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## Fintech: Nigerians Lose N51bn To Cybercriminals

BY BUKOLA ARO-LAMBO, ROYAL IBEH AND ABIODUN SIVOWAKU, Lagos

Nigerian banking customers have lost a whopping N51 billion savings

to fraud, even as cybercriminals are now targeting Fintech bank customers to defraud them, LEADERSHIP can exclusively reveal.

Between 2019 and July 2023, banking customers lost N50.5 billion to banking-related fraud, a situation that soared last year and early this year as a result of the cash

crunch in the country following the naira redesign and cash withdrawal limit policies of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN).

With over N9 billion lost to fraud

in the banking system as of July 2023, there are indications that the figure could rise to over N20 billion by year end as cybercriminals

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Rivers State commissioner of police, Olatunji Disu training officers and men of Rivers Police Command on arms handling and musketry amid political crisis and festivities . PHOTO: NAN

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FACT CHECK:

Did ex chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission, Prof Mahmud Jega call for restructuring of Nigeria?

Yes. For the next election cycle to be free of disturbing questions, Prof Mahmud Jega, former chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission, has said Nigeria should be re-structured to deconcentrate powers from central government to states and local governments.

TRENDING

The University of Cambridge has announced a Professor of Pharmaceutical Nanoscience, Ijeoma Uchegbu, as the seventh President of Wolfson College, one of its 31 colleges. This was made known in a statement titled, "Wolfson elects Professor Ijeoma Uchegbu as the College's 7th President on the University's website

UNDONE

This government said it will build a Nigeria, especially for our youth, where sufficient jobs with decent wages create a better life. Still undone...

NUMBERS: 1,250

The naira depreciated yesterday to N1,250 per dollar in the parallel market from N1,230 per dollar on Thursday.

HISTORY TODAY

On this day 18 of December 1958, the World's first communication satellite launched

**SCHOOL CHILDREN IN CAPTIVITY**  
BETHEL BAPTIST HIGH SCHOOL KUJAMA'S kidnapped students have spent 966 days in captivity.



PHOTO OF THE DAY

CELEBRATING EXCEPTIONAL PUPILS

Founder, Olean Care Aid Foundation (OCAF), Mrs Oge Nwagu (2nd left) dancing and celebrating with pupils and teachers of LEA Primary School Wuse, Zone 3, during the OCAF's end of year party to celebrate pupils and teachers with exceptional performance in Abuja at the weekend. PHOTO: NAN

BACK STORY OF THE DAY

BY OKEM GREEN MBAH, Yenagoa

Unlike other states of the federation where the N2bn palliative fund as well as food items received from the federal government were already disbursed to citizens to cushion the effects of subsidy removal, residents in Bayelsa have waited endlessly for the prosperity government of Senator Douye Diri to roll out plans for distribution, to get the much-needed succour as a way out of the biting socio-economic realities.

The federal government had earlier announced the release of N2billion from

Subsidy Removal: Bayelsa Residents Waiting Endlessly For FG Palliatives

the N5billion loan it offered to each state as a palliative to cushion the impact of the petrol subsidy removal.

The Bayelsa State government also confirmed receipt of the N2billion palliative fund as well as two trucks of food items, but had since kept mute on the mode of distribution of the palliatives to the people of Bayelsa in spite of the sufferings caused by hike in prices of food items and transportation.

However, it was alleged that the N2billion and the trucks of food palliatives was used by the state government for campaigns during the recently concluded off-cycle governorship election in the state.



A source close to government who spoke in confidence alleged that a portion of the food items, particularly rice was allegedly repackaged and shared to various wards on the eve of the election as part of incentives for vote-buying.

While responding to questions on the N2billion palliative fund during the transparency briefing for

the months of June and July 2023, the special adviser to the Governor on Treasury Accounts & Revenue, Timipre Seipulou, said that the state government was working on a comprehensive programme on its expenditure and will give account of how it was spent at the next transparency briefing which comes up in December or January 2024.

According to a rights advocate and member of Civil Liberty Organization (CLO), Mr. David West, the state government was very much silent about the palliative under the guise that it was electioneering period, adding, "but two days to the election, surprisingly, we begin to see these rice rolling out.

"For some we see pictures of even the governor on it. They began to share some of these rice to communities through wards and the few ones I saw they were sharing was done by members of the ruling party because it was given to ward chairmen to go to their various wards and share.

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*Revamping Work Ethics*

The Unreversed Money



Farida had wanted to accompany me but I told her I could handle it on my own.



Whether it was a technical error or glitch or the usual server connection error, I do not know. All I want to know is where my money is, shikena. I tried calling again, but

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still got no response. To top it up money was not reversed. Trust me, I drove straight to the bank. Farida had wanted to accompany me, but I told her I could handle it on my own. "You know me Maimuna, I will just sit on their floor in the middle of the banking hall and start shouting and crying." I definitely can picture Farida doing that. Getting to customer care, as soon as it was my turn I explained in detail what the issue was to the lady attending to clients.

SEVEN TIPS: ON ESSENTIAL VITAMINS

Here are some vital vitamins your body needs.

VITAMIN A

Vitamin A keeps your heart, lungs, liver and other organs working properly. Also called beta-carotene, it's important for reproductive, vision and immune system health.

VITAMIN B

There are eight different essential B vitamins — B1 (thiamin), B2 (riboflavin), B3 (niacin), B5 (pantothenic acid), B6 (pyridoxine), B7 (biotin), B9 (folate) and B12 (cobalamin). They all help convert carbohydrates, fats and proteins into energy.

VITAMIN C

Also known as ascorbic acid, vitamin C boosts the immune system and increases iron absorption from plant-based foods and supplements. Since it's an antioxidant, vitamin C protects our cells from damaging free radicals.

VITAMIN D

Vitamin D builds strong bones by helping our body absorb calcium from food and supplements. It also boosts the functioning of the immune system.



VITAMIN E

Vitamin E protects our cells from free radicals, boosts our immune system and helps prevent blood clots.

VITAMIN K

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IRON

Iron is an essential part of building red blood cells, specifically hemoglobin, a protein that bonds with oxygen to oxygen through the blood from the lungs to the cells throughout your body.

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# our stand

## Mass Kidnappings In Abuja

In a chilling repetition of an alarming trend, the recent abduction of over 23 residents in Dei-Dei town, situated off the Kubwa-Zuba Road in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), has reignited concerns about the escalating wave of mass kidnappings in Abuja.

This unfortunate incident unfolded in three housing estates in the area, bringing to the fore the disconcerting reality that kidnappings, often orchestrated by individuals donning military uniforms, persist despite official denials from the police.

The details of this incident, reported with vivid clarity, underscore the urgency of addressing the pervasive insecurity that has gripped the nation's capital.

Residents recounted a distressing ordeal, painting a stark picture of the ruthlessness of the kidnappers. While the police, through the spokesperson of the FCT Police Command, SP Josephine Adeh, promptly dismissed the incident, asserting, "This is not true, disregard please," the testimonies from those directly affected tell a different story.

Abuja, a city known for its status as the political and administrative hub of Nigeria, is grappling with a rising tide of kidnappings that seemingly know no bounds.

The unfortunate incident involving Barrister Chris Agidy, the senior legislative aide to Senator Ned Nwoko, highlights the severity of the situation. Shockingly, reports indicated that 12 out of the 19 victims were allegedly killed by the kidnappers, casting a shadow of fear and apprehension over the city's residents.

Data from reliable sources reveal a disturbing pattern. The Kuje Area Council, in particular, has earned notoriety as a hotspot for kidnappings. The Nextier Violent Conflict Database documented a surge in kidnapping incidents, with

two recorded in May 2023 and three in June 2023. The statistics underscore the urgency of addressing this menace as part of broader security reforms.

From January 2021 to June 30th, 2023, 40 kidnap cases were recorded in FCT Abuja, with a staggering 236 victims.

These incidents translate not only into human tragedies but also substantial economic losses, with verified ransom payments amounting to ₦653.7 million between 2021 and 2022. A 2020 report by SB Morgen further revealed that Abuja ranked 11th among places with rampant abductions, emphasizing the need for comprehensive and sustained efforts to curb this menace.

It is disheartening, in our view, that Nigeria, with its rich history and potential, is marred by a negative global perception for kidnapping. Nine years after the Chibok

girls' abduction marked a turning point, the nation grapples with an unabated surge in mass kidnappings. This criminal enterprise has not only persisted but has evolved into a sophisticated and lucrative business for criminal elements.

Even legislative interventions, such as the law enacted last year imposing a minimum of 15 years in prison for ransom payment and capital punishment for cases resulting in the victims' death, have not yielded the desired outcomes. The effectiveness of such measures remains questionable, and it underscores the need for a comprehensive strategy to combat kidnappings.

One of the fundamental steps in this strategy should be the provision of adequate resources to security agencies, enabling them to respond more effectively to kidnap cases. Collaboration

with local communities for reliable intelligence is pivotal, emphasizing the necessity of community-oriented policing. The "Rescue Me App" launched by the Nigerian police should be optimized and widely publicized, ensuring its effectiveness as a tool for public safety.

Strict punishment for kidnappers must be enforced, serving as a deterrent to potential perpetrators. The Nigerian government should intensify efforts to strengthen law enforcement agencies, preventing and responding to kidnappings. This involves increased police presence, enhanced border controls, and the establishment of security checkpoints.

However, addressing the root causes of kidnapping is equally crucial. Socioeconomic issues contribute significantly to the prevalence of this crime. Therefore, a holistic approach that addresses these underlying problems will be instrumental in reducing incidents of kidnapping. Focusing on socioeconomic development, education, and job creation will help create a more secure and stable environment, ultimately mitigating the appeal of kidnapping as a criminal enterprise.

Another fundamental issue is for security agencies to do a thorough soul searching and self assessment to weed out compromised elements within its ranks.

Reports of security personnel assisting kidnappers are becoming too common for comfort.

As Abuja grapples with this distressing reality, it is imperative that both immediate and long-term measures are implemented. The city's residents deserve more than a semblance of security; they deserve a resolute and comprehensive response to eradicate the blight of mass kidnappings that threatens the very fabric of their daily lives.

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# Insecurity... Concern As Safe Schools Initiative Gets Zero Budget

BY CHRISTIANA NWAOGU, Abuja

Nigeria's development partners are worried that there are no allocations in the 2024 budget of the federal government for the Safe Schools Initiative (SSI) it established alongside a host of international stakeholders in 2014, according to an online platform, *Empowered Newswire*.

The SSI arose following a series of terror attacks on schools and abduction of school children in 2014 in Nigeria, causing former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, as UN Special Envoy on Global Education, and then Finance Minister Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala to float the Initiative which then drew widespread global endorsement.

The Safe Schools Initiative was a concerted effort by the international community and the Nigerian government to ensure "a protected and safe learning environment" for learners, teachers and others in troubled communities across the country, especially in the North.

However, inside sources at the Ministry of Budget and National Planning confirmed to *Empowered Newswire* that the Finance Ministry is responsible for the omission of the Initiative from the 2024 Budget of Renewed Hope.

When contacted officials of the finance ministry said the finance minister is yet to be convinced of the significance of the Initiative located in the finance ministry.

Since the Jonathan administration, the Initiative had been domiciled in the Ministry of Finance and last year the Buhari Administration budgeted a sum of N15 billion for the Initiative in the 2023 Budget, parts of which have already been released, Budget Ministry officials said.

But UN, World Bank and EU of-

ficials in Nigeria are now apprehensive that the 2024 Budget made no allocation at all for the Initiative. Those partners among others are said to be in the process of supporting the Initiative once it is clear that the Nigerian Federal and State governments demonstrate consistent political will and financial commitment.

Already, both the federal government under the immediate past administration of President Muhammadu Buhari and the development partners have developed an implementation plan for the Safe Schools Initiative starting from 2023 to 2026.

In the plan released at the beginning of this year, former Finance Minister Zainab Ahmed had noted that the Safe Schools Financing Plan was the outcome of rigorous consultative engagements with relevant stakeholders at both the national and sub-national levels, including development partners.

While the plan was designed to cover four years, from 2023 to 2026, the total cost came to N144 billion. The proposal was for the plan to raise N32 billion in 2023, N36 billion in 2024, N37 billion in 2025 and N38 billion in 2026.

For 2023, the federal government under President Buhari approved a contribution of N15 billion and provided for that in the 2023 Budget. Ahmed then said in the plan that "this means there is a funding gap of N12 billion for states, private sector and development partners that may wish to support Nigeria."

But officials of some of the development partners in Nigeria are worried now that it would be impossible for them to persuade their headquarters to support the Initiative if the federal government itself is not going to invest the political will and financial commitment set by the Buhari Ad-



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ministration.

The plan set out to commence this year in Very High-Risk States facing threats from Ansarul/ISWAP insurgents/terrorists, Boko Haram-inspired bandits and others. The states are Borno, Yobe, Adamawa, Niger, Kaduna, Zamfara, Katsina, Kebbi, Jigawa, Sokoto, FCT, Plateau, Benue, Taraba, Kogi and Bauchi.

For over a decade, according to official federal government sources, Nigeria has witnessed the deliberate targeting of education with no fewer than 611 teachers killed, 19,000 teachers displaced, an estimated 900,000 children lost access to learning and 75 percent of children in IDPs not attending schools.

The federal government has declined to comment on the project.

The assistant director, press and public relations at the Federal Ministry of Education, Obilor-Duru Au-

gustina Okechi, did not respond to our enquiries after a failed attempt to get the director of press, Bem Ben Going.

## 168 Zamfara Schools Remain Shut – CSOs

Meanwhile, some civil society organisations (CSOs) have deplored the continued closure of 168 schools in Zamfara State due to banditry in the state.

They appealed to the security agencies to intensify the fight against bandits so that the schools can be reopened.

The chairman of the CSOs Safe Schools Technical Team led by Ahmad Hashim made the call during an advocacy visit to the state commissioner of police, Shehu Mohammad Dalijan.

Hashim stressed the need for more commitment from the security agencies to facing the bandits squarely, so

that the schools in the red zone can reopen for learning activities.

He said three public secondary schools had suffered bandit attacks and abduction of their students since the inception of banditry from 2011 to 2023 while five others were taken over by Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) as camps in Anka local government area.

Hashim said, "It is on record that three public schools, Government Girls Day Secondary School Jangebe in Talata Mafara LGA, Government Day Secondary School Kaya, in Maradun LGA, and Government Girls Comprehensive Secondary School, Moriki of Zurmi LGA have witnessed bandits attacks", he added.

According to him, this sad development forced the Zamfara State government to close down all primary and secondary schools on 1st September 2021 while some schools were reopened for learning on 17th January 2022 but the others in the red zone have remained closed up to date.

It is against this background that the chairman of Civil Society Organisations Safe Schools Technical Team called on the government at all levels to provide adequate security to all schools that do not have the presence of security agents in their domain for the protection of teachers and students.

The group also wants the federal and state governments to implement policies on safe schools, strengthen coordination among relevant stakeholders, and improve funding as well as training on safe school initiatives, all in a bid to ensure continuous learning.

In his response, Danlijan expressed the police readiness to work with any responsible group to ensure security not only in schools but across the state.

## Gaza War: Israel, Palestine Commit To Peaceful Coexistence

BY SUNDAY ISUWA, Abuja

Amid the ongoing conflict between Hamas and the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) in Gaza, Israel and Palestine have both expressed their commitment to peaceful coexistence.

The commitment comes as thousands of casualties are recorded on both sides of the divide in the continuing war.

This was the outcome of the 4th webinar edition of the Geopolitics Series, which focused on the 'Israel-Hamas War and the Way Forward.' The event, organised by the Media Centre for Development (MCD) in Abuja, Nigeria, in collaboration with the West Africa Democracy Radio (WADR) in Dakar, Senegal.

The event brought together stakeholders, ambassadors of Israel and Palestine, and prominent voices across Africa. This collaborative

effort seeks to address the critical pre-conditions set by each side, acknowledging their impact on survival.

Senator Iroegbu, the convener of the Geopolitics Series, stressed that the dialogue, conducted under the theme 'Bridging Divides for Sustainable Peace in the Middle East and Beyond,' was aimed at promoting understanding, addressing humanitarian considerations, comprehending global implications, and unlocking the potential for African involvement.

Ambassador Michael Freeman, the Israeli Ambassador to Nigeria and the Permanent Representative of Israel to ECOWAS, expressed a commitment to peaceful coexistence. He highlighted the inhumane treatment of Israelis, lamenting the murders, killings of families, and the horrific acts of rape against women by Hamas.

Freeman expressed concern over Hamas's refusal to release hostages taken during the conflict, detailing the scale of attacks and the impact on peace talks.

He said, "We are witnessing a heartbreaking reality where children are ruthlessly killed in the presence of their parents, and parents are brutally murdered before their own children. This level of brutality surpasses even the atrocities committed by ISIS. Hamas, in a disturbing act of pride, televised this horrific attack, openly declaring their intent to repeat it."

"For Israel, our priority is ensuring that Hamas does not perpetrate such atrocities again. Ceasing fire is a possibility, but the release of kidnapped victims is non-negotiable. If Hamas genuinely desires an end to the conflict, they must commit to a long-term cessation, not a temporary pause for regrouping and subsequent

attacks."

Responding to accusations of civilian casualties, Freeman acknowledged the unfortunate reality of war but highlighted Israeli efforts to create safe zones and minimise casualties.

In response, the Palestinian Ambassador to Nigeria, Abdullah AbuShawesh, affirmed the Palestinian commitment to peace.

He stressed that Palestinians do not harbour hatred for Jews but rather are concerned about prevailing thoughts in Israeli leadership. Shawesh delved into historical events, tracing tensions back to 1917, and denied allegations of rape, asserting a commitment to truth and dialogue.

He said, "The Israeli settlers are responsible for the horrifying acts of burning and burying Palestinians. The claim of widespread rape is baseless and untrue, contrary to

the facts.

"We stand resilient against attempts to eradicate us from our land, a struggle dating back to 1917, but we will not succumb. Our acknowledgment of the Israeli people's right to live is not synonymous with teaching hatred towards Jews; such allegations are unfounded.

"It is crucial to recognise that Israeli supremacy is deeply embedded in their leadership, as evidenced by historical remarks. Dispelling misinformation is paramount for fostering understanding and seeking a just resolution to the longstanding conflict."

In seeking solutions, Ambassador Shawesh proposed an inquiry commission to independently investigate claims from both sides. He urged involvement from the African Union and the International Criminal Court (ICC) to address what he termed war crimes committed by Israel.



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## BRIEFLY



## 12 Corps Members To Repeat Service In Bauchi

BY KHALID IDRIS DOYA, Bauchi

Twelve members of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) 2023 Batch 'A' stream 1 would have to repeat their service year completely for absconding from their places of primary assignment.

Twenty-two others have their service year extended for one or two months for various degrees of offences.

The state coordinator of the NYSC, Mrs Rifkatu Yakubu, stated this during the collection of Certificates of National Service by the corps members, saying a total of 1,405 corps members passed out for the badge in the state.

Yakubu urged the corps members to desist from all forms of social vices, adding that such acts would tarnish their images, that of their family and institutions of graduation.

## Anambra Inaugurates Anti-corruption Implementation Committee

BY OKECHUKWU OBETA, Awka

A steering committee on the implementation of the Rule of Law and Anti-corruption (ROLAC) 11, 2024 workplan has been inaugurated by the Anambra State government.

The state's attorney-general and commissioner for justice, Prof. Sylvia Chika Ifemeje who performed the function in Awka yesterday, said that the committee would oversee the implementation of the ROLAC 11 work plan.

The membership of the committee was drawn from stakeholders in the justice delivery sector including the judiciary, the police, human rights group, the civil society organisation, the law reform committee, public procurement, public prosecution, Women Affairs, Health sector and Persons with disability group.

At the inauguration exercise, the attorney-general, who is also the chairman of the committee, enjoined the members to make efforts to ensure that the work plan is implemented.



L-R: Director general, Voice Nigeria, Jibrin Ndace; managing director of News Agency of Nigeria, Ali Muhammed Ali; minister of Defence, Mohammed Badaru Abubakar; Secretary to the Government of the Federation, George Akume and Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice Adm. Emmanuel Ogalla, during the Nigerian Navy Ceremonial Sunset and Award Night in Abuja. PHOTO: NAN

## Medical Doctors Threaten Nationwide Strike

BY PATIENCE IVIE IHEJIRIKA, Abuja

Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) has threatened to embark on a nationwide strike from January 31st, 2024, if the federal government fails to implement the upward review of consolidated medical salary structure and the newly approved allowance.

NMA president, Dr Uche Ojinma, disclosed this yesterday at the end of the National Executive Council (NEC) meeting of the NMA, in Abuja.

He said they have given the federal government till 31st of January 2024 to implement the upward review of consolidated medical salary structure

and also implement the newly approved allowance with arrears from 1st June 2023 or they cannot guarantee industrial harmony in the health sector.

"These things were approved since July 1st 2023 and as I am talking to you now they have not been implemented and we don't have a clear direction on when they will be implemented. So, if by 31st of January 2024, if they do not implement these things, we shall do whatever it takes to protect our members.

"We cannot be talking about brain drain and the little we could do to assuage it we are not doing it. These doctors are here as a great sacrifice. If

there's any little thing you could do for them then you should do it quickly and not wait for them to cry."

He also called for the implementation of the National Health Act of 2014 which was passed and signed since 2014, stating that the Act provided that 1 percent from 1st line charge should be set aside partly to fund the basic health care which is called the Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHCPF).

Ojinma said that the basic health care fund is supposed to take care of first 48 to 72 hours of emergency of Nigerians, but it has not been implemented till today.

"We noted the directive emanating

from the government for all cases of medical emergencies to be treated by doctors in private and public hospitals. But we have a few questions. Who pays for this emergency?

"Where things are done properly, government should have universal health coverage whereby insurance can take care of it.

"So, if you ask a private practitioner to treat people free, who pays? So, these are issues that should be untangled before we start issuing directives because every private hospital is a business, maybe running on loan. So, let's stop paying lip service to emergency health care and do the right thing," he said.

## Unity Of Kaduna People, My Priority, Says Governor Uba

BY ISAIAH BENJAMIN AND NONYE EKWENUGO, Kaduna

Kaduna State governor, Uba Sani, has reiterated the commitment of his administration to carry everyone along regardless of party or religious affiliation, adding that he will do whatever it takes to unite Kaduna people.

The governor stated this when he personally attended the Kaduna Unity Carol of nine lessons organised by the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) Kaduna State chapter at the ECWA English Service church, Sabo in Chikun local government area.

In his address to the multitude of crowd who attended the carol service, the governor declared that the era of Muslim and Christian dichotomy in the state is over.

He also declared that the era of constructing roads in some parts of the state and abandoning other area is also going to be a thing of the past, stressing that he will do whatever it takes to unite Kaduna people and ensure that dividends of democracy is felt by all.

"I have honoured this invitation today because when I was growing up, my father used to take me to every Christmas Carol and beside as a

governor, I am a Governor for all both the Christians and Muslims.

"In the next few days, I will be flagging off road construction in Zone 3 like we already did in Zone 1 and will also be followed in Zone 2 subsequently, every part of the state must be carried along in development.

"In my oath-taking, I promised to be fair and just to all and I will do whatever it takes to uphold it because only fairness and equity can bring about peace and development," he added.

The governor commended the Christian body for the rousy reception accorded him and solicited prayers for

the unity of the state.

Earlier, Kaduna State CAN chairman, Rev. John Joseph Hayab, told the congregation that unlike what was experienced before, Governor Uba has indeed shown that he is governor of all and will be fair and just to all.

He urged Christians to continue to pray for the success of this government and be obedient to its authority always as instructed by the scriptures.

In his message tagged: "Essence of Christmas", Rev Joseph Dantata urged Christians to always reflect on the season and show love which the birth of Jesus represents.

## SERAP Sues INEC Over Non-prosecution Of Electoral Offenders

BY OLUGBENGA SOYELE, Lagos

A group, Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project (SERAP) has dragged the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) before the Federal High Court in Abuja for allegedly failing to arrest and prosecute suspected perpetrators of electoral offences during the off-cycle governorship elections in Kogi, Imo

and Bayelsa states.

SERAP asked the court for an order of mandamus to direct and compel INEC to probe the allegations of electoral offences including electoral violence, in the off-cycle governorship elections in Kogi, Imo and Bayelsa states.

It also sought an order of mandamus to compel INEC to promptly and effectively prosecute suspected perpetrators of these grave electoral

offences, and bring to justice anyone who sponsored, aided and abetted them.

The applicant is also praying the court for an order of mandamus to compel INEC to disclose spending details on the off-cycle governorship elections in Kogi, Imo and Bayelsa states, including the specific amount spent to conduct voter and civic education and details of the activities carried out in the three

states.

In an affidavit attached to the suit, SERAP averred that there is a legitimate public interest in ensuring accountability for the grave electoral offences in Kogi, Imo and Bayelsa states. It noted that granting the reliefs sought would compel INEC to live up to its constitutional and statutory responsibilities and end the impunity of electoral offenders.

# Fintech: Nigerians Lose N51bn To Cybercriminals

## FROM COVER

intensified their effort to defraud customers of Fintech banks across the country.

Data sourced from the Nigeria Inter Bank Settlement System (NIBSS) show that, while losses to fraud in the financial industry in the first quarter stood at N51 billion, the figure rose to N9.5 billion by July 2023, thereby bringing the total amount lost to fraud from 2019 to July 2023 to N50.5 billion.

The renewed move by cybercriminals to defraud Fintech bank customers was because of penetrable security measures adopted by these Fintech banks, since they are meant to be just payment platforms.

However, most market men and women, artisans and some entrepreneurs have misconstrued their function to include deposit money banks, thereby withdrawing larger chunks of their savings in regular banks into these Fintech

banks, a development that has seen many burn their fingers in the process.

Fintech banks, by their creation, are meant to be payment platforms, a transactional bank to effect payment for goods and services, because of speed in service delivery. While they are observing this function very well, the porous securitisation of these platforms have allowed criminals to gain access to people's accounts and withdraw all or most savings. And in most cases, when these cases are reported, it is usually difficult to recover the money because perpetrators always use Point of Sale (PoS) machines or trading platforms for the dubious withdrawal, with the lack of physical offices affecting recovery of such fund.

The Fintech banks affected by this development include OPay, Palmpay and Moniepoint, among others.

The rising rate of fraud had led to

rumours in the streets and various social media platforms that some of the fintechs are on the way to closing shop. A trader who craved anonymity said she had spent two days at the Opay office after more than N20,000 vanished from her account.

According to her, the fund was transferred from her account overnight and the fintech bank had not been able to refund or resolve the issue.

A bus conductor at Ikeja area of Lagos, Akeem, told LEADERSHIP that he did not keep more than N5,000 in his fintech account as he had heard of several experiences of people who lost their money to fraud.

The use of fintechs had gained more prevalence after the cash crunch in the early part of this year, as Nigerians needed transactional accounts that was fast and reliable. A businessman in Ikeja, Solomon Iyanda, said he had been using Opay

to do business for the past three years and had never encountered any fraud, adding that if there is any transaction error, the firm will correct it.

"I have been hearing a rumour that we should not keep money in there for long. How do we trade or do business if we don't save in the account? If you want me to transfer about N200,000 to you, how will that be possible if I do not have money in the POS? Some agents have more than a million in their accounts, and to me, their services are okay".

A store owner, Mr. Seyi, said he used all the POS terminals that are available and this is because "if I want to do a transaction and there is a network problem, I can use another one. I have been using POS for the past two years. I save my money on it because if I withdraw the money today, for instance, and I want to use it for business the following day, I will still have to

put money on it, so, I just leave it there and I have not recorded any fraudulent activities."

Another POS user said she uses Microsystem POS.

"I can tell you I prefer its network to other fintech POS or deposit bank POS because of the problem they create for us. We leave our money there and this is because we use it for business," he said.

Adamu Sanusi was however cautious of fintechs, saying, "I do not use all these payment apps. How can I leave the deposit money banks and start using a fintech bank? If I have an issue with them, how can I locate them? My friends use them and encounter challenges. I do not want to stress myself, hence, I stick with the bank that I know I can quickly enter their office and complain if there is an issue."

However, Fintech companies in Nigeria have been urged to deploy block chain technology to prevent cases of fraud in the sector.

## Kano: No Deal To Compromise Court Judgement – APC

BY JAMES KWEN, Abuja

The Kano State chapter of the All Progressives Congress (APC) has dismissed claims by members of the New Nigeria People's Party (NNPP) that a deal has been struck to compromise the anticipated Supreme Court judgement over the disputed governorship in the state.

According to Kano State APC chairman, Alhaji Abdullahi Abbas, the so-called agreement and reconciliation is a mere rumour.

He said since the NNPP started circulating the rumours, its gullible members are excited and con-

tinued to dish out all sorts of lies so as to make the party's supporters continue to remain hopeful in the face of the prevailing disfranchisement.

Kano State Governor Abba Kabir Yusuf had approached the Supreme Court over the recent Appeal Court verdict which affirmed the State Election Petitions Tribunal's judgement on the March 18 governorship election in the state, ordering his sack.

In a statement issued to journalists in Abuja, the APC chairman, Abbas said the rumours was that the NNPP had reached out to President Bola Ahmed Tinubu to inter-

vene in the matter in favour of the NNPP candidate to remain as governor and subsequently defect to the APC.

He said, "There is nowhere such a meeting was held with either Mr President or any leader of the party. President Bola Tinubu is a democrat and strongly believes in the rule of law and the right thing to be done and, therefore, will not be part of any arrangement or reconciliation to subvert justice and support people who have stolen votes or breached the electoral act to emerge as leaders."

Abbas pointed out that APC was not aware of such an arrangement

and would instead intensify all efforts to pursue its case at the Supreme Court to a logical conclusion.

The chairman added that the party was more than confident that it would emerge victorious at the apex court, especially from the concrete and convincing evidence presented at both the Tribunal and the Appeal Court which ultimately led to the party's success.

The Kano APC chairman further stated that there is no tension in Kano, as the people are happy with the recent developments emanating from the judgements of both Tribunal and Appeal Court.

## Yuletide: Police, FRSC Step Up Security, Safety Preparations

BY EJIKE EJIKE, ABUJA AND LONGTONG YAKUBU, Kano

The Nigeria Police Force has deployed its personnel to every nook and cranny in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja, as the yuletide season approaches.

Spokesperson of FCT Police Command, SP Josephine Akeh, in a statement, said the deployment is characterised by visibility policing at various places of worship and event centres.

Akeh stated that the deployment, which includes raids on identified black spots, uncompleted buildings/shanties, stop and search, vehicular/

foot patrol and inter-agency cooperation, is aimed at ensuring that the residents of the FCT enjoy a hitch-free festivity before, and during and after the Christmas celebration.

She said the commissioner of police FCT, CP Haruna Garba, had ordered the deployment of human and material resources at the command's disposal across the FCT to guarantee peace before, during and after Christmas and New Year celebrations in the territory.

Garba also felicitated with the Christian faithful in the territory and enjoined residents to desist from using knockouts, fireworks/firecrackers which may cause panic or appre-



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hension.

He also urged the residents of FCT

to be vigilant and suspicious of their environment.

In another development, the Police also said it had arrested Gabriel Abba, Sunday Abba and Abdulkareem Jaffaru, allegedly linked to a spate of armed robberies, car snatchings, and one-chance activities within the FCT.

The arrests followed a proactive response to actionable intelligence by officers and men of the command.

In Kano State, the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Kano state Command has cautioned motorists to drive at a safe speed that could enable them manoeuvre when there is any danger on their way.

## APC Presidential Aspirants Inaugurate Forum Today, May Drop 2027 Ambition

BY JAMES KWEN, Abuja

There are indications that presidential aspirants of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in the 2023 general election may drop their ambition for the 2027 presidency to pave the way for President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's second term bid.

Accordingly, the presidential hopefuls have formed a forum

known as Forum of 2023 APC Presidential Candidates, which is billed to be inaugurated today in Abuja.

A statement signed yesterday by its convener/acting chairman and former Zamfara State governor, Senator Ahmed Rufai Sani Yerima, noted that it was time for all the aspirants to get together again since the primary election held last year.

The APC presidential aspirants said their main objective was to support President Tinubu and the APC administration in the interest of the country.

A reliable source among the aspirants told LEADERSHIP that most of them have pledged to shelve their ambition to give Tinubu ample time to actualise his Renewed Hope Agenda, instead of distracting him with

another contest for the party's 2027 presidential ticket.

"Yes, what you heard is true. Most of our members still nursing presidential ambition have indicated their interest to back out ahead of 2027 in order to allow President Tinubu concentrate on governance, instead of worrying about another contest for the presidential ticket in the party's primary.

## BRIEFLY

### Don't Pull The Ladder, Wike Warns Fubara

Amid the political crisis rocking Rivers State, ex-governor Nyesom Wike, has warned politicians not to pull the ladder they used in getting to exalted positions.

"Don't pull the ladder that you use in climbing. When you are coming down, the ladder may not be there," Wike said on Saturday.

"And leave the ladder too so that other people can also climb the ladder."

Wike, who has been embroiled in a dispute with his successor and incumbent governor of the oil-rich state, Siminalayi Fubara, spoke at his residence in Port Harcourt, the state capital while addressing the traditional ruler of Ogbaland who had come to felicitate with him on the occasion of his birthday.

The chiefs and other members of the traditional institution from Ogbaland in Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni Local Government Area of the state were led by the traditional ruler, Nwachukwu Nnam-Obi III, who sued for peace in the state.

In his response, Wike, who is also the minister of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), assured the monarch that he will listen to his advice and that he is welcome to peaceful resolutions.

Speaking further, the minister debunked claims that the political imbroglio is an ethnic war, insisting that there is no such consideration.

"We didn't vote based on ethnicity...but for the unity of Rivers," the minister said.

"We shall never be part of violence but will always support peace."

"There are rules within the political group you emerge.

"You cannot say that because an Oba has emerged and then an Oba will not follow the rules of the traditional institution. No; an Oba will always obey the rules. So also in politics, there are things you must not do and there are things you must do."

## BRIEFLY

## Shettima Mourns Waziri Of Borno

BY JONATHAN NDA-ISAIAH, Abuja

Vice President Kashim Shettima has sent his heartfelt condolences to the Shehu of Borno, Alhaji Abubakar Ibn Umar Garbai Al-Amin Elkanemi, the government and the people of Borno State over the passing of the Waziri of Borno, Mustapha Mukhtar.

The vice president in a statement by his spokesman, Stanley Nwocha, said it was with deep shock and sadness that he received news of the demise of the late traditional prime minister of Borno and chief adviser to the Shehu of Borno.

Mustapha who became the 12th Waziri of Borno following the demise of his father, Waziri Yerima Mukhtar, on July 16, 2007 left behind an aged mother, four wives, 19 children, brothers and sisters.

## NGO Feeds 19,000 IDPs In 1 Year

A non-governmental organisation, T200 Foundation has fed 19,000 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in one year.

In a statement, the foundation said it started with its flagship programme – Feed the Hungry Programme on December 16, 2022 at the Durumi IDPs Camp, Abuja, where 2,000 persons were fed; the second edition in Maiduguri at the EYA CAN IDPs Camp, Borno State where 7,000 persons were fed on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 and the third edition was at the Rabah IDPs' Camp on Thursday, August 17, 2023 where 10,000 persons were fed.

The executive director of T200 Foundation, Ambassador Emmanuel Nnamdi Osadebay said, "The activities and programmes of the foundation are designed to help achieve the SDGs agenda 2 – which is zero hunger, in Nigeria and across Africa. While feeding their stomachs and smiles, we are committed to ensuring we create sustainable zero hunger options.

"This is the reason for the establishment of the T200 Integrated Farms Limited, which creates wider employment and food security opportunities for vulnerable communities. We have also partnered with Blue Quarry and Mines Limited to provide the materials required in modern day farming for hungry and poor Nigerians."



L-R: Managing director, Microvis MFB Kayode Akinade; special guest and minister of Solid Minerals Development, Dele Alake; chief executive officer, iCentra and president, LeadPreneur, Taopheek Babayeju and guest speaker and chairman, Nigeria Economic Summit Group (NESG) Niyi Yusuf, during the LeadPreneur Network Dinner in Abuja at the weekend.

# Lassa Fever Killed 200 In 2023, Says Disease Control Centre

BY PATIENCE IVIE IHEJIRIKA, Abuja

Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (NCDC) has said that Nigeria recorded 1,170 confirmed cases of lassa fever and 200 deaths from January to 3rd December, 2023.

NCDC disclosed this yesterday in its public health advisory on lassa fever, signed by its director-general, Dr Ifedayo Adetifa.

Adetifa said the country has continued to record a steady increase in states reporting lassa fever due to improved surveillance, better community awareness, environmental

degradation from climate change and other deleterious human activities in the environment.

He said, "In 2021, 510 confirmed cases were reported across 17 states and 68 local government areas (LGAs), whereas in 2022, Nigeria reported 1067 confirmed cases across 27 States and 112 LGAs. In 2023 alone, 28 states and 114 LGAs have reported confirmed cases of Lassa fever and as of 3rd December 2023, there have been 8542 suspected cases, 1170 confirmed cases, and 200 deaths."

However, the DG said that the NCDC's Lassa Fever TWG has implemented strategic measures to

enhance coordination, collaboration, and communication, enhancing preparedness and readiness for potential surges in lassa fever cases.

Lassa fever is an acute viral haemorrhagic fever (VHF) caused by the lassa virus. The natural reservoir for the virus is the *Mastomys natalensis* rodent (commonly known as the multimammate rat or the African rat).

Adetifa, therefore, urged Nigerians to always keep their environment clean, block all holes in their houses to prevent the entry of rats and other rodents.

"Cover your dustbins and dispose of refuse properly.

## TAKEAWAYS

### Lassa Fever

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### Illicit Drugs

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### Cambridge President

3 President Bola Tinubu has congratulated Nigerian-born Professor of Pharmaceutical Nanoscience and top-flight researcher, Ijeoma Uchegbu, on her election as President of Wolfson College, one of the 31 colleges of the University of Cambridge. Uchegbu, renowned for her innovative work in nanoparticle drug delivery, is currently a professor of pharmaceutical nanoscience at University College London (UCL).

## NDLEA Arrests 75-year-old Grandma For Dealing In Drugs

BY EJIKE EJIKE, Abuja

National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) has arrested a 75-year-old grandma, Mrs Sekinat Soremekun, for dealing in illicit drugs.

At the time of her arrest in the Oshodi area of Lagos on December 15, 2023, quantities of cannabis and litres of codeine syrup were recovered from her. She claimed her son, Segun who is now at large supplied her the illicit substances which she retailed.

This is even as the NDLEA secured the forfeiture of a multi-million-naira mansion located at K-5A/2 Road 14, Victoria Garden City (VGC) estate, Lekki area of Lagos used as clandestine laboratory for the production

of methamphetamine by a convicted drug baron, Okenwa Chris Nzewi.

NDLEA spokesperson, Femi Babafemi said the mansion was forfeited to the federal government following his successful prosecution and conviction in court.

Okenwa was arrested along with his associate, Sunny Okeh Ukah on 30th July 2022 and subsequently arraigned on four counts in charge number FHC/L/527C/2022 at the Federal High Court, Lagos.

They both pleaded guilty on 17th July, 2023, while they were convicted and sentenced to four and three years' imprisonment each with an option of fine of N 4 million and N3 million respectively in addition to community service for four and

three weeks each. His vehicle marked EKY 496 DJ was equally forfeited to the federal government.

Babafemi also said, "To further deny him of enjoying the proceeds of his criminal activity, the NDLEA filed a civil forfeiture charge against the building used as clandestine laboratory at the Federal High Court Lagos which initially granted an interim forfeiture order that elapsed on 6th December before the final forfeiture on 7th December 2023."

In Imo, operatives on patrol along Owerri-Onitsha expressway on Thursday 14th December intercepted a way-billed consignment containing cocaine weighing 2.287kg.

## Professor Uchegbu Emerges Cambridge Varsity President

BY JONATHAN NDA-ISAIAH AND HENRY TYOHEMBA, Abuja

Nigerian-born Professor of Pharmaceutical Nanoscience and top-flight researcher, Ijeoma Uchegbu, has been elected as president of Wolfson College, one of the 31 colleges of the University of Cambridge.

Uchegbu, renowned for her innovative work in nanoparticle drug delivery, is currently a professor of pharmaceutical nanoscience at University College London (UCL).

Meanwhile, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has congratulated Professor Uchegbu on her election.

Tinubu, in a statement issued by his spokesman, Ajuri Ngelale, celebrated the outstanding accomplishment and commended Uchegbu for being an excellent ambassador for the country and for her relentless efforts to advance the frontiers of pharmaceutical science.

The president described Uchegbu as epitomising the ingenuity, brilliance, and hard work that are consistently synonymous with the great Nigerian

people both at home and abroad.

While wishing the Nigerian-born Professor more success as she takes on this important role, President Tinubu assures Nigerians in the Diaspora that his administration remains committed to building a robust interface mechanism that harnesses ideas, promotes investment opportunities, and strengthens bonds, in line with his "4D Foreign Policy".

"We are delighted to announce that Professor Ijeoma Uchegbu, a groundbreaking nanoscientist has been elected as Wolfson's 7th President."





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## 10 Bauchi Health Facilities Get N35m Grant

Ten health facilities in Darazo and Ganjuwa Federal Constituency of Bauchi State have benefitted from a grant of N35 million for improved healthcare delivery services in the state.

The member representing the constituency, Hon. Masur Soro, disclosed this during the presentation of the cheque for the funds in Bauchi on Sunday.

The lawmaker also donated six shuttle buses to the Constituents to operate commercial transport services at a subsidised rate as a way of cushioning the harsh effect of the removal of fuel subsidy which has led to an increase in transport fares.

He launched four Darazo-Ganjuwa subsidised shuttle buses in January 2023 to enhance the commencement of transportation of people across the area with ease.

“To enhance their coverage

today, we are expanding the existing fleet with six additional vehicles to maintain the service routes of Bauchi -Darazo – Sade – Potiskum-Maiduguri Federal Highway.

“Primarily, our targeted objective is to subsidise costs of transportation and minimise the risk of vehicular accidents along the designated routes while creating jobs for our people.”

He named the health facilities and schools that benefitted from the N35 million grant to include; Nana Kashim Shettima Paediatric Hospital, Sade, Aisha Mohammed Pediatric Hospital Soro, Maryam Uwais Pediatric Hospital Miya.

Others are Ganjuwa East Gifted Secondary school Soro; Ganjuwa West Gifted Secondary school, Darazo Central Gifted Secondary school, Darazo West Gifted

secondary school Sade; Special Primary School Lanzai and Manu Soro Memorial School for Orphanages.

“We shall remain committed to complementing the efforts of the state administration in bringing succor to our people affected by the impacts of the removal of petrol subsidy,” he said.

Earlier, a community leader, Alhaji Umaru Maigamo, who spoke on behalf of the constituents, said the buses were meant to ease transportation within Darazo/Ganjuwa as a result of the increase in fuel prices and subsequent difficulty in transportation.

“Today, with the addition of six buses, we have a total of 10 buses for shuttle within the same constituency as a contribution of palliative measures to cushion the effect of subsidy removal,” he said.

## 16 Years After, Book On Attah For Launch Friday

BY INIOBONG EKPONTA, Uyo

Sixteen years after leaving office as the civilian governor of Akwa Ibom State, the memoirs of Obong Victor Attah, 85, capturing his eight years stint at the Government House including his scorecard, character and public service records, will be launched on Friday.

An accomplished international author of several books to his credit, Evang Faith Thomas, told LEADERSHIP in Uyo, the state capital at the weekend that the book on Attah, regarded as the champion of resource control and the father of modern Akwa Ibom, took him over three years to package.

Thomas, a management consultant and information

management expert, said the 308-page book titled: “Eight years of Victor Attah in Akwa Ibom State: A Memoir For Posterity” is divided into sections and has its focus on the character, personality, public service and the achievements of Attah, for eight years as the governor the state rechristened “The Land of Promise”.

According to Thomas, an Akwa Ibom indigene in the Diaspora, who recently returned to the state, he was inspired and drawn into writing about the former governor based on his track record, as “a detribalised Nigerian, a meticulous individual and someone given to details.”

He said, “It is a definitive publication gazetting the whole administration of

the former governor, from electioneering campaigns to the time he left office.

It talks about his character, his personality and his administration. It is not limited to Akwa Ibom state because of the personality involved.

It is a review of the background of Akwa Ibom state; facts and figures about the state, the natural resources, the culture, the people and the political framework contained in one section.

The book also contained the former Governor’s philosophy and ideologies as well as the administrative reforms he implemented while in office as Governor between 1999 and 2007, as well as the legacies he left behind.”

## UNIMAID Alumni In FCT To Promote Unity, Reconciliation

Federal Capital Territory (FCT) chapter of the University of Maiduguri Alumni Association has said the unity and reconciliation of its members remain at its heart.

The association hailed the exemplary leadership of the Board of Trustees (BoT) under the chairmanship of Joe Kyari Gadzama (SAN) and the vice chancellor, Prof. Aliyu Shugaba, in addressing the challenges facing the group and the institution.

It announced the formal endorsement of the recent decisions by the BoT, the Mohammed Bulama-led Caretaker Committee of UNIMAID Alumni in collaboration with Shugaba to dissolve the executive

committees at both the national and state levels.

The publicity secretary of the FCT chapter of the association, Musa Ibrahim Musa, said the step is a stride towards correcting the inconsistencies in “our association’s governance, particularly those that surfaced during the inaugural annual general meeting (AGM) under the leadership of the former national executive committee members.”

Musa said the formation of a five-man caretaker committee led by Dr Mohammed Bulama, the director-general of FRCN, members of the committee include Dr Umar Bindir, Dr. Mike Omeri, Sonia Chikelu and Sarah Jeta Atumga marked a “new

phase in our journey towards rejuvenation and progressive governance.”

The statement reads: „The establishment of the five-man Dispute Resolution and Mediation Committee, chaired by Prof. Musa Mohammed Deji, with Princess Joy Okoro, Imamudeen Talba, Hamisu Medugu and Tabji Simon, as members, symbolises our commitment to harmonise divergent views and foster a spirit of cooperation.

This committee is not just a body for resolving conflicts; it is a beacon of hope for a unified future, steering us towards our collective aim of maintaining the integrity and advancing the interests of our alma mater.



### PUBLIC NOTICE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

**PUBLIC DISPLAY EXERCISE ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) OF THE PROPOSED BITUMEN MINING AND PROCESSING PROJECT AT ODOGBOLU AND EPE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS OF OGUN AND LAGOS STATES BY ROAD BIT LIMITED.**

In line with the provisions of the EIA Act CAP E12 LFN 2004 which makes it mandatory for proponents of all new major developmental activities to carry out EIA for their proposed projects, the Federal Ministry of Environment hereby announces a twenty-one (21) working days public display on the draft Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) report submitted by Road Bit Limited. This display is for the public to make inputs that shall enable the Ministry take appropriate decision on the EIA of the project.

#### The Display Centers are:-

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- \* Federal Ministry of Environment Office, Surulere, Games Village, Lagos State.
- \* Federal Ministry of Environment, Environmental Assessment Department (Environment House), Central Business District, Abuja - F.C.T.
- \* Headquarters, Odogbolu Local Government Area, Odogbolu, Ogun State.
- \* Ogun State Ministry of Environment, Abeokuta, Ogun State.
- \* Federal Ministry of Environment Office, Abeokuta, Ogun State.
- \* Federal Ministry of Environment, Environmental Assessment Department (Environment House), Central Business District, Abuja - F.C.T.

#### Brief Project Description:-

The proposed project entails the mining and processing of bitumen with an annual production rate of 500,000 metric tonnes/annum with a potential for production expansion to 1,000,000 metric tonnes/annum. The project shall occupy a land area of 200 Km<sup>2</sup> cutting across Okemeri, Oke-Odun, and Ibido Communities in Odogbolu LGA, Ogun State and Toikin Community in Epe LGA, Lagos State.

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**Date:** 4th December, 2023-3rd January, 2024.

**Time:** 8:00am-4:00pm Daily.

**ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE HONOURABLE MINISTER, FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT ON OR BEFORE 10TH JANUARY, 2024.**

Signed  
**PERMANENT SECRETARY**  
For: Honorable Minister.

### POLICIES AND PROGRAMS OF KADUNA STATE GOVERNMENT THAT PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY IN TAX ADMINISTRATION: A CASE STUDY OF KADUNA STATE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (KADIRS).

An external independent evaluation report by: Legal Awareness For Nigerian Women (LANW).

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#### INTRODUCTION

In Kaduna State women are breaking barriers, challenging stereotypes, and making significant contributions to the field of tax administration and other spheres of life. His Excellency the Executive Governor of Kaduna State, Sen. Malam Uba Sani in a bid to foster gender equality has a woman of dignity and honour, Her Excellency Dr. Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe as his Deputy. With this fervent representation, Kaduna State is the only State in the entire North-west where the equation of UNDP-SDGs Initiative for gender equality is being actualized at the echelon of decision making in the State Executive Council in Kaduna State.

#### EMPOWERING WOMEN IN TAX ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE OF KADUNA STATE

Historically, tax administration has been dominated by men, with women often marginalized or limited to support roles. However, Kaduna State has taken significant steps towards promoting gender equality and empowering women in this field. Recognizing the value of diverse perspectives and skill sets, the state government has actively encouraged more women to pursue career prospects such as the Commissioner of Finance Hon. Shizzer Joy NasaraBada, Commissioner of Health Haj. Umma K. Ahmed, Commissioner of Business Innovation and Technology Madam Patience Fakai, Commissioner of Human Services and Social Development Haj. Rabi Salisu with more women as Special Advisers and Special Assistants to His Excellency and the civil society community has S.A on NGOs to the Executive Governor, Hon. Sakina Garba.

#### SOME OF THE STRATEGIES KADUNA STATE GOVERNMENT HAS PUT IN PLACE TO FOSTER WOMEN INCLUSION IN TAX ADMINISTRATION IN KADUNA STATE THROUGH KADIRS:

1. Employment and placement opportunities: The Kaduna State Government has implemented affirmative action policies to increase the representation of women in tax administration, for instance the Executive Chairman Mr. Jerry Adams appointed and sworn-in a special committee on gender equality, with the Board Secretary/Legal Adviser Aysha Ahmad Muhammad as Chairperson of the committee. In addition, Tax Area Manager Mrs. Godiya Sambo Kyola of Doka West Area Revenue Office of Kaduna State Internal Revenue Service has kept a record of great performance in terms of revenue generation among the 32 area revenue Tax Managers across the area revenue offices.
2. Leadership Roles: women in Kaduna State have proven their capabilities in tax administration and are increasingly taking up leadership positions. The government has consciously created avenues for career progression and leadership opportunities, ensuring equal representation at all levels. This does not only inspire other women to pursue similar roles but also fosters a

work environment that values diversity and inclusivity. In Kaduna State Internal Revenue Service (KADIRS) we have the following women heading strategic departments and units, Bar. Aysha Ahmed Muhammad, Board Secretary/Legal Adviser, Haj. Asma'ulnuwaMora Director Revenue operations, Rabi Abdullahi commissioner Stamp Duties and capital gains tax. Mrs Debora B. Lukas Head Withholding Tax, Mrs. Alice John Head Tax Payer Service, Haj Lami Umar Head Store, Haj. HadizaKasim Team Lead Tax Audit and many other women occupying various strategic positions in the 32- area tax stations spread across the State.

3. Extant Laws in Kaduna State: These Laws empower and give women opportunity to excel in their career. Some of these existing laws in the State promotes gender equality and women participation in revenue administration in the State. It is stated clearly in section( 45) sb (1), section (11),( 12), (13) and (14) of Kaduna State Tax Codification and Consolidation Law 2020 as amended which provides inclusion of women in the Executive Management Committee, equally in the State Development Levy regulation. The internal code of ethics of the Service states in section (2) sb (12) that Officers SHALL NOT discriminate or be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religious creed, sexual orientation, learning disability, genetic information, present or past history of mental disability, mental retardation, or physical disability, including but not limited to blindness, criminal record, HIV or AIDS status or other noninfectious/ non communicable health conditions except they are medically certified to constitute a health hazard.

#### KADIRS'S EFFECTIVE COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL GENDER DAYS ON MEDIA HANDLES.

Extract from the social Media platform and handle of the Service, shows that, KADIRS commemorates children's day, international women day, international Men's day, Mother's day, Father's day. KADIRS also commemorates day of elimination of Violence against women and children and domesticated gender equality, and gender responsiveness.

In conclusion, gender equality in tax administration in Kaduna State has numerous benefits, including fairness, increased tax compliance, improved revenue collection, empowerment of women, inclusive policy-making, and socio-economic development. Kaduna State Internal Revenue Service has a firm believe in promoting gender equality in tax operation and administration it law, policies and programs.

(The Materials for the above external evaluation were extracted from the official handles of Kaduna State Government, website: www.kdsg.gov.ng, KADIRS website: www.kadirs.kdsg.gov.ng, and KADIRS social media platforms).



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On behalf of the Board, Management and the entire staff of the H&M Nigeria Limited, one of the leading civil engineering companies in Nigeria, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and felicitations to **His Excellency, Sen. (Dr.) Bala Abdulkadir Mohammed, CON, Fnipr (Kauran Bauchi)**, the Executive Governor of Bauchi State, on his conferment of **Honorary Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa)** by the Bauchi State University Gadau at the maiden and combined convocation ceremony of the University.

His Excellency's efforts to improve infrastructure in Bauchi State have been well documented and recognised by all and this recognition is well deserved. Infrastructural development is a critical component of economic growth, and the Governor's efforts in this regard have repositioned

Bauchi State on the path to prosperity, economic growth and development.

Partnerships between the private sector and government are necessary for sustainable development. H&M Nigeria Limited that has been in the forefront of developing infrastructure in Nigeria is a shining example of this and is ready, Your Excellency, to continue to work and partner with your dynamic government in the construction of numerous projects in the state, including roads, bridges, and other critical infrastructure projects.

Once again congratulations Mr Project on this well-deserved honour. We look forward to witnessing more milestones in your future endeavors.

*Signed:*  
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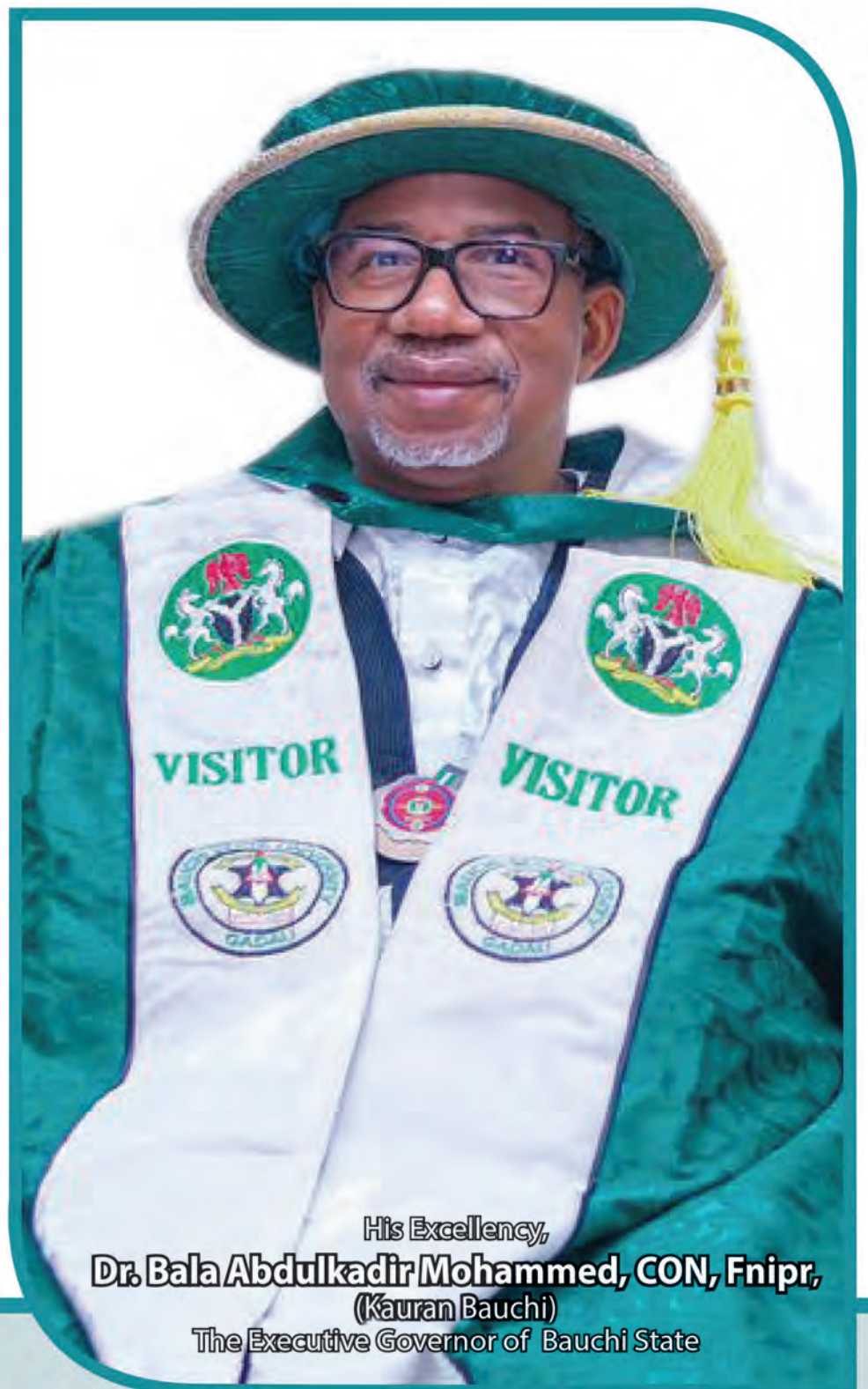
On behalf of my family and the good people of Ningi Central Constituency, I join millions of Nigerians to rejoice with the Executive Governor of Bauchi State **His Excellency Senator (Dr) Bala Abdulkadir Mohammad CON (Kauran Bauchi)** on the well deserved conferment of **Honorary Doctorate Degree, Doctor of Letters (Honorary Causa)** on him by the prestigious Bauchi State University Gadau.

Knowing you and working closely with you, I am not surprised by this honour and anyone that will come forth because of your value for knowledge, quality service delivery, good governance and unprecedented placement of premium in the education sector.

Your Excellency we are proud of you and your numerous achievements in public service, personal life and positive impacts on our dear State.

May Almighty Allah elevate you in all ramifications, increase you in health, wisdom and knowledge to continue and consolidate on your great journey of transforming our dear State and of course our dear country.

Congratulations once again to the Governor of projects and education!!!



His Excellency,  
**Dr. Bala Abdulkadir Mohammed, CON, Fnipr,**  
(Kauran Bauchi)  
The Executive Governor of Bauchi State



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## The Future Of Festivals: Sustainable Paper Products Are Taking Centre Stage

Several companies have developed biodegradable paper-based coolers

It's festival season! As thousands of people head out on long weekends of music, dancing and mosh-pits, this year's headliner is sustainability. You might be curious about how sustainable large-scale events like this can be. Research body, Think Tank estimates that each year, there are around 23,500 tonnes of waste from festivals alone.

Sustainability has never been more relevant and is a #trending topic on everyone's minds. As a result of this, performers, as well as venues, are looking for ways to reduce their impacts, and paper is supporting them in their sustainable journey.

### How Can You Party With Paper This Festival Season?

#### Cardboard Coolers

Several companies have developed biodegradable paper-based coolers to carry food and drinks to concerts, festivals, and picnics. Providing a sustainable alternative to the disposable, foam cartons that will become landfill, these eco-friendly cardboard coolers made by Brrr Box and Igloo are easy to buy online and in selected shops.

These boxes are sturdier than you might think and can hold enough ice to keep your drinks cool for several hours. Some can even keep water for several days without leaking! Once you have finished with them, they can be popped into the recycling bin or composted.

#### Paper Food Boxes, Cups and Cartons

The current recycling rate in Europe is 82% for paper packaging, so for events to use paper containers at food and drink stands will give the venue options of recycling or composting everything once the event is over. In fact, two of the largest festivals in the UK (Reading & Leeds and Festival Republic) reported gathering 475,000 paper cups for recycling after events in 2017!

#### Cardboard Recycling Bins



Locations having recycling bins goes without saying in the movement towards a more sustainable festival season. A lot of venues and events are opting for the bin itself to be made from cardboard. Not only do they stand out more than plastic or metal containers, but you can also recycle the actual bin itself as well as its contents.

#### Cardboard Tents

There are slowly more and more innovative ideas being showcased at large events, and cardboard weatherproof tents are one of them. The latest cardboard tent has been designed and made by a Dutch company, KarTent. These come as two-person tents and, if available,

can often be purchased through the festival/concert venue you are attending.

They have a small back window and additional rain flaps to keep your feet dry if it rains during the night. Another cardboard alternative are Dan Dan Domes which are slightly bigger than a 2-man tent and aim to promote sustainable living.

#### Are There Many Sustainable Festivals In Europe?

The answer is a resounding YES! We have compiled a list of 8 of the most sustainable festivals and events that have happened or are still yet to come later this year.

#### 1. Isle Of White Festival – UK

The Isle of White festival ran from 15-18 June, and starred acts such as Pulp, George Ezra, and the Chemical Brothers. It took place on a local farm that supplies biogas, using turf from the festival site to help generate up to 950,000kWh of electricity. This is equivalent to more than 300 households' annual usage! This initiative goes alongside a zero-waste pledge, including the use of compostable and paper-based cutlery and food packaging. As well as this, water pipes used during the festival are being donated to local farms for agricultural use after the event.

#### 2. We Love Green – Paris

Phoenix, Bon Iver and rapper Orelsan were the headliners at We Love Green this summer (2-4 June). Held in the Bois de Vincennes Park in Paris, this sustainability pioneer has operated on renewable energy for more than a decade. No single-use materials were seen on site, and all organic food is sourced locally. Artists also were expected and greatly encouraged to arrive in an eco-friendly fashion i.e. minimal use of private transport.

By Laura Clarke

Culled From: <https://lovepaper.org/sustainable-festivals/>

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE: TO IMPROVE COGNITIVE FUNCTION

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#### ACROSS

- 1 It's due in Italy
- 4 Combatants in the Battle of Endor
- 6 "NCIS" actress San Giacomo
- 7 Shade similar to amethyst
- 8 "Didn't you leave something out...?"

#### DOWN

- 1 "You're Still the One" singer
- 2 Part of WWJD
- 3 Bhindi, in Indian cuisine
- 4 "Boo'd Up" singer Mai
- 5 It may hold eggs, ink, or pollen

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SOLUTION TO FRIDAY'S PUZZLE

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I, formerly known as **ALI ABDULLAH** with 1/01/1999 now wish to be known as **ISA ABDULLAH** ABDU with the correct DATE OF BIRTH 1/01/2003. All former documents remain valid The general public should please take note

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I, formerly known as **MAC-ANTHONY PATIENCE SURUOLA** now wish to be called and addressed as **ENIHE PATIENCE OMONIGHO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**DESHI**  
I formerly known as **TAKIR LENGMWA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **DESHI LENGMWA TAKIR**. Correct date of birth is 27/02/1990 not 27/02/1987. All former documents remain valid. Concerned authorities and the general public to take note.

**JAMES**  
I, formerly known as **SHIKVEL CELINA JAMES**, now wish to be known and addressed as **JAMES CELINA**. All former documents remain valid. Concerned authorities and the general public to please take note.

**JUSTINA**  
I, Formerly known as **JUSTINA SUNDAY ASABAT**, now wish to be known and addressed as **JUSTINA ISTIFANUS ASABAT**. All former documents remain valid. All concerned authorities and the general public to take note please.

**SHEHU**  
I, formerly known as **ALI ABBTI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SHEHU ALI**. All former documents remain valid. All concerned authorities and the general public should take note please.

**GIFT**  
I, Formerly known as **GIFT CHINYERE CHIMA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **GIFT CHINYERE CHIMOB**. All former documents remain valid. All concerned authorities and the general public to take note please.

**AUDU**  
I, formerly known as **KAPAN BLESSING DAMAN**. DOB: 02/05/2000. now wish to be called and addressed as **AUDU FAITH BAUFUK**. DOB: 25/11/2005. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ABDULLAH**  
I, formerly known as **ABDULLAH BILIKISU GIMBYA**. WRONG DATE OF BIRTH 1/1/1987. now wish to be called and addressed as **ABDULLAH BALKISU ALIYU**. CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH. 2/8/1993. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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I formerly known and address as **IBRAHIM RASHIDA YEMI**. Now wish to be known and address as **ADEGBOYE RASHIDA YEMI**. All former documents remain valid. authorities concern and the general public should please take note.

**PAM**  
I, Formerly known as **THOMAS CHUWANG**, now wish to be known and addressed as **PAM THOMAS CHUWANG**. All former documents remain valid. All concerned authorities and the general public to take note please.

**BUTKO**  
I, Formerly known as **BUTKO NANGWANG**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BUTKO NANGWANG MULLAK**. My Correct Date of birth is 04/03/1999 not 01/01/1990. All former documents remain valid. All concerned authorities and the general public to take note please.

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

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

**SAMBO**  
I, formerly known as **FAITH BULUS AZI**. now wish to be called and addressed as **SAMBO FAITH DUNG**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**FWANGJE**  
I Formerly known and addressed as **GIDEON HELEN** Now wish to be known and addressed as **FWANGJE HELEN GIDEON**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**DAKUT**  
I, formerly known as **NSHAL NANDEL AUTA**. now wish to be called and addressed as **DAKUT NANDYL AUTA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

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I, formerly known as **ENEBOG MIRABEL ESSIN** now wish to be called and addressed as **BASSEY-DUKE MIRABEL ENEBOG** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

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**OBICHUKWU**  
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**AKANIYERE**  
I, formerly known and addressed as **ERIC OSEREMEN VICTORIA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS AKANIYERE OSEREMEN VICTORIA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

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**MAKINDE**  
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**ADDITION OF NAME**  
I, formerly known and called as **DORCAS FOM**, but now wish to be known as **HABILA DORCAS FOM**. All former documents remain valid. Banks, concern authorities and the general public please take note.

**RE-ARRANGEMENT OF MY NAME**  
I, formerly known and called as **DOGWO IMOH PIUS**, but now wish to be known and call as **DOGWO PIUS IMOH**. All former documents remain valid. All concerned authorities and the general public please take note.

**MORITALA**  
I, formerly known and addressed as **MORITALA ABDURAZAK**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **MORITALA ABDULRASAKI AKANJI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

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

**REMOVAL OF NAME ON BVN**  
I, formerly known as **JAMES MANJI BANA**. now wish to be called and addressed as **BANA MANJI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

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I, formerly known as **CELESTINA OSHIOAKPEME OSIKEMUDU** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS CELIN OSHIOAKPEME EZEMEKA UDENSI** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

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I, formerly known addressed and called **AKINYEMI OPEYEMI FATIMAH** now wish to be known addressed and called **OPEYEMI FATIMA OJOMO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**CONFIRMATION OF NAME**  
This is to confirm and certify that **CAISY BOMA GIDSON** and **CAISY KELECHI GIDSON** refers to one and the same person but now wish to be known and addressed as **CAISY GIDSON**. All former documents remain valid, concerned authorities and the general public should please take note.

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

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I, formerly known as **MISS UGO CHIDERA JUDITH**. now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS EKEZIE CHIDERA JUDITH**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**JECINTA**  
I, formerly known and addressed as **JESSINTA IKECHUKWU CHIMERIE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **JECINTA IKECHUKWU CHIMERIE**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

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

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I, formerly known as **ABDULLAH ADAM ALIYU OMONEWO**, 8/MAY/1999 now wish to be called and addressed as **ABDULLAH ALIYU OMONEWO**, 25/MAY/1999 All former documents remain valid. General

**CORRECTION OF DOB**  
I, **RAHIMA ALIYU ALKASIM**, wish to state that my Correct Date of Birth is 30/10/1991 Not 30/10/1988. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note

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

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

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

**BABA**  
I, formerly known as **BABA M. D.** now to be addressed as **BABA MOHAMMED** all former documents remain valid. Gbako LGA. and general public to take note

**ABDULLAH**  
I, formerly known as **ABDULLAH AZUMI SALAMATU** now to be addressed as **ABDULLAH SALAMATU PANTI**. All former documents remain valid. Bida LGA and general public to take note

**CORRECTION OF DATE OF BIRTH**  
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I formerly known as the **EMMANUEL MOSES ONOJA** now wish to be called and addressed as **ADOGA MOSES EMMANUEL** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MOHAMMED**  
I, formerly known as **MOHAMMED LADAN** now to be addressed as **MOHAMMED MOHAMMED DOKOCHI**. All former documents remain valid. Gbako LGA. and general public to take note

**FATIMA**  
I, formerly known as **FATIMATU YUNUSA EWAN** now to be addressed as **FATIMA YUNUSA**. All former documents valid. Lapai LGA and general public to take note

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I, formerly known as **MUHAMMAD ABDULLAH** now to be addressed as **MOHAMMED ABDULLAH**. All former documents remain valid. Bida LGA and general public to take note

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

**CORRECTION/ADDITION OF NAME**  
I, formerly known and addressed as **OMAKPO ISAAC** now wish to be called and addressed as **ONMAKPO ISAAC ORINYA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

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

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

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

**BABA**  
That my Surname is **BABA HADIZA** and my first name is **TANKO**. now wish to be called and addressed as **BABA HADIZA TANKO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**KAMISU**  
I, formerly known as **SALISU KAMISU** now wish to be called and addressed as **KAMISU MOHAMMED**. My correct date of birth is 07-01-1987 and not 01-01-1989. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

**SULEIMAN**  
I, formerly known as **MIKAILU ALHAI SULEIMAN**. DOB- 02\08\1986 & 30\07\1990. now wish to be called and addressed as **SULEIMAN SULEIMAN MIKAILU**. DOB- 01\JAN \1990 All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**YAHAYA**  
I, formerly known as **IBRAHIM ABDULLAH YAHAYA**. DOB-09-09-1989. now wish to be called and addressed as **YAHAYA IBRAHIM**. DOB-22-APR-1990. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**IBRAHIM**  
I, formerly known as **MOHAMMED IBN IBRAHIM**. DOB-06-01-1979. now wish to be called and addressed as **IBRAHIM MUHAMMAD IBN**. DOB-01-JAN-1985. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**MOHAMMED**  
I, formerly known as **MOHAMMED ELIJAH NURUDEEN A, MOHAMMED ELIJAH NURUDEEN, AND MOHAMMED NURUDEEN A ELIJAH** now wish to be called and addressed as **MOHAMMED NURUDEEN AIMANEKHI ELIJAH**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**UKASOANYA**  
I, formerly known as **ONUEGBU NWALA KATE CHIDINMA**, now wish to be called and addressed as **UKASOANYA KATE CHIDINMA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**SANNI**  
I FORMERLY KNOWN AS **MUHAMMED JEMILAT** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **SANNI JEMILAT MUHAMMAD** FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. ALL AUTHORITIES CONCERNED ESPECIALLY ACCESS BANK AND GENERAL PUBLIC TAKE NOTE

**NIA**  
I, formerly known as **NIA CLEOPATRA EVANS** now wish to be called and addressed as **NIA CLEOPATRA EVANS-OBASI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**CHANGE OF NAME/CORRECTION OF DOB**  
I formerly known and addressed as **MADINA USMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **AMINA YAKUBU** with 15th July, 1975 as correct date of birth. All documents bearing former name remain valid. Concerned authorities, NIMC and general public to take note.

**ALIHIERI**  
I, formerly known as First name; **HADIZA**, Surname; **SALIHU** now wish to be known and addressed as **ALIHIERI ADIZA** all former document remains valid. General public take note.

**MONICA**  
I, formerly known as **NGOZI MONICA ABAZUE - OKOYE**, **NGOZI MONICA ABAZUE OKOYE**, now wish to be called and addressed as **MONICA NGOZI ABAZUE-OKOYE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**GARBA**  
I, formerly known as **JOSHUA BAHAGO GARBA**, **BAHAGO FONI GARBA AS CAPTURED ON MY NATIONAL IDENTITY CARD**, B.V.N, now wish to be called and addressed as **GARBA JOSHUA FONI BAHAGO**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID, AUTHORITIES CONCERNED AND GENERAL PUBLIC TAKE NOTE.

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

**RECONCILIATION OF NAME**  
This is to inform the public that **ODO JUDITH AZUOMA** and **ODO AZUOMA BLESSING** as captured on my documents refer to one and the same person, I now wish to be known and addressed as **ODO JUDITH AZUOMA**. All former documents remain valid, authorities concerned and general public take note.

**CORRECTION OF NAME**  
This is to inform the public that my name was captured as **ISA ABDELALAMI** on my Bank Account instead of **ISA ABDULHAMED**. My correct name is **ISA ABDULHAMED**. All former documents remain valid, Banks, authorities concerned and general public take note.

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

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

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

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

**ADAMA**  
I, formerly known as **ADAMA CECILIA** now wish to be called and addressed as **ADAMA CECILIA ENECHOJO**, that my date of birth is: 15th May 1969 and not 1st January, 1940 All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**MUSA**  
I, formerly known as **DANLAMI MUHAMMAD** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUSA MUHAMMAD MUHAMMAD**, DOB=04/03/1982. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

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

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

**CONFIRMATION OF NAME**  
This is to notify the general public that **MUSA MUHAMMED YEHUZA** and **MUHAMMED YEHUZA MUSA**, refers to one and the same person, now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMED YEHUZA MUSA**. Former documents remain valid. Concern authority and general public to take note.

**ANNABELLE**  
I FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED **OKPE JOSEPH**. HENCEFORTH, I WISH TO BE KNOWN AND CALLED **ANNABELLE JOE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

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

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**

The general public is here by informed of the loss of original Right of occupancy belonging and bearing the name of **ABBA JAYE & SONS LTD.**

FILE NO. **MISC 54082**, PLOT NO. **1779**, CADASTRAL ZONE **BO7**, KATAMPE DISTRICT ABUJA.

All effort made to trace the said missing Original Documents Proved abortive.

If found please return to the nearest police station.

AGIS & General public to note please

**LOST OF DOCUMENTS**

This is to inform general public that, **Yakubu Muhammad** of Kasuwar Kofa quarters Hadejia Local Government Jigawa state has lost land allocation slip bearing the name of Engineer **Labaran Adamu** for a plot No: 84, with allocation No: **RD/USB/HAD/85** situated along Garun Gabas road, Hadejia city, issued by Ministry of Land , Regional and Urban Development, Jigawa state.

All effort to trace the said documents prove abortive please if found shall be taken to above address or nearest police station.

**PECULIAR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE**

This is to inform the general public that the above named has applied to the corporate affairs commission (CAC), Abuja for registration under part 'f' of companies and allied matters act, (CAMA 2020).

- TRUSTEES**
1. KANU JUDITH PRESIDENT/ FOUNDER
  2. AKI NNNENNA
  3. KANU UCHECHI SHARON SECRETARY
  4. KANU CHIDERA KAREN

**AIMS**  
TO PROMOTE WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SKILL ACQUISITION.

Any objection to this Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

**GARDEN OF GRACE CARERS SOLUTION INITIATIVES**

This is to inform the general public that the above named has applied to the corporate affairs commission (CAC), Abuja for registration under part 'f' of companies and allied matters act, (CAMA 2020).

- TRUSTEES**
- |                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 ADEWUMI BOLAJI RUTH       | - TRUSTEE CHAIRMAN |
| 2 SOULIS OLOUJALIOMI SAMSON | - TRUSTEE          |
| 3 AKINTADE ADEBOWALE TOBA   | - SECRETARY        |

- AIM AND OBJECTIVES**
- A. TO IMPROVE LIVING STANDARDS OF THE PEOPLE THROUGH ORGANIZED CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMS.
  - B. TO ENGAGE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT AND TO PARTNER WITH THE COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE AND PROMOTE QUALITY EDUCATION.
  - C. TO HELP PEOPLE PROVIDE KNOWLEDGE AND KNOW ABOUT THE MAIN CAUSES THAT AFFECTS THEIR SOCIAL LIVES.
  - D. TO ORGANISE PEOPLE FOR COMMUNITY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. I.E. TO COLLECTIVELY IDENTIFY, PRIORITIZE AND PLAN TO SOLVE COMMUNITY PROBLEM.
  - E. TO EMPOWER PEOPLE WITH SKILLS THROUGH REGULAR TRAINING.
  - F. TO PROMOTE ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITIES.

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**

**AMBROSE ALLI UNIVERSITY MUSLIM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED TRUSTEE**

The general public is hereby notified that the above named. has applied to Corporate Affairs Commission, Abuja for registration under part C of the Company and Allied Matters Act, 2020.

- NAME OF TRUSTEES**
- |                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. ALIU UMORU-CURAIASH APEALEOKHA | - Chairman  |
| 2. MAMUDA LAVAL                   | - Member    |
| 3. OYAKHILOME MOMODU KABIR        | - Member    |
| 4. ALI-SULAYMAN AISHA             | - Member    |
| 5. ALIGBE ABDULLAH BENDRIX        | - Member    |
| 6. ABDULRAZAQ BELLO OARE          | - Secretary |

- AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:**
1. TO PROMOTE ISLAMIC BROTHERHOOD, MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION AMONG MEMBERS
  2. TO HARNESS HUMAN AND PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES FOR THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF MEMBERS AND ISLAM.
  3. TO FACILITATE THE CONSTANT GROWTH OF MEMBERS FAITH IN THE RELIGION OF ISLAM.
  4. TO ASSIST MEMBERS IN ACHIEVING THEIR MORAL AND RELIGIOUS OBLIGATIONS.
  5. TO CONTINUALLY ASSIST FINANCIALLY, MORALLY AND IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY TO THE MUSLIM STUDENT SOCIETY OF NIGERIA AMBROSE ALLI UNIVERSITY EKPOMA.

Any objection to the Registrations should be forwarded to the Registrar, Corporate Affairs Commission, plot 420, Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, PMB 198 Garki Abuja within 28 days from the date of this publication.

Signed: **Secretary**

**ELEOS CHURCH OF CHRIST INTERNATIONAL**

This is to inform the general public that the above named has applied to the corporate affairs commission (CAC), Abuja for registration under part 'f' of companies and allied matters act, (CAMA 2020).

- TRUSTEES**
- |                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| 1.OSUNTOYE OLASOJI OLAYINKA       | - PRESIDENT |
| 2.OSUNTOYE YETUNDE DEBORAH        |             |
| 3.SOSANYA OLAITAN MATTHEW         |             |
| 4.OSUNTOYE OLABISI ESTHER         |             |
| 5.MUSTAPHA ADEYEMI OLABWONINU     |             |
| 6.ADEBANJO FELIX ABAYOMI          |             |
| 7.KA ROLI GRACE                   |             |
| 8.OSUNTOYE TITOBILOLUWA OLUWATOMI |             |
| 9.FEMI-AWOSANYA MICHAEL ADEDEJI   | - SECRETARY |

- AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**
- TO THROUGH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE GOSPEL REBUILD AND RECONSECRATE ALL THE DESECRATED ALTER OF GOD.
  - TO SYSTEMATICALLY CONVEY THE CRUCIFIED JESUS CHRIST TO THE CRACKED WALL OF THE SOCIETY FOR A RETURN TO THEIR MAKER.
  - TO TEACH AND PREACH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS TO THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH.
  - TO DISCIPLE BELIEVERS UNTO USABILITY FOR GOD AND HIS KINGDOM.
  - TO TRAIN MINISTERS FOR THE WORK OF MINISTRY THROUGH BIBLE SCHOOLS, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SYMPOSIUM AND OTHER GOSPEL TRAINING MEDIUMS.

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**

**STELLA AND HOPE ORPHANAGE HOME FOUNDATION**

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

- THE TRUSTEES ARE:**
1. DICK ECHEFULACHI HOPE --- CHAIRMAN
  2. DICK EZINNE STELLA --- SECRETARY
  3. OKONKWO CHIKA DESTINY
  4. EKECHE EDWIN UZOMA

- AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**
1. TO REACH OUT TO AS MANY WIDOWS AS POSSIBLE
  2. TO RENDER SUPPORT TO THE ORPHANS
  3. TO SUPPORT THE AGED THROUGH WORKS OF CHARITY.

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 PUBLICATION.

SIGNED: **CHAIRMAN**

**NKANYI GOOD BROTHERS CLUB**

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

- THE TRUSTEES ARE:**
1. MWAFOR FRIDAY JOHN --- CHAIRMAN
  2. ONWUJEKWE AMARA JOHN --- SECRETARY
  3. ABONE IKWUKA SAMCO
  4. EJKEMWUWA CHUKWUEBUKA BENJAMIN
  5. UBAJEKWE CHIZOBAM OKENNA

- AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**
1. TO UNITE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE MEMBERS AND SOCIETY IN GENERAL
  2. TO PROMOTE LOVE AND UNITY AMONG MEMBERS

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

SIGNED: **CHAIRMAN**

**ABBA'S HEART MINISTRY CA/IT/ NO: 175726.**

THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE ABOVE NAMED HAS APPLIED TO THE CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION, ABUJA FOR THE REMOVAL AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEES UNDER PART 'F' OF THE COMPANY AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT NO. 1 OF 2020

- THE OLD TRUSTEES ARE:**
1. OLADELE TOLLULOPE VICTORIA - REMOVED.
  2. EFE BOLARINWA MELODY - REMOVED.
  3. MAX-SOLOMON JOY CHIGOZIE - RETAINED.
  4. ADEKANMI DAVID TAIYE - RETAINED.
  5. OBEMBE OLUFUNMILOLA BOLANLE - RETAINED

- NEWLY APPOINTED:**
1. NKETIM DORIS JOE - NEWLY APPOINTED.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES REMAINS THE SAME.

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

SIGNED: **SECRETARY.**

**IGBO MUSLIM ASSOCIATION FOR SUPPORT AND RELIEF**

The general public is hereby notified that the above Association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) for registration under Part 'E' of the Companies and Allied Matters (2020).

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE:**  
NGENE IDRIS MUHAMMAD CHAIRMAN  
HASSAN NEZIRU MUHAMMED  
EGWU MAIMUNA OSINACHI  
MUHAMMAD OFORKA NWAFOR SECRETARY

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**  
TO BUILD A STRONG COALITION OF IGBO MUSLIMS OF BOTH HOME AND ABROAD.  
TO SHOW LOVE TO ONE ANOTHER AND RENDER ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY MEMBERS.  
TO ENCOURAGE TOLERANCE AND ACCEPTABILITY AMONGST IGBO'S OF ALL RELIGIOUS INCLINATION.  
TO DO ANY OTHER THING NECESSARY INCIDENTAL TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION'S AIMS.

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

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

**FOUNDATION FOR ISLAMIC RE-ORIENTATION AND REFORMATION (FIRR)**

The general public is hereby notified that the above Association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) for registration under Part 'E' of the Companies and Allied Matters (2020).

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE:**  
SALEH MUSTAPHA ALI CHAIRMAN  
SIKIRU RIDWAN ADEWALE  
ISHAQ ISMAIL  
NDAKUN ABDULRAHMAN MUSTAPHA  
SHITTU RUFAI SECRETARY

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**  
TO STRENGTHEN THE INSTITUTION OF MARRIAGE AND FIGHT AGAINST AVOIDABLE OR INDECENT DIVORCE  
TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THE ACQUISITION OF KNOWLEDGE AMONGST THE MUSLIMS.  
TO STRIVE AGAINST ALL SORTS OF DEGRADING AND INHUMANE TREATMENT IN THE SOCIETY  
TO FIGHT FOR THE RIGHTS OF MUSLIMS THROUGH LEGAL AND OTHER LEGITIMATE MEANS  
TO CATER FOR THE WELFARE OF ORPHANS AND OTHER LESS PRIVILEGED PERSONS.  
TO ENLIGHTEN THE MUSLIMS ABOUT THE TEACHINGS OF THE HOLY QUR'AN AND SUNNAH  
TO FIGHT AGAINST PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE AND MISCONDUCTS.  
TO STRIVE AGAINST MORAL DECADENCE

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

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, BAUCHI STATE PROBATE DIVISION BAUCHI, BAUCHI STATE**

WHEREAS The person/persons whose name(s) is set out in the first column hereunder died intestate on the date and at the place stated in the column and WHEREAS the person/persons whose name, address and claimed relationship to the deceased person/persons is set out in the second column hereunder has applied to the High Court of Justice Bauchi for grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROPERTY(IES) OF THE SAID DECEASED THEREFORE,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION will be granted to such person/persons unless NOTICE TO PROHIBIT the grant thereof is filed in the PROBATE REGISTRY High Court of Justice Bauchi within TWENTY-ONE (21) DAYS from the date of publication of this notice.

**SCHEDULE**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF DECEASED.	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
MRS. FRANCES FOLAYAN, OF STELLA OBASEUNJO ROAD G R A BAUCHI, BAUCHI STATE WHO DIED ON 18/05/2012, AT HOME.	KUNLE TRACEY FOLAYAN, OF THE VILLAGE INN YELWA DASS ROAD BAUCHI, BAUCHI STATE. THE SON OF THE DECEASED PERSON.
YAKUBU DOGON MALAM OF UNGUWAR SARAKUNA MAIDUGURI BYPASS BAUCHI, BAUCHI STATE, WHO DIED ON 10/ 11/ 2023, AT HOME.	AYUBA YAKUBU OF WUNTIN DADA JOS ROAD BAUCHI, BAUCHI STATE, THE SON OF THE DECEASED PERSON.

SIGNED:  
**FATIMA ABUBAKAR ESQ**  
CHIEF REGISTRAR

**LOST OF DOCUMENT**

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE LOSS OF ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY FOR **PLOT NO.438 WITH FILE NO.RES/85/132 AND TP/UDB/114B** LOCATION AT BADAWA LAYOUT IN NASSARAWA LOCAL GOVT KANO STATE BELONGING TO ONE **ALHAJI ALA KOKI OF NO.312 KOKI QTRS KANO CITY.**

ALL EFFORTS MADE TO TRACE THE SAID DOCUMENT PROVED ABORTIVE.

IF FOUND PLEASE RETURN TO THE RELEVANT AUTHORITY.

**IYIOBOBO CULTURAL PEACE CENTER**

The general public is hereby notified that the above named Organization has applied for Registration under "PART C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Decree No. 1 of 1990.

**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**  
1. EMENYEONO EMEKA PETER CHAIRMAN  
2. EMENYEONU NKECHINYERE SECRETARY

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:**  
1. TO CATER FOR WELFARE OF MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES  
2. TO PROMOTE PEACE AND HEALTHY LIVING AMONG OUR PEOPLE  
3. TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO CREATIVE AND HARDWORKING  
4. TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS ON PHILANTHROPIST GESTURES

Any objection to this registration should be addressed to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Wuse Zone 5, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

SIGNED: **EMENYEONO EMEKA PETER -CHAIRMAN**

**THE KINGS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION CHARISMATIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES, ONITSHA NIGERIA**

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE ABOVE NAME HAS APPLIED TO THE CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION FOR THE REGISTRATION UNDER PART 'F' OF THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT 2020.

**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**  
1. DURU CHUKWUMA BONAVENTURE (PATRON)  
2. CHUKWUJIKEM CHUKWUEMEKA C. (CHAIRMAN)  
3. UKPABIA OKWUDIRI DONATUS (VICE-CHAIRMAN)  
4. NNOROM CYPRIAN JUNIOR (GENERAL SECRETARY)  
5. ADUO CHIBUZOR STELLA (FINANCIAL SECRETARY)

**AIMS & OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION**  
1. TO RAISING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF HELPING MEMBERS  
2. TO SUPPORT, ENCOURAGE AND PRAY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

SIGNED - **CHAIRMAN.**

**SHADDAI DOMINION CITY AND DELIVERANCE MINISTRY**

This is to inform the general public that the above named has applied to the corporate affairs commission (CAC), Abuja for registration under part 'f' of companies and allied matters act, (CAMA 2020).

**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**  
1. OLANIYAN DANIEL IDOWU -CHAIRMAN  
2. ADEYINKA KOFOWOROLA GRACE -SECRETARY  
3. OLANIYAN DEBORAH KEHINDE -MEMBER

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**  
A FAITH BASED CHURCH FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST AND DELIVERANCE MINISTRY.

TO PREACH THE MESSAGE OF HOLINESS IN CHRIST JESUS, TRUST IN HIS WORD AND FAITH IN THE RISEN CHRIST AND SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD.  
TO PROVIDE SUCCOR AND SUPPORT FOR THE DOWNTRODDEN THROUGH FAITH BASED BIBLICAL TEACHINGS, HEALING MESSAGES AND DELIVERANCE SERVICES.

Any objection to this registration should be addressed to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Wuse Zone 5, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

**CROSSWEALTH INITIATIVE FOR THE LESS PRIVILEGED**

This is to inform the general public that the above named has applied to the corporate affairs commission (CAC), Abuja for registration under part 'f' of companies and allied matters act, (CAMA 2020).

**NAMES OF TRUSTEES AND POSITION**  
1. OFEM EKAPONG UBI (CHAIRMAN)  
2. OFEM GOSPEL EKAPONG (SECRETARY)  
3. OFFIONG ANTHONY EFFIONG  
4. ESO IDAM BENSON

**MAIN OBJECTIVES:**  
1. FOR HUMANITARIAN SERVICES  
2. TO HELP AND RESCUE THE WIDOWS, WIDOWERS AND LESS PRIVILEGED IN ERADICATING POVERTY IN THEIR LIVES  
3. TO EDUCATE AND ERADICATE RURAL DWELLERS THROUGH PROMOTING ADULT EDUCATION  
4. TO HELP THE LESS PRIVILEGED FINANCIALLY

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SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

**KILEGBEGHA COMPOUND (FAMILY) ASSOCIATION**

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

**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**  
1. MIWERIGBELEGHA GBENEFADAI (CHAIRMAN)  
2. BURUBOYEFE EBITIMI AMOS (SECRETARY)  
3. JAMES PEREOWEI OBOROKUMO

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:**  
1. TO FOSTER SUITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE FAMILY UNITY, PEACE, LOVE, PROGRESS AND GROWTH AMONGST MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY.  
2. TO RENDER MORAL SUPPORT BY IDENTIFYING THE PROBLEMS THROUGH THE NEEDS OF MEMBERS.

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

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

**PAVILION OF GRACE MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL, KADUNA**

This is to inform the general public that the above named has applied to the corporate affairs commission (CAC), Abuja for registration under part 'f' of companies and allied matters act, (CAMA 2020).

**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**  
1. BAKARE ROTIMI JAPHET -CHAIRMAN  
2. BENEDICT GODWIN -SECRETARY  
3. UDE VICTOR ONYEDIKACHI  
4. ZIRKUSHU BLESSING ETHAN

**AIM AND OBJECTIVES:**  
TO ORGANIZE, CONVENE CONFERENCES, CRUSADES, CONVENTION, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOP IN NIGERIA AND IN OTHER PART OF THE WORLD

ANY OBJECTION TO THE ABOVE SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION, 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 INTENT IN RESPECT OF **35 CADASTRAL ZONE D06 KARASANA WEST DISTRICT ABUJA FILE NO. MISC 123305** GRANTED IN **CITEC INTERNATIONAL ESTATE LIMITED.** GOT MISSING AND ALL EFFORTS MADE TO TRACE THE MISSING DOCUMENTS PROVED ABORTIVE IF FOUND KINDLY CONTACT ANY NEAREST POLICE STATION.

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE LOSS OF ORIGINAL LETTER OF INTENT IN RESPECT OF **2 CADASTRAL ZONE D06 KARASANA WEST DISTRICT ABUJA FILE NO. MISC 106481** GRANTED IN FAVOUR OF **CITEC INTEGRATED BUILDINGS PRODUCTS LTD.** GOT MISSING AND ALL EFFORTS MADE TO TRACE THE MISSING DOCUMENTS PROVED ABORTIVE, IF FOUND KINDLY CONTACT ANY NEAREST POLICE STATION.

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE LOSS OF ORIGINAL STATUTORY RIGHT OF OCCUPANCY (R OF O) IN RESPECT OF **PLOT NO. 1805, WITH FILE NO MISC 54150** IN CADASTRAL **ZONE B07, KATAMPE DISTRICT, FCT, ABUJA,** ISSUED IN FAVOUR OF **CHRIST HOLY CHURCH INTERNATIONAL.**

THAT POWER OF ATTORNEY HAS BEEN REGISTERED AT FCDA/AGIS IN FAVOUR OF THE NEW ATTORNEY; **NATIONWIDE PROPERTIES LIMITED,** REGISTERED AS **NO. FC 31 AT PAGE 31, VOL 91 PA** REGISTER IN FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY LAND REGISTRY OFFICE, ABUJA DATED **06 FEBRUARY, 2023.** GOT MISSING AND ALL EFFORTS MADE TO TRACE THE MISSING DOCUMENTS PROVED ABORTIVE, IF FOUND KINDLY CONTACT ANY NEAREST POLICE STATION.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE PROBATE DIVISION, BIRNIN KEBBI, KEBBI STATE**

Whereas the person whose name is set out in the first column here under died date and place stated in the said column. Whereas the person whose address had claimed relationship with the said deceased is set in the second column here under has applied to the High Court of Justice for GRANT OF LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE personal property.

Notice is hereby given that the said LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION will be granted to such person unless a notice to prohibit the grant there of is filed in the Probate Registry High Court of Justice Birnin Kebbi, within TWENTY ONE DAYS from the date of publication of this notice.

**SCHEDULE**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF DECEASED.	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
SANI AHMED. NIGERIAN POLICE FORCE KEBBI STATE COMMAND. Who died on the 6TH SEPTEMBER, 2023.	HADIZA MUHAMMAD. BAYAN KARA AREA, BIRNIN KEBBI, KEBBI STATE.

SIGNED:  
**HASSAN MUHAMMAD KWAIDO**  
PROBATE REGISTRAR

**AKU DIEWA YOUNG WIVES ASSOCIATION AWKA BRANCH**

This is to inform the general public that the above named has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under Part "F" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act (CAMA) 2020.

**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**  
1. EZIKEANYI UKAMAKA MORDESTER -CHAIRMAN  
2. OBUITE JOY OBIONA -SECRETARY  
3. ACHU UCHECHUKWU EUNICE  
4. DIARUA NKECHI VIRGINIA

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**  
1. TO UNITE OUR MEMBERS  
2. TO HELP ONE ANOTHER  
3. TO FOSTER MORAL UPLIFT OF EVERY MEMBER.  
4. TO COME TOGETHER AS A BODY AND HELP PEOPLE IN DISTRESS  
5. TO WORK WITH HARMONY BETWEEN PEOPLE IN THE SOCIETY.  
6. TO SUPPORT MEMBERS WHO ARE IN NEED  
7. TO ALLEVIATE THE SUFFERING OF THE LESS PRIVILEGED SUCH AS THE POOR WIDOWS, ORPHANS, AGED PEOPLE PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS / DISABILITIES BY PROVIDING SHELTER, CLOTHING, FOOD ,SCHOLARSHIPS AND FREE MEDICAL SERVICES AS WELL CARTER FOR THE WELFARE AND INTEREST OF MEMBERS.

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

SIGNED: **CHAIRMAN**

**HOPE OF LIFE BIBLE CHURCH INT'L**

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

**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**  
1. PST (MRS) MERCY IGHU ETINEMIDERHI.  
2. EVANG FAMOUS ISAAC.  
3. MR FELIX. OMASAJUWA.

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:**  
1. TO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST  
2. TO WIN SOULS FOR CHRIST

ANY OBJECTION(S) TO THIS REGISTRATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR- GENERAL, CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION, PLOT 420, TIGRIS CRESCENT, MAITAMA, ABUJA WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION.

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

**DANKANDE AND KAFIN GWARI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**

The General Public is Hereby Informed that the Above Named has applied to Corporate Affairs Commission for Registration Under Part "F" of the Companies and Allied Matters Acts, (CAMA) 2020.

**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**  
1. SULEIMAN AHMED -Chairman  
2. ABDU MUSA SARIN KAFIN GWARI  
3. TUKUR ABUBAKAR SHEHU  
4. GARBA MUSTAPHA  
5. USMAN NASIRU -SECRETARY

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**  
1. TO PROVIDE FEEDING, CLOTHING, SHELTER AND GENERAL REHABILITATION TO PHYSICALLY, SOCIALLY AND FINANCIALLY DISADVANTAGED MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY.  
2. TO PROVIDE AND SPREAD PRIMARY, SECONDARY & HIGHER EDUCATION BY ESTABLISHING AND/OR COLLABORATING WITH SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, INSTITUTIONS, LIBRARIES, RESEARCH IN THE EDUCATION FIELD.  
3. TO PROMOTE HUMAN ADVANCEMENT THROUGH SKILL ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS  
4. TO PROVIDE UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN WITH A WELL-ROUNDED EDUCATION AND ESTABLISH LIBRARY IN NEEDY COMMUNITIES, DONATE AND ASSIST THE ORPHANS, VULNERABLE AND LESS PRIVILEGE IN THE COMMUNITY.  
5. TO ORGANISE WORKSHOP, SEMINAR AND SYMPOSIUM TO DISCUSS ISSUES THAT AFFECT OUR SOCIETY AND PROPER SOLUTIONS TO THEM  
6. TO CARRY OUT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES AIMED AT EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT, PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND FOR ENGAGEMENT OF AFRICAN YOUTHS IN RECREATIONAL, SPORTS AND OTHER LEISURETIME OCCUPATIONS WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVEMENT OF LIVING CONDITIONS OF AFRICANS GENERALLY  
7. TO ESTABLISH, SPONSOR AND MAINTAIN MENTORSHIP MANAGEMENT TRAINEE AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS AIMED AT YOUTH ENLIGHTENMENT AND EMPOWERMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY  
8. TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND RELIEF MATERIALS TO VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS, INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS AND OTHER FORMS OF SOCIALLY OR FINANCIALLY DISADVANTAGED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

Any Objections to this Registration Should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi by Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja Within 28 Days of this Publication.

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

**RENEWED IMPACT GROWTH ORGANISATION**

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

**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**  
1. ATCHE SYLVIA ROLI -PRESIDENT  
2. MAVUKU-DORE ALERO QUINCY -SECRETARY  
3. OLOGITERE QUEEN J. -TRUSTEE  
4. UMORU MARIAMU BAMIDOLE -TRUSTEE  
5. ENAKLE OVE ORIGHOYE-ABDULKAREM -TRUSTEE  
6. NNADOZIE CHIDI AFAMEFUNA -TRUSTEE  
7. OGBANSIEGHE KELECHIS -TRUSTEE

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES ARE:**  
1. TO FOSTER EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES, FOCUSING ON MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES, AND PROVIDING ACCESS TO RESOURCES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT  
2. TO FACILITATE COMMUNITY-DRIVEN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS TO ENHANCE INFRASTRUCTURE, LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITIES, AND SOCIAL COHESION, PROMOTING SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND RESILIENCE.  
3. TO DRIVE INNOVATION IN ADDRESSING SOCIETAL ISSUES BY DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING CREATIVE SOLUTIONS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO POSITIVE AND LASTING CHANGE.  
4. TO ADVOCATE FOR THE RIGHTS AND WELL-BEING OF MARGINALISED POPULATIONS, PROMOTING AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF CRITICAL ISSUES TO INSPIRE ACTION AND SUPPORT.  
5. TO ESTABLISH AND NURTURE COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER NON-PROFITS, GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, BUSINESSES, AND COMMUNITIES TO MAXIMIZE THE IMPACT AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ORGANIZATION'S INITIATIVES.

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

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**



# LEADERSHIP

## Change Of Name

### ANAGHARA

I, Formerly known and addressed as **UCHE CHIOMA CYNTHIA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ANAGHARA CHIOMA CYNTHIA**. All former documents remain valid, general public take note.

### CHUKWUKA

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

### SUNDAY

I, formerly known called and address as **OKWANDU CHIEMELA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SUNDAY GODWIN CHIEMELA**. All former documents remain valid. Banks and general public should take note.

### HUSSAINI

I, formerly known as **USENI ZAHARADEEN KAKIHUM** now wish to be called and addressed as **HUSSAINI MUHAMMAD ZAHRAADDIN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### LAWAL

I formerly known as **LAWAL ABDULRAHEEM ROMANS**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **LAWAL ABDULRAHIM ONORUOIZA**. DOB is 8/5/1994 not 1/5/1991. Former documents remain valid. GT bank PLC and general public should please take note.

### DAVID

I, formerly known as **MISS. AHU EMMANUELA EBERE** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS DAVID EMMANUELA EBERE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### NYORISM

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

### EVELYN

I, formerly known called and address as **MISS EVELYN NGOHIDE SULE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. EVELYN NGOHIDE IORENDE**. All former documents remain valid. Banks and general public should take note.

### YAKUBU

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

### SADIQ

I formerly known as **ISUYAKA AISHA OHUNENE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **SADIQ AISHA OHUNENE**. Former documents remain valid. Union bank PLC and general public should please take note.

### ZAKARIYYA

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

### HASSANA

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

### DANBABA

I, formerly known as **EMMANUEL SARAH**, now wish to be called and addressed as **DANBABA SARAH**. D.O.B 21-02-1988. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### KAMILU

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

### OTIBE

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

### EDIKAN

I, formerly known as **MISS EDIKAN INYANG JAMES** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. EDIKAN DAVID ONYEKACHUKWU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### EBUBE

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

### RASHIDATU

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

### OKWUOLISE

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

### HEBRON

I, formerly known as **MISS. NWAOGARAKU CHINONYE BLESSING** and **NWAOGARAKU CHINONYE** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. HEBRON CHIOMA AWAJIMAM**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### DARLING

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

### OMAKWU

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

### HAMMA

I, formerly known as **SAIDU AISHAT HAMMA**, Old DOB: 24-04-1982 now wish to be called and addressed as **HAMMA AISHA SAIDU**, New DOB: 17-07-1984. All former documents remain valid. FirstBank and General public should please take note.

### USHUPLE

I formerly known and addressed as **USHUPLE GRACE USHUPLE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **USHUPLE GRACE UNGIEUBUA**. All former documents remain valid. Bank and general public should take note.

### HUSSAINA

I **HUSSAINA UMAR SANTALI** who later changed to **HUSSAINA MOHAMMED WAZIRI** now wishes to be known and addressed as **HUSSAINA UMAR SANTALI**. All former documents remain valid. General Public should take note.

### AHMED

I, formerly known as **MOHAMMED AHMED**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AHMED MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid. First Bank Plc and the general public to please take note.

### MOHAMMED

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

### MUHAMMAD

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

### DAUDA

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

### ISMAILA

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS **ISMAILA TUKUR MOHAMMED**, DOB: 11/1/1989 NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AS **ISMAILA TUKUR**, DOB: 11/1988. All former document remain valid general public to take note.

### YAHAYA

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

### ETIM

I, formerly known as **EKANEM, NSENOBONG NELSON**, now wish to be called and addressed as **ETIM, NSENOBONG AMOS**. My correct date of birth is 26/2/1981. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note.

### GODGIFT

During my BVN registration, my name **EKERENDU** was omitted and was wrongly captured as **GODGIFT EKERENDU** instead of **GODGIFT EKERENDU ETIM**, my complete and correct name is **GODGIFT EKERENDU ETIM**, all documents bearing my former name remain valid. Banks and general public please take note.

### IQUO

I, FORMERLY KNOWN AS **MISS. IQUO EFFIONG BASSEY**, NOW I WISH TO BE KNOWN CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **MRS. IQUO ABRAHAM UDOBIA**, ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID, BANKS AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD NOTE.

## LOST OF DOCUMENT

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE **LOSS OF CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY OVER PLOT NO. 162, IDU DISTRICT, FCT ABUJA, DATED 12/03/1998** BELONGING TO **SABIU BAKO TRADING COMPANY LTD.**

ALL EFFORTS MADE TO TRACE THE SAID MISSING DOCUMENTS PROVED ABORTIVE.

IF FOUND, KINDLY RETURN TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION.

AUTHORITY CONCERN AND GENERAL PUBLIC PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

## ASSOCIATION OF UMUEZE-ANAM IN DIASPORA

This is to inform the general public that the above named has applied to the corporate affairs commission (CAC), Abuja for registration under part 'f' of companies and allied matters act, (CAMA 2020).

### THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. OKECHUKWU MICHAEL OFORMA (CHAIRMAN)
2. EZEDU JIDEFOR CHRISTOPHER
3. EMEKA NWACHUKWU BASIL
4. NNALLE DONATUS ONYEKWELU
5. OBIORAH CHUKWUDI MARCEL
6. OKAFOR EZEBUILO JOSEPH
7. NNALLE ONYEKACHI HYACINTH (SECRETARY)
8. ETUKE ODIKPO FIDELIS

### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. TO DO ALL SUCH OTHER THINGS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED INCIDENTAL OR CONDUCTIVE TO THE ATTAINMENT OF THE ABOVE OBJECTIVES OR ANY OF THEM
2. TO PROMOTE THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND COMMUNAL DEVELOPMENT OF UMUEZE-ANAM COMMUNITY.
3. TO PROMOTE PEACE, UNITY AND LOVE AMONG MEMBERS OF UMUEZE-ANAM COMMUNITY AND THE NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES.
4. TO PROMOTE THE EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF UMUEZE-ANAM COMMUNITY.
5. TO PROMOTE AND ASSIST THE NEEDY MEMBERS OF THE UMUEZE-ANAM COMMUNITY THROUGH FINANCIAL AND MORAL SUPPORT.
6. TO PROMOTE THE CULTURE OF THE PEOPLE OF UMUEZE-ANAM COMMUNITY THROUGH AVAILABLE CULTURAL, TRADITION AND ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS FAR AND NEAR.

Any objection to this Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, PMB 198, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

SIGNED: SECRETARY

## MAY 24 YOUTHS DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE ABOVE NAMED FOUNDATION HAS APPLIED TO THE CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION (CAC), ABUJA FOR REGISTRATION UNDER PART C OF COMPANY AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT OF 2020.

### THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. ARUBAYI CHINONSO NGOZI
2. OKERE IKECHUKWU ANTHONY
3. OPUTA IFEANYI CHRISTOPHER
4. MEKA CHIDERA

### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- TO PROVIDE EMPOWERMENT SUPPORT TO YOUTHS THAT BRINGS ABOUT THE FEELING OF SELF-RELIANCE.
- TO PROVIDE CHARITY AND TO ENGAGE IN PHILANTHROPIC WORK THAT DIRECTLY AFFECT THE GENERAL WELL BEING OF YOUTHS.
- TO PARTNER WITH GOVERNMENT AND NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN ACHIEVING ITS OBJECTIVES.
- VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND SKILLS ACQUISITION FOR YOUTHS.
- TO CREATE AWARENESS AMONG YOUTHS WITH REGARDS TO GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES FOR EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT.

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

SIGNED: SECRETARY

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### The Future Of Festivals: Sustainable Paper Products Are Taking Centre Stage

By Laura Clarke

#### 3. Hebridean Celtic festival – Outer Hebrides

Taking place from 12-15 July and starring Celtic-fusion band Talisk and traditional rock faves Skerryvore, it's an event with a very green soul. Carbon neutral alternatives are being used over generators – saving the equivalent of 27 return car journeys to Edinburgh! As well as this, equipment haulage is minimised and there's been no single-use plastic since 2018. The Proclaimers will be concluding the 2023 festival, on the island of Lewis.

#### 4. Øya festival – Oslo

As the Tøyenparken site is so close to central Oslo, over 98% of visitors come to Øyafestivalen on foot, by bike or by public transport. This year's event runs from 8-12 August and is due to feature Blur, Grammy-nominated Wizkid and Norwegian singer-songwriter Sigrid. Øya has

no fossil-fuel generators and uses the city's power grid instead. There is no need for any plastic seating, thanks to its amphitheatre-like hillside location. Rubbish is hand-sorted into 15 categories, and all artists travel in reduced-emissions cars.

#### 5. Shambala – Northampton

According to the Association of Independent Festivals, an estimated 250,000 tents are abandoned at UK music festivals annually – with most of them being non-recyclable. None were left at last year's Shambala, however. People have been seen to use cardboard tents which are 100% recyclable. Other sustainability innovations taken on during this event include meat, fish and dairy milk all being outlawed and a variety of car-free transport schemes are being implemented. The acts for this year's Shambala (24-27 August) have just been announced and you can find out who will be performing here!

#### 6. Terraforma – Milan

Terraforma often takes place in a wooded estate about 10 miles north of Milan and features mostly experimental musicians. This took

place from 9-11 June but the key aspect to note from this event was sustainability. From wooden stages to recycling stations, biodegradable paper crockery, electric fleets, and low-impact solar-powered lighting. They had everything covered for the perfect sustainable party.

#### 7. Pohoda festival, Slovakia

The long running Pohoda festival (est. 1997), has long been green-hearted. Among current initiatives are water-saving vacuum toilets, a mobile solar-power station, and 17 waste-separation points. This year it is running from 6-8 July, with Jamie xx, Central Cee and Suzanne Vega representing an ever-eclectic policy that showcases everything from electropunk to chamber music.

#### 8. Reading and Leeds, UK

As a result of the Show Must Go On Report 2020, Reading festival took on the Vision 2025 pledge and is working towards a 50% reduction in event greenhouse gas emissions as well as general waste and use of single-use materials. All cups used on site are paper, with a deposit scheme put in place since 2007. This works by heading over to the campsite Recycling Points to collect green recycling bags. Simply fill the



bag up with cans and bottles, bring them back and you are in with a chance of winning prizes!

As well as the Recycling Scheme, as part of their commitment to increase recycling, all plastic bottles sold at the Co-op campsite supermarket will have a refundable deposit added

to the price. Campers will be able to return the bottles to the reverse vending machine in exchange for a voucher to spend at the Co-op on-site shop. All the bottles collected will go on to be recycled in order to create bottles for the Co-op's own brand bottled water.

You can enjoy festivals and concerts this year with peace of mind, knowing that there are sustainable festival products to buy and venues to attend.

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Former President Muhammadu Buhari and Borno State Babagana Zulum during his visit to Borno State recently.

## BRIEFLY

### Ex-senatorial Hopeful Dumps PDP For APC In Kaduna

BY ISIAIAH BENJAMIN, Kaduna

A senatorial contender in the 2023 general election, Hon. Usman Ibrahim has defected from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Kaduna State.

Ibrahim, popularly called Sardaunan Badarawa, in a statement, said he left PDP due to lack of direction and mass exodus of key, loyal and committed members of the party to other parties, particularly the APC.

He mentioned in specific terms giant strides and commitments of Governor Uba Sani at state and Tinubu's commendable performance at federal level in providing succour to the people after years of disaffection as reasons for severing ties with his former party.

He also stated that he was encouraged by political allies in National Assembly and federal cabinet to bring forth his wealth of experience and ability of grassroots mobilization into the APC.

### 'Nigeria Not Beyond Redemption'

A House of Representative member, representing Uhumwonde/Orhionmwon federal constituency, Hon. Dr. Billy Osawaru, has called on Nigerians to exercise patience with the present administration of President Bola Tinubu whom he said meant well for the country.

He further said Nigeria is not beyond redemption.

He said what should be done to change the narrative in Nigeria politics is to believe in the policies of the current administration.

"I've come a long way now, 13 years of my persistence and focused in politics. I have learned and believed in the project called Nigeria. Besides that I was comfortable in USA, I wouldn't have bother to come over but I do strongly believed Nigeria can be great again."

Osawaru recalled that the greatness of Nigeria which he witness as a child while growing up started to dwindle primarily as a result of bad leadership.

"I can assure you Nigeria is not beyond redemption, this nation can be great again," the Edo-born federal legislator said.

## Kaduna: Controversy Over Speaker's Status As Governor Presents Budget Today

BY ISIAIAH BENJAMIN, Kaduna

The controversy trailing the Speakership status of Kaduna State House of Assembly appears to have assumed a new dimension as the State Governor, Senator Uba Sani presents the 2024 budget to the assembly.

The hitherto speaker of the House, Hon. Dahiru Yusuf Liman, who was sacked by the Appeal Court Tribunal is yet to be replaced, just as his certificate is yet to be withdrawn 24 days af-

ter judgement.

The Court of Appeal on November 24, 2023 sacked Liman who represents Makera Constituency in the State Assembly.

The Court of Appeal, in the judgment delivered by Justice Abimhola Osarugue Obasaki-Adejumo, specifically ordered the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to withdraw the certificate of return it had issued to Mr. Liman.

The court, which declared the election into Ka-

duna State House of Assembly as inconclusive, also ordered INEC to conduct a re-run election in five polling units of Makera State constituency.

But in total disregard to the court order, it was reliably gathered that the members of the State Assembly still accord the sacked speaker the same status.

INEC on its part has not withdrawn the certificate of return to Mr. Liman as directed by court.

Investigation by our cor-

respondent revealed that the members of the State Assembly are still holding sittings behind closed doors with the sacked speaker.

They have refused to elect another speaker to occupy the vacant seat.

A member of the Assembly who spoke to our correspondent however said, since the court order sacking the speaker, the Assembly has not sat and has been on recess, adding that the presentation of the budget by the Governor Senator Uba Sani

today (Monday) will be a major assignment, "So let's wait and see" he said.

The state government, on its part, has continued to accord the sacked Speaker the same status, as he continues to attend state function as Speaker.

On Tuesday, December 6, the Deputy governor of the State, Dr Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe and the embattled speaker visited the scene of the Kaduna drone bombing attack on Villagers of Tudun Biri.

## Corruption: Clark Writes Ariwoola, Demands Reform In Judiciary

BY CHIBUZO UKAIBE, Abuja

Elder statesman Chief Edwin Clark has asked the Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN) Justice Olukayode Ariwoola to reorganise the Judiciary.

Clark in an open letter made available to LEADERSHIP, asked the Chief Justice to carry out reforms that will address challenges including restructuring and repositioning of the National Judicial Council, Judicial Services Commission.

Clark, who is also a lawyer of 59 years, said, "My Lord,

I have decided to write this open letter to your Lordship as Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN) because the alleged corruption and the malpractices in the Judiciary amounting to the naked abuse of the office can no longer be tolerated because it is a big dent to the image of the noble profession to which we all belonged."

The Niger Delta leader, who apologised "for any inconveniences and embarrassment" the letter might cause, however recounted that he had written an open letter in

2011 to the then Chief Justice Justice Dahiru Musdapher on concerns within the judiciary, Senator Adamu Muhammed Bulkachuwa's irresponsible, callous and mischievous statement,

Clark, who decried the state of affairs in the judiciary, cited the inhumane treatment meted to the former CJN, Justice Walter Onoghen; the illegal raiding of Judges Houses in the mid night; socialisation between the Judiciary and some senators who are facing criminal charges; and conflicting

judgements by same courts in different states of the country.

Clark also refereed to the recent comments of retired Supreme Court Judge, Justice Adamu Dattijo, who, in his valedictory speech, said unwholesome practices have compromised the judiciary in Nigeria.

Clark said, "I have seen the Judiciary and the legal profession at its best. It was the pride of the then legal practitioners and the most revered Justices of the various courts of Nigeria and the posture of our most revered Justices that

attracted some of us to study law in the United Kingdom."

He continued, "As a result of recent painful events in the Judiciary and in the Bar, I am compelled to write this second open letter to your Lordship in my usual character to sound a note of warning to the Judiciary and the Bar."

Challenging the Chief Justice to reform the judiciary, Clark reminded Ariwoola how he and 14 other justices of the apex court in a wrote a protest letter in 2022 over the welfare of justices.

## Rivers: Opposition Alleges Plot To Impeach Fubara Through Court

BY JONATHAN NDA- ISIAIAH

A coalition of opposition political parties has alleged a plot to use the court to illegitimately impeach the Governor of Rivers State, Sim Fubara.

The parties, under the umbrella of the Coalition of United Political Parties (CUPP), claimed they have intelligence that a ruling has already been drafted by Federal High Court set to be delivered on Monday, declaring that the seats of 25 former Rivers State lawmakers cannot be declared vacant.

Recall that these lawmakers recently defected from the PDP to the APC.

The coalition asserted that such a ruling would contradict a previous ruling by the High Court of Rivers State, which recognized Edison Ehie as the authentic Speaker of the House.

In a press conference in Abuja yesterday, national secretary of CUPP, Peter Ameh, said this would allow the pro-Wike faction to take control of the State Assembly and move to impeach Governor Fubara with-

in 10 days.

They called the alleged suit, filed overnight between Thursday and Friday, a "kangaroo ruling" undermining democracy.

He said "Gentlemen of the Press, members of the opposition political parties who are here present, ladies and gentlemen.

It is because of the emergency and new development that we have decided to come together as a joint task force to save our democracy and constitutional governance in view

of development that is happening in Rivers State.

"We have intercepted credible intelligence and have seen a draft copy of Ruling, Nigerians please I need you to pay attention to what you are about to hear from us as lovers of Democracy.

CUPP Spokesperson urged Nigerians to protest at the Federal High Court on Monday.

He warned of anarchy in Rivers State if the plot succeeds and called on President Bola Tinubu and heads of security agencies to protect state

## BRIEFLY

## Expert Seeks Think-tank Forum To Harness Blue Economy Potential

BY YUSUF BABALOLA, Lagos

Hydrographer of the Nigerian Navy, Rear Admiral Ayo Olugbode, has called on maritime experts and policymakers to set up a think-tank forum that would help in harnessing potential in the nation's Blue Economy.

Olugbode disclosed this at the maiden dinner organised by Nigeria Alumni of World Maritime University (WMU), in Lagos.

According to him, experts in the maritime sector have huge roles to play in policy direction for the government in exploring the untapped resources in Nigeria's maritime sector.

The naval officer also disclosed that initiative should be drawn to give the Blue Economy ministry a path that will chart a direction for a thriving economic and national development policy.

## Rite Foods Delights Consumers With Movie Hangout

BY ABIODUN SIVOWAKU, Lagos

Sosa Fruit Drinks and Rite Sausage Rolls brands of Rite Foods Limited hosted an exclusive movie hangout for 70 lucky consumers who were treated to a VIP screening of 'The Marvels,' at Silverbird Cinemas, in Ikeja City Mall, Lagos, on 2nd December 2023, thereby, strengthening their emotional connection with the brands.

It was part of the brands' ongoing commitment to innovatively engage and reward their loyal consumers who were selected from various social media platforms through engaging contests tailored to each brand's identity.

Rite Sausages hosted a lively movie trivia challenge urging participants to guess movie titles from quotes, while Sosa Fruit Drinks initiated an interactive flavour-guessing game, adding an extra layer of excitement to the initiative.

## Reps Bemoan Maritime Sector 1% Contribution To GDP

BY YUSUF BABALOLA, Lagos

The House of Representatives committee on Shipping Services, over the weekend, lamented that the maritime industry contributed paltry one per cent to the nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Speaking at the Nigerian Shippers' Council (NSC), special retreat titled, 'Strengthening Economic Regulation of Marine and Blue Economy for Sustainable Development,' in Lagos, on Thursday, the chairman, House Committee on Shipping Services, Hon. Abdulsamad Dasuki, said the maritime sector was ex-

pected to contribute 20 percent to the nation's GDP.

He said: 'the Maritime sector is expected to deliver 20 per cent of our GDP but presently, it is doing one per cent or less.'

The committee, however, stated that the Council's act is undergoing repeal and re-enactment to give it the legal power as the Port Economic regulator.

"We are going to fast track that law and make sure that you have legal backing to do what is expected of you. We shall have this law by next year 2024.

"There are certain things expected from the Nigerian Ship-

pers Council, one of them is the ICTN, at Parliament, we would take it up, and whatever that is required will be done within the shortest possible time.

"One of our takeaways here today is that, we should have a Nigerian Shipping Commission and not a Council, this is what will strengthen the agency, you are supposed to be a Commission, you are the regulator of this all-important sector.

"Having said that, there are some quick wins that are expected of this Council. One of them is the ICTN. These are things that as a Parliament, we will take it up

and make sure that whatever is required to implement that is done within the shortest possible time," Dasuki noted.

Speaking earlier, the executive secretary of the Nigerian Shippers Council, Akutah Pius Ukeyima, emphasised that the two-day Special Management Retreat played a crucial role in steering the Council towards achieving its objectives and contributing significantly to the advancement of sustainable development within the maritime sector.

Ukeyima underscored the need for aligning the Council's Key Performance Indicators with that of the Federal Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy which according to him, is a foundational step in evaluating the Council's performance vis-à-vis the ministry's expectations.

## FG Unveils Robust Strategy To Strengthen Economy Amid Inflation Surge

BY KINGSLEY ALU, Abuja

In a decisive move to fortify the nation's economic resilience and counter the escalating inflationary pressures, the federal government has launched a comprehensive strategy focused on enhancing foreign exchange inflow. At the forefront of these efforts is a concerted push for the repatriation of proceeds from Nigeria's crucial oil and gas exports.

During a high-profile meeting with stakeholders in the oil and gas sector in Abuja over the weekend, the Minister of Industry, Trade, and Investment, Dr. Doris Uzoka Anite, underscored the legal imperative of remitting export proceeds to

the country of origin.

Dr. Anite emphasised her focus on regulating trade activities within the oil and gas sector, rather than delving into production processes.

"Export proceeds are by law to be remitted to the country of origin. We have three guiding legal statuses requiring that export proceeds be repatriated. My job is to promote trade; oil and gas trading falls under my purview. I don't regulate how operators produce their products, but I regulate how they trade. Export and import is my job; maintaining the balance of payment to the country is my job. Balance of payment is so important; if we have export proceeds coming back, we

will have dollars, and the economy of the country will grow," said Dr. Anite.

Anite further explained that by repatriating proceeds from oil and gas export, it will be easy to manage the exchange rate volatility. "The President declared a state of emergency on revenue, including foreign exchange revenue, so this is the time to support the economy and reverse the downward trend that we are heading," she charged.

Highlighting the broader economic impact, she noted, "By bringing back export proceeds, we inject dollars into our economy, crucial for maintaining a stable exchange rate and addressing the challenges posed

by inflation."

Director of trade and exchange at the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Dr. Hassan Mahmud, affirmed the pivotal role of the oil and gas sector in achieving the Bank's mandate of ensuring price stability.

"Our major role is price stability and the major driver of that price stability is the exchange rate. Inflation is what we are supposed to curtail; if you are unable to moderate the excessive depreciation, we will not be able to achieve the taming of inflation."

He said the only way "we can achieve moderating the volatility of foreign exchange is from the supply side.



L-R: Executive director, operations, NDIC, Mustapha Ibrahim; managing director/CEO, NDIC, Bello Hassan and executive director, corporate services, Emily Osuji having a chat at the 2023 NDIC Editors Forum in Lagos on Saturday.

## 5 Nigerian Start-ups Win €120,000 Orange Corners Innovation Funding

Five Nigerian start-ups have emerged at the Orange Corners Innovation Pitch Competition, giving them access to a €120,000 start-up capital comprising 75 per cent grant and 25 per cent loan.

The fund is provided by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency.

The entrepreneurs, who emerged first to fifth place winners are Edu Shola (founder of Deluxe Creation Studios), Chukwuka Otekeiwebia (founder of Film Anatomie Manufacturing) and Lateefat Adelekan, (Founder of Tquart Food).

Others are Hawau Kolawole, (founder of Klay Functional Foods

& Production Ltd) and Omolabake Matthew, co-founder of Nutrition4Kids NG.

Twenty businesses were assessed by expert Jury; Sonia Odije-Fajusigbe, economic & trade adviser, Netherlands Consulate General, Lagos; Gift Iyere, ecosystem partnership, Sterling Bank Plc; Gbenga Abogan, investment manager, VEROD Capital; Emete Tonukari, project manager social sustainability Nigerian Breweries Plc.

"You are pitching today to access funding to scale up your business, but you must remember that the knowledge received during the

programme is invaluable. You must, therefore, ensure that you practicalise your learning as you journey on this road called entrepreneurship," Tonukari said in a farewell speech to the participants at the event.

The Orange Corners Innovation Fund pitch competition held on Tuesday, December 5 2023 at FATE Foundation's office at Ilupeju, Lagos marked the end of the 9th Cohort of the incubation programme.

Orange Corners is an initiative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands launched in Nigeria in 2019 and implemented by FATE Foundation. The Orange Corners Incubation Pro-

gramme supports 20 entrepreneurs with enterprise development knowledge, mentoring, access to market and funding every six months.

To date, the programme has supported 180 entrepreneurs with funding valued over N807,000,000 for prototype development market testing and growth capital. 45 per cent of these businesses are female-owned.

"Our goal is to contribute to an enabling entrepreneurship ecosystem that will ensure business success, reduce unemployment, and increase National wealth," Odije-Fajusigbe said.

## SHORT READ

## Yobe Deputy Governor Seeks More Orphanage Homes

BY HUSSAINI JIRGI, Damaturu

Deputy governor of Yobe State, Idi Barde Gubana, has flagged off the 7th distribution of learning materials and payment of school fees by Gorbo Orphanage Foundation in Damagum, Fune local government area of the state. In his address at the event, the deputy governor, who is also the founder of the foundation, said one of the surest ways of getting the pleasure of Almighty Allah is showing kindness to orphans and the less privileged.

Gubana expressed appreciation to Governor Mai Mala Buni for encouraging him in running the foundation and similar humanitarian activities for the development of a peaceful and an egalitarian society. He enjoined the attendees to continue to seek after the wellbeing of orphans.

Highlights of the occasion included the laying of the foundation stone for the commencement of the construction of Gorbo Orphanage Home, Islamiyya and Learning Centre by the deputy governor.

Meanwhile, the foundation has established 63 learning centres in various communities for the beneficiaries to have basic Islamic knowledge.

In his keynote address, the speaker of the Yobe State House of Assembly, Chiroma Buba Mashio, described education as an important indicator of children's wellbeing and future life opportunity.

## Bandits Kill 4, Abduct 8 Farmers In Katsina

BY GODWIN ENNA, Katsina

Four farmers have been killed and eight others kidnapped in Nahuta village in the Batsari local government area of Katsina State.

The incident happened on Saturday while the farmers were harvesting their crops.

The state police command's spokesman, Abubakar Sadiq Aliyu, confirmed the attack yesterday and explained that one of the farmers narrowly escaped from the bandits with gunshot wounds.

He said, "The suspected bandits opened fire on the farmers, thereby killing four and injuring one person; they also abducted eight others."

# First Lady Meets Rescued DutsinMa Girls, Awards Scholarships

BY JONATHAN NDA- ISAIAH, Abuja

First Lady, Senator Remi Tinubu, has said learning and education are veritable weapons in the fight against terrorism and criminality by individuals and communities.

She stated this at the Presidential Villa when she received four of the five rescued Federal University DutsinMa students.

She said, "I join a cheerful nation to welcome our beloved daughters' home as you reunite with your families. We grieved over the sad fate that had befallen you and we join your family to celebrate your safe return."

"Since your dreadful abduction on October 5, 2023, it has been a period of pain for you, your parents, your teachers and indeed all Nigerians".

"Throughout this period, we have kept faith and trust in God and in our law enforcement agencies that you will return safely," she said.

Since the incident, law enforcement officers from various agencies worked tirelessly to ensure your return home. Today we thank Almighty God for protecting you and reuniting you with your loved ones".

The first lady in a statement by her media aide, Busola Kukoyi, assured

the rescued girls of the Federal Government's commitment and that of the Renewed Hope Initiative (RHI) to support them psychologically and with their education as they begin their healing after more than 70 days in captivity.

She added that it is imperative that their experience does not hinder their educational pursuits and career interest.

"Beyond your safe return, we would follow up on your journey not only to recover from this sad episode in your lives, but to see that you accomplish your mission in your educational pursuit and career interests."



Chief of Staff Kaduna State, Sani Liman Kila; Katsina State Governor Dikko Radda and chief of staff, Hon Jabiru Tsauri at the Northern Governors Forum meeting in Kaduna at the weekend.

## Centre Reports 71 Suspected Dengue Fever Cases In Sokoto

BY ADENIYI OLUGBEMI, Sokoto

Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention has confirmed the outbreak of dengue fever in Sokoto State.

In a statement posted on its website on Saturday, the NCDC said the outbreak was detected in November 2023.

The statement signed by the NCDC director-general, Dr Ifedayo Adetifa, revealed that 71 suspected cases, 13 confirmed cases and zero death have been reported in the state from three

local government areas - Sokoto South (60 cases), Wamako (three cases) and Dange Shuni (one case).

It said the majority of the suspected cases reported fall between the age range of 21- 40 years.

Dengue fever is a viral infection caused by the dengue virus and transmitted to humans through the infected mosquito's bite. Human-to-human transmission of the virus has not been established. The virus is found in tropical and sub-tropical climates, mostly in

urban and semi-urban areas worldwide.

Most people with dengue have mild or no symptoms and will get better in one to two weeks. Rarely, dengue can be severe and lead to death. If symptoms occur, they usually begin four to 10 days after infection and last for two to seven days.

The symptoms of the fever may include high fever (40°C/104°F), severe headache, pain behind the eyes, muscle and joint pains, nausea, vomiting, swollen glands, and rash.

## Boko Haram Still With 87 Girls, Controls Parts Of Chibok – Rep

BY TARKAA DAVID, Abuja

A member of the House of Representatives for Chibok, Dombua and Gwoza federal constituency, Hon Ahmed Jaha (Babawo) has declared that 87 abducted Chibok girls are still being held by Boko Haram terrorists.

He also claimed that some parts of Chibok local government area remain under the occupation of Boko Haram terrorists and appealed to the federal government to deploy more troops in the area to recover the occupied places.

The lawmaker also charged the government to speed up the rescue of the Chibok girls who were kidnapped by the terrorists in 2014.

Jaha spoke during the Kibaku (Chibok) Area Development Association (KADA)

2023 cultural festival in Abuja.

He said while Chibok is relatively safe, there are some areas still under the occupation of Boko Haram and the insurgents attacking them.

The lawmaker said, "How will I agree that it is safe when some of my constituents are still in internally displaced persons (IDPs) camp and some are taking refuge in Abuja, Lagos, Kano, Port Harcourt among others. For me to say it is absolutely safe for people to go back I don't think I am fair to my people."

Jaha, however, commended the government for ensuring the return of peace in Chibok.

"We also have to commend the federal government for recovering some of the Chibok girls but we still have 87 in captivity and

we are happy with the way and manner peace has returned to some part of Chibok but we are begging the FG to provide security where they are not present," he said.

The national president, Kibaku Area Development Association (KADA), Mr Dauda Iliya, said the annual event which normally holds in Chibok was stopped in 2011 following the outbreak of insurgency.

"We have not had peace and tranquility to hold this event in our homeland. Since 2011 following the insurgents' attacks, a lot of our people were displaced and they have had their children outside the Kibaku homeland who know little or nothing about our culture and tradition, so we are holding this as a stop-gap so that they can see our arts, dance and food," he said.

## SHORT NEWS

## Yahaya, Others Grace General Ngubane's Wedding

BY HUSSAINI HAMMANGABDO, Yola

Immediate past Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Lieutenant General Faruk Yahaya (rtd) was among senior retired military officers, that attended the wedding solemnisation of Major General Lawrence Ngubane (rtd) who took Christine Ngble to the altar on Saturday in Numan, Adamawa State.

Others included Maj-Gen Sunday Obekpa Idoko (rtd) and Bala Adamu Mohammad (rtd).

Yahaya said many military officers would have attended the wedding but for the Army Staff Annual Conference which ended yesterday in Maiduguri, the Borno State capital.

He described General Ngble as an officer who had good relationships with virtually everyone while in active service in the Nigerian Army.

Yahaya said, "He had a very good relationship with all of us. He had been a competent officer that you look forward to emulating. He has always been there rendering support to us. We wish him a successful married life."

## Kebbi Set To Complete New Secretariat

BY KABIR WURMA, Birnin Kebbi

Work at the new State Secretariat in Gwadangaji in Birnin Kebbi metropolis of Kebbi State which was awarded by Governor Nasir Idris at the cost of N10 billion to two construction firms: MTech and ZBCC will soon be completed, the site engineer, Kabiru Umar Birnin Kebbi has said.

Kebbi, who is also the deputy director in charge of electrical in the state Ministry of Works and Transport spoke when he conducted some journalists round the project yesterday in Gwadangaji in Birnin Kebbi.

He said there were over 2,000 labourers working day and night in all the four blocks of the secretariat for the project to meet all the specifications.

Kebbi said the level of the work at site had reached an advanced stage due to the constant monitoring by both contractors and the site engineers.

He said that electrification work, placing of windows, fixing of latrines and parking spaces at Blocks A, B and C had been completed.



## BAUCHI STATE GOVERNMENT

### **FELICITATION BOSS ON YOUR CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREE**

I wish to on behalf of myself, my family, and the entire staff of Bauchi State Ministry of Housing and Environment to congratulate our indefatigable governor, **His Excellency Governor Bala Abdulkadir Muhammad CON**, (Kauran Bauchi, Jagaban Katagum), the Executive Governor of Bauchi state over the conferment of **HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREE As DOCTOR of LETTERS (Honoris Causa)** by Bauchi State University Gadau, (BASUG) on the occasion of its combined maiden Convocation on Saturday December 16, 2023.

It is a well-known fact that this award is timely owing to the fact that your accomplishments over the past four years are unprecedented.

You have restored sanity and accountability in the art of governance. Bauchi is on the cusp of becoming a strategic state with the economic wherewithal lift millions out of poverty. Your prudent leadership and sincerity of purpose are testaments to your desire to bequeath indelible legacies to Bauchi State.

Your remarkable contributions in the areas of Housing and Environment, education reforms, the healthcare sector, agriculture, security, and infrastructure. Your subjects in Bauchi are happy that your achievements have been noticed and recognized.

You have supported thousands of youths especially women with seed capitals to start businesses. These among other accommodations show that you are well-deserved to be honored. Your visionary leadership, tolerance and boldness are what have made you a great achiever.

As we celebrate this achievement, we pray that Allah continues to motivate you with perseverance to keep taking Bauchi State to a greater height.

Congratulations, Your Excellency



His Excellency,  
**Dr. Bala Abdulkadir Mohammed, CON, Fnipr,**  
(Kauran Bauchi)  
The Executive Governor of Bauchi State

Signed:

**Rt. Hon Danlami Ahmed Kawule, FCFA**  
(Barden Arewan Bauchi)  
Hon. Commissioner Ministry of Housing and  
Environment, Bauchi State

## BRIEFLY

## IPAC Election: CSOs Call For Free, Fair, Credible Exercise

BY SUNDAY ISUWA, Abuja

As the Inter-Party Advisory Council (IPAC) prepares for its election today, Monday, December 18, 2023, civil society organisations (CSOs) have called for a free, fair, and credible election.

The CSOs said it noted the importance of the election to the democratic process and development in Nigeria.

A statement issued by the chairman, Transition Monitoring Group (TMG) and Executive Director Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC), Auwal Ibrahim Musa Rafsanjani said as the umbrella body of all the registered political parties in Nigeria, IPAC is a critical platform for the promotion and sustenance of free, fair, credible, transparent, acceptable, inclusive and peaceful electoral environment in Nigeria.

"Yet, Nigerians are not unaware that this critical aim of the conference of political parties has remained a mirage.

"Be that as it may, this important council must not be allowed to become another appendage of some political merchants and corrupt ruling class just as other independent bodies including election management bodies and the judiciary have appeared to become in Nigeria.

## Former Military Chiefs Extol Late General Alli

BY YUSUF BABALOLA, Lagos

A former Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), Gen. Alexander Ogomudia (rtd) and former Chief of Naval Staff, Rear Admiral, Allison Madueke (rtd) have extolled the late Chief of Army Staff, Major General Mohammed Chris Alli over his contributions to the unity of Nigeria.

Alli who served as Chief of Army Staff from 1993 to 1994 under the late General Sanni Abacha' regime was also the military governor of Plateau State from August 1985 to 1986 during the administration of General Ibrahim Babangida.

At a service of song held in honour of the late COAS in Lagos, the former military chiefs said Alli was not just a much loved and respected soldier and statesman, but also a strong believer in a united Nigeria.

Madueke said Alli was a man of great integrity, known for his cerebral and articulate nature.



L-R: Fatima Abdullahi Bello, Rahmat Adam; wife of the Vice President, Nana Shetima; First Lady, Senator Oluremi Tinubu; Safiya Isa Mutti; Hasiya Sanusi and representative of the National Security Adviser, Brig-Gen Olutayo Adesuyi after the presentation of N1m scholarship grant each and brand new computers to the rescued students of Federal University Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State by Mrs Tinubu at the State House, Abuja, yesterday

## 6 Die, 50 Hospitalised In Taraba Cholera Outbreak

BY JOHN MKOM, Jalingo

Six persons died while 50 others are currently receiving treatment at Jukun community in Karim-Lamido local government area of Taraba State over cholera outbreak.

The outbreak, according to the locals started on Thursday when the people from the area, especially children started passing watery stool without immediate control.

The state commissioner for health, Hon Bodiya Buma, confirmed the incident when contacted. She said the state government was aware of the incident and is working tirelessly to control the outbreak.

The director of Primary Health Care of Karim Lamido local government area, Mr Fredrick Nyanganji, who confirmed the incident to LEADERSHIP, said the outbreak occurred on December 14, 2023.

He said, "We received report that adult

and children were said to be passing watery stool and extreme vomiting suspected to be cholera."

The vice chairman of the council, Alhaji Musa Karim, who led a delegation to the affected community on behalf of the chairman of Karim Lamido LGA, Mr Bitrus Dan Jos, told LEADERSHIP that about 30 children and adults were admitted on Thursday at the Primary Health Care in the area, while six children died in the process.

## UBEC, EDTECH Partner To Boost Basic Education With Technology

BY HENRY TYOHEMBA, Abuja

Executive secretary of Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC), Dr Hamid Bobboyi, has expressed the commission's commitment to providing smart education by promoting innovation and technology enhancement for the delivery of quality basic education in the country.

He said the commission, through its Digital Resource Centre is providing technical support for smooth operations of the 11 Smart Schools which had commenced academic activities during the ongoing September 2023/2024 academic session nationwide.

The Smart Schools are located in Bauchi, Benue, Ekiti, Nasarawa, Niger, Kano, Kaduna, Katsina, Kwara, Osun and Oyo states.

The spokesperson of UBEC, Mr David

Apeh, in a statement during the weekend said Bobboyi spoke at a two-day workshop organised by the Digital Resource Centre of the Commission.

The workshop is to build and establish partnerships with Edtech startups to provide essential tools for enhancing the quality and relevance of education in the 21st century.

He stressed the need to introduce innovative approaches to delivery of basic education and to familiarize education stakeholders, particularly classroom teachers in Smart Schools, with the Edtech ecosystem.

The workshop was attended by the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), 21 Edtech Startups and eleven (11) teachers from the operational Smart Schools across the country.

"The interactive activity succeeded in identifying areas where UBEC can collaborate with the Startups to provide fresh

perspectives and map out strategies for the utilization of technology in delivering quality basic education, especially for the Smart Schools and E-learning programmes of the UBE Commission," the statement said.

According to the statement the Digital Resource Centre of UBEC has embarked on a technical support exercise designed to enhance the capacity of Smart School teachers through constructive feedback and continuous capacity development.

"The technical support activity focused on observing and identifying areas of challenge in smart education delivery, while providing teachers with one-on-one constructive feedback based on classroom observation.

"This approach provided direct coaching for skill refinement and professional growth while creating an avenue for knowledge and experience sharing among teachers," Apeh stated.

## NGOs Release Report On Women Empowerment, GBV In West

BY AFFA ACHO, Abuja

In a collaborative effort aimed at fostering positive change in West Africa, the Ford Foundation and TechnoServe have unveiled a comprehensive report on the state of women empowerment and gender-based violence in the region.

Drawing on primary research conducted in Nigeria, Ghana, and Senegal, the report provides recommendations to civil society, government, the private sector, and the global aid community.

The report noted that the relationship between women's economic empowerment and the risk of gender-based violence varied significantly based on the geographical, socio-

economic, and cultural context of a household.

The country director for TechnoServe in Nigeria, Adesua Akinboro, in a statement made available to LEADERSHIP said, "The fundamental ethos of international development is 'do no harm,' and this certainly applies at TechnoServe.

"In this case, when women are empowered through the different capacity-building tools, we want to ensure that this does not expose them to the risk of violence—and if it does, that there are mitigation plans that eliminate their exposure to GBV while empowering them economically."

Akinboro said, "The findings from this report were very interesting, because we found that when women are empowered in

these communities, they have better earnings which enables them to support their families, including their spouses."

The West Africa programme manager for the Ford Foundation, Olufunke Baruwa, said, "There are certain interesting insights in the report. In Ghana, for instance, the respondents defined an empowered woman as one who is single, independent and lives on her own. However, in Nigeria, this was not the case, as most of the respondents defined an empowered woman as one who is married and able to take care of her family and herself. This insight is in line with the conclusion of the report, which states that the nexus of women's economic empowerment and gender-based violence is complex and contextual.

## TAKEAWAYS

### Cholera

1 Six persons died while 50 others are currently receiving treatment at Jukun community in Karim-Lamido local government area of Taraba State over cholera outbreak. The state commissioner for health, Hon Bodiya Buma, confirmed the incident when contacted. She said the state government is working tirelessly to control the outbreak.

### Technology

2 Executive secretary of Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC), Dr Hamid Bobboyi, has expressed the commission's commitment to providing smart education by promoting innovation and technology enhancement for the delivery of quality basic education in the country.

### Women

3 The Ford Foundation and TechnoServe have unveiled a comprehensive report on the state of women empowerment and gender-based violence in the region. Drawing on primary research conducted in Nigeria, Ghana, and Senegal, the report provides recommendations to civil society, government, the private sector, and the global aid community.

## SHORT READ

## Gwagwalada Monarch Drops All Titleholders

BY IGHO OYOYO, Abuja

The traditional ruler of Gwagwalada in Gwagwalada area council of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), the Aguma of Gwagwalada, Alhaji Muhammadu Magaji, has announced the dissolution of the appointment of all traditional titleholders of the palace.

The monarch in a statement yesterday in Abuja said the decision was reached after the council's quarterly meeting in Gwagwalada.

He said it was to enable the palace to replace those traditional titleholders that have passed away and appoint new ones that would support the palace to meet up with the daily activities of the traditional council, and that the new development was not meant to witch-hunt anybody.

Magaji expressed gratitude to all traditional titleholders for their past contributions and wished them well in their future endeavours.

The monarch assured his subjects and Gwagwalada residents that very soon the traditional council of the palace will announce its next line of action in constituting the Palace New Council which will be vibrant and stronger for the benefit of the Palace and Gwagwalada.

## Retired Immigration Chief Tasks Personnel On Patriotism

BY ABDULLAHI OLESIN, Ilorin

The retired deputy controller general of Immigration (NIS), Hajia Sadat Hassan, has charged officers and men of the service to always demonstrate acts of patriotism in the discharge of duties.

Hassan reminded the officers that the fact that they are law enforcement agents does not place them above the country.

Rather, she said they must always subject themselves to service rules, irrespective of the beats they were deployed to serve.

Hassan spoke at a pull-out ceremony held in her honour by the Kwara State Command of the Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS) at the command's annexe office at the Federal Secretariat, Ilorin on Saturday where a book in her honour titled "The Silent Amazon: Sadat Hassan; Life Of A Compassionate Officer" was unveiled.

She thanked President Bola Tinubu, the comptroller-general of Immigration Service, Mrs Caroline Adepoju and the Kwara State Governor, AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, for the support they accorded her while in the service.

## NMA Commends Governor Alia Over 15% Health Budget

BY HEMBADOON ORSAR, Makurdi

Nigerian Medical Association has commended Benue State Governor Hyacinth Alia's for his dedication to efficient healthcare delivery, pointing to his administration's 15 percent allocation to health in the 2024 budget recently presented to the State House of Assembly.

The state NMA chairman, Dr Ushakuma Anenga who disclosed this in a statement after the association's annual general meeting, said the 15 percent allocation to health is a significant stride towards achieving the Abuja declaration's target made by African Union (AU) countries in 2001.

The association's chairman who also applauded the governor for the commencement of the new hazard allowance for doctors and other health workers, timely payment of salaries, and the implementation of the Medical Residency Training Fund (MRTF) 2023 at an increased rate also said "we are pleased to see Benue taking a lead in prioritising the health sector."

While acknowledging the challenges that persist in the healthcare sector, Dr. Anenga expressed optimism that the governor's proactive measures taken so far indicate a promising future and we believe that with sustained efforts, these challenges will be overcome, and our health-

care system will thrive under Alia's leadership."

Anenga also extended the association's appreciation to the commissioner for health and human services Dr. Yanmar Ortese, acknowledging his pivotal role in helping the governor in implementing those positive changes in the sector.

He said the commissioner's dedication and contribution have been integral to the success we are witnessing in our healthcare system and pledged the association's unalloyed support to complement the efforts of the governor in delivering effective health services to the people of the State"



L-R: Vice chairman, Jindal Advisory Services, VR Sharma; minister of State for Steel Development, Uba Ahmadu, and the commissioner for trade and investment, Delta State, Oligida Oritsejolumisan, after their meeting on the proposed establishment of a Port based 3 million Tons Integrated Steel Plant in Nigeria, at the minister's office in Abuja at the weekend.

## Niger Invests N20bn In Roads, Power, Clears N2bn NECO, WAEC, Electricity Bills

BY JAMES KWEN, Abuja

Niger State government has in the last six months of the administration of Governor Mohammed Bago invested N20 billion in upgrading some rural roads and providing solar electrification to some far-situated villages.

The administration equally spent over N2 billion on clearing the backlog of debt owed to the National Examination Council (NECO) and West African Examination Council (WAEC) for the

registration of indigent students by the previous administration.

Governor Bago disclosed this at the end-of-the-year party of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), FCT Correspondents' Chapel in Abuja on Saturday night.

The governor who was the special guest of honour stated that his administration has employed over 1752 workers and made some key appointments to help in the realisation of his blueprint.

Bago who was recognised by the union for his giant strides in ur-

ban renewal said the government under him discovered that most of the state's infrastructure was decayed and there was no way development could be attained without adequate attention paid to infrastructural upliftment.

Represented by his principal private secretary, Usman Magaji, the governor said Niger abounds with untapped natural resources for investors to cash in on and urged media professionals to support the state by highlighting its comparative advantages to national and international publics.

## Shekarau, Emir Of Keffi Seek Genuine Fight Against Poverty

BY SUNDAY ISUWA, Abuja

Former governor of Kano State Ibrahim Shekarau and the Emir of Keffi, Dr Shehu Chindo Yamusa all, have called for genuine efforts in the fight against poverty.

Shekarau said the federal and state governments must address poverty, inequality, and joblessness for Nigeria's economic development.

Shekarau, who noted that socio-

economic conditions determine the well-being of citizens, said it tells exactly how citizens fare in terms of income, safety and security jobs, access to health care facilities, access to education, and electricity among others.

They spoke at the weekend at the 5th annual conference of the International Islamic University Malaysia Association, Nigeria Chapter with the theme: "Nigeria's Social Economic

Conditions: Realities and Remedies".

At the virtual programme was the Emir of Keffi in Nasarawa State, Dr. Shehu Chindo Yamusa III, President, IIUM Alumni, Nigeria Chapter, Professor Bashiru Adeniyi Omipidan and director, IIUM Alumni Relations Division, Illmyzat Bin Ismail.

Shekarau who was represented by Dr Muhammad Sagagi declared that Nigeria's socioeconomic condition is poor.

## SHORT NEWS

## Kogi Assembly Urged To Give 2024 Budget Accelerated Approval

BY AYOBAMI OMOLE-IYAGIN, Lokoja

Kogi State Commissioner for women affairs and social development Hajia Fatima Kabir Buba has appealed to the state assembly to give an express passage to the proposed 2024 budget of N1,243,139,413 of the ministry.

Buba appealed on Saturday in Lokoja when she appeared before members of the Kogi State House of Assembly to defend her ministry's budget.

The commissioner stated that the approval will not only secure the programs and projects of the Ministry in the coming year but will give a robust complement to the executive arms of government in delivering the dividends of democracy to their esteemed constituency.

According to Buba, the performance of the 2023 budget under the Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development was far below expectations because of the deplorable economic situation of the country.

According to the commissioner, this has negatively impinged the ministry's ability to effectively deliver on her core mandate for the year under consideration.

She said, "Given the above, I am appealing to this Honorable House to not only give the Ministry accelerated passage and approval but rally behind her to ensure that this budget gets the desired attention by the Government; to enable the Ministry to achieve its core mandate and objective behind its establishment in line with the present government's policy direction."

## Kwara, NDLEA Launch Operation Against Drug Abuse

BY ABDULLAHI OLESIN, Ilorin

Kwara State government has commenced a statewide operation in partnership with the state Command of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) to rid the state of drug and substance abuse.

Dubbed: "Operation Gbailumo," the special operations commenced on Monday and will run for three weeks.

The operation will focus on several key areas, including raiding known drug hideouts and black spots, conducting targeted patrols in high-risk areas, monitoring illegal drug trafficking activities, and raising awareness about the dangers of drug abuse through community engagement programs.

It was said that the exercise would protect the state from the influx of illicit drugs and drug-related activities, particularly in major towns and cities, before and after the festive period.

# CAMPAIGN OF CALUMNY AGAINST ALLIANCE HOSPITAL BY DAILY TRUST NEWSPAPER: ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

11th December, 2023

On Saturday August 19th 2023, Daily Trust newspaper carried as their cover story an article titled: How Abuja syndicates lured minor for kidney harvest. The picture of Alliance hospital was contiguous to the caption. At first look at the headline, one would reason that the article is addressing the problem of organ sales in Nigeria but on reading through, it will become clear to any discerning reader that Alliance Hospital is the target of campaign of calumny here by daily trust newspaper and their sponsors.

Seeing that the furore that greeted their first article of 19th August, 2023 had died down without achieving their goal, daily trust newspaper published another article on Sunday 10th December, 2023, written by the same staff of the newspaper house. The title for the second publication is: Investigation: 'Inside Abuja's Kidney Market' Where the Rich Prey on The Poor. Again a beautiful title but the purpose is to vilify Alliance Hospital.

## BACK GROUND

Alliance Hospital in response to the huge burden of kidney failure in Nigeria and the need to develop a world class kidney transplant centre to prolong the lives of kidney failure patients decided to establish a kidney transplant unit in 2017. The program has been running successfully till date with a huge success story in its trail.

## OUR PROCEDURE

As a rule, kidney recipients source for their donors and present them to the hospital for screening for compatibility and fitness for donation. After the screening, we proceed to ensure they meet the legal requirements which include:

1. Donor must be 18 years or above.
2. Donor must sign consent in the presence of two adult witnesses.
3. Donor is expected to swear an affidavit stating their age, and affirming that the decision to donate is by free will and there is no compulsion or financial inducement.
4. The relationship of the donor to the recipient.

The law governing organ transplant in Nigeria is scanty and limited in depth. It only requires the donor to be above 18years of age and the fact that there is no financial inducement for the donation.

We have followed the above protocol strictly for all the kidney transplant cases done by the hospital.

## THE CASE IN QUESTION

On 5th May, 2023, one Lawal Idris representing Lawal Idris Law Firm in Abuja wrote a petition to the FCT Commissioner of Police stating that one Emmanuel Melody, a purported staff of Alliance Hospital lured his client Oluwatobi Adebayo a 17year old boy to the hospital to harvest his kidney and Alliance Hospital paid the boy (donor) only #1,000,000 (One Million Naira). The lawyer also claimed in his petition that due investigations were not done to ascertain compatibility and fitness of the boy for surgery. He prayed the Police Commissioner to investigate the matter and bring the culprits to book.

The Police Commissioner ordered the arrest of some members of our kidney transplant team and instituted a high level investigation team to investigate the claims. The Police found no merit in the petition as the key suspect, Emmanuel Melody was proven not to be a staff of Alliance Hospital and they also confirmed from the court that the donor, Oluwatobi Adebayo swore to an affidavit stating that he was above 18 years of age at the time of the surgery. Affidavit stating age and donation on free will without monetary inducement is a key

requirement for the hospital.

Furthermore, there is no iota of evidence of monetary transactions between the hospital, its staff and the donors or their representatives.

Having failed with the Police, the same lawyer Mr Lawal Idris contacted one Mr Bakre, who claimed to be director of criminal justice department of the legal aid council to write a letter to the medical director of Alliance Hospital on 2nd of August, 2023 demanding for the sum of N100,000,000 (One Hundred Million naira) as compensation for the unlawful harvest of a minor kidney and N50,000,000 (Fifty Million Naira) for his father Mr Adedoyin Salman for psychological and emotional trauma caused him. They threatened to go to court if we do not meet their demand in 7 days.

The Medical Director of Alliance Hospital swiftly responded to the letter bearing the logo of legal aid council. In his reply, he stated the fact that the hospital is not interested in paying any compensation. They were advised to go to court if they so wished.

In response to our rebuttal Mr Lawal Idris and his co-travelers contacted Dailytrust newspaper for a press briefing. On a mission a mission to discredit the hospital after being recruited by Mr Lawal Idris,

The Daily Trust reporter Lami Sadiq visited the hospital and spoke with the medical director on the case in question. She was given all the facts.

A few days later specifically on the 19th of August, 2023, the first headline publication on the story debuted. The story was vindictive, biased and an obvious vendetta against the hospital.

The second publication of 10th December is in line with the first and it is a peddler of half truth. While we appreciate the need for investigative journalism to get to the root of societal problems, we must state here categorically that the daily trust report is a calculated attempt to malign the hospital having disregarded the facts presented to them. They chose whose story to believe.

From the report, it is obvious that there is an organ market out there which Alliance hospital is not part of and can never condescend to transact in. The writer of the article obviously took a position against the hospital, pronounced a guilty verdict on it and called for punishment for the hospital without due regards to the facts.

I encourage other media houses with genuine intentions to dig deep to unravel the key players in this trade. Alliance hospital has nothing to do with illegal organ harvesting.

In the meantime we have instructed our lawyers to write Daily trust newspaper to retract the defamatory publication against Alliance hospital within a specific period of time or face legal action. They have continued to publish lies against Alliance hospital both in print and video format.

The hospital has commenced a legal suit against Media Trust limited, the publishers of Daily Trust newspaper and one Lami Sadiq, the misguided reporter.

This is for the information of the general public.

**DR OTABOR C.U, FWACS, MBBS, FICS**  
Medical Director  
Alliance Hospital and Services Ltd



## SHORT READ

## Yoruba Youths Seek Tinubu's Intervention In Rivers Crisis

BY OLAMIDE OJUOKAIYE, Lagos

The Progressive Yoruba Youth Congress (PYYC) has urged President Bola Tinubu to intervene in the political crisis rocking Rivers State.

Its coordinator, Prince Akintunde Adediji, who made the appeal at a press conference yesterday in Lagos, faulted the role being played in the crisis by the former governor of the state, Nyesom Wike

He also alleged that the silence of the president over the lingering crisis may mislead many people to assume he's in support of Wike's action.

The group said, "We, therefore, appeal to President Tinubu to note and act on the things we know he must do to save Nigeria

"The president should openly denounce the assault on democracy in Rivers State and direct that all government institutions act according to the law.

The group also called on the 27 Rivers lawmakers who defected to the All Progressives Congress (APC) to retrace their steps.

## VC Applauds Removal Of Public Varsities From Integrated Payroll

BY ALO ABIOLA, ADO-Ekiti

Vice chancellor of the Federal University, Oye Ekiti (FUOYE), Prof. Abayomi Sunday Fasina, has applauded President Bola Tinubu for the recent removal of the public universities from the Integrated Personnel and Payroll Information System (IPPIS).

Fasina spoke in Oye Ekiti at the weekend when received an award of excellence from the Correspondents' Chapel of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Ekiti State Council in recognition of his exemplary performance in the institution.

He described it as the best decision from the federal government that would restore effectiveness and efficiency into the running of the system.

The VC maintained that the move would allow public universities to have greater autonomy in running their affairs effectively saying, "We know what we are and we know how much we can pay and how much we can take care of."

## Adeboye Justifies Olaoye's Selection As Soun Of Ogbomosoland

BY ADEBAYO WAHEED, Ibadan

General overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG), Pastor Enoch Adeboye, has defended the appointment of Pastor Ghandi Afolabi Olaoye as the Soun of Ogbomosoland in Oyo State.

The renowned clergyman who replied his critics for not stopping Pastor Olaoye from vying for the stool at Baptist Conference Beulah Centre in Ogbomosoland, venue of the interdenominational thanksgiving service for

the new Soun yesterday, said he knew Oba Olaoye was born to be a king.

He said when (Olaoye) came to inform him about the development, he told him to go and pray.

Adeboye said, "He (Olaoye) came back and said he has not heard anything, I told him to go back and pray again. After a while, he came back and told me God has spoken, 'I have heard him loud and clear that I should go

"It was then that I told him to go because it has been destined, I knew

that long ago but I want God to speak to him directly.

"To my critics, if I said no and God said yes, whose word is the final? God of course. So, I cannot stop him because Pastor Ghandi Olaoye was destined to be a king even before he was born and thank God it is coming into fruition," the cleric said.

Counselling the monarch, Adeboye, who took his sermon from Acts 15:18, urged Oba Olaoye to embrace people and promote peace and unity among his subjects.



L-R: Former Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Dele Ezeoba; chairman, Lee Engineering and Construction Company, Chief (Dr.) Leemon Ikpea; Canadian Defence Attache to Nigeria, Roberto Aboumitria and former speaker, Edo State House of Assembly, Barr. Matthew Egbadon, at the birthday thanksgiving of Dr Ikpea, in Lagos, yesterday.

## Sanwo-Olu Seeks Investors' Support For MSMEs

BY KINGSLEY OKOH, Lagos

Lagos State Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu has called for the support of local and international investors for Micro, Small Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and scale up those products and services in order to break into Af-CFTA and the global market.

He said with the collaboration, there will be a reasonable return on investment for small businesses in Lagos and Nigeria

At the closing ceremony of the 8th Lagos MSMEs Exclusive Trade Fair held at the weekend in Lagos with the theme: 'Empowering MSMEs for Af-

CTA Excellent Through Sustainable Economic Growth", Governor Sanwo-Olu said the fair was a marketing platform to promote the products and services of entrepreneurs in the state at no cost.

The governor who was represented by the commissioner for commerce, cooperatives, trade and investment, Mrs Folashade Ambrose-Medebem, said the trade fair was a period of networking among the MSMEs and visitors, along with fruitful deliberation during the Business Clinics; facilitated by critical stakeholders

He acknowledged the contributions of the sector as a catalyst of a viable

economy, stressing that the state will continue to promote various range of products and services that are made in Lagos through the sector.

"MSMEs remain a major factor in creating employment and wealth, generating income, improving standard of living and enabling investment opportunities for profit. Your developmental role is not only significant but highly commendable. This is why I must draw the attention of investors to take advantage of the opportunities in this sector in order to grow the economy of the state."

"I must emphasise that we have obtained a lot of feedback from this Fair.

## Ogun To Complete Agbara-Atan-Lusada Road In 9 Months

Ogun State Governor Dapo Abiodun has promised to complete the Agbara-Atan-Lusada Road now under construction in the next nine months.

Governor Abiodun, who made the pledge in Ota during the 31st edition of Iganmode Day celebration, also assured that the Ota-Idiroko Road as well as other township roads in the local government area would be looked into by his administration.

He said the completion of the Agbara-Atan-Lusada Road, among others in the axis, is to ensure that Ota continues to occupy its pride of place

in the country.

Abiodun said what has been achieved so far in terms of road rehabilitation across the state was an indication of the commitment and dedication of his administration to ensure rapid development and economic prosperity of the people.

He said, "The road that we are constructing, which is the major road in this local government, Agbara-Atan-Lusada Road, that road will be completed in the next nine months by God's grace."

Abiodun also added that with the

recent approval by the Federal Executive Council (FEC), the reconstruction of the Lagos-Ota-Abeokuta Road would soon begin.

"Now, you know that in the last few weeks, we managed to get the Federal Executive Council to approve that the construction of Lagos-Ota-Abeokuta Road be transferred to the Ogun State Government. We have been fighting this for the last four years since I assumed office; myself and my colleague in Lagos State.

"The battle is not yet over, but at least, we have won round one.

## SHORT NEWS

## Adeleke Gets Ghanaian Varsity Doctoral Degree

BY JOSHUA DADA, Osogbo

Ghana's premier chartered university, Valley View University, Oyibi, Accra Ghana has conferred honorary doctorate degree on Governor Ademola Adeleke of Osun state for delivering on good governance in the last one year.

The vice chancellor, Prof William Koomsion at the university 30th convocation yesterday said the university reviewed the Governor's antecedent as a businessman and former Senator alongside his ethical leadership since assuming the governorship of Osun state, Nigeria to arrive at its decision.

A statement by the governor's spokesperson, Mallam Olawale Rasheed said Koomsion lauded the governor's multi-million naira education scholarship as a senator, his sterling records on workers welfare, performance on infrastructure upgrades and his commitment to due process, rule of law and fear of God.

Earlier in his convocation lecture, Governor Adeleke said Africa cannot achieve good governance if the constitutions are serially violated, if elections are violently rigged, if leaders are of the sit tight model.

## Promote Unity Among Nigerians, Cleric Tell Monarchs

BY FEMI OYEWESO, Abeokuta

The Vicar, Archdeacon of Saint John's Anglican Church, Ijebu-Igbo, Venerable Lawrence Otegbola at the weekend urged Nigerians to live in harmony with their neighbours irrespective of their tribes.

This is just as the clergyman admonished traditional rulers in the country to champion the crusade for unity among Nigerians.

He made the call while delivering his sermon during a thanks giving service to mark the 32nd edition of the Owu National Convention held at Ijebu Igbo, headquarters of Ijebu North local government area of Ogun State.

The vicar particularly urged the Owu people to see their diversity as a major advantage capable of transforming the economy of the people and ensuring peaceful co-existence with others.

Otegbola also wants eminent sons and daughters of Owu-Kingdom to champion the crusade for unity among Owu-people.

## SHORT READ

Edo Poll: LP  
Repositions For  
Victory, Trains  
Leaders

BY PATRICK OCHOGA, Benin City

As political parties gear up toward the Edo State governorship election in 2024, the Labour Party (LP) in the state have kick-started a capacity building programme for wards and local governments executives aimed at strengthening and repositioning the party for victory.

The first train-the-trainers programme held for Edo South Senatorial district at the Imperial Event Centre, Benin City, Edo State, had in attendance party leaders from the seven local government areas in Edo South.

The national chairman of the party, Barrister Julius Abure, who declared open the programme, also expressed optimism that LP remains the only political party that can rescue the nation and Edo State from bad governance.

According to Abure, "The intention of the programme is to build the capacity of our local governments and ward executives in terms of what they are expected to do during an election.

It is intended to develop and build their capacity for the Edo 2024 governorship election.

Police Rescue 4  
Abducted Children  
In Anambra

BY OKECHUKWU OBETA, Awka

Four children of the same parents abducted by suspected herdsmen in Anambra State have been rescued by the operatives of the state police command.

The children were abducted by a gang of three hoodlums who invaded their family house wielding guns at about 10pm on Wednesday.

The public relations officer of the Anambra police command, Ikenga Tochukwu, said the incident happened at Achalla village, Enugwu-Agidi community in Njikoka local government area of the state.

He said the parents of the children were watching television programme when suddenly the electricity supply to the house went off.

He said when their father went out to find out what went wrong, his wife followed him and they saw three suspected herdsmen wielding guns and fled to save their lives.

Tochukwu said the hoodlums went into the house and abducted the three children who were asleep.

## Archbishop Rejects Governor Oborewori's Appointment

BY FELIX IGBEKOYI, Asaba

Founder of Overflow Chapel in Sa-pele, Delta State, Archbishop Iboyi Godday, has rejected his appointment as a member of the Christian Pilgrim and Welfare Board by the Governor Sheriff Oborewori-led administration in the state.

A statement signed by Tetsola Nelson, permanent secretary (State Protocol Matters), for secretary to the state government, said Governor Sher-

iff Oborewori, has approved the appointments of Apostle Sylvanus Okorote, chairman, Rev. Father Christopher Ekabo, secretary, Archbishop Godday Iboyi and four others to serve in the said board as members.

But in a swift reaction in a statement, yesterday, the spiritual leader of Okpe Kingdom, stated that the appointment was done without his consent

While describing the appointment as insulting, he said he was not in-

terested and has thus rejected the appointment.

"My attention has been drawn to a publication flying round on the social media that I have been appointed as a member of Delta State Christian Pilgrim and Welfare Board which was without my consent.

"I am using this medium to inform whoever made such insulting appointment that I am not interested and it should be considered rejected," he stated.

## Governor Mbah Defends Huge Investment In Healthcare

BY NNAMDI MBAWIKE, Enugu

Governor of Enugu of State, Peter Mbah, has risen in defence of his administration's huge investment and prioritization of healthcare delivery.

The governor said the decision was informed by his understanding of the import of a healthy population and healthy workforce.

Mbah, who said the administration was in the process of constructing 260 primary healthcare centres (PHCs) in all the electoral wards and also ensure that every local government area got at least one world class secondary health facility, vowed that his administration would not relent until every child, mother, the elderly and Enugu citizen has access to better healthcare.

This was even as UNICEF commended the administration for its commitment to healthcare and nutrition.

Mbah stated this at the weekend during an inspection tour of a primary health centre at Ogononoeji Ndiuno, Akpugo, Nkanu West LGA, where

he also interacted with health workers and community leaders towards primary healthcare improvement.

He said, "Healthcare is at the core of what we do in Enugu State. Indeed, outside education in our social services sector, the next sector that is taking the largest part of our 2024 budget is healthcare.

"It is so because we understand the importance of having a healthy society and indeed a healthy workforce. And in that hierarchy of healthcare, we see the primary healthcare as the most important," he said.

Mbah said that it was for this reason that the administration had undertaken a thorough study of the challenges in the primary healthcare space "to have reliable data to craft adequate strategy to address them", adding that the administration had since swung into action.

"That is why, as you must have heard from the Commissioner for Health, we are going to be developing 260 world class Type-2 primary

healthcare centres across the entire wards in Enugu State.

"Our strategy in that area is that rather than spread ourselves thinly across 557 Primary Healthcare Centres (PHCs), we want to focus on consolidating our resources and developing 260 world class Type-2 PHCs because we want to provide 24-hour services in each PHC so that at any time, you would have access to quality primary health care in our rural communities across the state," he stated.

Meanwhile, the chief of field office, UNICEF, Enugu, Juliet Chiluwe, had while commending Mbah administration's effort at improving healthcare and nutrition also pledged the continued support of the international agency to the government.

"Your policies on healthcare and nutrition are commendable. We commend you for aspiring to make the state the best in the nation, and we are certain that with your support, we will win the leadership challenge.



L-R: Vice president, Women Support Community Network (WOSCONET), Patience Ezeaku; president of WOSCONET, Amaka Nweke; Vicar Chapel of His Resurrection Anglican Church, Parklane Hospital in Enugu, Rev. Canon Chikere Anusiem; chaplain, Chapel of His Resurrection, Rev. Chukwudi Aniagor and deputy coordinator, WOSCONET in Enugu North LGA, Amaka Ede, during a thanksgiving service at the Chapel of His Resurrection in Enugu, yesterday. PHOTO: NAN

## Political Crisis: Businesses Leaving Rivers, Group Alleges

BY ANAYO ONUKWUGHA, Port Harcourt

A group, South-South Youth Initiative (SSYI) has said investors and business owners are leaving Rivers State due to the ongoing political crisis in the state.

SSYI leader, Saviour Imeade Oscar, disclosed this while addressing journalists yesterday in Port Harcourt, the state capital.

Oscar called on indigenes, residents and friends of the state, to wade into

the faceoff between Governor Siminalayi Fubara and the minister of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Nyesom Ezenwo Wike.

He said, "I have called you to speak through you to the world on the political drama in Rivers State, the consequences of allowing it to degenerate into a conflagration and the urgent need for all of us, indigenes of the state, residents, investors and friends of the state, to quickly wade in on both

sides in order to restore calm to the state.

"This state is our collective heritage that was bequeathed to us from the selfless struggles of our founding fathers.

"We must therefore, not allow this unnecessary tension and fear to continue to mount in our state because as it is raging now, investors and business owners are beginning to move away from our state to safer places."

## SHORT NEWS

Police Yet To  
Find Delta Land-  
lord Who Killed  
Undergraduate

BY FELIX IGBEKOYI, Asaba

Delta State police command has not been able to fish out the landlord, Mr Ajari Ajasaka Felix, after he allegedly shot dead an undergraduate.

The victim, Ishie Abraham, a final year student of the Department of Computer Science, was allegedly shot dead a week ago by the landlord who alongside his family members have disappeared.

While tongues are wagging that for over one week security agencies are unable to fish out the suspect or any member of his family, tension is also mounting up at the Delta State Polytechnic, Otefe-Oghara, where the killing took place.

Delta State police public relations officer (PPRO), DSP Bright Edafe, who confirmed the development, claimed intense investigation is ongoing over the matter.

Rivers: APC  
Formally  
Receives 25  
Pro-Wike  
Lawmakers

BY ANAYO ONUKWUGHA, Port Harcourt

All Progressives Congress (APC) in Rivers State has declared the ruling party in the state, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) moribund.

APC caretaker committee chairman in the state, Chief Tony Okocha, made the assertion yesterday in Port Harcourt at the party's dedication service and stakeholders' meeting.

The event was used to formally receive the 27 members of the Rivers State House of Assembly, who recently dumped the PDP for the opposition party.

Okocha challenged Governor Siminalayi Fubara and the PDP to come out and tell the people what they know about the burning of the House of Assembly complex.

He said, "We have lost our chances over time. Going forward, APC will no longer be a social club in Rivers State. APC under your watch and our followership will be built on a strong and solid foundation. APC will be strong in your respective wards; we are not going to build an APC that is state-based.

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## INFLATION RATE (%)

	2023	2022
AUG	25.8	20.52
SEPT	26.72	20.77
OCT	27.33	21.09

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

(AS AT DECEMBER 1, 2023)

USD	953.13
GBP	1204.10
EUR	1087.43

## INTER BANK LENDING RATE

INTER BANK LENDING RATE (AS AT DEC 1, 2023)	RATE	CHANGE%
O/N	17.2500	-0.55
1M	16.7500	1.02
3M	16.7500	0.83
6M	17.7500	1.42

## COMMODITY INDEX (N/KG)

(AS AT DECEMBER 15, 2023)

Cocoa	4,404.66	0.00%
Soyabean	397.93	6.19%
Cashew	630.00	-0.43%
Sorghum	412.50	8.72%
Paddy rice	480.00	0.00%

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“IPPG is a critical institution for Nigeria’s energy future. We will prioritise IPPG members who have proven oil assets during the next marginal field bid rounds – Minister of State for Petroleum Resources (Oil), Senator Heineken Lokpobiri



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R-L: Executive vice chairman/chief executive officer, Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), Dr. Aminu Maida and team lead/senior digital development specialist, World Bank, Ida Mboob, during a courtesy visit of a World Bank delegation to the Commission to discuss telecom infrastructure financing in Abuja recently.

## Indigenous Oil Producers Seek Review Of PIA

BY CHIKA IZUORA, Lagos

The Independent Petroleum Producers Group (IPPG), has called for review of critical aspects of the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA) to strengthen the regulatory framework and competitiveness of the fiscal regime.

The amendment, the group believes will enhance security across the Niger Delta and expedite the conclusion of ongoing International Oil companies’ (IOCs) divestments as well as sustain the implementation of the “Decade of Gas” policy and holistically addressing inherent inefficiencies within the industry.

The IPPG further said that the group’s immediate concern as a matter of urgent industry priority is the creation of a conducive and enabling business environment to enhance the competitiveness of the industry.

Speaking at the 2023 Annual Dinner held in Lagos, chairman of IPPG, Abdulrazaq Isa, said that attracting the level of investment required to fully optimise the country’s production

base will require focus on some key priorities in the short to medium term.

“The key priority areas include amending critical aspects of the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA) to strengthen the regulatory framework and competitiveness of the fiscal regime; enhancing security across the Niger Delta; expediting the conclusion of ongoing International Oil companies’ (IOCs) divestments; sustaining the implementation of the “Decade of Gas” policy and holistically addressing inherent inefficiencies within our industry which has driven costs to astronomical levels”, Isa said.

Despite the challenges, the IPPG chairman is optimistic about the industry’s future. He emphasised the non-negotiable goal of achieving production targets by the turn of the decade and called for collaboration with the government and other stakeholders to optimise growth opportunities, emphasising the importance of sustained advocacy efforts in 2024.

“Based on the vast hydrocarbon resources at our disposal and the ongoing global decarbonisation

drive, achieving production targets of 4mmb/d of oil and 12 bcf/d of gas by the turn of the decade should be non-negotiable”, Isa stated.

Minister of State for Petroleum Resources (Oil), Senator Heineken Lokpobiri, while assuring all stakeholders in the petroleum sector that they do not need to see him personally to get things done, appealed to IPPG members to support President Tinubu’s quest to achieve the 2 million bpd target.

“IPPG is a critical institution for Nigeria’s energy future. We will prioritise IPPG members who have proven oil assets during the next marginal field bid rounds,” Lokpobiri said.

In her special goodwill message at the event, Olu Verheijen, Special Adviser to the President on Energy, revealed that President Tinubu has approved an Import Duty Waiver to promote the utilisation and supply of gas in the domestic market, covering equipment related to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG).

## NPA Busts Syndicate Faking e-Call Up At Ports

BY YUSUF BABALOLA, LAGOS

The Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), on Sunday, busted a syndicate sabotaging the E-call up system also known as Eto with 413 fake truck number plates.

The e-Call up system was introduced by NPA in February 2021 for trucks at the Lagos ports in Lagos to end the gridlock witnessed on the road. The e-Call-up system was launched alongside an app called Eto, which truckers are expected to use to book turns to enter the port

But, in a press statement made available to LEADERSHIP, the authority said it intercepted a syndicate were Intercepted at the MPS pre-gate, Apapa, where fake e call up system

tickets are generated, sabotaging the eto call up system.

The statement also disclosed that 282 units of fake Minimum Safety Standard (MSS) stickers were also intercepted from the syndicate.

“In a move geared towards frontally tackling the activities of unpatriotic elements sabotaging NPA’s electronic truck traffic management (e- Call Up) system also know as eto, the Authority’s officials and security agents undertook a spot check of the MPS Pregate where a mind boggling discovery of 249 fake vehicle plate numbers and 149 units of Minimum Safety Standard (MSS) stickers.

“Further checks of the terminal led to a discovery of another 164 pieces of vehicle number plates and 133 pieces of MSS Stickers that are not

fixed on any truck in readiness to be deployed for proxy booking.”

“The fake number plates and MSS tickets were immediately confiscated and the terminal manager invited for questioning,” the NPA statement read.

The authority further disclosed in the statement that the development validates the Authority’s position on the existence of a third force to undermine the electronic Call Up system.

“This development validates the Authority’s position on the existence of a deliberate and well orchestrated effort to undermine the electronic Call Up system which was initiated by the NPA to eliminate human interface in managing traffic in and out of the Ports as a measure of sustainably taming the menace of traffic gridlock hurting the national economy.

## TIMELINE

### Cashew Nuts Export

Nigeria is a leading exporter of premium quality raw cashew nuts, with an average 48 kernel yield out-turn.

With 19 producing states, is the fourth largest producer of cashew nuts worldwide.

Nigeria is a major and growing player in the cashew industry with rising market share in global cashew production, with an annual average production increase of 5%. Production is projected to go only one way – upwards. By 2030, we will produce 300,000 metric tonnes of cashew.

In 2021, cashew nut exports from Nigeria yielded around 156 million U.S. dollars. The highest value was achieved from trading in unshelled nuts. In the previous year, a lower amount of approximately 119 million U.S. dollars was exported.

### FMDQ Urges Nigeria To Tap Into \$30trn Sustainability Fund

BY OLUSHOLA BELLO, Lagos

The head, Research, FMDQ Group Plc, Dr Vincent Nwani said, there is a need to improve efforts to attract some of the \$30 trillion sustainability fund available globally into the Nigerian capital market.

Nwani stated this at the Capital Market Correspondents Association of Nigeria (CAMCAN) 2023 workshop with the theme: ‘Leveraging Capital Market in Financing the National Development Plan’ held recently in Lagos.

Nwani stated that, while efforts were being made at the level of the exchanges, there was a need for more action from the other participants in the market.

He said: “on sustainability finance, about \$30 trillion is out there looking for who to take it as far as sustainability is concerned.

“How is the Nigerian capital market positioning itself to be a strong recipient of this free fund? From the level of the exchanges: NGX and FMDQ, we are ready to list and are already listing.

“Apart from the federal government, corporations and state governments are beginning to show interest in green bonds. Even the pink bond for women-owned/ managed businesses, we are seeing a lot of interest”

Nwani added that Lagos State had gone far in terms of offering a green bond, noting that announcements should be made soon.

**STOCK INDEX  
(AS AT DECEMBER 15)**
**Gainers**

Symbols	CP	% change
Cadbury	16.05	9.93
NNFM	38.75	9.93
Johnholt	2.23	9.85
Infinity	2.82	9.73
UPDCReit	4.55	9.64

**Losers**

Symbols	CP	% change
Univinsure	0.26	-7.14
Livestock	1.71	-5.00
FBNH	23.20	-4.92
FTNCocoa	1.46	-3.31
Oando	10.45	-3.24

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# Pre-Santa Rally To Trigger Positive Trading On Stock Market

The Nigerian stock market is expected to witness pre-Santa rally amid strategic positioning ahead of the New Year this week, **OLUSHOLA BELLO** writes.

Analysts stated that the Nigerian equities market performance for this week is expected to be positive on pre-Santa rally amid strategic positioning ahead of the New year.

It could be seen by last week's bullish performance, as banking stocks ushered in the Santa Claus rally, extending the positive outing for the eighth successive week on increased buying sentiments and strong momentum.

These pushed the benchmark NGX All-Share Index to a new all-time high, as it closed above the 72,000 psychological line in the face of ongoing seasonality, portfolio rebalancing and the prevailing disconnection of the market from the nation's economic realities as revealed by the weak macro-economic data and persistent headwinds in the system.

**Analysts Optimism**

Looking ahead to the new week, Cowry Assets Management Limited anticipated a continuation of positive sentiment and profit-taking, driven by bargain hunting for dividend-paying stocks.

Market players are expected to digest the recently published Consumer Price Inflation (CPI) report and its potential impact on the financial market, amidst sector rotation and portfolio rebalancing

spurred by the high expectation for full-year corporate numbers and high yields.

"Amidst all these, we maintain our advice to investors on taking positions in stocks with sound fundamentals and whose earnings yield and earnings per share support higher payout ratio," Cowry said.

Analysts at Cordros Securities Limited expected the market to remain mixed in the coming week as investors cherry-pick counters given the absence of any significant positive catalysts, saying, "nevertheless, we reiterate the need for investors to seek positions in only fundamentally justified stocks as the weak macro environment remains a significant headwind for corporate earnings."

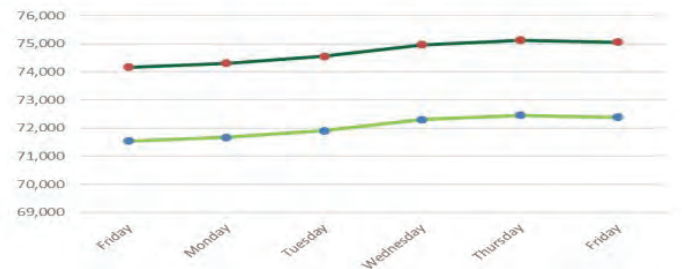
Afrinvest Limited said: "we anticipate the pre-santa rally to be sustained next week amid strategic positioning ahead of the new year."

**Last Week's Trading Activities**

The Nigerian equities market sustained its upward trajectory due to upbeat demand on the banking stocks last week.

Buoyed by this, the benchmark index closed northward by 1.18 per cent week on week (W-o-W) to close at 72,389.23 points. Similarly, the market capitalisation for the week increased by N464 billion

The NGX All-Share and NGX-30 Indices  
Week Ended December 15, 2023



to close at N39.613 trillion.

Across sector, weekly performance was largely positive. The NGX Banking index posted the biggest gain for the week, up 7.01 per cent. The NGX Industrial index followed with a weekly gain of 0.24 per cent, while NGX Consumer Goods index rose by 0.22 per cent W-o-W. On the flipside, the NGX Insurance index recorded a weekly decline of 0.96 per cent, while NGX Oil & Gas index dipped 0.27 per cent.

The market breadth for the week was positive as 53 equities appreciated in price, 32 equities depreciated in price, while 70 equities remained unchanged. Infinity Trust Mortgage Bank led the gainers table by 59.32 per cent to close at N2.82, per share. SCOA Nigeria followed with a gain of 28.89 per cent to close at N1.74, while DAAR Communications went up by 27.78 per cent to close to 46 kobo, per share.

On the other side, Secure Elec-

tronic Technology led the decliners table by 16.00 per cent to close at 63 kobo, per share. Eterna followed with a loss of 11.83 per cent to close at N11.55, while Thomas Wyatt Nigeria declined by 11.14 per cent to close at N2.95, per share.

Overall, a total turnover of 1.882 billion shares worth N31.630 billion in 33,020 deals was traded last week by investors on the floor of the Exchange, in contrast to a total of 2.423 billion shares valued at N45.070 billion that exchanged hands prior week in 34,704 deals.

The Financial Services Industry (measured by volume) led the activity chart with 1.373 billion shares valued at N22.165 billion traded in 17,300 deals; contributing 72.96 per cent and 70.08 per cent to the total equity turnover volume and value respectively.

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**NEWS**

## Group Denies Plan To Liquidate Businesses, Inducts 72 New Members

BY ABIODUN SIVOWAKU, Lagos

The president of the Business Recovery and Insolvency Practitioners Association of Nigeria (BRIPAN), Mr. Chimezie Victor Ihekweazu, has denied insinuation that his group is out to liquidate businesses.

According to him, BRIPAN is not inclined towards liquidating businesses unless it becomes an unavoidable last resort.

Ihekweazu said this shortly after the executive committee of the association, which was led by Mr. Ayodele Akin-tunde, handed over its leadership to him and the new exco, during their Annual General Meeting (AGM), held in Victoria Island, Lagos, where 72 new members were inducted into their ranks bringing their total membership strength to 1,330.

Given the current economic climate of the country, he said, the group stands as the voice of professionals involved in business recovery and insolvency, promoting best practices for its members handling financially troubled individuals and businesses.

## Group Seeks Collaboration With CSOs On Climate Change Financing

BY JONATHAN NDA- ISAIAH, Abuja

The Community Advancement and Humanitarian Empowerment Initiative, CSCHEI, in Nigeria, has expressed appreciation for Nigeria's representation at COP 28 in Dubai, reflecting the nation's commitment to aligning with the SDGs Global Agenda 2023.

The director general of CSCHEI, Kunle Yusuff, in a statement in Abuja said the feat was in contrast to COP 27 in Cairo, Egypt, where engagement between Civil Society Organizations and Federal Government officials was challenging.

He noted with delight that nine Institutional members of CSCHEI active-

ly participated in COP 28, fostering collaboration with Global Civil partners on Climate Action Sustainable Financing.

Recall that the COP 28 in Dubai was aimed at identifying global solutions for limiting global temperature increases to 1.5 degrees, informing countries' preparations for revised National Determined Contributions by 2025, and accelerating the ongoing Green Transition.

The Sustainable Innovation Forum featured key topics such as Climate Action Innovations, Race to Zero, Climate Transition Planning, and Digitalization's role in Decarbonization. CSCHEI urges Federal Government Agencies to collaborate with Civil

## Eunisell Reaffirms Commitment To Local Content Development

A Nigerian firm, Eunisell has reinforced its commitment to fostering local content and building capacity within the industry.

The firm declared this position at the just-concluded Practical Nigerian Content Conference in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State.

The event served as a platform for industry leaders, stakeholders, and key players to converge and discuss strategies for advancing Nigeria's oil and gas sector.

Eunisell, a prominent participant,

showcased its unwavering commitment to driving local content initiatives and contributing to the growth of the sector.

It is a leading provider of specialty chemicals and solutions to the oil and gas industry with a focus on innovation, sustainability, and local content development, recently

At the heart of Eunisell's participation was an impressive exhibition that showcased the company's innovative solutions, cutting-edge technologies, and commitment to sustainability. The exhibition drew attention to Eunisell's

Society for effective Global Climate Change financing and SDGs integration across all institutions.

The DG said that CSCHEI provides a platform for coordination, mobilisation, and organisation of NGOs, CBOs, and FBOs, aligning with the SDGs for Community Advancement and Humanitarian Empowerment in Nigeria.

He explained that in the quest for sustainable energy solutions, an intimate dinner discussion with the theme, "Accelerating the Energy Transition: The Need for Collective Action," explored collaborative efforts in transitioning to cleaner and renewable energy sources, fostering meaningful connections among participants.

significant contributions to local content development and emphasized the company's role in building a robust and self-sufficient oil and gas sector in Nigeria.

Eunisell seized the platform to underscore its commitment to building capacity within the industry. The company has been actively involved in training and development programs aimed at empowering local talent, enhancing skills, and ensuring that the workforce is equipped to meet the evolving demands of the oil and gas sector.

## Glo Offers Smartphone Deals To Customers In Green December Promo

Telecommunications solutions provider Globacom is celebrating the Yuletide season with its consumers as it announced incredible bargains on smartphones, airtime, and data.

This follows its partnership with highly regarded device manufacturers. Additionally, it is also giving away data and airtime along with the available gadgets.

Tagged Green December, the offer allows customers to freely choose the hand-held devices they want at the most affordable costs. The company further stated that payments for the devices may also be spread out in accordance with Globacom's terms and conditions.

There are discounts on the available Samsung devices including Samsung S23 FE 128+8 which has discounted from N636,000 to N599,000; Samsung S23 FE 256+8 from N692,000 to N649,000. Equally, Samsung A24 128+4 has been reduced from N266,200 to N225,000, while Samsung A24 128+6 has been discounted from N283,300 to N250,000 and Samsung A04e 32+3 from N95,000 to N90,000.

## BRIEFLY

## NNPC Wins The Whistlers' Transparency, Innovation Award

BY CHIKA IZUORA, Lagos

The Nigerian National Petroleum Company Ltd. (NNPC Ltd.) has won this year's The Whistler Newspaper's Award for Transparency and Innovation.

The group chief executive officer (GCEO) of the company, Mele Kyari received the award from the governor of Abia State, Alex Otti, on behalf of the company during the Newspaper's 2023 Award Night, held yesterday in Abuja, Nigeria.

In his acceptance speech, Kyari expressed NNPC Ltd.'s commitment to delivering value for its shareholders, stressing that the award will spur the Company to re-dedicate itself towards more transparency and innovation in its operations.

## Stakeholders Canvass Integration Of Nollywood Into Capital Market

BY OLUSHOLA BELLO, Lagos

Industry stakeholders have called for the integration of Nollywood into the Nigerian capital market to deepen the market as well as boost funding for the entertainment industry.

This call was made at the Capital Market Correspondents Association of Nigeria 2023 workshop with the theme, 'Leveraging Capital Market In Financing The National Development Plan' held recently in Lagos.

Speaking during a panel discussion at the event, the head, Ecosystem Integration, VFD Group, Mr Folagbade Adeyemi, pointed out that, despite the poor funding available to players in the media and entertainment sector in Nigeria, they have been able to deliver high returns and gained global reckoning.

He said: "there is a section of the economy that has been delivering high growth but has been fully excluded; entertainment and media. Recently, a movie, Black Book, came out. It was one of the highest-viewed movies on the streaming platforms across Nigeria, across Africa and globally. We were invested in it.

"The truth is, Nigeria, South Korea and India probably have the highest compound value per person in this sector. Nigeria has the highest currently compared to the amount that we invest per capita which is \$15 and we see much work.



President, Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN), Samuel Olushola Agbeluyi (left); national president, Society of Women in Taxation (SWIT), Bosede Ikhanoba (middle); director, Policy and Global Advocacy, International Budget Partnership (IBP) Austin Ndiokwelu (3rd right) and other SWIT members at a retreat in Abuja on Saturday.

## Surpass N18.3trn Revenue Target For 2024, Senate Tells Revenue Generating Agencies

BY SUNDAY ISUWA, Abuja

The Senate, through its Committee on Finance, has tasked the various revenue generating agencies to surpass the target of N18.324 trillion set for the 2024 fiscal year.

President Bola Tinubu had last month, presented to the joint session of the National Assembly, N27.503 trillion as total projected expenditure for 2024 fiscal year, out of which N18.324 trillion is set as targeted revenue while N9.18 trillion is deficit, to be financed by internal and external borrowings as well as proceeds from privatisation.

In assessing the preparedness of the agencies ahead of the task, the

Finance Committee headed by Senator Mohammed Sani Musa (APC Niger East), had a separate interface with them in the just ended week, telling them not only to meet up with projected revenues targeted for them but surpassed them.

Specifically on Thursday last week at such interface with the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPC) Limited, led by its group chief executive officer (GCEO), Mele Kyari, Sani Musa tasked them to surpass revenue targeted from them in the 2024 fiscal year.

"It is heartwarming that based on your submission, NNPC Ltd, within January and October this year, raked

in N4.5 trillion as revenue and remitted it into the federation account.

"But being a fully commercialised company now, more of such are needed, particularly in the 2024 fiscal year.

"President Bola Tinubu on his part, in the budget presented to us, clearly demonstrated that deficit budgeting should be eased out by projected less for 2024 (N9.18 trillion) as against N13.4 trillion used for such in the ending 2023 fiscal year.

"This committee in particular, and other relevant standing committees of both the Senate and the House of Representatives, would by way of oversight and regular interface with

revenue generating agencies, ensure that required revenues are generated for full implementation of the proposals and projections made for the 2024 budget", he said.

Senator Sani Musa at the sideline of colloquium organised to commemorate the 61st Birthday celebration of President of the Senate, Godswill Akpabio last Thursday, also told journalists that N100 trillion budget size proposed by the guest speaker at the event, Olisa Agbakoba was achievable.

"The suggested budget size for 2025 may look big but achievable if all the revenue generating agencies buckled up and prevented leakages in any way", he said.

## CITN Backs Federal Government's 18% Tax-to-GDP Drive

BY ADEGWU JOHN, Abuja

The Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN), has said the government's drive to increase tax to GDP ratio from 10.86 to 18 per cent is a step in the right direction.

President of CITN, Barr. Samuel Olushola Agbeluyi who made this known, however, said the federal government must engender voluntary compliance by toning down wasteful spending on its part.

Speaking at the Society of Women in Taxation Retreat held in Abuja on Saturday, Agbeluyi said, "Increasing

tax to GDP ratio from 10.86 to 18 per cent is good thinking. We need to engender voluntary compliance. And there is not going to be voluntary compliance when you waste public funds. So, what we are telling the government is, can you tone down excessive spending? Once that is done, Nigerians are great people, they will comply and pay their taxes."

The senior programme officer, International Budget Partnership, (IBP), Chika Okoh, speaking on the topic "Gender Equality and Taxation" said Nigeria's tax system

should be fair and equitable devoid of discrimination to enable more women to play this statutory role.

She added that Nigeria needs a gendered tax system as it can be a tool for resource redistribution.

The national chairperson of the Society of Women in Taxation (SWIT), Bosede Ikhanoba, in her address stated that the 2023 annual retreat was organised to help build the capacity of National officers, State Chapter coordinators and their vice, interact and take feedbacks from the State Chapters on their activities.

"For us to be able to carry out advocacy as part of SWIT objectives, we need to empower ourselves with the right information. And for you to talk to Nigerians about tax matters, you must understand what the law says about the type of tax you should pay, how it should be paid and more."

She thanked the IBP for sponsoring the retreat and also giving SWIT a facilitator for the event.

The SWIT annual retreat ended with a dinner in honour of the 16th CITN president, Barr. Samuel Olushola Agbeluyi

## FAO Lauds USA's \$50m Funding To Boost Africa's Food Production

BY KINGSLEY OKOH, Lagos

The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations has commended the United States of America's commitment to pledge a \$50 million new funding to boost food production in Africa.

In a statement obtained from its website, the \$50 million is an addition to the \$100 million committed earlier in the year.

According to the statement, the new funding is for the innovative Vision for Adapted Crops and Soils (VACS) programme, which aims to identify and develop neglected but climate-resilient crops for use in ag-

riculture around Africa.

The U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, announced the new funding at the Leaders' Event tagged "Transforming food systems in the face of climate change event at the ongoing UN Climate Change Conference COP28 in Dubai.

"We are working with partners to rethink what, where and how we produce food within the context of a changing climate. Our goal is for farmers and for ranchers to be able to sustainably achieve better yields of more nutritious crops at lower cost, using less land and producing fewer emissions. That's the vision," Blinken said.

"And it is also the mission of the Vision for Adapted Crops and Soils, or VACS," which the U.S. State Department launched in partnership with FAO and the African Union a few months ago," Blinken added.

The FAO chief economist, Maximo Torero said, these fresh new resources will greatly help to accelerate a very promising programme that could have rapid and lasting impact on the ground, saying, VACS will focus on "below-ground" investments such as soil mapping and techniques to improve soil health and resilience, and "above-ground investments, in particular identifying underinvested

but nutrient-rich and climate-resilient crops breeding better varieties of them.

Several countries and leading corporations have agreed to participate in the programme, which FAO hailed as 'science in action.'

Currently, around one in five people in Africa face chronic hunger, and the climate crisis is likely to exacerbate the situation. Revitalising indigenous and traditional food crops, many with high nutritional value but orphaned with the increasing popularity of staples such as maize, rice and wheat, presents a critical opportunity, according to FAO.

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## BRIEFLY

### NARP50PLUS

#### Squash: Sojirin, Roberts, Ogunbiyi Emerge Champions

Olumide Sojirin twice came from behind to snatch a 3-2 win over Alex Akalugwu to become the winner of the 1st NARPLUS50 Squash Tournament which ended on Friday at the Ikoyi Club 1938.

For the Super Veteran's category top prize, former president of the Nigeria Squash Federation Dr. Kayode Roberts dug deep to win the final.

His opponent, Tunji Agbeleye was on top of his game in the opening two sets which he won but Roberts produced a sublime comeback to win the next three games in an absorbing contest to take top position.

The final which was watched by a large crowd led by Ikoyi Club 1938 Chairman, Tafar Zubir Aliyu also saw Wunmi Ogunbiyi finished top in the women's category by defeating Bunmi Sodade in the final.

The highlight of the colourful event was the commissioning of the sport shop (squash equipment only) within the section.

### 'AFCON 2024 Will Boost Cote d'Ivoire, Nigeria Cooperation'

The Ambassador of Côte d'Ivoire to Nigeria, Mr Kallilou Traore, has said that the 2024 African Cup of Nations, AFCON, will create relevant avenue for his country to further strengthen cooperation with Nigeria.

Traore stated this in an interview with newsmen on Sunday in Abuja, sequel to the country's preparation to host the AFCON tournament from Jan. 14 to Feb. 13, 2024.

He said it has become necessary for the two countries to use the opportunity to further boost diplomatic ties between them.

"The AFCON is also a big occasion for us to deepen cooperation.

## Mazzarri Lauds Osimhen's Display In Napoli's Win Over Cagliari

Napoli manager Walter Mazzarri has showered encomium on Victor Osimhen after the forward inspired the club to a 2-1 victory against Cagliari on Saturday night.

Osimhen scored and grabbed an assist in the thrilling contest played at the Estadio Diego Armando Maradona.

The 24-year-old opened scoring for the Serie A champions in the 64th minute.

His assist for Napoli's second goal scored by Kvaratskhelia was a beauty.

He drew away six Cagliari players and managed to pull back from the by-line for Kvaratskhelia to score at the far post.

"I am glad that he and

Kvara scored, because they were both looking a bit irritable. They needed to get back to being protagonists the way they were last season," Mazzarri was quoted by Football Italia.

"I can't blame the team for getting tense, as it felt like in the first half the goal was cursed. When strikers are not relaxed, they can make really simple mistakes."



## FG Pledges Support To Private Investment In Sports

Federal government has pledged to support private investments in sports.

Sports development minister, Senator John Owan Enoh, made the commitment during his visit to the headquarters of Remo Stars Football Club in Ikenne, Ogun State on Saturday.

He expressed his admiration for the impressive infrastructure and facilities at Remo Stars, highlighting the club's dedication to providing a world-class environment for its players and staff.

Senator Enoh commended the club president, Kunle Soname and the entire management team for their commitment to the development of football in Nigeria, saying private investment is crucial to the growth and sustainability of sports in the country.

He described the Remo Stars as a shining example of a privately-

owned sports entity that is making significant strides in elevating the standards of football in Nigeria.

"The government alone cannot carry the weight of sports development, and that is why we need more private investors like Remo Stars Football Club.

"I am impressed by the commitment of Hon. Kunle Soname and his team, and I assure you that the Ministry of Sports Development will actively encourage and support private investment in sports across the nation," Enoh said in press statement issued by his media aide Kola Daniel.

Hon. Kunle Soname expressed gratitude for the Minister's visit and reiterated the club's commitment to contributing to the overall development of sports in Nigeria. Our facilities are

open to junior National teams for camping of players anytime the football federation feel we can be of help. lauded Senator Enoh for being the first minister to visit the club's facilities since it was launched.

The visit concluded with both parties engaging in a fruitful discussion about potential collaborations, initiatives, and policy frameworks that could further enhance the sports landscape in Nigeria.

The Honourable Minister's visit to Remo Stars Football Club reflects the government's recognition of the vital role played by private entities in advancing sports development.

As the Ministry of Sports Development continues its commitment to fostering partnerships, such visits serve as a catalyst for a more robust and inclusive sports ecosystem in Nigeria.

## AFN Board Members Write Minister, Lament Crisis Under Okowa's Leadership

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Board members of the board of the Athletics Federation of Nigeria (AFN) have written to the minister of sports development, Senator John Enoh, to intervene in the ongoing crisis in the federation.

The letter dated November 29, 2023, described the signatories as 'concerned members of the board of AFN'.

According to them, the developments in the AFN threaten the success of the federation under the leadership of its President Tonobok Okowa.

"The undersigned are concerned members of the board of the Athletics Federation of Nigeria, AFN, and we are compelled to write you this letter to inform you of developments in the federation.

The signatories of the letter titled 'Developments in Athletics Federation of Nigeria,' are Tafida Gadzama; first vice president and Sydney Olympics gold medalist; Rosa Collins, second vice president; Victor Okorie, performance director; Henry Okorie, athletes representative and Oludare Esan, head of media and communications.

The board members accused



Okowa of arrogating all powers to himself and not carrying them along in decision-making.

It said that a five-member audit committee which was set up in September to investigate the way the AFN was being run asked Okowa to pay back to the body N40 million he had collected as a refund for some expenses he claimed to have made with collective agreements.

It noted that Okowa had refused to refund the money but instead left the federation's WhatsApp group where important matters regarding its activities are discussed.

It said, "The present board of AFN which was sworn in on June 15, 2021 has been engulfed in crisis since 2022 when its President, Tonobok Okowa arrogated all powers to himself to the extent that board members only read about the federation's event or agreement on the pages of newspapers.

## WINNER OF THE DAY

### Da Silva, Nora Win Rainoil Grandslam Tennis Tourney

Destiny Da Silva reaffirmed his status as the top player in Ikoyi Club as he emerged the Men's Singles A winner of the 2023 Rainoil Grandslam Tennis Tournament on Saturday.

Da Silva, who is the most ranked player in the board's ladder, defeated Akeem Mustafa, who is the section chairman and the club's third ranked player, to cart home the top prize.

"It was a great feeling to go into the yuletide with another title. Its been a week of fun and everyone is delighted," he said.

Peter Udoetuk defeated Azubuike Okonkwo to win the Men's B crown while Nora Azubuike got the better of Ejehi Effiong to win the Ladies title.

Tennis expert and administrator, Godwin Kienka won the Veteran title at the expense of Edet Akpaso while Innocent Ihebuzor defeated Walter Jibunor to

rule the Super Veteran class.

Rainoil Station edged Rainoil Logistics to win the team event of the week-long tournament which ended on Saturday.

Ikoyi Club Chairman, Tafa Zibiri-Aliu lauded Rainoil for their commitment to the tournament noting it has been a household event in the tennis section.

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Rainoil Limited, Godwin Ogbechie expressed delight at the level of friendship and camaraderie on display saying the sponsor will continue to put up better packages in subsequent editions.

"As a company, Rainoil Limited is always passionate about tennis and we are proud to be putting our money where our passion is; and to this end we look forward to the next edition which I believe will be bigger," Ogbechie said.

# sports NEWS

## Barcelona, Worst Team In Europe, Says Xavi

Barcelona manager, Xavi Hernandez has claimed his team are "one of the worst in Europe" when it comes to converting chances.

Xavi was reacting to Saturday's 1-1 with Valencia in LaLiga.

After losing their previous two games in all competitions to Antwerp in the Champions League and Girona in the league, Barca were looking to bounce back at the Mestalla.

Against Valencia, Barca registered 16 shots, eight of which were on target, compared to four for their opponents on 11 efforts.

In their previous three games in all competitions, Xavi's men have attempted 58 times, 22 of which have been on target and have resulted in five goals.



## FIFA Announces 29-day Schedule For 2025 Club World Cup In U.S.

FIFA's revamped Club World Cup planned for 2025 and set to feature 32 teams will be played from June 15 to July 13, while a new Intercontinental Cup will be played annually from next year, Gianni Infantino, the head of world football's governing body, said on Sunday.

FIFA had announced an expanded Club World Cup earlier this year and unanimously voted to appoint the United States as hosts for the first edition of the event.

The Council met in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, to ratify the dates for the Club World Cup and confirmed next year's Intercontinental Cup would have the UEFA Champions League winner playing a team that comes through intercontinental playoffs.



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## Halep Fears Loss Of Doping Appeal Will End Her Career

Two-time Grand Slam champion Simona Halep fears a loss in the appeal of her four-year doping suspension could lead to the end of her playing career.

A three-day hearing with the Court of Arbitration for Sport is scheduled for Feb. 7-9 in her appeal against the International Tennis Integrity Agency, which ruled that Halep "committed intentional anti-doping rule violations."

"Four years is going to be a lot for my age," Halep, a 32-year-old from Romania who has been No. 1 in the WTA rankings, said in an interview with euronews posted online Friday.

"It's catastrophic if it's going to be four years," she said. "And I don't know how I will handle it."

## Osaka's Return Will Boost Women Tour – Mouratoglou

The women's tour needs superstars and will benefit from former world number one Naomi Osaka's return following a 15-month break, top tennis coach Patrick Mouratoglou said.

The four-times Grand Slam champion last played a WTA tournament at the Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo in late September 2022 and had a daughter, Shai, in July this year.

Osaka will return to action at the Brisbane International, a warm-up event

ahead of the Australian Open, which takes place at Melbourne Park from Jan. 14-28.

"I think it's the best news for women's tennis," Mouratoglou, former coach of Serena Williams, told Eurosport.

"Now you have Coco Gauff and Naomi Osaka, not that there are no others because of course there are many others, but I think those two are super exciting."

"They are superstars, so they're great for the WTA."

The WTA needs superstars. We had so many great years with Serena, Venus (Williams) and Maria Sharapova, who are three really huge stars.

"And I think it draws a lot of attention to women's tennis when you have players like that. So I'm very excited that Naomi comes back. I think she's great."

Mouratoglou tipped Osaka to perform well on her comeback, saying her raw power and aggressive style would help her shake

off any rust.

"She has such a huge game, huge shots. I think having the mindset, the will and the shots, she can really do some damage. She will be ready for the Australian Open. She will just lack matches," the Frenchman added.

"So we'll know quite fast if she's able to be competitive immediately or if she will need a bit more time to become competitive. But I feel she will be competitive straight away."



## Oosthuizen Claims Back-to-back Wins At Mauritius Open

Louis Oosthuizen completed back-to-back wins on the DP World Tour with a two-shot victory at the Mauritius Open on Sunday, overcoming early jitters to card a final round 69 at the new La Reserve Golf Club, a course he helped to design.

The South African last week claimed the Alfred Dunhill Championship at Leopard Creek for his first tournament success in five years, and he repeated the

feat six days later with a 17 under-par score, two ahead of England's Laurie Canter (68, 15 under-par).

Oosthuizen started his final round with a one-shot lead but bogeys on the fourth and fifth holes meant he was two over for the round early on.

But he regained his rhythm and managed six birdies, including on the par-five last hole, to finish in style.

"Coming here it felt like a bit of a home play because I was co-designer on the course, but the last two weeks have been really special and I hope I can repeat it in the future," Oosthuizen said.

"The golf course was fresh and new, but still had its teeth and showed a lot of good holes out there. To get it ready for the tournament was an unbelievable effort by everyone."

A trio of players finished on 14 under-par in joint third, including Swede Sebastian Soderberg, who carded a masterful 63 on Sunday to roar into contention late on.

He started his final round with a bogey, but sank 10 birdies over the next 17 holes.

South African Jacques de Villiers (71) and Daniel Brown (65) from England shared third spot with Soderberg.

# FDI: Tackling Poor Signaling



Poverty and economic hardship have reduced the purchasing power of the people, and demand for non-essential products and services is dwindling

Nigeria faces unprecedented economic uncertainties and desperately needs to "bend the curve" on most economic indices. Even the optimistic people among us struggle with what to hold onto to defend our slide into economic quagmire. This results from several years of economic mismanagement and the devastating global impact of COVID-19.

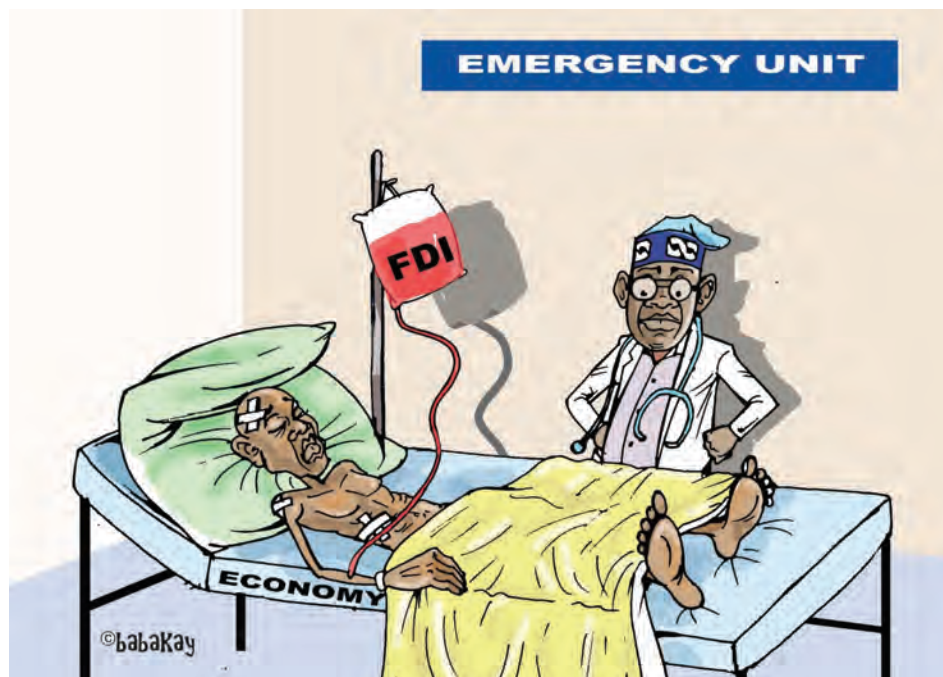
We need urgent economic recovery, and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) flows are fundamental to support such recovery. We must make a great effort to restore and increase capital inflows through FDI; attracting such capital must be a key strategy of this government.

## FDI As Catalyst For Growth

Kofi Annan, the former UN Secretary-General, underscores the importance of FDI when he argues, "Foreign direct investment can be a catalyst for economic growth, job creation, and poverty reduction in developing countries." This administration understands this, and Mr. President is leading the campaign to attract FDI. He is rolling out the red carpet for global investors to come to Nigeria to invest. However, the result of such an effort is yet to manifest, and some may argue that it is too early to appreciate the outcome. But I assume that although the economic propaganda and narrative, the body language of Mr President, and the economic decisions he has made so far are FDI friendly, the signals coming out of Nigeria are counterintuitive to this effort. And we know that in economic perception, signals matter, sometimes even more than reality.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, argues that "FDI is not just about money; it's about creating an environment that fosters innovation, entrepreneurship, and economic prosperity." The message from the Nigerian economic environment is antithetical to our FDI drive narrative and calls for capital inflow. We have yet to create an environment that fosters innovation, enterprise, and productivity. This is the anchor for FDI.

To be fair to the BAT government, it has taken some measures to boost foreign investment, including tax reforms at its formative stage, repealing laws that allowed retrospective taxation, overhauling the foreign



exchange regime, clearing all FX deficits, and offering incentives.

## Poor Signals As Deterrent

These signals, albeit substantial, are poor compared to the competing negative signals emanating from our political economy that global capitalists pay very close attention to. International capital investments are not products of whimsical and serendipitous decisions. They are based on analysing short- and long-term economic facts and realities. No amount of window dressing of the fundamentals would convince foreign investors to come to Nigeria unless core economic facts back our rhetoric. What strong signals are we emitting?

Our business environment has become so toxic in recent times that we are not retaining FDIs that came in the past. Global manufacturing conglomerates and oil multinational companies are quickly moving out of Nigeria and are not replaced by new ones (Not a peculiarly Nigerian problem, though: Kenya and Ghana – but particularly the former – are facing similar problems!). Nigeria is the second most indebted country to foreign airlines because of non-repatriation of earnings.

Our foreign exchange regime is still weak, and the value of the Naira is collapsing like a pack of cards. Imagine an investor brought in \$1m at the rate of N500 per dollar (N500,000,000)

at the beginning of this year and by the end of the year makes a 20% profit (N100,000,000). If the exchange rate now is N1000 per dollar, the total value of his investment will shrink by 40% (\$600k against the original \$1m invested). This volatility will scare most would-be investors, especially investors focusing on the short run. Even at that, the investor is likely to struggle to get FX to repatriate profit or sometimes even import raw materials.

Poverty and economic hardship have reduced the purchasing power of the people, and demand for non-essential products and services is dwindling. Our micro and macroeconomic environment is harsh and has thrown some erstwhile middle-class Nigerians across the poverty lines. There is no gainsaying; we are the world's poverty capital, and we have accepted our fate, and nothing measurable has been done about it.

High inflation and high interest rates are combined to stifle business. We are and have remained a mono-product economy. Nigeria has historically been heavily dependent on oil exports. The lack of diversification in the economy makes it vulnerable to fluctuations in oil prices, affecting investor confidence.

Politically, we have made some democratic gains, but we

The paradox is that the high youth population is now a curse rather than a blessing. We have a dearth of highly educated and skilled youths, yet many have "japaed" or are planning to do so. can hamper business operations

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other unnecessary interference impede business confidence.

Besides, the state of infrastructure in Nigeria, including transportation, energy, and telecommunications, is disturbing and anti-investment. Infrastructural development is the backbone of business, and investors may hesitate to invest in a country where inadequate infrastructure can hamper business operations.

The level of insecurity is alarming. Some regions in Nigeria have experienced security challenges, including incidents related to terrorism, secessionist agitations, civil unrest, kidnapping, high-level criminality, and general low-level insecurity. These concerns impact the perceived safety of investments and lead investors to consider more stable environments.

## Let's Go Back To Basics

All these signals mentioned above are powerful and are dousing the poor signals this administration's effort is putting out. So, we must go back to basics. Addressing these challenges and implementing reforms in governance, infrastructure, and the business environment can help improve Nigeria's attractiveness to foreign investors.

The Nigerian government has recognised these issues and has been working on initiatives to promote economic reforms and improve the investment climate. The situation can evolve, and ongoing efforts to address these challenges may positively impact FDI. Let's continue with the hardcore reforms that will improve our economic outlook in the medium to long term. The sacrifices we make now will reward our posterity.

Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director General of WTO, argues that, "FDI is not just about capital inflow; it's about knowledge transfer, technology sharing, and building sustainable partnerships." We must explore options beyond capital flow and look at knowledge, technology, and skill flows.

In our globalised world, attracting foreign direct investment is essential for the competitiveness and development of any nation. Foreign direct investment is a vote of confidence in a country's future economic potential. Therefore, prosperous countries can attract and retain foreign direct investment by providing a stable and business-friendly environment.

## GHANA MUST GO

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