of marketing and web designing became Cloud Marketing, a powerful concept that allows consumers and businesses interact on a virtual platform (Cloud), such as online store and meeting environment popularly known as the web without seeing each other.

Consumers have become more sophisticated prompting businesses to move from just being nice (handshakes) to a more customer-focused marketing strategy, in which the benefits and interest of the customer is the central focus.

What do you think about the challenges Nigerian businesses face in terms of website and benefits from it?

Nigerian businesses face several challenges ranging from limited incentives from both the private sector, especially the banks and insurance companies and the government. Both the government, lenders, and insurers must offer a degree of security to businesses. For example, businesses must learn to take risk and rest assured that when something goes wrong their insurers, government, and bankers will not deject them. Online business exposes companies to hidden dangers, especially when flaws exist in the website designing. There must be a fool-proof system in place to detect and minimise identity theft and hackers. Websites must be encrypted to

prevent cyber-crime.

Secondly, Nigerian businesses, like most businesses in the world do not understand the full capacity and benefit of a website. Many still consider a website as an image presentation platform rather than the heart and soul of a business. We are working with our clients to defuse the holdbacks and emphasise the benefits.

Now that you are in Nigeria as a registered company what value are you going to add in promoting businesses to ensure growth and profitability?

We are very confident in the ability and business acumen of Nigerians. Nigerians were named by CNN in 2019 as the most business-oriented population in the world. With this foundational truth, advancing courageously into today's web-based business environment will facilitate growth at least 500 per cent, expansion at least 50 per cent, and profitability at least 200 per cent. Our web designing technology helps businesses and consumers find each other. Most of Nigerian businesses are operating under 30 per cent of their actual potential, which can be attributed to the lack of marketing incentives, such as Agile Cloud Marketing systems and Web-based technology.

Do you envisage challenges in Nigeria as you have commenced your operations amid COVID-19 issues currently affecting businesses?

As an international business entity, we are indirectly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic worldwide, because buying power has declined substantively since the outbreak. However, we have adapted to the new norms and are encouraging businesses to see the challenges as opportunities that have thought us all new things that we would never have known if the pandemic did not occur.

businesses, who initial were hesitant to explore the benefits of reaching out to customers afar off, have now realised that a huge resource was left untapped for many years. Our business has expanded, not declined, because more customers are using our services now than before.

As a marketing company do you think businesses in Nigeria really need that?

As air is quintessential to the survival of a human being, so is marketing to a business. Most of our clients needed marketing services to help them reconnect with their customers. business need advanced marketing tools to remain competitive and maintain sustainability.



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## Alhaji Abdullahi Ibrahim (SAN)-Death Of Legal Treasure

BY AHURAKA YUSUF  
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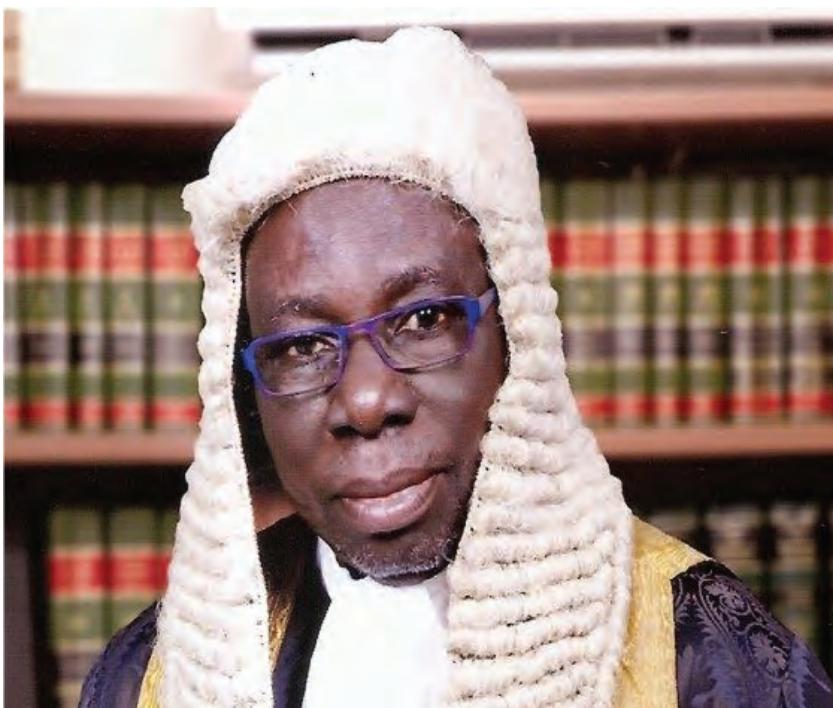
Though he died on January 24, 2021, so many people of different ethnic, professional and religious background have been sponsoring the publications of his obituary. There's hardly any day in two weeks running when less than ten herald of his death were not made by obituary print out.

That tells his value in the society before his death at the age of 82 years. The late Alhaji Abdullahi Ibrahim SAN was born on January 14, 1939 at Okaba in Ankpa Local Government of Kogi State.

When he completed his elementary school in his native land, he gained admission to Government College, Keffi in 1953. He finished in 1958 with flying colours. With Northern Nigerian scholarship; he proceeded to City Technical College, Gloucester in England for his GCE Advanced Level between 1959 and 1961.

Ibrahim was called to the English Bar in 1963, and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1964. He served as Legal Adviser and Senior State Counsel in the defunct Northern Region of Nigeria. He entered private practice in 1973 as Managing Partner of Abdullahi Ibrahim and company. Ibrahim was Legal Adviser and later Chairman of New Nigeria Development Company Limited, (NNDC).

In 1982 he was admitted to the Inner Bar as a Senior Advocate of Nigeria. He served as the Chairman, Legal Aid Council from 1990 to 1994. He was a Notary Public, a Life member of the Body of Benchers and its Vice Chairman and Chairman between 1999 and 2001. He thereafter served as Chairman, Legal Practitioners' Disciplinary Committee between 2001 and 2006 and a member of the National Judicial Council (NJC) between 2004 and 2008. He was a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of



Ibrahim



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Arbitrators, a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague and Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK (MCI Arb); also a Fellow of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Nigeria (FINALS).

He was at different times legal adviser at the then Ministry of Finance, Northern region and New Nige-

ria Development Company; a one-time Senior State Counsel and head of prosecutions at the Ministry of Justice, Kano State.

The late Alhaji Abdullahi Ibrahim (SAN) served the nation at various times in several capacities as Commissioner for Education in the old Kwara State, Nigeria (1973) in the cabinet of Brigadier David Bamig-

boye; the military governor of the state. The story has it that the military governor had invited Barrister Abdullahi Ibrahim in 1973 to come and serve in his cabinet. Legends had it that it took him three months to make up his mind. After some persuasion from kinsmen and close family members, he eventually reported for duty as commissioner for edu-

cation. About three months later, he threw in the towel and went back to his private practice.

Ibrahim held cabinet positions as Federal Minister of Education, Science and Technology. He was Minister for Transport and Aviation (1984-1985) in the cabinet of General Muhammadu Buhari.

He was Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice of Nigeria (1997 - May 1999) in the cabinet of General Abdulsalami Abubakar.

Alhaji Abdullahi Ibrahim was Chairman, Nigerian Stock Exchange, Kaduna Branch and the first Vice President of the Nigerian Stock Exchange in 1989. He was Chairman, Nigerian Institute of International Affairs from 1988 to 1994.

He was a Commissioner of the International - National Boundary Commission, and was a member of the Nigerian team that negotiated the Maritime Boundary Treaty between Nigeria and the Republic of Equatorial Guinea and the Unitization Agreement of the Zafiro/Ekanga Oil Fields. He was the agent and later co-agent in the dispute between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Republic of Cameroon at the International Court of Justice at The Hague Netherlands. Alhaji Abdullahi Ibrahim also led the Nigerian delegation to the United Nations conference on the establishment of the International Criminal Court.

The late senior advocate who was fondly called "Abdullahi san", because not only was Abdullahi Ibrahim the first Northerner to be awarded with the title of SAN in 1982, but he also became the first from the North to serve the country as Minister of Justice and Attorney General of the Federation.

It's noteworthy that in all these positions, he dis-

charged his duties and acquitted himself to the collective pride of his kinsmen whose adulation for him continued till two weeks ago when he breathed his last on earth. And then, the adulation spontaneously turned into an outpouring of grief with the whole nation in mourning.

He participated in many national and international assignments geared towards promoting democracy, rule of law, justice, good governance, ethics and integrity. He served with distinction in the various capacities. His passing is a colossal loss not only to the legal community, but to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

However, messages of condolence had flooded the media spaces in the print and electronics from his former masters, President Muhammadu Buhari, General Abdulsalam Abubakar as well as from General Ibrahim Babangida.

The Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN), Justice Ibrahim Tanko Muhammad CFR, had written a condolence letter to the family of the deceased through his cousin, Alhaji Hassan Ibrahim who is currently the Director of Audit with the Supreme Court of Nigeria.

In acknowledgement of his contribution to the Nation, he was conferred with the National Honour/Award of Officer of the Federal Republic (OFR) and later Commander of the Order of Niger (CON). He was conferred with honorary Doctorate Degree in Law (LLD, Honoris Causa) by Kogi state University, Anyigba in 2008.

These are enough testimony to the character and the personality of the late Abdullahi Ibrahim. At 82 years, he lived a fulfilled life.

- Ahuraka is SSA (media) to CJN

# Humane Handshakes For The Poor

BY DANLITI GOGA

The steady progress in the implementation of the National Social Investment Programme (NSIP) since it was moved from being one of several miscellaneous projects under the general supervision of the Vice President's Office and upgraded into a core component of an entirely new ministry charged with humanitarian affairs, disaster management and social development is remarkable, to say the least.

Just last week, at the flag-off training of 5000 Independent Monitors for the programme in schools, households, and market clusters towards ensuring achievement of objectives, it was revealed that 13 million citizens across 36 states and the FCT are benefiting from the programme, comprising NPOWER, National Home-Grown School Feeding Programme (NHGSFP), Conditional Cash Transfer Programme (CCT), and the Government Enterprise and Empowerment Programme (GEEP).

With so many federal government interventions to restore hope and empower the majority unemployed youth population and other categories of Nigerians-in-need, it was hardly surprising that there was not much progress in implementation under the Vice President's Office, already weigh-

hed-down by the number of agencies attached to it. This should have prompted a more decisive response towards a focussed and efficient implementation of the programmes in view of the urgency of diffusing the tension over rising youth unemployment and restiveness.

Curiously, the period of bureaucratic lethargy that paralysed programme implementation went largely unnoticed by the cabal of media critics that descended on the new minister, Hajia Sa'adiya A Umar Farouq even as she took on the arduous challenge of setting up a new ministry from scratch and executing a smoothly-coordinated transfer and revitalization of the social intervention programmes and agencies with impressive results in a timely manner.

As if energized by the politics of media criticism, the new minister drew inspiration from the clamour from youths witnessing the rapid rise in enthusiastic beneficiaries of revived schemes like NPOWER and prospective beneficiaries of innovative initiatives like National Home-Grown School Feeding Programme (NHGSFP), Conditional Cash Transfer Programme (CCT) and the Grant for Rural Women programme currently giving thousands of impoverished rural women in Nigeria N20,000 cash like manna from heaven! Its all thanks and praises from beneficiaries for whom receiving is believing.

The fact that these programmes are jointly implemented with state governments and international development partners, involving hundreds of Nigerians in various stages is irrelevant to the media critics who persistently single out the minister for unsubstantiated corruption allegations to black out significant achievements. In addition to involvement of EFCC and other built-in measures to curb malpractices and uphold transparency in all transactions, the 5000 independent monitors now undergoing training represent yet another bold step to insulate programme implementation from avoidable abuse and sabotage which, at any rate, is not peculiar to the ministry and enhance optimum impact on target groups of beneficiaries.

It also worth restating that apart from the composition of stakeholders, including development partners, applying international best practices and anti-graft agencies, the introduction of hand-to-hand direct cash grants to beneficiaries in states without bureaucratic intermediaries is already eliminating "red-tape" opportunities for exploiting unsuspecting rural beneficiaries and other beneficiaries of cash grants.

Contrary to the frequent devaluation of the cash grants by elite critics, a reality check will confirm that the bulk of those who seek and eventually receive the grants

are among the poorest of the poor whose poverty can be ameliorated by the grants ranging from 5,000-20,000 naira, particularly if invested in petty trading. Moreover, the genuinely-excited expressions of gratitude and fervent prayers for President Buhari by beneficiaries testify eloquently that the grants represent their first personal receipt of tangible direct dividend of democracy in two decades of democratic rule!

The historic decision to dedicate a ministry to humanitarian intervention by the Buhari administration is therefore a master-stroke that was strategically actualized by the well-considered appointment of Hajia Sa'adiya A Umar Farouq, a career care-giver technocrat, with a passion for bringing succour to the homeless, helpless and hapless groups that the world leaves behind amid human and natural mishaps. The vision of Mr. President to lift 100 million Nigerians out of poverty in the next ten years is welcome, noble and achievable especially when we take cognisance of the fact that there has never been such a bold and focussed government policy coupled with impactful and innovative programmes exclusively dedicated to touching the lives of our legendary silent majority of poor and vulnerable citizens. Let it be!

- Goga wrote from Kano

## Dairy Farming And Its Value Chain

BY SUNDAY ILORI

In the recent time, it is a known fact that, there is a sharp decline in revenues accruing from oil sales, globally. Nigeria is no exception, and has been affected by this global endemic, as a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). Consequently, the negative trend has telling effects on monthly allocation accruing from the Federation Account to its two other tiers of government.

As a way to remain afloat, both the federal and state governments have devised other means of generating revenues for the day-to-day running of the government. The governments, at all levels, individuals and corporate organisations, have invested into agricultural business as a tested, viable and reliable sector to bridge the yawning gap in respect to the hitherto over-reliance on the oil proceeds for survival. On account of its dominant role, agriculture is a key player in poverty reduction and job creation.

Narrowing it down to Ogun State, the current administration has placed premium in the sector to guarantee food security, job creation and ultimately, as a source of generating revenues into the coffers of government and also shore up its Internal Generated Revenue (IGR) base.

The Agricultural Agenda of the present administration is geared

towards giving support to private sector's small holder farming and linkage to industrial process, job creation, agricultural industrialisation, food and nutrition aimed at ensuring food security and the resolve to connect all agencies and multinational/international development partners that have the mandate of agricultural and value chain actors.

It is heartwarming to note that this dairy and cattle value chain job and food security have formed parts of the Agricultural Road Map of the APC-led administration of Prince Dapo Abiodun when it assumed the mantle of leadership on May 29, 2019. No wonder early this year, the administration approved a special focus on food and nutrition with linkage of the people of the state to the nutritious food of animal and plants.

The intervention of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) which is a partner in this initiative, is a main financial anchor for numerous linkage programmes in agriculture, with a record breaking of 7,000 linkages to credit and input, for cassava and rice in a short and restrictive COVID-19 season, without precedence. Indeed, it is a good development that the CBN and the state officials in the CBN/Ogun State Anchor Borrowers' Programme (ABP) steering committee, in collaboration with Cattle Farmers Association in the state, have compiled list of interested youths in the state and

farmers who have registered with the state, for Dairy and Cattle Value Chain job opportunities.

Without mincing words, it is a cheery news that the state government has opened up new opportunities for potential investors, resulting from the new framework for Responsible Intensive Land Investment In Agriculture (FRILIA) that was recently signed by His Excellency as an Executive Order. Thus, the rationale behind the gesture is geared towards providing supplementary free investment promotion advice and training to value chain actors, so that the state can continue to reap the benefits, including job creation, food security and sustainability of industries and the overall wellbeing of the people.

Worthy of note is, the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), between the Ogun State Government and Fan Milk Plc, a French Company, on Thursday, January 28, 2021 that signalled the beginning of another milestone in the industrial revolution efforts in the state.

While lending credence to President Muhammadu Buhari's Agenda of, „Grow What You Eat And Eat What You Grow“, the governor acknowledged the contribution of the FAN Milk Plc, dating back to five decades of operations and expressed hope that the signing of the MoU would help the state in its human capacity building and as well as job creation.

„Agriculture is one of our key sectors. We have the land, the people and traditional farmers. Today, we have done so much to become number one in egg, poultry and cassava production in the country, and rice, kolanuts, cocoa and cotton production in the entire West African sub-region. Our fish production has become a model in the continent.

„We see this opportunity, not just to further increase our contributions to food security, but particularly to allow us reduce the level of unemployment. We realised that Agriculture is the easiest and cheapest way to reduce unemployment.

In his own remarks, the France Ambassador, Pasquier, justified the signing of the papers which he said, would help in no small measure to reduce food importation and increase food security. He added that the company is poised to diversify, by using local raw materials for production.

„The MoU is a step in corporate alliance, with one of the most successful (Ogun) states in the country. When fully operational, the partnership would help create job opportunities for the people of the state and also help develop the modern rearing method of local cows and production of dairy in the state.

- Ilori wrote in from Abeokuta



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

**ALAIN**

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

**AHMED**

I formerly called **ISYAKU AHMED** now wish to be known and address as **AHMED MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid. DALA BUILDING (Bank) and general public take note.

**ANENE**

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

**KINGSLEY**

I, formerly known and addressed as **JONATHAN OROMIDAYO AIYEMIDE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **KINGSLEY ALABI**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**EZUGWU**

I, formerly known and addressed as **MAMAH ESTHER EBERE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **EZUGWU ESTHER EBERE**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**JOY**

I, formerly known and addressed as **JOY JUMOKE OLAWEP**, now wish to be known and addressed as **JOY JUMOKE OLAWEP ADEMOLA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**RICHARD**

I, formerly known and addressed as **MARYAM ZUGWAI ADAMU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **RICHARD ANASTASIA ADAMU**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**SAMUEL**

I, formerly known and addressed as **IRENE NWACHUKWU NNEDIMMA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SAMUEL IRENE NNEDIMMA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**ADJA**

I, formerly known and addressed as **ADJA DONNA OGHENYEROVWO**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ADJA DONNA NYERVORO**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**AYIKEKE**

I formerly known and address as **JEGEDE OLUBUNMI ADENIKE** but now wish to be known and address as **AYIKEKE OLUBUNMI ADENIKE**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**FAISAL**

I, formerly known and addressed as **FESAL SAIDU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **FAISAL SAIDU**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**MONKINDA**

I, formerly known and addressed as **MOASSO, RICHIE-AARON MONKINDA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MONKINDA, RICHIE-AARON MOASSO**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**OLIVIA**

I, formerly known and addressed as **OLIVIA NGUAVESE USAR**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OLIVIA NGUAVESE SHAMARK**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**BLESSING**

I, formerly known and addressed as **BLESSING MARY JEREMIAH**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BLESSING OBI IVEREN**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**JUSTINA**

I, formerly known and addressed as **GIFT ENO EGUMAMEH** and **JUSTINA G. EGUMAMEH**, now wish to be known and addressed as **JUSTINA JOHN EGUMAMEH**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**ELIJAH**

I, formerly known and addressed as **ELIJAH OLADEJO**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ELIJAH OLUSEGUN OLADEJO**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**NNEJI**

I, formerly known and addressed as **NNEJI RAPHAEL NWORI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **NNEJI RAPHAEL NNAJI**. My Correct Date Of Birth is 18-8-1957 and not 25-12-1962. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**OBODO**

I, formerly known and addressed as **OKOYE EDITH UCHE**, Henceforth wish to be known and addressed as **OBODO EDITH UCHE**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**FAITH**

I, formerly known and addressed as **FAITH JOSEPH BEN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **FAITH BEN ENECHOJO**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**ATONGO**

I, formerly known and addressed as **ATONGO SCHOLASTICA MBAWUESE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ATONGO SCHOLASTICA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**ADAMU**

I, formerly known and addressed as **ADEMU ABUBAKAR**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAMU ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**ROYAL**

I was formerly known, called and addressed as **ROYAL CHIEMELA NICK**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **ROYAL CHIEMELA NICHOLAS**. All the documents bearing my former name still remain valid. That the general public should take note

**OKEKE**

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

**PRICILLA**

I, formerly known as **EZEH PRISCILLA ADAFULANI** now wish to be called and addressed as **PRICILLA ADAFULANI PASCHAL AGWARA** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**OYUBU**

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

**ABDULAKEEM**

I, formerly known and addressed as **AKEEM ABAYOMI OYEBANJI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULAKEEM ABAYOMI OYEBANJI**. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

**EKWEZOR**

I, formerly known and addressed as **EKWEZOR NELSON AMES**, now wish to be known and addressed as **EKWEZOR ONYEBUCHI ELIJAH**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**STELLA**

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

**CORRECTION OF NAME**

I Formerly known and addressed as **UMAN BELIKISU**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **USMAN BALKISU**. All former documents remains valid. First Bank Plc.The general public, and to whom it may concern to take note.

**LIAMNGEE**

I formally known and addressed as **LIAMNGEE SORISHIMA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **LIAMNGEE MLAHAGA SORISHIMA**. All other documents remain valid.NIMC and the general public should pls take note.

**AUDU**

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

**JONAH**

I, Formerly known as **JONAH GAIUS**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **JONAH GAIUS GOMPIL**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

**FATIMA**

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS **FATIMA AHMAD** AND **FATIMA MUHAMMAD** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AS **FATIMA MUHAMMAD LIMANKO**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC TAKE NOTE.

**MARY**

I formerly known and addressed as **MISS MODINAT FOLAKE BALOGUN** now wish to be known as and addressed as **MRS MARY FOLAKE ADEMAKINWA**. Osun State government, Ife Central West local government and the public please take note.

**NAMO**

I, formerly known as **NAMO ISMAILA AMOS** now wish to be called and addressed as **NAMO ONYEKACHUKWU NNAJI** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**SHAIBU**

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

**EMEH**

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

**CORRECTION/ARRANGEMENT OF NAME**

My name was wrongly written as **GWIMBE SEYILNEN SAMUEL** instead of **GWIMBE SEYILNEN SAMUEL** and also was wrongly arranged in my BVN as **GWIMBE SAMUEL SEYILNEN** instead of **GWIMBE SEYILNEN SAMUEL**. All former documents remain valid. First Bank, other authorities concerned and general public take note

**ALOKO**

I, formerly known as **ALOKO TIMOTHY TAMEN** now wish to be called and addressed as **ALOKO TAMENWUA TIMOTHY**. DATE OF BIRTH WRONG, 25/12/1948, CORRECT,23/12/1948 All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ABIGAIL**

I, formerly known as **MISS ABIGAIL JOSEPH** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS ABIGAIL SAMUEL DALOBA** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**JOHN**

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

**UWA**

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

**HULERA**

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

**RIFKATU**

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

**NASIRU**

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

**DAUDA**

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

**DAUDA**

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

**LIDIYA**

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

**NAOMI**

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

**ZAIDU**

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

**HAMZA**

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

**LAMBA**

I formally known as **LAMBA KAIGAMA** now wish to be known and addressed as **LAMBA KAMSULUM**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

**MALLAM**

I formally known as **AUDU GALADIMA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MALLAM AUDU GALADIMA**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

**FALMATA**

I formally known as **FALMATA AMJI WABA** now wish to be known and addressed as **FALMATA ALMAJA WABA**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

**BASHIR**

I formally known as **BASHIR MUHAMMAD ALBASHIR** now wish to be known and addressed as **BASHIR MUHAMMAD ALBISHIR**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

**MALLAM**

I formally known as **MALLUM AHMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **MALLAM AHMAD**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

**SANI**

I formally known as **SANI ALIYU** now wish to be known and addressed as **SANI HASSAN**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

**ONYINYECHI**

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

**DAVID**

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

**AUDU**

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

**ABU**

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

**MARKUS**

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

**AMINA**

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

**QUINCY**

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

**DAHIRU**

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

**EGAHI**

I formerly known and addressed as **FRIDAY ACHEME INEGEDU** now wish to be known and addressed as **EGAHI BENJAMIN INEGEDU**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**EZEKIEL**

I formerly known and addressed as **EZEKIEL GODBLESS ENYATHA** now wish to be known and addressed as **EZEKIEL GODBLESS**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note

**UGBA**

I, formerly known as **NYIMNENGE UGBA STEVEN** now wish to be called and addressed as **UGBA STEPHEN AND CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH 10-AUGUST-2002** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**UBULA**

I, formerly known as **DAVID UBULA ESTHER ALUHER** now wish to be called and addressed as **UBULA ESTHER ALUHER AND CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH 7-7-1987** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ADEJUMO**

I,formerly known as **RITA EZIOKWUBUNDU ADEJUMO** now wish to be called and addressed as **ADEJUMO RITE EZIOKWU** Write up: Name on my BVN, account numbers and other valid license/documents now henceforth be known and addressed as **Adejumo Rite Eziokwu**.

**MUHAMMAD**

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

**KAMILU**

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

**GRACE**

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

**GUNGUMA**

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

**EZE**

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

**ANITA**

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

**ILIYA**

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

**AMINA**

I,formerly known as **AMINA MUHAMMAD MOMMY** OLD DOB: 13/04/1983 & 12/04/1983 now wish to be called and addressed as **AMINA MUHAMMAD GARBA** NEW DOB: 05/04/1991 All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ALHASSAN**

I, formerly known and addressed as **HASSAN USMAN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ALHASSAN USMAN**. All former documents. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**ANYABUOKE**

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

**STEPHEN**

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

**MBAGWU**

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

**CONFIRMATION OF NAME**

I, **OGUNMODEDE SULAIMAN OREOLUWA** am the same person bearing **OGUNMODEDE AREOLA SULAIMAN**. Henceforth, I want to be known and addressed as **OGUNMODEDE SULAIMAN OREOLUWA**. All formal documents remain valid. General public take note.

**NWAKOR**

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

**ICHUKWU**

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

**ANGELYN**

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

**CHIOMA**

I, formerly known as **CHIOMA LINDA ARIWODO** now wish to be called and addressed as **CHIOMA PEACE SUNDAY**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ATUBOKO**

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

**OLANIYAN**

I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS ENITAN TEMITOPE OLUWAFISAYO**. now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS OLANIYAN TEMITOPE OLUWAFISAYO**. All former documents remain valid. general public take note.

**UMOH**

I, formerly known and addressed as **TALABI OLUWATOSIN CAROLINE**. now wish to be known and addressed as **UMOH OLUWATOSIN ESTHER**. All former documents remain valid. general public take note.

**STEPHEN**

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

**ODO**

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

**CONFIRMATION OF NAME**

This is to place on record that **HAMZAT BABA ABDULSALAM, ABDULSALAM HAMZAT BABA, BABA HAMZAT ABDULSALAM** and **ABDULSALAM BABA HAMZAT** is one and the same person. However, I want to be known and called **BABA ABDULSALAM HAMZAT**. All documents remain valid. Members of the general public should please take note.

**CHUKWUEMEKA**

I, formerly known and addressed as **UGWOKE HOPE CHINYERE** now wish to be known and addressed as **CHUKWUEMEKA HOPE CHINYERE**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**DINATU**

I formerly known and addressed as **DINATU YARO GAMBO** now wish to be known and addressed as **DINATU GAMBO**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**ELIZABETH**

I, formerly known and addressed as **ELIZABETH OKA IDOGWU** now wish to be known and addressed as **ELIZABETH ODOJE ABEL**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**AISHA**

I formerly known and addressed as **MISS AISHA KASIMU** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS AISHA IBRAHIM AZAMU**. All former documents remain valid. NSUK, First bank and general public to take note.

**EZE**

I, formerly known and addressed as **EMEKA PATRICK IFEBUCHÉ FAITH** now wish to be known and addressed as **EZE FAITH IFEBUCHÉ**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**VANDU**

I, formerly known and addressed as **PAULINUS PERPETUAL MBURSA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **VANDU PERPETUAL PAULINUS**. Authorities concerned and general public take note.

**AGBENIYI**

I, formerly known as **OLADOSU TITILOPE ENIOLA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS AGBENIYI TITILOPE ENIOLA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**OJO**

I, formerly known as **IDOWU TITILAYO RONKE** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS OJO TITILAYO RONKE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MELANDI**

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

**ABDULKADIR**

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

**JOV**

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

**THOMAS**

I, formerly known as **OBOCHI CHARITY, WRONG D.O.B 30/07/1997** now wish to be called and addressed as **THOMAS CHARITY**, correct D.O.B: **30/07/1998**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**AKOR**

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

**OKOLI**

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

**FUNSHO**

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

**AKAM**

I, formerly known as **MISS LUKPATA ELIZABETH EKOT** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS AKAM ELIZABETH IKOT**. All former documents remain valid. University of Calabar Teaching Hospital, Calabar and general public please take note.

**EBOGHA**

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

**KELVIN**

I, formerly known as **NGWOKE ABUCHI KELVIN** now wish to be called and addressed as **KELVIN MADUKAIFE MADUABUCHI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**OYERINDE**

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

**JULIET**

I, formerly known as **MS. JULIET OMORUYI** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. JULIET NSIKAN-IYANAM**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ATEIZA**

I, formerly known as **AJAYI BLESSING OMENEKE** now wish to be known and addressed as **ATEIZA BLESSING OMENEKE**. All former documents remain valid. Access Bank, NYSC and all public institutions should please take note.

**IDRIS**

I, formally known as **IDRIS ABDULRAHMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **IDRIS ABDULRAHMAN MSHELIA**. All former documents remain the same. The general public should please take note.

**JOSHUA**

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

**YAKUBU**

I, formerly known as **YAKUBU RAHANAT OZAOHU** now wish to be called and addressed as **YAKUBU RAHANAT SEHU-OZI**, wrong date of birth is: **2-1-1992**. Correct date of birth is: **28-3-1998**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**NWAEMESI**

I, formerly known as **DOSSOU ANTOINE** now wish to be called and addressed as **NWAEMESI ANTHONY MMADUABU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**FALODUN**

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

**ARRANGEMENT OF NAME**  
My names was wrongly Arranged on my BVN as **MAMMAN AJJI PATE** instead of **MAMMAN PATE AJJI**. That my Correct Arrangement of Names is **MAMMAN PATE AJJI**. & my Correct Date of Birth is **27\_01\_1984**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**AHUEGEBULEM**

I was formerly known and called **FRANCIS CHIDIEBERE KELVIN** Henceforth I wish to be known and called **AHUEGEBULEM FRANCIS CHIDIEBERE**. All former documents bearing my name remain valid. Union Bank of Nigeria plc and the general public should take note.

**NASIRU**

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

**SAMUEL**

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

**JOSEPH**

I, formerly known as **KOHOL STEPHANIE MNENA** now wish to be called and addressed as **JOSEPH FAITH MNENA**. All former documents remain valid. Access bank and general public should please take note.

**CONFIRMATION OF NAME**  
I wish to state that **MBAWOO ATONGE, ATONGU SCHOLASTICA, ATONGO SCHOLASTICA, SCHOLASTICA MBAWUESE ATONGO, ATONGO SCHOLASTICA.M, S.ATONGU, S.M ATONGU, S.M ATONGO, SCHOLAR ATONGO AND ATONGO SCHOLASTICA MBAWUESE** is the same and one person as **ATONGO SCHOLASTICA**. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

**GODWIN**

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

**ABDULLAHI**

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

**MOHAMMED**

I, formerly known as **IBRAHIM BINTA & BINTA MUHAMMAD DOGO**, now wish to be called and addressed as **MOHAMMED BINTA IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ANATEH**

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

**JUMMAI**

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

**SAMBO**

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

**YUNUSA**

I, formerly known as **TASIU UMAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **YUNUSA TASIU YUNUWA**. All former documents remain valid. ECO Bank and general public take note.

**AGERA**

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

**JEMIMAH**

I, formerly known as **JEMIMAH YAKUBU AKWASHIKI** now wish to be called and addressed as **JEMIMAH BITRUS OKPU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**EUNICE**

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

**ISYAKA**

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

**ADELEYE**

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

**DEBORAH**

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

**UBADIMMA**

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

**SAFIYANU**

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

**CONFIRMATION OF NAME**  
This is to inform the General public that **SANGWOYE OLATUNDE TAIWO** and **SANGWOYE OLUOTUNDE TAIWO** refers to the same person but which to be known and addressed as **OYEWUMI OLUOTUNDE TAIWO**. All former Documents remains valid. Concerned authorities and General public take note.

**VANDE**

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

**ADDITION OF NAME**

During BVN registration my name was written as **OKEREKE CHUKWUEMEKA**, but now wish to add **nathanael**, henceforth wish to be known call and addressed as **OKEREKE CHUKWUEMEKA NATHANAEL** and my correct date of birth is **18TH NOVEMBER 1981**. All authorities concerned especially nimc, bvn and general public take note.

**RABIAT**

I, formerly known as **ADAMU RABIETU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **RABIAT ADAMU DANJUMA**. All former document remain valid. Concerned authority and general public take note.

**ABDULLAHI**

I, formerly known as **ABDULLAHI IYEH ALIMA MISS**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULLAHI HALIMA** and my actual date of birth is **31-07-1986**, and not **31-07-1977**. All former document remain valid. Concerned authority and general public take note.

**DORIS**

I, formerly known as **MISS IFIONU CHIDINMA DORIS** and **FERDINAND CHIDINMA DORIS** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS DORIS CHIDINMA HILLARY-ERONDU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**PATIENCE**

I, formerly known as **PATIENCE MOSES** now wish to be called and addressed as **PATIENCE MUSA**, My correct Date of Birth is: **28/02/2001** not **10/02/1991**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**YERIMA**

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

**ADEWUMI**

I, formerly known as **MISS OKUNOLA BUKOLAMI VICTORIA**, now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS ADEWUMI BUKOLAMI VICTORIA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ALFA**

I, formerly known as **SALIFU AMINU**, now wish to be called and addressed as **ALFA AMINU**. All former documents remain valid. First Bank and general public should please take note.

**YAWEH**

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

**UNOGWU**

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

**OMOEFE**

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

**BELLO**

I, formerly known as **MISS OYENEKAN ADETUTU ELIZABETH** wish to be known and addressed as **MRS BELLO ADETUTU ELIZABETH**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**IMASEKHA**

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

**USMAN**

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

**FRANCIS**

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

**SAMUEL**

I, formerly known as **NWOSU VERONICA UCHE** now wish to be called and addressed as **SAMUEL PROMISE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **BRIDGET FUNKE BALOGUN** and **BRIDGET FUNKE OGIRAKHI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BRIDGET FUNKE AJIBOLA**. All former documents remain valid, general public take note.

**SIMON**

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

**CONFIRMATION OF NAME**  
This is to inform the general public that during the issuance of my driver's licence my name was captured as **DADA OMOTAYO MARIUS** and on my international passport my name was written as **DADA OMOTAYO ABODUNRIN MARIUS** both names refer to one and the same person henceforth, I shall be using **DADA OMOTAYO ABODUNRIN MARIUS**. All former documents remain valid, general public should take note.

**KHALID**

I, formerly known as **KHALID IBRAHIM** now wish to be called and addressed as **KHALID IBRAHIM MUHAMMAD**, My correct date of birth is: **15TH JULY, 1993** not **15TH, NOVEMBER, 1985**. All former documents remain valid. UBA and general public should please take note.

**JOSHUA**

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

**BISONG**

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

**SOPHIA**

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

**EZE**

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

**AKPANIWO**

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

**MUHAMMED**

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

**ALI**

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

**MOSES**

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

**OKWUTE**

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

**OGUNWOLE**

I, formerly known as **MISS. OYENIYI OLUWASEUN LYDIA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. OGUNWOLE OLUWASEUN LYDIA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MAIDAWA**

I, formerly known as **MAIDAWA GAIUS**, now wish to be called and addressed as **MAIDAWA GAIUS MAICHIBI**. OLD DATE OF BIRTH: **10-03-1992**. NEW DATE OF BIRTH: **10-10-1999**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MUHAMMAD**

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

**ONYIA**

I, formerly known as **EJIKEME JESSICA ODINAKA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS ONYIA JESSICA ODINAKA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**JUSTINA**

I, formally known and addressed as **MISS JUSTINA ICHENI OGAR** and **MRS JUSTINA EGBE** now wish to be known and addressed as **JUSTINA OGAR EGBE**. All former documents remained valid. General public please note.

**EMMANUEL**

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

**SHILOH HOUR PRAYER OUTREACH INT'L**

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) PROPHET OKEDAIRI ABIODUN EMMANUEL- PRESIDENT
- 2) PROPHETESS OKEDAIRI MARY TOSIN -SECRETARY
- 3) MRS ANDREWS-OGUNBAYO GRACE
- 4) MRS OLUYEMI AGNES OLUSHOLA
- 5) MR GBELEYI AYODEJI AYORINDE

**AIM AND OBJECTIVE:**

1. TO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, SALVATION, HEALING AND DELIVERANCE TO MANKIND.

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**

**ALMOND PENINSULA ESTATE RESIDENTS 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. NNORUKA FERDINAND.
2. OSUJI CHINEDU AMARA
3. REV. BENSON EDWARD
4. ADEYEYE ADEKUNLE
5. IDU-UKPAKA CYRIL

**AIM AND OBJECTIVE:**

1. TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR RECREATION AND TO ENCOURAGE HARMONIOUS FUNCTIONING OF A COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE OF DIVERSE TONGUE, TRIBE, CULTURE AND RELIGION WITHIN THE ESTATE.

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**

**WINNERS KINGDOM INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CENTRE**

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC 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. PASTOR OMODELE OLAWANLE
2. MRS. BIMBOLA JUMOKO OLAWANLE
3. MR. BUKOLA MAKINDE
4. MR. FIYIN RANMILOWO OLUWABUSUYI

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:**

1. TO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.
2. TO BROADCAST CHRISTIAN PROGRAMMES ON ELECTRONIC, MULTI-MEDIA AND ONLINE CHANNELS.
3. TO RAISE, ORDAIN AND CONSECRATE CHRISTIAN LEADERS.
4. TO EMPOWER THE VULNERABLE ONES IN THE SOCIETY THROUGH VARIOUS OUTREACHES.
5. TO TEACH, MENTOR AND EMPOWER YOUTHS TO LEAD THEIR GENERATION.

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: **MR. BUKOLA MAKINDE ( SECRETARY )**  
**0803 895 2988**

**INCREASING OUTREACH MINISTRIES. CAC/IT/NO. 17905.**

This is to inform the general public that the above named has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Abuja for Removal and Appointed of trustees under part 'C' of Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.

**OLD TRUSTEES.**

- |                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| (1) AKPABIO IME AKPAN            | - RETAINED |
| (2) IME LOVE                     | - RETAINED |
| (3) REV. LAZARUS CHIKA EMERUWA   | - REMOVED  |
| (4) PASTOR GODWIN ASUQUO AKPAN   | - REMOVED  |
| (5) SISTER PRECIOUS IME AKPABIO  | - REMOVED  |
| (6) SISTER OTOBONG SAMUEL ELIJAH | - REMOVED  |
| (7) MAGISTRATE EDEM ITA          | - REMOVED  |
| (8) ROSE THOMPSON                | - REMOVED  |
| (9) JOY EDO EDOHO UDOH           | - REMOVED  |
| (10) ELDER EFFIOM EFFIOM         | - REMOVED. |

**NEWLY APPOINTED TRUSTEES.**

- |                                |                      |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| (1) UKAGWU EMMANUEL CHIGOZIRIM | - NEWLY - APPOINTED. |
| (2) IME FAVOUR                 | - NEWLY - APPOINTED. |
| (3) SAM UDUAK CHRISTOPHER      | - NEWLY - APPOINTED. |

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES REMAIN THE SAME.**

Any objection to this 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****OLD PARTS DEALERS ASSOCIATION SULEJA/ABUJA**

This is to inform all members of the above named association, that the building known as **OLD PARTS DEALERS PLAZA** will be shared among the members of the association, effective from Friday 1st of March 2021. All concern parties should be present. Thanks.

Announcer:  
**Pastor John Chukwurah**  
Chairman

**OBIVICK GIFTED HANDS HUMANITARIAN 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 'C' of Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.

**TRUSTEES ARE:**

- |                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| 1. CHIBUEZE VICTOR CHUKWU | -CHAIRMAN  |
| 2. CHIBUEZE GIFT OBIAGELI | -SECRETARY |

**AIM AND OBJECTIVE:**

1. TO AID AND ASSIST THE LESS PRIVILEGED AND NEEDY IN THE SOCIETY;
2. TO BUILD, OWN AND/OR OPERATE ORPHANAGES, SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND SKILL ACQUISITION CENTERS;
3. TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIP, GRANTS, FREE BOOKS AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR NEEDY MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY;
4. TO CREATE A PLATFORM FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS ACQUISITION AND TRAINING;
5. TO ENGAGE IN HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT; 6. TO RUN PRINT MEDIA FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE OBJECTS OF THE ORGANIZATION THROUGH BOOKS, MAGAZINES, FLYERS, ETC.
1. TO AID AND ASSIST THE LESS PRIVILEGED AND NEEDY IN THE SOCIETY;
2. TO BUILD, OWN AND/OR OPERATE ORPHANAGES, SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND SKILL ACQUISITION CENTERS;
3. TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIP, GRANTS, FREE BOOKS AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR NEEDY MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY;
4. TO CREATE A PLATFORM FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS ACQUISITION AND TRAINING; 5. TO ENGAGE IN HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT;
6. TO RUN PRINT MEDIA FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE OBJECTS OF THE ORGANIZATION THROUGH BOOKS, MAGAZINES, FLYERS, ETC.

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**

OLD NAME:- **ROYAL CHIOCE MINISTRY.**

NEW NAME:- **ROYAL CHIOCE MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL. CAC/IT/NO. 59864.**

This is to inform the general public that the above named has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Abuja for a removal of trustees under part 'C' of Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.

**REMOVED TRUSTEES.**

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|-----------------------------------|------------|
| (1) REV. CHINEDUM INNOCENT ADIOLE | - REMOVED. |
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**RETAINED TRUSTEES.**

- |   |             |
|---|-------------|
| (1) PASTOR DR. SUCCESS OKECHUKWU IBEKANMA | - RETAINED  |
| (2) PASTOR MRS. FAITH NGOZI IBEKANMA      | - RETAINED. |

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES.**

- (1) EMBARK ON EVANGELICAL MISSION, HOLD CRUSADES, CONFERENCES, FELLOWSHIPS AND CONDUCT PRAYER SESSIONS.
- (2) CONFER OR PERMIT TO BE CONFERRED ON THE MINISTRIES (MALE OR FEMALE) OR STAFF (MALE OR FEMALE), OF THE CHURCH SUCH TITLES, AWARDS AND RIGHTS WHEN EARNED.
- (3) UNDERTAKE, PROMOTE AND CARRY OUT CHARITABLE EDUCATIONAL, CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS AND SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMMES.

Any objection to this 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**

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**

This is to inform the general public of the loss of **Original LETTER OF GRANT for Plot No.110 with file No.RES/2008/5330** situated at DANGWAURO in Kumbotso Local Govt Kano, issued by Min of Land & Physical Planning Kano State belonging to one **SA'IDU HALADU "M"**. All efforts made to trace the said document proved abortive. If found please return to the relevant authority.

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**

This is to inform the general public of the loss of **Original LETTER OF GRANT for Plot No.579, RES/2015/A496 and TP/KNUP/328A** situated at WESTERN BY PASS in Kumbotso Local Govt Kano issued by Min of Land & Physical Planning Kano State belonging to one **BINTA YAKUBU "F"**. All efforts made to trace the said document proved abortive. If found please return to the relevant authority.

**NNANNA EHIRIBE 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 'C' of Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.

**TRUSTEES ARE:**

- |                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| IGHO MRAKPOR              | TRUSTEE/CHAIRMAN  |
| OLAOLUWA OLANREWAJU DAVID | TRUSTEE/SECRETARY |
| EHIRIBE TAHUNGA BRIDGET   | TRUSTEE           |
| EKANEM UWANA DONALD       | TRUSTEE           |
| EHIRIBE EZECHI UWAOMA     | TRUSTEE           |

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

1. TO PROMOTE EDUCATION BY INSTITUTING PRIZES AND AWARD TO DESERVING STUDENTS IN LAW FACULTIES AT THE OBAFEMI AWOLOWO UNIVERSITY, ILE-IFE, OSUN STATE AND THE LAGOS STATE UNIVERSITY, LAGOS STATE RESPECTIVELY;
2. TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SEMINARS AND PUBLIC SYMPOSIA ON GOOD GOVERNANCE;
3. HOST AND GIVE PERIODIC PUBLIC AWARDS OF VARIOUS CATEGORIES TO DESERVING AWARDEES FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE IN NIGERIA;
4. MAKE PERIODIC PUBLICATIONS ON ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE GOOD GOVERNANCE IN NIGERIA; AND
5. HOST AND PROVIDE PERIODIC NNANNA EHIRIBE MEMORIAL LECTURES.

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**

**UPHENIX 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 'C' of Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.

**TRUSTEES ARE:**

- 1) ISIJOLA ABISOLA OLUWAFOLAKEMI - PRESIDENT
- 2) ISIJOLA ALABA OLATUNBOSUN -SECRETARY
- 3) ISIJOLA ESTHER LOLA

**AIM AND OBJECTIVE:**

1. TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF LESS PRIVILEGED IN THE SOCIETY

Any objection to this Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

**PUBLIC NOTICE****APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF ORIGINAL OFFER OF GRANT/RIGHT OF OCCUPANCY (R. OF O.)**

This is to information Abuja Geographical Information Systems (AGIS), that **CTC of Original Offer of Grant/Right of Occupancy (R. of O.), of Plot Number 2957, File Number: MISC 53338 Cadastral Zone A04** is needed through this application.

The above documents are urgently needed for process by our Client.

Signed: **VALENTINE ANDY, ESQ.**

**AUCTION! AUCTION!! AUCTION!!!**

This is to inform the general public that RINZE DEVELOPMENT AREA COUNCIL has appointed AS ELADOGA VENTURES to Auction the following Scrap/ Unserviceable Items as follows:

1. Toyota Corolla E
2. Tractor
3. Ridge Implement
4. 504 Pugeot
5. Tipper 911

**Venue: Development Area Secretariat**  
**Date: Seven Days From Date of Advert**

Contact: **08035933883**  
AS ELADOGA Managing Director/Auctioneer.

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**

This is to inform the general public of the loss of **ORIGINAL STATUTORY OFFER LETTER issued by the Office of Sale of FGN Houses with title name UMAR BAPETEL SANDA, IN RESPECT OF CADASTRAL ZONE/ PLOT NO:A05/ 740, WITH FILE No. AD 30267 Maitama District**, for residential purpose, belonging to **UMAR BAPETEL SANDA** of Block 25, Flat B, Lake Chad Crescent, Maitama, Abuja-FCT. All efforts to trace the said document proved abortive. If found, please contact any nearest police station.

General public should note.

**IMPACT RURAL WOMEN NIGERIA INITIATIVE**

This is to inform the general public that the above named INITIATIVE has applied for Registration to the Corporate Affairs Commission under Part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990.

**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**

1. PROF. CHARITY ASHIMEM ANGYA
2. RUTH DEKAAN ANGYA
3. VICTORIA AFA ANGYA
4. BARRISTER MRS ELIZABETH NGUNAN KOHOL

**THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

Improve the lives of women and children in local communities through education, health, economic empowerment and social amenities.

Any objection to the Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar general, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

Signed:  
**SECRETARY**

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# Lagos Focus



Lagos State governor, Mr Babajide Sanwo-Olu, registering and revalidating his membership with the All Progressives Congress (APC) at his ward in St. Stephen School compound, Okepopo, Adeniji Adele, Lagos Island, yesterday PHOTO BY KOLAWOLE ALIU

## Traffic Radio Introduces Mobile App For News Reports

BY ABIODUN SIVOWAKU, Lagos

The Lagos Traffic Radio 96.1FM, the nation's foremost traffic and transportation radio station has introduced its mobile app to enhance the provision of traffic reports and boost the vision of being the leading station in providing adequate traffic information in Africa.

According to a statement signed by the General Manager, Tayo Akanle said the Mobile App will complement the station's drive in providing timely, accurate traffic information and travel advisory to commuters within the Lagos metropolis and beyond, urging Lagosians to leverage on it as the world is now being driven by information technology.

Akanle further stated that the idea is borne out of the need to reach out to a larger audience through a timely notification and in-app pop-ups as such push notifications will assist users navigate their way while ensuring prompt arrival at the destination point.

The General Manager stated that the initiative which is in line with the Traffic Management and Transportation component of the T.H.E.M.E Agenda of Babajide Sanwo-Olu's administration is not only aimed at providing traffic information to our listeners continually but also create more awareness about the station within and outside the State.

## 16 Suspected Cultists In Police Net For Terrorising Residents

BY OGUNTADE ISMAILA, Lagos

Operatives of Lagos State police command have said they have arrested over sixteen suspected cultists terrorising Mushin, Ikorodu and other areas of state.

The police spokesperson, Olumuyiwa Adejobi, a Superintendent Police said their arrests were in compliance with the order of the command after the suspected cultists went on rampage at Moroluke/Wey Street, Mushin on November 8, 2020 at about 10pm in Lagos.

He said the suspects namely ; include Daniel Adome,18; Popoola Michael,20; Kayode Thomson,18 and Taiwo Okiki,18 were identified as a members of Omo Kasari Confraternity The command has vowed to rid the state of cultists and hoodlums who foment troubles and threaten the peace and security of Lagos State.

According to him, the Commissioner of Police, Lagos State, Hakeem Odumosu gave the matching order recently to the Area Commanders, Divisional Police Officers and Heads of Department via Police Wireless Message that miscreants, cultists and hoodlums be sniffed out of their hideouts, arrested and prosecuted accordingly.

## COVID-19, EndSARS Violence Hit Lagos Economy Badly, Says Obase

BY FIDELIS UGBOMEH, Lagos

The Speaker Mudashiru Obase of the Lagos House of Assembly has said the economy of the state was badly hit in 2020 by the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent violence that escalated from the EndSARS protest.

Obase said this when he received the 2021 budget estimate of N1,155,022,413,005 from Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu at the chamber of the state Assembly.

According to Obase, the anarchy, burning, and looting of busi-

nesses in the state 'hit the economy with a blow beneath the belt'.

"You will agree with me that the effects of COVID-19 on the world economy cannot be over-emphasized. Right now, many people have been made unemployed by COVID-19. Some companies are still counting their losses.

"At the backdrop of the destruction of public and private properties and businesses in the wake of the #EndSARS protests, businesses have been counting their losses while economy experts have listed

the immediate challenges the crises will throw-up against Nigeria's struggling economy.

"Also, the replacement cost to Lagos State Government, which is the worst hit by the crises, is put at N1 trillion. More so, the overall cost to the private businesses has been put at several billions of US Dollars," Obase said.

The speaker, while expressing the readiness of the House to work with the executive arm of government to rebuild Lagos, however, lamented that the protest, embarked upon by youths who meant well for the

country, was hijacked by hoodlums.

Obase also advised that social media should be tools adopted by Nigerians to support the development of the country just as he added that the House would continue to support freedom of expression and be willing to interact with everyone including youths.

"When social media is employed in a ruthless manner such that causes disharmony, disaffection, and disintegration among family, friends, and ethnic groups, it can no longer be considered to be beneficial to the society as a whole.

## Lagos Assembly Constitutes Adhoc Committee To Hold Parley On Lagos Division Delineation

BY FIDELIS UGBOMEH, Lagos

The Lagos Assembly has set up an 11-man ad-hoc committee to fine tune the Lagos State Administrative Division Establishment bill 2021, with a view to addressing the worries of Lagosians on proposed delineation.

The bill, having scaled through the first and second reading procedural arrangements of the house was adopted for debate.

In his remark Hon. Rotimi Abiru cautioned the House not to

gloss over the cultural sentiment of the people as efforts are in top gear to refine existing divisional arrangements.

The Deputy Speaker Hon. Wasiu Eshinlokun-Sanni harped on the various historical perspectives on why the Eti-osa area which by former division establishment goes with Lagos Island, saying it won't speak well to be subsumed or merged with the Epe division.

Hon. Mojisola Meranda in her submission expressed the passion of an Islander and the affinity they

have with a particular division.

The Majority Leader Hon. Sana'i Agunbiade was averse to the bill noting that the Ikorodu division stands out right from time past, pointing out that to merge two strong local governments; Kosofe and Shomolu with it will amount to depriving the division of basic political considerations.

Hon. Gbolahan Yishawu representing Eti Osa 2 constituency, who stated his affinity with Lagos Central, noted that the administrative

division need not lead to overblown debate as the initial creation was borne out of need to afford ease of governance, so more divisions could be added.

In his submission, the Speaker, Lagos State House of Assembly, Rt.Hon. Mudashiru Obase counseled that the debate should be detached from any cultural entanglements, saying more concentration need be accorded positive development the new delineation attempt will afford the concerned areas.

## Sanwo-Olu Backs FG's Move To Domesticate Community Policing

BY GEORGE OKOJIE, Lagos

Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu, has said the idea mooted by the Federal Government and the Nigerian Police Force to integrate the concept of community policing into the formal security architecture of the state would allow security agencies to efficiently nip crimes in the

bud and swiftly respond to security breaches before blowing out of proportion.

The Governor spoke at the event organised by the Police Force and hosted by the State Government to sensitise members of the public on community policing.

The event, with the theme: "Understanding Community Po-

licing: A Framework for Action", was held at the Banquet Hall of the Governor's office and attended by Commissioners of Police in all the Southwest states, religious groups, traditional institution, labour unions, civil society groups, and chairmen of the 57 local councils in Lagos.

The mass sensitisation followed the approval of communi-

ty policing strategy by the Federal Government to further localise the operations of the police.

Sanwo-Olu, represented by the Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Sam Egube, said the implementation of the community policing strategy was long overdue, given the nature of crimes and the need to enhance public safety.

# 2023: Secondus Wrong On Goodluck Jonathan

BY BONAVENTURE PHILLIPS MELAH

I read with disbelief and shock, an article obviously written by the national chairman of the Peoples' Democratic Party (PDP), Prince Uche Secondus which carried the byeline of his media adviser, Ike Abonyi and published on Thursday, January 28, 2021.

I waited for these few days before responding to the publication to see whether Secondus would reprimand Ike Abonyi or at least put out a disclaimer, disassociating himself from the disrespectful write-up.

His failure to do any of the above is therefore a confirmation that the PDP national chairman either wrote, supervised or endorsed the publication.

It is surprising that the national chairman of the PDP could throw decorum to the wind to publicly attack no less a personality than Goodluck Jonathan who apart from being a former president produced by the PDP, is still the leader of the party, going by PDP books.

In the article titled: "Jonathan's 2023 Selfish Gamble," Secondus or Ike Abonyi expressed disappointment that Jonathan has not come out to tell Nigerians and the world that he has no interest in returning

to the office as president of Nigeria as well as rebuke those calling on him to contest the 2023 presidential election.

Although the PDP national chairman grudgingly acknowledged that Jonathan has become a global icon and international statesman as well as the huge sacrifices, he made in 2015 when he conceded defeat and handed over power to then Gen. Muhammadu Buhari (Now President and Commander-in-Chief), he wondered why the former president is now romancing with northerners who, he said, ganged up against him in 2015.

"Some water may have passed under the bridge for the heavy twist in the tongue which ostensibly is intended to appeal to certain northern sentiments. Something must have happened for him to be dining with the same people who ganged up and threw him away, could it be that he is the man who will do their bidding now or they are setting him up for the usual use and dump?" he had questioned.

I am responding to this write-up as a Nigerian who loves and admires the former president who is also my hero. Knowing Jonathan, it would not be surprising if he told his media aides not to respond to any of such attacks. But

since I don't work for or with him, I do not bear the burden of waiting to get clearance before responding to anyone that attacked the former president, as I would continue to do, henceforth.

In my latest book titled "Dear President Goodluck Jonathan (An Open Letter)" which was presented to the public on December 15, 2020 at the International Conference Centre Abuja, I suggested that it would be good if Jonathan should play less politics in Nigeria to enable him concentrate on waging peace across countries as well as helping those in need through his Goodluck Jonathan Foundation as he is currently doing. But those were what they should be suggestions. Because as I also stated in the book, Jonathan has the right to pursue his destiny.

Therefore, if God says Jonathan's assignment for Nigeria is not yet completed, not even Jonathan himself can stop the wave. Otherwise, he would be given the biblical Jonah treatment and sent to Nineveh through the belly of a fish.

One question I would like to ask Secondus at this point is- what right does he have to direct Jonathan to rebuke those calling on him to contest the 2023 presidential election when the former presi-

dent has equally ignored those that have called him all manner of insulting names over the years? If Secondus does not want to hear the name "Jonathan," when it comes to politics, there are millions of people, including highly placed citizens that believe in the former president's capacity to reconcile the country as well as take it to a new height based on his experience on the job as well as those he has garnered since 2015 when he left office.

Having said that, many politically enlightened Nigerians know why Secondus cannot be comfortable with any person asking Jonathan to run for president in 2023, especially under the PDP umbrella.

Going through Secondus's (or Ike Abonyi's) piece, one would easily see the level of frustration and outright anger that motivated the vituperations. As the Managing Editor of Daily Times newspaper then, I personally travelled to Port Harcourt in 2018 to cover the PDP National Convention. We heard stories of the huge financial inducement that went the way of some top PDP leaders by particular aspirants seeking to fly the party's presidential flag for the 2019 election.

Now that another party convention is not too far away, it is very clear that some people in the par-

ty desperately want to fence some aspirants out in order to narrow the race to their target money-bag(s) aspirants. They are therefore applying blackmail and other dubious tactics to harass and intimate decent politicians out of the race- the overall aim is to make the final financial kill before leaving the office, thereafter. We know all these.

In the article, Secondus attempted to pitch the South East against Jonathan by saying the former president should have outrightly said that he will not run in 2023 and that the office should be left for the zone that has not produced a president. This is coming from the mouth or brain of the same Secondus, whose leadership has refused to respond to the call to declare that the PDP presidential ticket would go to the South, the reason why Governor David Umahi has decamped to the All Progressives Congress (APC) with speculations that more South East governors would follow.

Maybe Secondus has not heard. Let me therefore tell him what people are saying- that the PDP leadership which he heads, is not interested in winning elections, but is more concerned with what would enter their individual pockets from conventions and state primaries.

- Melah writes from Abuja

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## Minister, Pinnick Mourn Yisa Sofoluwe

BY OLAWALE AYENI, ABUJA

The minister of youth and sports development, Mr Sunday Dare and Nigeria Football Federation have expressed deep shock and sadness over the demise of former Super Eagles defender, Yisa Sofoluwe, who passed on Tuesday's night at the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital at the age of 54.

The minister in a statement by SA on media, John Joshua Akanji, said: "The news of Yisa Sofoluwe's death is quite devastating and one that hit me like a tornado. He was a great, committed, disciplined, humble and patriotic player. He came ahead of his time. No wonder he was nicknamed the Dean of Defence by ace

commentator, Ernest Okonkwo.

"My condolences and prayers go to his wife, children, teammates and the football community. He died just when help was on the way to pay for his surgery. His death is a huge loss. Rest in peace Dean of Defence."

President of the NFF, Amaju Melvin Pinnick, said he was nonplussed after receiving a report that the former defender had breathed his last just when the process had been activated for a medical operation on him.

"It is another sad, sad day. Just a couple of weeks ago, we were lamenting the loss of former goalkeeper and coach Joseph Erico. Now, Yisa Sofoluwe. That man was a gem in the green-and-white and did his very best for Nigeria whenever he was on the field. Personally, I have sweet memories of Yisa Sofoluwe.

"It is more painful that he left just when help was coming to him from everywhere and the process was on to rectify his medical condition. We loved him but God loves him more. May his soul rest in peace."



Sofoluwe

## Akhator Blames COVID-19 Restriction For Atlanta Camp Absence

D'Tigress forward Evelyn Akhator has shed more light on why she missed out of the team's camping in Atlanta ahead of the Olympic Games.

The Flamme Carolo of France player stated that due to travel restrictions occasioned by COVID-19 pandemic between US and Europe, reporting to camp was impossible.

"Unfortunately, I could not leave

France due to circumstances beyond my immediate control. If I left France, it would have been very difficult to come back. So I just had to hold on for my documentation deciding on what to do but unfortunately those documents have not arrived."

The situation according to her was out of the control of all parties involved because of the national im-



## Tokyo Olympics: Ekuta Calls For Inclusion Of Judo In Team Nigeria's Events

BY OLAWALE AYENI, ABUJA

Nigerian female judoka, Enku Ewa Ekuta, has called for inclusion of Judo in sporting events that Team Nigeria compete at the summer 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan.

The call is coming on the heels of an earlier pronouncement by the minister of youth and sports development, Sunday Dare, that Team Nigeria will compete in just 11 sports with comparative advantage at the world showpiece which Judo was

excluded.

Ekuta, who has followed her mother's footsteps by qualifying for Tokyo 2020 Games, told LEADERSHIP Sports that Nigerians should expect an impressive performance from her in Tokyo.

"Nigeria should expect my best at the Olympic to bring a medal from the Olympic by God grace," she said.

"The government should include Judo in the sports going to the Olympics because only 11 sports have

definitely add the needed depth into the team ahead of the games.

Despite not being present in camp, Akhator said she has played against some of the players and is quite familiar with their qualities and what they can bring to the team.

"I was not present during the training camp but half of the new players were in the teams I have played against in the past."

## Inaugural GOLFSIXES Nigeria 2021 Tees-off February 13

BY SALIFU USMAN, ABUJA

A total of 64 senior amateur golfers will swing for laurels at the Inaugural GOLFSIXES Nigeria 2021 which will tee-off this weekend at the TYB International Golf Resort and Country Club, Mambilla Barrack, Abuja.

The historic golf tournament is already making the TYB IGRCC golf course brimming with social activity in readiness for the event featuring senior Nigerian citizens from 55 years and above.

Prominent Nigerian amateur golfers, such as former ambassador to

U.S.A., Hassan Muhammed Hassan; former ambassador to Brazil, Adamu Emozozo; former captain of IBB Golf Club, Ahmed Ahmed Oseni; director-general of National Council for Arts and Culture (NCAC), Otunba Olusegun Runsewe and former captain of Kaduna Golf Club, Bello Arabi will be part of the competition.

Speaking to LEADERSHIP Sports ahead of the event, the chief organizer and former president of Ladies Golf Association of Nigeria (LGAN), Ekanem Ekwueme, said the GOLFSIXES event which is strictly for Nigerian golfers from 55

years above, in recognition of their meritorious contribution to development of golf in the country, will hold on Saturday, February 13 and Sunday, February 14, 2021.

She said the event which will be a unique and fun-filled display of skills will provide opportunity for the youths and upcoming golfers to tap from seasoned golfers to bring out their best.

"In our quest to recognise our senior players especially those who have contributed immensely to the growth and development of golf, we decided to dedicate this GOLFSIXES Nigeria inaugural tournament to

them. This is the first time this is going to happen in Nigeria.

"We strongly believe that our Senior players can still swing. These seasoned elders have the right attitude and skills that can be tapped by our youths to bring out the best in them as golfers, hence our need to showcase them at this event.

"The event is strictly for 55 and above and it is going to happen at TYB International Golf Resort and Country Club on the 13 and 14 of February, 2021.

The 16 teams of four golfers each will compete in the unique match-play against one another in a friend-

ly atmosphere yet competitive environment with all camaraderie and display of skills between the teams. The 16 teams will be split into four groups with the winners of each group will proceed to the next round of the competition.

She also called more Judo competitions towards discovering and nurturing talents at the grassroots.

"There is a need to improve the level of Judo development in the country, like competitions, the last competitions we had was in 2018 during the National Sports Festival, and that was only the tournament that athletes are selected to represent the country in international competitions".

According to her "I get my inspiration from my dad and mom because they're my coach, I want to also thank the president of the Nigeria Judo Federation (NJF) and my sponsor (Savannah Energy) for supporting me to qualify for the Olympic Games," she concluded.



Pinnick

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# ...Of MMM And Cryptocurrency

BY JOY NGURI

On Friday, February 5, 2021, the CBN pronounced the ban on cryptocurrency operation in any form in the Nigeria's financial system as illegal, and banned it. It could be recalled that the CBN had on two occasions in 2017 and 2018 warned that transacting in cryptocurrency in the country is illegal. However, the latest seal by the Bank has attracted mixed reactions from several quarters, the political, academia, financial technocrats and the uninformed.

What is Cryptocurrency, otherwise called the 21st-century unicorn, the money of the future or freedom money? Cryptocurrency is an internet-based medium of exchange which uses cryptographically functions to conduct financial transactions. Cryptocurrencies leverage block chain technology to gain decentralization, transparency, and immutability.

Its most important feature is that, it is not controlled by any central authority or regulator. Its decentralized nature as a block chain immunizes it from traditional ways of government control and interference. Cryptocurrencies can be transacted directly between two parties through the use of private and public keys with minimal processing fees, thus allowing users to avoid the steep fees charged by a central bank. This implies it cannot be regarded as a legal tender.

What is a legal tender? A legal tender is a coin or banknote that must be accepted if offered in payment of a debt or transaction. Legal tender is something which is acknowledged by the laws as a mechanism to settle a private or public debt or in order to meet a fiscal responsibility which includes paying taxes, abiding by contracts, and finally damages or fines. Almost every country uses its national currency as legal tender.

Can the CBN action on crypto be described as irrational, or failing to swim with the tides of time? Why is the business of crypto shrouded in secrecy if it is to serve as a means of transaction acceptable by all, and sundry?

The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) while clarifying why it directed Deposit Money Banks (DMBs) and other financial institutions to desist from transacting in / and with entities dealing in cryptocurrencies, said it was due to the fact that cryptocurrencies are largely speculative, anonymous and untraceable. Cryptocurrencies have increasingly become money laundering tools, terrorism financing and other criminal activities.

The CBN said the regulatory directive became necessary to protect the financial system and the generality of Nigerians (including the youth population) from the risks inherent in crypto assets transactions, which have escalated in recent times, with dire consequences for the integrity of the financial system and financial stability. It added that the small retail and unsophisticated investors also face high probability of loss due to the high volatility of the investments in recent times.

Currently, there are about 10 cryptocurrencies in circulation. Bitcoin was the first to be introduced in 2009, which accounts for about 68 percent



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of all cryptocurrencies. Others are Litecoin, Ethereum, Ripple, Dash, NEM, Monero, Ethereum Classic, Augur and Waves.

It must be noted that the CBN did not place any new restrictions on cryptocurrencies, given that all banks in the country had earlier been forbidden, through CBN's circular dated January 12, 2017, not to use, hold, trade and/or transact in cryptocurrencies. Indeed, this position was reiterated in another CBN press release dated February 27, 2018. Why now the hue and cry of its latest action?

The CBN's position on cryptocurrencies is not alien as many countries, central banks, international financial institutions, and distinguished investors and economists have also warned against its use. Though, countries like Australia, Canada, United States of America and European Union acknowledged its operations, they, however, never accepted them as substitute for legal tender. They are only acknowledged as mere business incomes, and have banned their usage as either debit or credit cards for transactions.

Nigeria today, is faced with security challenges, and globally, we are all aware of monies not within the financial system being used to fund terrorism. We witnessed this during recent #END SARS# protest. Some of the cases are under investigation, while some are being prosecuted.

It irks when people who should know throw decency to the dogs for obvious dislike for people in authority for mere political dirtiness, thus, standing the truth on its head. There is the sacred fact enshrined in the CBN Act 2007 as the financial regulator not to allow unlicensed entities to operate in the country's financial space. Are we witnessing a resurgence of MMM in Cryptocurrencies?

During the time of MMM, the pronouncement and ban of its op-

eration by the CBN was visited with this same acerbic reaction. Gladly, the CBN had the last, and best laugh when the bubble busted.

How then would one situate the Securities and Exchange Commission's stance in this controversy going by its position on cryptocurrencies? Is it within its mandate to regulate what it has no power? It wrote in September 2020 that "Digital assets offerings provide alternative investment opportunities for the investing public; it is therefore essential to ensure that these offerings operate in a manner that is consistent with investor protection, the interest of the public, market integrity and transparency. The general objective of regulation is not to hinder technology or stifle innovation, but to create standards that encourage ethical practices that ultimately make for a fair and efficient market". This is the crux of the current controversy when government agencies go overboard making pronouncements on issues, they have no competence or constitutional power, thus throwing the system into confusion.

It affirmatively asserted that Section 13 of the Investment and Securities Act, 2007 conferred powers on the Commission as the apex regulator of the Nigerian capital market to regulate investments and securities business in Nigeria. In line with these powers, the SEC has adopted a three-pronged objective to regulate innovation, hinged on safety, market deepening and providing solution to problems. This will guide its strategy, its regulations and its interaction with innovators seeking legitimacy and relevance.

Consequently, the SEC will regulate crypto-token or crypto-coin investments when the character of the investments qualifies as securities transactions".

Even if its Act confers the right on it, can't the Exchange engage the

CBN on the issue before going public when it was aware that the CBN, as the financial regulator had made a pronouncement back in 2017 prohibiting transacting in Crypto and find a way around the issue so as not to hurt the fragile economy?

Why are government agencies not always stay within their constitutional confines?

In view of reasons canvassed by the CBN, that, repeated and recent evidence suggests that some cryptocurrencies have become more widely used as speculative assets rather than as means of payment, thus explaining the significant volatility and variability in their prices. It is also why the very name, and nature of "cryptocurrencies" suggests that its patrons and users value anonymity, obscurity, and concealment.

The question is, why would any entity disguise its transactions if they were legal? It thus suggests that, Crypto is well-suited for conducting many illegal activities including money laundering, terrorism financing, purchase of small arms and light weapons, and tax evasion, as evident in today's Nigeria.

It is also shocking reading a former Vice President of the country, Atiku Abubakar, carrying his political frustration too far into a terrain he has no competence when he called for the policy reversal.

Quoting him in his tweet, "This is definitely the wrong time to introduce policies that will restrict the inflow of capital into Nigeria, and I urge that the policy to prohibit the dealing and transaction of cryptocurrencies be revisited".

"It is possible to regulate the sub-sector and prevent any abuse that may be damaging to national security. That may be a better option, than an outright shutdown. We must create jobs in Nigeria. We must expand the economy. We must remove every impediment towards investments. We owe the Nigerian people that

much." I ask, allowing illegal inflow of illicit investment into the country? This is shocking coming from a leader, playing politics with fortunes of Nigeria.

Equally disturbing was the comment of a former Deputy Governor of the Bank, Kingsley Moghalu, who should know better. He said on a television programme on Sunday, February 7, 2021, that if he was still at the CBN he would have handled it differently, having superintended over the Financial System Stability Directorate of the Bank.

Paradoxically, he admitted that cryptocurrency poses a threat to financial stability.

He said, "When I saw news of this directive, I was a bit concerned but I was not surprised. I was not surprised because you have to first of all understand that there are many dimensions to the question of cryptocurrencies. There are financial stability issues and concerns. There is the question of whether or not, it is a legal tender in Nigeria, this is because the central bank put out that regulation in 2017.

"And now they have put out a new directive basically banning all deposit money banks from transacting in cryptocurrencies. But the Securities and Exchange Commission of Nigeria (SEC) recognises cryptocurrencies as a financial asset and in September (2020), they had said they were going to put out a regulatory framework, and we know that Bitcoin and other kinds of cryptocurrencies have now become known as 'freedom money'."

He added: "We have to go back to understand what cryptocurrencies actually are, which are virtual currencies that can be exchanged online to purchase goods and services and the value is not determined by the value of legal tender currencies.

"But you would have to use legal tender currencies to purchase those cryptocurrencies, the most popular which is Bitcoin. Also, they don't have an underlining value, so many people would say it is speculative because unlike a normal currency, that currency is backed up by either foreign reserves, the productive nature of the economy of the country that owns the currency and various other elements."

"So, there is the financial stability aspect, there is political aspect, there is the private and economic investment aspect of it and there is the aspect of the business opportunities of the incomes and earnings of many young Nigerians who trade in this instrument. So, it is a very complex issue". Concluding he said, the directive by CBN was aimed at making the space difficult for people who deal in the virtual currency.

We should all join hands with the government to battle the menace of terrorism, banditry and money laundering. Illicit funds from crypto would not grow foreign reserves, as they are outside the financial system.

The campaign of calumny against the CBN that the action will impact the youth negatively in view of high youth unemployment rate in the country is to say the least crazy and pure balderdash. Rather our youths should be encouraged to continue to engage productively in legal and legitimate endeavours that will not only add value to their persons, but Nigeria as a whole.

- Nguri wrote from Numan, Adama-wa State

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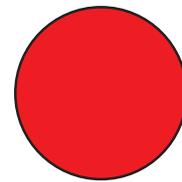
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# How Transparent Is Transparency International?

"It takes two to tango. Where corruption has an international dimension- for example in contracts let by international bidding- it has to be of concern to the international community." - (Baroness Linda Chalker, 1996)

"Let's be honest... you won't put your own money in a company scoring an 'average' in corruption. The same applies to investment in a country... any corruption is too much."

While developing countries have to check corruption, we are also entitled to demand that the developed world does not thrust corruption upon us." - Jerry Rawlings, president of Ghana, United Nations Millennium Summit, 7 September 2000.

True to expectation, the latest report released by Transparency International (TI) ranked Nigeria 146 out of the 180 countries in graft entrenchment. Some two steps lower from 144th ranking in 2018. And that was in spite of globally acknowledged Nigeria's anti-corruption campaign.

In 2018, two prominent former governors of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC), Jolly Nyame and Joshua Dariye were jailed in quick succession by a Federal Capital Territory High Court for corruption after a decade-long trial process. Nyame and Dariye, both former two-term governors of Taraba and Plateau States respectively, were convicted and sentenced to 14 years in prison on corruption charges. The landmark judgements on public sector corruption were not perceptions but judgements already enforced.

Pray what organizational type is TI, the annual report of which is predictably thumps down for Nigeria as a daily sunset? Nigeria, according to TI has dropped from 144 in 2018 to 146 in 2019 on the annual corruption perception index! The index ranked 180 countries and territories by their perceived (note: perceived, not proven)

"levels of public (note: public, not private!) sector corruption, "according to experts and business people" ( note: not according to ordinary women, youths and workers who are victims of corrupt practices) .

TI "uses a scale of zero to 100, where zero is highly corrupt and 100 is very clean". Predictably, the best performer top countries (least corrupt!) are in the global North of Europe, namely "New Zealand and Denmark, with scores of 87 each, followed by Finland (86), Singapore (85), Sweden (85) and (hold your breath "Switzerland (85)", the notorious destination of stolen and looted funds! Of course true to Eurocentric perception, the most corrupt countries are from the global South with Nigeria ranked behind Botswana (34), Rwanda (51) and Mauritius (56) among other African nations.

According to the Transparency International, "the 2019 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) shows corruption is more pervasive in countries where big money can flow freely into electoral campaigns and where governments listen only to the voices of wealthy or well-connected individuals". But "big money" often flows from private to public sector. Why would TI's scrutiny choose to ignore the private sector in this era of public-private part-corruption?

TI is permanently hunted by its selective ever bias methodology in its Perception Index. Please don't get me wrong. I still pay an "estimated" bill for power often not delivered in my house in Ilorin. Indeed I don't need an international organization whose members hardly live my experience that public-private corruption is undermining the energy sector reform in my country. However, I am displeased with simplistic annual verdict being churned out in the last two decades by TI and instructively too. How transparent is Transparency Inter-



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national's skewed Perception Index that predictably comes with cheap outcomes.

True to type, the unthinking and uncritical section of Nigerian (social) media have chorused how Nigeria is next to Babylon on account of what the TI itself presented as Corruption Perception (not proven) Index. 'Analysts' have been in a frenzy to prove the validity of an index cynically and boringly thrown at the country annually. When in 2000 a similar report hit the headlines, President Olusegun Obasanjo's men made some belated rebuttal of what they saw as an uncharitable report against a budding democratically elected administration.

It would be recalled that President Obasanjo, himself, was a former advisory Council Chairman of TI which serially dammed Nigeria on accountability and corruption, which assumed crisis dimen-

sion under Abacha dictatorship. Recently, both Information Minister Lai Muhammed and spokesman Garba Shehu have fallen to the annual bait, on another annual apologetic explanation of an expected verdict from a perception (not proven!) index.

Why would all presidents' men uncritically accept the annual TI' smear report as an annual article of faith? With official defensive reaction, we have inadvertently turned 'perception' of TI to be truism which of course is not. It's time Africans were weary of ritualistic perception (not proved conclusion) that we are a continent of failures based on arbitrary dictatorship of criteria from God-knows-where. Put in another way, if TI perceived there is no corruption at the ports, does that make the lived experiences of serial extortions of importers and exporters irrele-

vant worthy of official prompt reactions?

The question is: whose perception matters, others or ours? And above all, how valid are what others choose to say? Put in another way, how does repeated jingoism about our failings (not even about a single success, including resistance of Nigerians against graft) help in our desired fight against corruption?

Nigerians should be weary of annual wounding verdicts. TI's report denies the fact that corruption is not constitutional in Nigeria and that an Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) and EFCC notwithstanding challenges are fighting graft monster. It was President Buhari, NOT TI, who gave the quotable quote; "If Nigeria does not kill corruption, corruption would kill Nigeria".

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parency International (TI) itself whose corruption perception is generous with Switzerland which thrives on looted funds from Nigeria? TI awarded Nigeria the "medal for graft" on its arbitrary perception index in 2000. Yet that was when Germany, its home base, was embroiled in a series of perceived corruption scandals ranging from altering books by Chancellor and Ministers alike to alleged corruption of FIFA in a desperate attempt to deny South Africa's hosting right for the World Cup in 2010.

There can be no doubt that Nigeria must face up to the monster of graft. But so far, it can only get better in the fight against corruption, not getting worse. Yes, some officials tried to hoard palliatives in a pandemic. But commendably Nigerians as citizens rightly unlocked the hoarding, albeit wrongly in unacceptable looting fashion.

But the joy is that there is no hiding place again for official graft. The fact that recovery of looted funds is an official policy means that perception to overcome the cancer of corruption should be more favourable. The current uncritical downloading reproduction of other's intellectual perception of us must give way to independent and original critical assessment of the battle against corruption so far.

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**Voter turnout in Nigerian elections around 35%**

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