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15.9m Students Spend N159bn On Mobile Data Monthly

BY ROYAL IBEH, ABIODUN

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AND OLAWUNMI AKINTAYO, Lagos

secondary schools and undergraduates in various Nigeria's higher institutions are spending an estimated N159 billion cumulatively on mobile phone data monthly,

LEADERSHIP checks have shown. According to available data, there are an average of 13.9million students in public and private senior secondary schools nationwide and

another two million undergraduates scattered across the nation's higher institutions.

Many of the students that LEADERSHIP spoke to admit

that they now spend an average of N10,000 per month on data as a result of the current high level of data depletion experienced across

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Residents of Niger State protesting the high cost of living in Minna, the state capital, yesterday.

TRENDING

The residents of Minna, the Niger State capital, have flooded the streets to protest the rising cost of food and living in the state. The protesters, in large numbers, blocked the Minna-Bida Road at the popular Kpakungu roundabout as early as 7 am on Monday.

NUMBERS:

146 BILLION
The Minister of Works, David Umahi, has disclosed that N146bn is required for the repairs of Marina shorelines.

NIGERIANS IN DIASPORA: SOPE ALUKO
Sope Aluko is a Nigerian-born British-American actress.

HISTORY TODAY

On this day 6 of February 1952, Elizabeth II became Queen of the United Kingdom and her other Realms and Territories and Head of the Commonwealth upon the death of her father, George VI.

SCHOOL CHILDREN IN CAPTIVITY
BETHEL BAPTIST HIGH SCHOOL, KUJAMA'S kidnapped students have spent 1,013 days in captivity.



PHOTO OF THE DAY

CELEBRATING CHINESE NEW YEAR THE NIGERIAN WAY

National Youth Service Corps Cultural troupe, performing, during the 2024 Chinese New Year Temple Fair at the Chinese Cultural Centre in Abuja.

BACK STORY OF THE DAY

BY ISAIAH BENJAMIN, Kaduna.

The cost of living in the country has sky rocketed ridiculously amid removal of fuel subsidy and the federal government remains mute on how Nigerians survive daily. Last year saw distribution of palliatives that in some states never got to the recipients.

President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's administration assured Nigerians of making life better, but the average Nigerian is still suffering. This harsh reality has made a mother attempt to sell her children and a young lady take

Nigerians Cry Out Over Ridiculous Food Prices

her own life, not to mention others. When will the federal government wake up?

Kaduna residents share their views and hope the federal government is listening as transportation costs, school fees among other necessities is causing pain for families amidst insecurity.

A class teacher, Mrs Dorathy Josiah, told me, that the cost of food is now unimaginable. "Even local rice is no longer affordable for the poor, maize has equally gone high, not to talk of other items," she laments.

"Today, a mudu of local rice goes for as much as N1300-1400 while the foreign goes for as much as N1700-1800 per mudu,



maize is between 800-1000 per mudu. Even, a carton of Indomie now is almost N9000. The situation is bad and government needs to genuinely intervene with the view to reducing the pains of the poor in the society because today some persons only feed once in a day or at most twice and in most cases not balanced diets" she explained.

A vulcaniser, Mr Jacob Ibrahim told me, "Today, in view of the prices of food stuffs which goes up every now and then, you will almost be tempted to feel that your wife is cheating on you with the money you give her to buy things for the house. "This is due to prices fluctuating on the high side almost every day. It is more unfortunate

that even the palliatives, we have not seen it, and am sure when available, it will be shared among family and friends," he said.

A petty trader and citizen of Kaduna State, Hajiya Amina Zubairu notes that the raging insecurity has also contributed to the high cost of food, because farmers for fear of the unknown cannot freely go to their farms and in most cases those that do normally do so at a high cost.

She further added that eating these days is more for survival than what you want. said while corroborating that " eating this days is what you can afford and not what you want."

Maimuna's Memoir
Revamping Work Ethics

The Scourge Of The ATM: A Reluctant Machine



The ATM only sputtered out the currencies half way.



Then again there are instances when the ATM gives you the money required and you may find many old and tattered notes and wonder how a machine can give

you such money!! In fact eh some of these atrocious notes are even hidden in between other good notes so as not to be quickly detected. Haba! That's not all, an even more recent occurrence was one where the person went to make use of one of the ATM's in town and after he had punched in the necessary information and the amount he wanted to withdraw the ATM only sputtered out the currencies half way. Half of the money was out and the other half of the money was stuck in the machine!!

Maimuna's Memoir is an original work of fiction by LEADERSHIP to encourage and support work ethics.

SEVEN TIPS : ON WAYS TO STORE FOOD AT HOME

Here are some ways to store and prevent wastage of food at home.

STORE THE OLDEST FOODS IN FRONT

Place already opened or older food items in the front of the fridge. By seeing what you have, you can incorporate the foods into a meal or a snack and prioritize eating them before they go bad.

FREEZE IT WHILE ITS RIPE

Put the right food in the freezer! If you aren't ready to cook with it yet it is better to save it for later than throw it away and waste the money.

KNOW YOUR LABELS

"Best-By" refers to date of the peak taste of food, but does not refer to the expiration. "Use-By" refers to the ideal freshness of the food, but does not refer to the expiration either. Always use your senses to tell if a food has gone bad.

STORE THE RIGHT FOODS APART

Some foods will produce ethylene gas as they ripen. It's a natural process that may cause other foods around it sensitive to ethylene to ripen even faster! If the foods stored together on your counter seem to be going bad too quickly, this may be the cause.



TREAT HERBS LIKE FLOWERS

By storing cooking herbs upright in a cup of water you can extend the time that they stay fresh. Cut the end of the stem, cover the tops of them with foil or wrap if needed, and they will be fresh until you need to use them.

WASH PRODUCE AS YOU GO

Instead of soaking the entire container of blueberries, wash only the amount you intend on immediately eating. By washing them and putting the container back you are creating conditions for mold to grow faster.

NOT EVERYTHING NEEDS TO BE REFRIGERATED

Avocados, citrus, bananas, pears, onions and tomatoes can all be stored at room temperature or in a cool pantry.

Culled From: <https://www.wedontwaste.org/10-best-ways-to-improve-your-food-storage-at-home/>

INBOX

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our stand

Make Passport Process Seamless

The Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) recently launched the automated passport application process to ease the acquisition of the document by Nigerians. The NIS said the launch followed a live demonstration session hosted by the Minister of Interior, Olubunmi Tunji-Ojo, during which the functionality of the new system to stakeholders from across the country was unveiled in Abuja.

However, the overhaul of the application system seems to be creating unintended problems that have left citizens frustrated and stranded. It is important, in our view, to commend the new minister of Interior in his determination to ease the process of passport acquisition. That attempt to modernise and enhance security of both the process and the document is creating a bureaucratic nightmare that demands an immediate intervention by the authorities.

We recall that the minister had made it a point of duty to ensure that the passport processing is seamless and digitized. To actualise that, he pegged the timeline for the processing of passport applications to two weeks. He even claimed that as of October 1, all the 204,332 passport backlogs had been cleared.

Sadly, we dare to point out, the new rules for renewing passports may have gone from lax to rigid overnight, stranding thousands of Nigerians abroad and at home. This is an indication that it may take awhile for the minister, in spite of his effort, to dismantle the human factor that had been the bane of the exercise of applying for and acquiring international passport over the years.

It is instructive to note that applicants are now required to provide identification letters from local governments which were previously only needed for first-time applicants. The increased red tape serves little purpose except to frustrate Nigerians who simply want to travel.

Much as we consider as noble government's aim to enhance security and protect data, we also note that the reintroduction of paperwork, especially those that were once waived, helps no one. We are of the opinion that compelling the elderly or infants to obtain reference letters ought to be revisited. Imposing arbitrary requirements, in our considered opinion, only fuels disorder and corruption as desperate citizens look for shortcuts.

Given Nigeria's insecurity, traveling to one's hometown to obtain these letters also exposes applicants to avoidable risks. For instance, someone who lives in Lagos but is from Borno state and cannot afford flight, traveling all the way to one's hometown by road comes with its own challenges.

Equally mismanaged, in our view, is the covert hike in passport fees. The fee for a five-year passport has been increased by N10,000, from N25,000

to N35,000, which has not been made public. Applicants discover the increase only at the counter. This duplicity has incensed Nigerians who expect transparency, not trickery, from public agencies.

In our opinion, the slew of new rules accompanying the passport system's automation seems designed to satisfy bureaucratic ideals, not serve the public good. Efficiency and convenience, which are supposed to be the intended benefits of modernization, are absent. Instead, passport offices stand idle under the weight of flawless policies that do nothing but slow issuance to a crawl.

The presumably noble goals of security and data integrity cannot justify erecting barriers against the very people meant to benefit from the exercise. What Nigerians desire is nuanced policy attuned to ground realities.

It is, therefore, necessary to urge the government to

immediately reassess its passport overhaul, increase transparency by announcing updated fees, and relax needless documentation rules. We make bold to suggest that automation should simplify, not complicate the process. We urge the authorities to deploy technology to reduce processing times, not erect barriers even as they set licensing requirements that balance oversight with individual needs.

The situation at the passport offices also highlights the value of public-private partnerships. It is pertinent for the country to study passport reforms in countries like Canada that successfully outsourced issuance to efficient private managers.

The profit incentive delivered both security and faster service, addressing the needs of citizens and state. Hybrid models with judicious privatization of non-sensitive functions could significantly improve Nigeria's system. In recommending this alternative, we are not unmindful of the inherent difficulties that could defeat the purpose. What is required, in this instance, is a minute supervision regimen to ensure that the public is served optimally.

Nigeria, we insist, deserves 21st-century travel documents befitting its status as Africa's largest economy. This means an efficient, convenient, and secure passport regime. Citizens should feel served, not obstructed, by public agencies. Only by aligning policy with practical realities can Nigeria achieve its aim of frictionless, tech-enabled travel documents.

The seeming passport fiasco shows that poor planning could create problems rather than solve them. Nigeria must go back to the drawing board, align policy with practical realities to achieve frictionless, tech-enabled passports.

The government's duty, it needs restating, is to facilitate, not frustrate, the free movement of its citizens. We appeal for an immediate revision of the passport processes. Only then can the exercise fulfill its purpose of enabling safe and efficient travel for all.

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In West Africa ... Food Cheapest In Nigeria Despite Complaints – *Governors*

BY SUNDAY ISUWA, ADEGWU JOHN, Abuja, ABU NMODU, Minna AND ABDULMUMIN MURTALA, Kano

Amidst the cost of living crisis caused by persistent increase in the prices of goods and services, the chairman of Nigeria Governors' Forum and governor of Kwara State, Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq, has declared that food in Nigeria remains the most affordable in West Africa.

The governor said that despite challenges, Nigeria maintains a competitive edge in food affordability compared to its neighbouring countries.

This is as residents of Minna, the Niger State capital, took to the streets yesterday to protest the high cost of living, carrying various placards saying they were hungry and the authorities were aloof.

The Governors' Forum chairman Abdulrazaq, who made this comment in Abuja when he led Governors Agbu Kefas of Taraba State, Lucky Aiyedatiwa of Ondo State, and Usman Ododo of Kogi State to visit the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, revealed neighbouring countries rely on Nigerian agricultural produce for trade.

The visit was part of the ongoing collaborative efforts between the federal and state governments in order to ensure smooth implementation of the second phase of the 2023-2024 dry-season farming.

The governor urged the federal government to transfer the responsibility of any agricultural programmes domiciled in the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security.

The governor said that the previous agricultural programmes under the CBN was not effective and did not meet the expectations.

He also said that Nigeria had the potential to become a major food exporter in West Africa, as the devaluation of the Naira had made food cheaper in the country despite systemic challenges.

He expressed the interest of the governors in joining the second phase of the dry-season farming programme to improve agricultural output and food security.

While he acknowledged the federal government's support, he called for concerted efforts to elevate agriculture, including farmer education, to optimise yields per hectare.

He said, "What I've also noticed is that in West Africa, food in Nigeria is the cheapest in West Africa and our neighbours are using our food to trade.

"What you're having now is that because of the devaluation of our Naira, food is the cheapest in West Africa despite the complaints from my system.

"What we need to do to mitigate



that is to ramp up our production into high yields to make sure we feed West Africa; that's our intention: feed ourselves 100 percent and export food to the world. That is the goal which we must achieve."

According to him, the ministry of agriculture is the right ministry to handle agricultural programmes.

"It should be a one-stop shop and the previous programme domiciled in the central bank was a bit challenging and we could not achieve what we wanted to achieve. That's part of the reason we're here today.

"The issue of food security is paramount and we need to concentrate on what we're doing and take advantage of the dry-season farming."

Earlier, the minister of agriculture and food security, Abubakar Kyari rolled out adjusted guidelines for the smooth implementation of the forthcoming second phase of the dry-season farming.

The minister said that the move was necessary to address challenges encountered during the first phase after detailed and careful stakeholders' evaluation of some of the glitches that characterized that phase.

"Among the readiness criteria that we would like to reiterate for this phase are that the land is prepared and available for immediate cultivation; that the irrigable lands are allotted or owned by verifiable genuine farmers; and that the state is participating to the last mile of the entire chain", the minister said.

Protest Rocks Niger 3 Days After Kano

Frustrated by high cost of living, some women, who were later joined by some youths, took to the streets and blocked the Kpagungu axis of Minna-Bida Road in the Niger State capital city, protesting the situation.

LEADERSHIP observed that as early as 6:30am the women were already gathered around the centenary roundabout at Kpagungu before they were joined by some

youths.

The women were carrying placards with the inscription "No food, we are dying of hunger", while demanding for a better condition of living and reduction in cost of living.

They alleged that political officeholders were insensitive to their plight as they can hardly get one square meal.

The protesters caused traffic gridlock on the ever busy Minna-Bida Road, which is a link road to the South-Western part of the country from the North-Central and North West.

LEADERSHIP observed that policemen fired teargas canisters to disperse the protesters.

Meanwhile Niger State Governor Mohammed Umaru Bago has issued an Executive Order to curb food speculators who were allegedly responsible for protests in Minna.

He attributed the hunger protest that rocked Minna to the activities of food speculators who are mopping up food stuff from local markets and making it scarce and costly for people to buy.

The governor told journalists that the protesters acted on intelligence that some trucks loaded with food and heading towards Abuja for storage would be passing through the route.

Consequently, he alleged, some unidentified hoodlums mobilised women and youths to block the road and hijack some trucks carrying foodstuff, but the timely intervention of security agencies made their plans unachievable.

He disclosed that similar attempts were made on other trucks conveying foodstuff from Mokwa and Lapai local government areas of the state before security agencies stepped in to maintain order.

He said: "I have decided to issue an executive order effective today to stop food speculators from invading our local markets with a view of mopping up farm produce.

"By this order any truck found in any rural market coming to load food supplies in bulk will

be confiscated and the produce auctioned immediately until further notice."

Three days ago, hundreds of producers of local bread, popularly known as Gurasa, had protested the rise in the price of flour in the country, saying it is threatening their business.

The producers, mostly women, took to the streets in the ancient city of Kano on Friday to express their anger over the incessant rise in the price of flour.

The local bread that sold for a little less than N100 a few months back, now sells for not less than N200.

Leading the protest, Hajiya Fatima Awwal, the leader of Gurasa Bakers Association of Kano, said the rise in price of flour was threatening a closure of their clusters of micro industry, a situation that will not only worsen hunger, but also increase unemployment.

She explained that in the past they bought a bag flour at the rate of N16,000, but currently sells for N43,000.

"We are out here on the streets protesting to let the leaders know the deteriorating situation in which we are at the moment.

"This our small-scale business is facing deterioration due to the rise in price of flour. It is a business for the poor that the rich cannot dare venture into.

"We are in a very difficult situation, we need help. This is a small-scale industry mostly run by women. Life is becoming more difficult; we can hardly feed or send our children to school due to this hardship.

"Many have lost their capital. It is such that only 25 percent of us are now remaining in the business as many others have closed down due to lack of capital.

"We are calling on the authorities and those concerned to look into this matter because we are running out of business and it is affecting our families."

Seek Help, LP Tells Tinubu

Meanwhile, the Labour Party (LP) has said it is deeply concerned about the increasing cost of living in Nigeria and advised President Bola Ahmed Tinubu to seek help in how to manage the situation.

According to LP, millions of Nigerians are battling with the crisis of food shortage and high cost since the turn of the year.

A statement issued by national publicity secretary of the LP, Obiora Ifoh, referenced yesterday's protest by residents of Minna, the capital of Niger State, who blocked the main roads in the city to protest the high cost of living.

It said, "Women and young people among the demonstrators were heard shouting protest songs while accusing the government of insensibility and inadequate responses.

"As of today, essential commodities such as rice, flour, garri, and protein have witnessed exponential increase in prices since January. For instance, a carton of Indomie noodles now sells for N10,000, a 50kg bag of sugar is now selling at N73,000 as against N62,000 sold in early January. A bag of cement now sells upward of N7000 against N5500, a bag of rice is rising above N70,000, while a kg of meat now sells for N4000, amongst others," LP said, adding that the party was aware that the organised labour and the government had been in a long protracted dialogue on a possible salary increase for civil servants.

"There is an air of despondency across the nation. The immediate fallout of this situation is increasing crime particularly among the youths who are desperate to remain alive; incidences of suicide are in upswing. It has now become a familiar scene for people to jump into the Lagoon, hang themselves or take lethal substances.

"It is either that the government is bereft of ideas on how to check this unfolding catastrophe or that it choose to continue to act as if it is still campaigning for office. This is no time for politics."

The LP statement recalled that the Tinubu administration had promised Nigerians that by removing fuel subsidy, the economy would be revamped.

It lamented the continuous fall in the value of the naira against the US dollar and expressed concern that the situation is now unsolvable.

The party went on: "We have always said it, that the hasty manner with which President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, who was obviously basking in the euphoria of his swearing-in, announced the subsidy removal by fiat, his action was not taken through the rigours of consultations and planning. We knew this would lead us into economic trouble. Our leader, Mr. Peter Obi, and our party gave words of caution but we were called names," the statement added.



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EFCC Arrests Pastor Over Alleged N1.3bn Fake Grants

BY EJIKE EJIKE, Abuja

Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) has arrested the general overseer of Faith On The Rock Ministry International, Apostle Theophilus Oloche Ebonyi, for defrauding church members and other Nigerians using fake grants from the Ford Foundation to the tune of N1, 319,040,274.31.

EFCC spokesperson, Dele Oyewale said in a statement that Ebonyi, was arrested for defrauding his victims, comprising non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and individuals by advertising an intervention project through his NGO (Theobarth Global Foundation), claiming that the Ford Foundation was offering a grant of \$20,000, 000. 000 to assist the less-privileged in the society.

Ebonyi is still reportedly reaching his subscribers on some social media platforms to market his spurious grant from Ford Foundation.

Institute Lauds Burna Boy Over Performance At Grammy Award

BY AFFA ACHO, Abuja

Executive secretary/chief executive officer (CEO) of the National Institute for Cultural Orientation (NICO), Otunba Biodun Ajiboye, has commended the artistic performance of Burna Boy at the 66th edition of the Recording Academy Grammy Awards held in Los Angeles, California, USA on Sunday.

The Grammy winning sensation, who is the first Nigerian artist to perform at the main ceremony of the Grammy Awards, raised global consciousness that has brought recognition to Nigerian culture with the hit song "Sitting on top of the World".

Extolling Burna Boy's performance which featured legendary artists Brandy and 21 Savage, Ajiboye said it was indeed a stamp of authority on African culture and Nigeria in particular that will see a perfect recognition of our culture.



L-R: Minister of budget and national planning, Sen. Abubakar Bagudu; minister of state for health and social welfare, Dr Tunji Alausa, and wife of the former governor of Kebi State, Dr Zainab Shinkafi-Bagudu, during a world Cancer Day Symposium in Abuja, yesterday.

Protest Hits Senegal Over Election Delay

Mobile internet services have been temporarily cut in Senegal following protests over the indefinite postponement of presidential election announced by President Macky Sall.

Elections earlier scheduled for February 25 were shifted by Sall citing a dispute with the candidates list.

Sall said he signed a decree abolishing a November 2023 measure that had the original election date. The announcement comes after the Constitutional Council

last month excluded some prominent opposition members from the list of candidates.

The government announced the internet cut yesterday, a day after hundreds protested President Macky Sall's postponement of the presidential election.

The government through communication minister, Moussa Bocar Thiam, said it cut the internet because of "hateful and subversive messages

relayed on social networks in a context of threats of disturbances to public order".

It comes a day after Senegalese took a private television channel off air, accusing it of inciting violence in its coverage of the protests.

Amnesty International has denounced the decision and called on the Senegalese authorities to "respect freedom of the press and the rights of the citizens to be informed".

Lawmakers have mulled the idea to

shift the presidential vote on 25 August and keep President Sall in power until his successor is installed.

Former prime minister and opposition candidate Aminata Touré, who was arrested during the Sunday protest, confirmed in an online post that she's been released.

There are fears that Macky Sall postponed the election in order to pave the way for his chosen candidate as opposition were set to grab power.

Mining: Nigeria To Attract \$20bn Investment From UK, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, China

BY SAMSON ELIJAH, Abuja

Investors in the solid minerals sector have indicated interest in coming to Nigeria to invest \$20billion in the sector in order to boost the nation's economy.

Addressing newsmen yesterday in Abuja, the chief executive officer of a mining company, Daroo Nigerian Limited, and also the Nigerian partner and representative, Alhaji Mohammed Abba Liman, made the revelation.

He said they are interested in lithium, lead, gold, and other precious gems' production and their entire value chains.

Liman further described the ongoing implementation of the solid minerals sector development roadmap by the present administration as "a long term strategic vision".

"Partners who have indicated

concrete interest are coming from the United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, China and France," he said.

He further stated that Daroo Nigerian Limited is collaborating with Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Industry and Solid Minerals Resources through Saudi Gold Refinery Company Ltd in Riyadh.

He said the Saudi authorities have reaffirmed that all Nigerian miners that are interested in partnership should get the approval of Nigeria's Federal Ministry of Solid Minerals Development for onward submission and consideration in Riyadh.

Liman said the sudden investors' interest was part of the fallout of the 2024 Future Minerals Forum (FMF) hosted by the Saudi Arabia December last year in which Nigeria's minister of solid minerals development, Dr Dele

Alake, led the Nigerian delegates and made an impressive presentation and made Nigeria proud.

"The development was as a result of how the minister of solid minerals development, Dr. Dele Alake, with the express support of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, has taken proactive and revolutionary steps and opened up the sector for macro-economic investments and business activities to thrive.

"This is in line with the economic blueprint of diversification by the Tinubu administration and the Minister of Solid Minerals Development, Dr. Dele Alake, is a frontliner in the drive towards achieving this ambitious economic agenda," he said.

Liman said they are excited about the new policy direction of the country in the sector and find it suitable and

comfortable to bring their money and put it where their mouths are.

He further stated that the Nigerian economy will soon witness a big boost via the solid minerals sector development with its billions of dollars value chain.

"It is high time we redirected our national economic and revenue policy priority from oil to the solid minerals sector development through strategic investment, which is exactly what the present Tinubu administration is doing.

"Currently, all of us who are stakeholders in the sector are very happy at what is happening and are ready to work with and support this government all the way towards actualizing the aims and objectives of the ongoing economic diversification," he said.

Blinken Begins 5th Middle East Trip After Strikes Against Houthis

BY INNOCENT ODOH, Abuja

United States (US) Secretary of State Antony Blinken has embarked on his fifth trip to the Middle East after his country and allies carried out strikes against Houthis in Yemen and damaged infrastructure of the rebels.

The US top diplomat landed in Saudi Arabia yesterday as part of his diplomatic shuttle following the war between Israel and Hamas in Gaza, triggered by the October 7, 2023 attacks perpetrated by Hamas

against Israeli citizens in which 1200 were killed and over 200 abducted.

Israel in retaliation is waging a ferocious war against Hamas in Gaza and this is threatening to escalate the crisis in the Middle East as Houthis and other militants including Hezbollah in Lebanon have vowed to attack Israel.

The Houthi rebels had escalated attacks on ships in the Red Sea, claiming it is in retaliation to the US and allies who support Israel, adding that some of the ships were

linked to Israel. The Houthis have attacked with drones and caused significant damage to US vessels.

Just a week ago, militants killed three US troops in a drone attack at their base in Jordan and Washington has accused Iran of being the mastermind.

But Iran said the accusations it was involved are "baseless". The Islamic Resistance in Iraq, an Iran-backed militia, claimed responsibility for killing the US soldiers.

The US is leading a coalition of

12 countries against the Houthis and on Monday its military struck a land-attack cruise missile and four anti-ship missiles that "were prepared to launch against ships in the Red Sea."

United Kingdom (UK) Defence Secretary Grant Shapps said his country "will not hesitate" to repeat if necessary.

The Iran-backed Yemeni Houthis have faced a barrage of retaliatory attacks by the US and more attacks are being planned in the coming days.

15.9m Students Spend N159bn On Mobile Data Monthly

FROM COVER

the four major telecom companies in the country.

This amounts to 15.9 million students who spent about N159 billion, translating to an average of N10,000 per student monthly on mobile data, LEADERSHIP findings revealed.

Further investigations revealed that the virtual teaching and learning now being adopted by some secondary schools, universities, polytechnics and other higher institutions had further increased data consumption

of students post-Covid-19.

This is in addition to the contents consumed by these same students on social media, especially, on YouTube, TikTok, Facebook and twitter, among others.

Some, especially, final year students spend huge amounts of data on research for their graduation projects.

To this end, the students would be spending N1.908 trillion over a period of twelve months in a year, thereby, allowing the major mobile telecommunications networks, especially, MTN, Glo, Airtel and

9mobile, accrue a lot of profit from data consumption in the country.

Hence, Nigerian undergraduates have lamented the huge amount of funds they spend on data monthly, saying they are not getting value for money and are suspecting foul play by mobile telecommunications networks.

Therefore, they have called on the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) to investigate reasons behind the recent data depletion.

Data Depletion, which occurs when a subscriber exhausts his

or her data bundle before the expiration date, or when more than volume is utilised for accessing online content greater than what the subscriber believes it should be, or what it ought to be, has been a major issue in the telecom industry, with Nigerians voicing their frustration in recent times.

For instance, a student from Lagos State University (LASU), Prosper Adegun, said he spends between N8,000 to N10,000 on data monthly.

"That is more than what I spend on feeding, on a monthly basis. No

doubt, data is life, but the rate at which data is depleting is alarming. I will be glad if the NCC can do something about it," Adegun said.

Oladipupo Ramadan, a 200-level student of LASU, said: "A few years ago, I wasn't able to exhaust 2GB in a month, but right now, 6GB is not enough for me. I keep wondering what is happening to my data. If data is something I could do without, I would have joyfully ignored it, as it is consuming my money. Sadly, it has become a necessity for all of us."

CSOs To EFCC: Name Those Laundering Money For Terrorists

BY SUNDAY ISUWA, Abuja

Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) have asked the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) to disclose the identity of the religious sect that is laundering money for terrorists.

The CSOs said if the EFCC had done its investigation and identified the religious sect, then there was no need to hide its identity.

LEADERSHIP reports that during the administration of President Muhammadu Buhari, the attorney general of the federation and the minister of justice, Abubakar Malami, had announced that the government will release the names of influential Nigerians sponsor-

ing terrorists.

However, it never named the terrorists' sponsors despite the terrorist activities expanding.

There have been recent calls on President Bola Ahmed Tinubu to name the sponsors of terrorism in Nigeria, with the allegations that a former chief of army staff, Lt Gen Ibrahim Attahiru, was eliminated because of his stand against terrorists and their sponsors.

On Wednesday last week, the chairman of the EFCC, Ola Olu-koyede, said the agency had uncovered a religious sect in the country that laundered money for terrorists.

This comment by the EFCC boss has brought a lot of reactions

in the country, with the CSOs saying that the identities of such groups and their sponsors should be exposed.

The CSOs who spoke to LEADERSHIP are: Transparency International (TI), the Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC), and the Transition Monitoring Group (TMG).

Speaking through their leader, Awwal Musa Rafsanjani, the CSOs said that since Nigerians have been calling for the naming and prosecution of terrorists' sponsors, the EFCC should name the religious sect that is laundering money for terrorists.

"We have been calling on the government not to hide the names

of people sponsoring terrorism in Nigeria. Making statements without solutions is not good.

"The EFCC has done their investigations concerning the religious sect that is laundering money for the terrorists. The commission should name it," Rafsanjani said.

According to him, the issue of terrorism and terrorists' sponsors should not be taken lightly, insisting that terrorists' sponsors must be named.

"If the fight against terrorism must succeed, terrorists' sponsors must be named and prosecuted. The EFCC should make the religious sect that is laundering money for the terrorists," the CSOs added.

Bukar Ibrahim Buried In Mecca

BY HUSSAINI JIRGI, Damaturu, NAJIB SANI, Gombe And GODWIN ENNA, Katsina

The remains of former Yobe State governor, Senator Bukar Abba Ibrahim, were laid to rest yesterday in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

Bukar died on Sunday in Saudi Arabia at the age of 73 following an illness, and was buried there after his funeral prayer led by the Saudi Arabian imams.

LEADERSHIP gathered that the burial rites were held at the Grand Mosque, Masjid Al Haram, after the dawn prayers.

In a press statement signed and issued by Yusuf Ali, Senior Special Assistant, Communications and Strategy to Governor Hon Mai Mala Buni, the funeral prayers took place twice after the Fajr prayers.

Yusuf called on the people of Yobe

State, both Muslims and Christians, to offer prayers for the eternal repose of the late senator's soul.

He said the late Bukar Abba's death is not only a loss to Yobe but to Nigeria as a whole, as he was a key figure in the country's political landscape for many years.

Kwara State governor and chairman of the Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF), AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, has commiserated with the government and people of Yobe State on the death of former Governor Bukar Abba Ibrahim.

The governor, in a statement signed by his chief press secretary, Rafiu Ajakaye, said the death of the elder statesman represents a huge void in the ranks of people with vast and multilayered leadership experiences who truly love the country.

"Senator Buka Abba Ibrahim was not just a political force in the North

East but he was also an inspirational and great figure with a large following that is anchored on the goodwill from his service to the people," NGF chairman AbdulRazaq said.

He asked Allah to grant Senator Buka Abba Ibrahim Al-Jannah Firdaus and give comfort to his family and everyone who mourns him.

Similarly, the chairman of Northern States Governors' Forum and Gombe State governor Inuwa Yahaya has expressed deep sorrow at the demise of the first civilian governor of Yobe State Bukar Abba Ibrahim.

Inuwa, in a statement issued by his media aide, Isma'ila Uba Misilli yesterday, on behalf of the 19 Northern governors, extended his heartfelt condolences to Governor Mai Mala Buni, government and people of Yobe State, as well as the family and associates of the late politician.

He said the news of the senator's demise came as a profound shock and a great loss to the entire Northern region and Nigeria as a whole.

"His legacy of service and contributions will endure in the hearts of not only the people of Yobe State, but Nigerians as a whole," he said.

Governor Dikko Umaru Radda of Katsina State also expressed his heartfelt condolences to the government and people of Yobe State over the demise of Bukar Abba Ibrahim.

The former two-term governor of the state died at the weekend at a Saudi-German Hospital in Makkah, Saudi Arabia.

The deceased governed Yobe from January 1992 to November 1993 during the Third Republic. He was re-elected and sworn in on 29 May, 1999 and served for two terms under the All Nigeria People's Party (ANPP).

Opposition Parties Instigating Mass Protests To Undermine Our Govt – APC

BY JAMES KWEN, Abuja

In its ardent desperation to portray the All Progressives Congress (APC)-led administration as under-performing, opposition parties have resorted to instigating unsuspecting young people to protests in the streets of some major cities, the party's national publicity secretary, Felix Morka said.

According to him, the protests in Minna and Kano earlier on Monday were the manifestation of this devi-

ous and unpatriotic plot.

Morka in a statement said, that the protests happened simultaneously in both cities is not coincidental, adding that it bears a bold stamp of an orchestrated and coordinated effort to instigate unrest and undermine the government.

The APC Spokesperson said, that mercenary opposition tactic is a clear and present threat to public peace and national security.

"While we recognize the right of

citizens to engage in peaceful protest, we urge our good people to be vigilant and not lend themselves to the treacherous attempt by the opposition to promote social strife by its incendiary rhetoric and manipulative plots.

"The President Bola Tinubu-led administration is solidly committed to doing everything in its power to mitigate the transient pains of critically important reforms that are crucial to economic recovery and sustainable prosperity for all Nigerians.

"It behoves us as good citizens of our beloved country to stand fast with our government in this noble stride. In due time, these policy reforms will yield enduring beneficial transformation of the material conditions of life in the country, Morka stated.

He implored Nigerians to shun the guile and unpatriotic attempt by opposition elements to destabilise the country for their own base and parochial political gains.

BRIEFLY

Pharmacists Blame High Cost Of Drugs On Diesel, Forex

BY PATIENCE IVIE IHEJIRIKA AND ROYAL IBEH

Association of Industrial Pharmacists of Nigeria (NAIP) has attributed the increased prices of drugs in the country to the high cost of diesel and forex.

This is even as the association has voiced grave concern over the detrimental implications of the current economic climate on the country's import and manufacturing of pharmaceuticals.

NAIP chairman, Kenneth Onuegbu, in an interview with LEADERSHIP, hinted that if the government did not move to address these two pressing problems - the high price of fuel and the lack of foreign exchange - Nigerian pharmaceutical companies may find it more difficult to supply essential drugs at affordable rates.

Outlining the key challenges faced by the pharmaceutical sector, Onuegbu said, "We have insecurity issues, and how to get the medication from the point of production to the final consumer is another challenge that we have not been able to solve. To access forex is a big challenge. The process can take a year to get the CBN-subsidised rate, hence, we resort to the black market. We buy dollars at the rate of N1,300.00 which automatically affects production.

"If we don't do something about it, there is going to be a scarcity of essential medicines. We must call for the domestication of medications to reduce the production cost."

He further pointed out that the environment is over-regulated.

"Our regulations ought to have a Nigeria face; we cannot be promoting local production when you are making it difficult for them to start.

"Government needs to tackle insecurity, epileptic power supply, forex and a host of others if they really want pharmaceutical companies to survive in this country," he said.

Also, the president, Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN), Prof. Cyril Usifoh, told LEADERSHIP that it was extremely crucial that Nigeria produce its Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) used in the production of drugs, to cut down the cost of drugs.



STANBIC IBTC HOLDINGS PLC

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Consolidated and separate annual statements of profit or loss and comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Group						Company			
	3 months 31-Dec-23 N'million	12 months 31-Dec-23 N'million	Restated 3 months 31-Dec-22 N'million	Restated 12 months 31-Dec-22 N'million	3 months 31-Dec-22 N'million	12 months 31-Dec-22 N'million	3 months 31-Dec-23 N'million	12 months 31-Dec-23 N'million	3 months 31-Dec-22 N'million	12 months 31-Dec-22 N'million
Net interest income	54,687	175,190	33,458	113,119	33,458	113,119	128	299	43	147
Interest income	86,002	270,593	45,613	152,670	45,613	152,670	128	299	43	147
Interest expense	(31,315)	(95,403)	(12,155)	(39,551)	(12,155)	(39,551)	-	-	-	-
Non-interest revenue	38,015	179,976	33,263	126,333	32,599	126,994	16,042	57,290	631	56,894
Net fee and commission revenue	30,751	110,277	22,605	91,059	22,605	91,059	539	2,081	444	1,644
Fee and commission revenue	33,241	117,839	23,595	96,065	23,595	96,065	539	2,081	444	1,644
Fee and commission expense	(2,490)	(7,562)	(990)	(5,006)	(990)	(5,006)	-	-	-	-
Income from life insurance activities	(300)	(1,531)	(127)	(595)	(791)	66	-	-	-	-
Net insurance service result before reinsurance contracts held	680	2,196	95	441	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net expense from reinsurance contracts held	(221)	(670)	(66)	(307)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net insurance finance expenses	(834)	(2,285)	(120)	(561)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fair value adjustments	75	(772)	(36)	(168)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance premium received	-	-	-	-	141	2,933	-	-	-	-
Insurance premium revenue ceded to reinsurers	-	-	-	-	(297)	(1,078)	-	-	-	-
Insurance benefits and claims paid	-	-	-	-	(635)	(1,789)	-	-	-	-
Trading revenue	2,765	62,506	9,801	34,687	9,801	34,687	-	-	-	-
Other revenue	4,799	8,724	984	1,182	984	1,182	15,503	55,209	187	55,250
Total income	92,702	355,166	66,721	239,452	66,057	240,113	16,170	57,589	674	57,041
Net impairment write-back/(loss) on financial assets	(5,496)	(15,452)	(2,830)	(10,290)	(2,830)	(10,290)	(26)	(26)	-	-
Income after credit impairment charges	87,206	339,714	63,891	229,162	63,227	229,823	16,144	57,563	674	57,041
Operating expenses	(43,757)	(166,807)	(31,824)	(128,894)	(31,824)	(129,474)	(3,424)	(9,883)	(2,107)	(6,336)
Staff costs	(19,774)	(65,760)	(13,726)	(50,996)	(13,726)	(50,996)	(659)	(2,833)	(976)	(2,696)
Other operating expenses	(23,983)	(101,047)	(18,098)	(77,898)	(18,098)	(78,478)	(2,765)	(7,050)	(1,131)	(3,640)
Profit before tax	43,449	172,907	32,067	100,268	31,403	100,349	12,720	47,680	(1,433)	50,705
Income tax	(12,081)	(32,290)	(5,774)	(19,535)	(5,774)	(19,535)	(23)	(60)	(3)	(10)
Profit for the year	31,368	140,617	26,293	80,733	25,629	80,814	12,697	47,620	(1,436)	50,695
Profit attributable to:										
Non-controlling interests	703	3,035	2,054	2,691	2,054	2,691	-	-	-	-
Equity holders of the parent	30,665	137,582	24,239	78,042	23,575	78,123	12,697	47,620	(1,436)	50,695
Profit for the year	31,368	140,617	26,293	80,733	25,629	80,814	12,697	47,620	(1,436)	50,695
Earnings per share										
Basic /diluted earnings per ordinary share (kobo)	237	1,062	187	602	182	603	98	368	(11)	391
Other comprehensive income										
Items that will never be reclassified to profit or loss										
Movement in fair value reserve (equity instruments):	471	480	622	621	622	621	-	-	-	-
Net change in fair value	471	480	622	621	622	621	-	-	-	-
Related income tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>										
Movement in debt instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (OCI)	5,983	7,168	122	(1,762)	122	(1,762)	-	-	-	-
Net change in fair value of financial assets at FVOCI	6,057	6,623	(208)	(1,752)	(208)	(1,752)	-	-	-	-
Realised fair value adjustments on financial assets at FVOCI reclassified to income statement	(386)	(71)	100	(26)	100	(26)	-	-	-	-
Expected credit loss on debt financial assets at FVOCI	312	616	230	16	230	16	-	-	-	-
Income tax on other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	6,454	7,648	744	(1,141)	744	(1,141)	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	37,822	148,265	27,037	79,592	26,373	79,673	4	47,620	(1,436)	50,695
Total comprehensive income attributable to:										
Non-controlling interests	719	3,003	2,677	2,677	672	2,677	-	-	-	-
Equity holders of the parent	37,103	145,262	24,360	76,915	25,701	76,996	12,697	47,620	(1,436)	50,695
	37,822	148,265	27,037	79,592	26,373	79,673	12,697	47,620	(1,436)	50,695

Consolidated and separate statements of cash flows for the year 31 December 2023

	Group			Company	
	31 Dec. 2023 N'million	Restated 31 Dec. 2022 N'million	31 Dec. 2022 N'million	31 Dec. 2023 N'million	31 Dec. 2022 N'million
Net cash flows from operating activities	112,104	(73,038)	(72,957)	(7,855)	70,033
Cash flows from / (used in) operations	25,252	(160,048)	(159,967)	(61,529)	14,840
Profit before tax	172,907	100,268	100,349	47,680	50,705
Adjusted for:	(150,433)	(95,403)	(95,403)	(53,305)	(55,081)
Credit impairment charge on financial instruments	15,452	10,290	10,290	26	-
Amortisation of intangible assets	765	765	765	-	-
Depreciation of property and equipment	7,567	5,831	5,831	294	99
Amortisation of right of use assets	1,736	1,560	1,560	50	29
Dividends included in other revenue	(677)	(602)	(602)	(53,375)	(55,059)
Interest expense	95,403	39,551	39,551	-	-
Interest income	(270,593)	(152,670)	(152,670)	(299)	(147)
Gain on sale of property and equipment	(86)	(128)	(128)	(1)	(3)
(Increase)/decrease in assets	(1,514,471)	(355,917)	(355,917)	(12,631)	(6,941)
Increase in deposits and other liabilities	1,517,249	191,004	191,004	(43,273)	26,157
Dividends received	609	542	542	53,375	55,059
Interest received	(88,623)	(40,129)	(40,129)	-	-
Interest paid	190,669	143,666	143,666	299	147.00
Direct taxation paid	(15,803)	(17,069)	(17,069)	-	(13)
Net cash flows used in investing activities	14,540	27,483	27,483	22,476	(27,625)
Capital expenditure on - property	(1,754)	(480)	(480)	-	-
- equipment, furniture and vehicles	(23,986)	(23,916)	(23,916)	(2,497)	(2,027)
- right of use	(2,515)	(1,946)	(1,946)	(175)	-
- intangible assets	(13)	40	40	-	-
Proceeds from sale of property, equipment, furniture and vehicles	2,425	334	334	98	36
Additional investment in subsidiary	-	-	-	2,100	-
Sale of financial investments	40,383	53,451	53,451	22,950	(25,634)
Net cash flows used in financing activities	141,423	27,113	27,113	(45,349)	(45,350)
Net increase/(decrease) in other borrowings	188,002	51,523	51,523	-	-
Net increase/(decrease) in debt securities issued	2,433	24,459	24,459	-	-
Cash dividends paid	(49,012)	(48,869)	(48,869)	(45,349)	(45,350)
Net increase in cash and bank balances	268,067	(18,442)	(18,361)	(30,728)	(2,942)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and bank balances	(124,359)	(4,914)	(4,914)	-	-
Cash and bank balances at beginning of the period	611,267	216,232	216,232	50,294	53,236
Cash and bank balances at end of the period	754,975	192,876	192,957	19,566	50,294

Consolidated and separate annual statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023

	Group			Company	
	31 Dec. 2023 N'million	Restated 31 Dec. 2022 N'million	31 Dec. 2022 N'million	31 Dec. 2023 N'million	31 Dec. 2022 N'million
Assets					
Cash and bank balances	1,384,879	664,450	664,450	15,325	50,294
Pledged assets	374,912	127,990	127,990	-	-
Trading assets	67,917	190,431	190,431	-	-
Derivative assets	550,720	42,134	42,134	-	-
Financial investments	435,657	582,019	582,019	4,760	27,710
Loans and advances	2,041,019	1,208,190	1,208,190	-	-
Loans and advances to banks	8,668	3,404	3,404	-	-
Loans and advances to customers	2,032,351	1,204,786	1,204,786	-	-
Other assets	202,833	132,069	132,390	25,830	13,199
Equity investment in group companies	-	-	-	96,851	94,751
Reinsurance assets	468	321	-	-	-
Property and equipment	77,382	61,548	61,548	4,145	2,040
Right of use assets	4,388	3,609	3,609	129	4
Intangible asset	2,471	3,223	3,223	-	-
Deferred tax assets	3,649	13,042	13,042	-	-
Total assets	5,146,295	3,029,026	3,029,026	147,040	187,998
Equity and liabilities					
Equity	506,924	407,570	407,670	125,236	122,965
Equity attributable to ordinary shareholders	499,576	399,562	399,662	125,236	122,965
Ordinary share capital	6,479	6,479	6,479	6,479	6,479
Share premium	102,780	102,780	102,780	102,780	102,780
Reserves	390,317	290,303	290,403	15,977	13,706
Non-controlling interest	7,348	8,008	8,008	-	-
Liabilities	4,639,371	2,621,456	2,621,356	21,804	65,033
Trading liabilities	480,465	220,971	220,971	-	-
Derivative liabilities	446,993	26,099	26,099	-	-
Current tax liabilities	23,388	17,564	17,564	92	46
Deposits and current accounts	2,731,772	1,736,426	1,736,426	-	-
Deposits from banks	658,885	491,080	491,080	-	-
Deposits from customers	2,072,887	1,245,346	1,245,346	-	-
Other borrowings	375,959	187,957	187,957	-	-
Debt securities issued	74,311	71,878	71,878	-	-
Provisions	11,314	8,758	8,758	-	-
Other liabilities	493,976	351,803	351,703	21,712	64,987
Deferred tax liabilities	1,193	-	-	-	-
Total equity and liabilities	5,146,295	3,029,026	3,029,026	147,040	187,998

The full consolidated and separate interim financial statements which can be accessed via <http://reporting.stanbicibtc.com/resultsreports.php> were approved by the Board of Directors on 30 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


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FLAG-OFF OF THE RESURFACING OF EXISTING ROADS AND REMEDIAL WORKS ON BRIDGES IN MAITAMA, GARKI AND UTAKO DISTRICTS

The Honourable Minister, FCT Chief (Barr.) Ezenwo Nyesom Wike, CON will flag-off the resurfacing of existing roads and remedial works on bridges in Maitama, Garki and Utako District of the FCT.

Date: Tuesday 6th February, 2024 **Venue:** Lake Chad Crescent, Maitama, Abuja **Time:** 11:00AM

The affected roads are:

MAITAMA DISTRICT:

The affected roads in Maitama District are Thames Street, Amazon Street, Vattern Street, Amazon River Close, Parana Close, Donau Crescent, Tagus Close, Anambra Crescent, Seime Close, Sangha Street, Volta Street, Colorado Street, Nyasa Close, Ontario Crescent, Nile Street, Erie Crescent, Cassandra Street, Usuma Close, Chari Close, Bobo Close, Pope John Paul II Crescent, Mban Close, Arafura Close, Onega Close, Wuye Crescent, Madeira Street, Kunde Close, Osse Street, Mediterranean Street, Lake Chad Crescent, Tigris Crescent, Osun Crescent, Sombrerio Crescent, Cubango Close, Sevir Close, Lake Valencia Crescent, Helecott Blankson Close, Gaji Close, Ofiki Street, Konshisha Close, Njaba Close, Tapa Close, Kaduna River Close, Lomani Close, Osara Close, Lahn Crescent, Iller Crescent, Ekoru Oruro River Street, Osun Close, Shasha Crescent, Tana Close, Rudolf Street, Danube Street, Danube Close, Laulaba Close, Taraba Crescent, Kura Close, Rio Negro Close, Rio Negro Street, Star Lake Close, Loire Crescent, Cuito Close, Cuito Street, Rudolf Close, Mambila Street, Aso Drive, Udi Hill, Udi Close, Mambila Street Roundabout, Dumebi Kachukwu Close, Zuma Close and the Roundabout, Obudu Street, Olumo Street, Olumo Close, Orban Close, Mandara Close, Biu Close, Kukuruku Close, Chalawa Crescent, Taraba Crescent, Yobe Close and Osumenyi River Close.

GARKI, WUSE, UTAKO AND OTHER DISTRICTS:

The affected roads are Diplomatic Drive, European Union Crescent and Adekunle Fajuyi Street, Ralpsodine Street, Muhammadu Buhari Way, Unity Avenue Road, Gimbiya Street, Ezuma Iduroko Okere Street, Akwa Street, Kano Street, Langtang Close, Ibadan Street, Nsuka Street, Gashua Close, Owerri Street, Samuel Jereton, Oladipo Diya Street, Gudu Market, Dr. Faisal Shuaibu Street, off Dr. Faisal Shuaibu Street, Kukawa Street Area 2, Nasarawa Street, Uromi Street, Bendel Street, Borno Street, Dakama Close, Oyo Street, Mbaasi Close, Ikare Street, Kuje Close, Ikeja Street, Kukawa Street Area 10, Makurdi Street, Idah Street, Benin Street, Ilorin Street, Rimgim Close, Imo Street, Bwari Street, Oka-Akoko Street, Lagos Crescent, Enugu Street, Oka-Akoko Close, Kam-Salem Street, Meken Street, Annaba Close, Massayas Street, Rubek Close Car Park, Lingu Crescent, Port Novo Street, Agadez Street, El-Golea Close, Marsabit Street, Embu Street, Makuru Street, Tilla Berry Close, Kumas Close, Monrovia Street, Ejura Close, Malabo Street, Kade Street, Alexandria Crescent by Banex Junction & Midway, Niafounke Street, Tamarasset Street, Dar El-Salam Street/Crescent, Oda Crescent, Sakono Street, Macenta Close, Kenema Close, Tolliary Close, Konoko Crescent, Bangui Street, Bour Close, Lambert Close, Toama Sina Street, Loribe Close, Hombori Street, Fria Close, Launda Crescent, Thaba Tseka Street, Seguel Street, Tapeta Street, Beira Crescent, Cairo Street, Sakete Street, Kampala Street, Talingu Street, Birao Street, Koforidua (2) Street, Mambolo Court Access Road and Parking Lot, Mubende Street, Labe Street, Mano Street, Mao Close, Nwanza Close, Kaswe Close, Biskra Street, Oshakati Street, Ati Close, Diorben Street, CN1, O.P. Fingsi Street, A. E. Ekuinam Street, Vicbalkon Street, Alex Ekwueme Street, Adamu Fika Street and J. J. Oluleye Street. *Members of the Public are enjoined to take note.*

Announcer:

Engr. Shehu Hadi Ahmad, fuse, fnob
Executive Secretary, FCDA



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ALSCON DECAY: A WAKE-UP CALL FOR GOVERNMENT ACTION

Everyone that has been following proceedings in the public space with special regard to the privatization of the Aluminum Smelter Company of Nigeria (ALSCON) would agree that the legal squabbles over the soul of the moribund national asset ought to have been long put off for the sake of national interest, economic growth, reduction in the prices of iron and steel and job creation.

In the intricate landscape of the ALSCON ownership dispute, the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) which represents the Federal Government and indeed all Nigerians has emerged as a steadfast guardian of transparency, justice, and Nigeria's economic interests. But those who are hell bent on making sure the company does not live up to its potentials would rather victimize, vilify and blackmail BPE and its managers for personal gains. The question is for where is our patriotism? What is the gain for holding a supposed viable company down for about 20 years while the nation suffers?

The ongoing saga, marked by legal battles and financial complexities, unfolds a tale where BPE strives to navigate the turbulent waters with resilience and commitment to the rule of law, while others consistently play the devil's advocate, denying Nigerians their due benefits.

ALSCON'S GENESIS AND PRIVATIZATION

ALSCON, birthed with a \$3.2 billion investment by the Federal Government, was commissioned in 1997 to harness Nigeria's vast gas reserves and curb environmental hazards like gas flaring. The privatization journey began in 2004, leading to the emergence of two prequalified bidders, BFI Group (BFIG) and UC RUSAL (Dayson). BFIG, initially the Preferred Bidder, faced challenges meeting financial obligations, paving the way for a new strategy: the Willing Seller/Willing Buyer approach.

National Council on Privatisation (NCP) set up an Ad-Hoc Committee with the then Minister of Power and Steel, Senator Liyel Imoke as Chairman and the then Chairman of the Technical Committee of the NCP, Mr. Akin Kekere-Ekun and the then Director General of BPE, Dr Julius Bala as members of the Committee to negotiate with Dayson on a willing seller/willing buyer basis.

Under the leadership of the NCP, negotiations ensued, resulting in the execution of a Share Sale and Purchase Agreement (SSPA) between BPE and UC RUSAL/Dayson in February 2006. The agreement included provisions for the dredging of the Imo River, a critical aspect for import and export facilitation. Following the conclusion of negotiations, BPE and UC RUSAL executed a Share Sale and Purchase Agreement (SSPA) on 3rd February 2006 (**Annexure 1**) in respect of the acquisition of ALSCON by Dayson for the purchase consideration of \$250 Million.

The issue of dredging the Imo River which serves as a conduit for importation of raw material and finished products, had been undertaken by the Federal Government.

When UC RUSAL/Dayson raised the issue of dredging, the BPE had obtained offers from various companies for dredging the Imo River between the range of \$140 Million and \$500 Million. UC RUSAL/Dayson offered to dredge the Imo River for the sum of US\$120 Million.

Consequently, the BPE and UC RUSAL/Dayson signed an addendum to the SPA (**Addendum No.1**) on 14th November 2006 (**Annexure 2**) whereby it was agreed that the dredging would be undertaken by UC RUSAL/Dayson and the cost of this (\$120 Million) was to be offset from the bid sum of \$250 Million, thus UC RUSAL/Dayson only paid \$130 Million for ALSCON.

The facility was handed over to UC RUSAL on 27th February 2007.

COURT INTERVENTION

The process faced legal hurdles as BFIG contested its termination, leading to a prolonged legal battle. Aggrieved by BPE's decision to terminate the transaction, BFIG instituted an action at the Federal High Court (FHC/ABJ/CS/583/04) based on its claim that the period for the payment of the initial 10% of the purchase price had not expired before the revocation of the offer. BFIG thus sought: an order of the court to compel BPE to execute the SPA with BFIG, and an order of perpetual injunction restraining BPE from negotiating the sale of ALSCON with any other entity. BFIG's claim was denied by both the Federal High Court and the Court of Appeal.

In 2012, Supreme Court ordered BPE to execute the mutually agreed Share Purchase Agreement (SPA) with BFIG, emphasizing adherence to specific timelines and financial obligations. Among other decisions, the Court also asked BFIG to pay 10% of the bid price of US\$410 million within 15 days of signing the SPA and the balance to be paid within 90 days. BPE complied, yet the transaction faced setbacks due to BFIG's attempts to renegotiate terms.

At the expiration of the period stipulated for the execution of the agreement and after due notice to BFIG, BPE terminated the transaction for non-compliance on the part of BFIG with the terms of the Supreme Court Judgement.

ARBITRATION

Following the Supreme Court judgment that voided their purchase of ALSCON, UC RUSAL/Dayson instituted arbitration proceedings at the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) over the legal ownership of ALSCON, given that it had executed an SSPA with BPE and paid the purchase price (**Arbitration No.1**). Since BFIG failed to pay the US\$41m as required by the Supreme Court judgment, BPE and UC RUSAL agreed to a settlement which was entered as a consent award at the LCIA.

Arbitration at the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) became a battleground, ultimately resulting in a consent award that confirmed BPE's compliance with the Supreme Court judgment. Additional arbitrations ensued, including a settlement through Addendum No. 2, solidifying BPE's commitment to resolving disputes amicably.

ECONOMIC COST

In the face of global economic fluctuations and gas supply challenges, ALSCON's operational revival became paramount. The Federal Executive Council's approval in 2021 to recognize the aluminum industry as strategically important demonstrated the government's commitment to the sector's viability. However, the implementation faced hurdles with the passage of the Petroleum Industry Act, leading to engagements with regulatory bodies to secure concessionary gas rates.

Despite the government's efforts to facilitate a concessionary rate for ALSCON, UC RUSAL/ALSCON's rejection of the proposed rate raised concerns about the plant's operational intentions.

The economic impact of ALSCON's dormant state is substantial. The plant's potential to contribute to Nigeria's GDP, create jobs, and enhance the aluminum industry remains untapped. The resumption of operations at ALSCON is not only crucial for economic growth but also for the broader development of the region and the nation. Since the company was handed over to the RUSAL, not a single production activity has been done. It is even more suspicious that tens of people always in dark eye glass shades and black suits litter the place with no single production work done since the handing over of the company to the firm.

GAS INCENTIVE

As part of measures designed to re-commence operations at the Plant, the National Council on Privatisation

in August 2020 approved the proposal for the payment of ALSCON's legacy debt to SPDC arising from the unpaid subsidy by the Federal Government.

The approval was conveyed to the Minister of Finance, Budget, and National Planning for implementation in August 2020.

The Ministry of Finance considered the NCP's approval and forwarded it to the Budget Office of the Federation for their action. The Budget Office requested ALSCON's management to submit a business plan for its operations through the BPE and this was done.

UC RUSAL has so far insisted that operating the plant above the concessionary gas rate awarded to them at privatisation is not commercially viable. Towards this end, through the efforts of the Bureau and the then Minister of Mines & Steel Development, in February 2021, FEC approved the aluminium industry as a strategic industry and thus eligible to purchase gas at a concessionary rate.

However, implementing the FEC approval was complicated by the passage of the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA). To ensure the implementation of the concessionary rate approved by the FEC, the Bureau engaged NMDPRA to grant ALSCON the required concession even though it is not a gas-based industry (GBI) but was classified as strategic due to the economic value the nation stands to benefit from its operations.

UNVEILING FRAUDS AND ENSURING ACCOUNTABILITY

Thank goodness that BPE's vigilance extended beyond legal battles, uncovering alleged fraudulent activities involving a fake SWIFT transfer of 100 million Euros. In August 2020, CBN wrote the Bureau with regards to an application for a Certificate of Capital Importation requested by the counsel to Dayson for 100 million euros. The Bureau replied that it had no transaction with Dayson.

It is on record that the Bureau subsequently sent the document to the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU) and the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) for investigation as it looked suspicious. Reliable information from official quarter show that the SWIFT Transfer may not have originated from the purported bank (Deutsche Bank). It is no secret that BPE reported the matter to EFCC, who after a long delay replied that the authenticity of the instrument was questionable, underlining BPE's commitment to ensuring accountability and transparency. The federal government has to investigate the matter and dully punish anyone who runs foul of the law.

The question the authorities must ask is why the investor has not produced any significant quantity of Aluminium or made a difference in the Nigeria Aluminium and labour market. If they are not producing anything, then why hold on to such an asset? It will not be wrong to say RUSAL has failed, since taking over ALSCON in 2007 (17 years ago), to operate the plant due to several reasons including lack of adequate investments and cessation of gas supply due to accrued debts.

COMMENCEMENT OF CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS

Dissatisfied that the "annexures" were not attached to the SPA, BFIG, on 10th April 2019, filed contempt proceedings before the Federal High Court, Abuja, against the Bureau and the Director General (DG) of the Bureau, alleging non-compliance with the orders of the Supreme Court. The Federal High Court ordered that the DG be committed for 30 days.

Challenges escalated as BFIG initiated contempt proceedings against BPE, alleging non-compliance with Supreme Court orders when it was it who actually failed to come to equity with clean hands. The legal intricacies revolved around the inclusion of alleged "annexures" to the SPA, a matter that the Supreme Court, in 2019, found BPE guilty of. However, the Bureau's defense rested on the absence of agreed-upon annexures and its commitment to the mutually agreed SPA.

The non-compliance was premised on making available some of the documents that were reportedly not in existence ab initio; not even as of 2004, the year that the mutually agreed SPA was signed. According to official papers, the only document agreed by both parties as an annexure to the SPA was specifically referred to as 'Schedule A' in the mutually agreed SPA (Clause 9.5) which is BFIG's Strategic Business Plan. The clause 15.0 of the mutually agreed SPA provides that: The Agreement sets forth the entire understanding between the parties concerning the subject matter hereof, and no modification, amendment, waiver, or discharge of this Agreement or any provision thereof shall be binding on either party unless confirmed by a written instrument signed by two officers of the BPE and the purchaser.

Further to the preceding, the Bureau's position was that all other documents described by BFIG as "ANNEXURES" were neither agreed on by the parties, nor reflected in the SPA, nor referred to by the appellate courts, and were thus extraneous to the mutually agreed SPA.

The Bureau appealed this order; however, the Court of Appeal upheld the Trial Court's decision. Hence, the Bureau appealed to the Supreme Court.

In a unanimous judgment of the Supreme Court delivered by Tijjani Abubakar, the Court held that the Appellants were in express breach of its relief 3 of the 2012 judgment, which reads: An order of Perpetual Injunction restraining the Defendant/Respondent, its servants, agent; privies, the management, or howsoever called from inviting any further bidding for the sale and acquisition of ALSCON in violation of the contract between the Plaintiff/Appellant and Defendant/Respondent and from negotiating to sell, selling, transferring or otherwise handing over the Aluminium Smelter Company of Nigeria ALSCON to any person or persons violating the contract between the Plaintiff/Appellant and the Defendant/Respondent.

The apex Court further held that the 1st Appellant expressly flouted the above order when the 1st Appellants and its agents started negotiating with Dayson. According to the Court, the Appellants, vide their affidavit in response to the contempt proceedings at the Federal High Court, only made a blanket denial of the allegations of Contempt but woefully failed to provide the required specifics. The Court described the Appellants' conduct as an abuse of governmental powers, and a government agency should not be found wanting in that manner. The Court held further that the actions were against the nation's economic progress. The issue of contempt was thus resolved in favour of the Respondent.

Consequently, the Court held that the Appeal failed, and the judgment of the Court of Appeal was affirmed. A cost of N10m was awarded against the Appellants, which is to be paid personally by the 2nd Appellant. The One-month prison sentence of the 2nd Appellant was also affirmed.

BPE'S UNYIELDING COMMITMENT TO NATIONAL INTEREST

Whereas the decision has been taken by the Honourable Court, it is clear to those of us observing from distance that as ALSCON's ownership dispute unfolds, BPE stands as a symbol of resilience, navigating complex legal landscapes and economic challenges. The Bureau's commitment to upholding the rule of law, transparency, and national interests echoes a narrative of unwavering dedication in the face of adversity. In the evolving saga, BPE remains a beacon of hope for a fair and just resolution, ensuring that the Aluminum Smelter Company of Nigeria's future aligns with the principles of justice, transparency, and economic prosperity.

SIGNED:

CONCERNED NIGERIANS FOR ECONOMIC EMANCIPATION.



ADDENDUM



WORLD BANK

INVITATION TO TENDER AND REQUEST FOR BIDS
KATSINA STATE MINISTRY OF BASIC AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
ADOLESCENT GIRL'S INITIATIVE FOR LEARNING AND EMPOWERMENT (AGILE) PROJECT KATSINA

Please refer to our advert in this Newspaper (LEADERSHIP NEWSPAPER) Published on the 19th of December, 2023 and on page 13. We advertised for the **Procurement of Desktop computers installed with required applications for digital literacy training to 170 Senior Secondary Schools. NG-KATSINA STATE-385493-GO-RFB.**

Kindly refer to paragraph seven (8) of the said publication to read "Bid must be delivered on or before *17th January, 2023*. **We therefore wish to inform all prospective bidders that the closing date for this advert has been extended from 17th January, 2024 to 15th February, 2024. Do note the new closing date please.**

Please note all bid must be accompany with a bid security in amount of N29, 321,920.00

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Katsina State AGILE Project.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Our attention has been drawn to a libellous, malicious, and satanic publication in some conventional and social media wherein our highly revered Organisation-NBM Of Africa is being falsely linked with a faceless group, Black Axe Confraternity

In the aforesaid publications, we were made to understand that one Mr. Abdul-Azeez Ibrahim was arrested by the Ogun State Police Command in Ijebu-Ode for allegedly being a cultist, kidnapper and armed robber who goes about with the name Black Axe Confraternity

Linking the said Abdul-Azeez Ibrahim with our organisation, NBM Of Africa whose nomenclature and modus operandi are visibly different from Black Axe Confraternity is the highest height of insult, aberration and character assassination of our Pan-Africanist movement.

This is so because the reports did not display professionalism, which the media are known for over the years.

Rather than upholding tenaciously the ethical values and standard practices of the pen profession, this section of the media and their cohorts decided to smear the hard-earned reputation of our organisation by maliciously linking a criminal group with the NBM Of Africa.

Ordinarily, we would have ignored the unfounded, malicious, and misleading media publications, but we would like to set the record straight again, especially having done it several times.

1. To this end, we unequivocally submit here that the said Mr. Abdul-Azeez Ibrahim is not and has never been a member of NBM Of Africa. Hence, nobody/person or agency/government should link him with our positive and progressive organisation.
2. We restate categorically that NBM Of Africa is not in any way related to Black Axe Confraternity to warrant using the name as 'alias'

3. For the avoidance of doubt, NBM Of Africa is not a faceless and criminal organisation. It is a properly registered Pan-African Organisation.
4. NBM Of Africa as a law-abiding organisation will or shall never support criminal activities or elements.
5. We view this recent claim in the media as not only malicious, defamatory, libellous, and misleading but also an affront and slander against the integrity and reputation of NBM Of Africa built over the years.
6. We sternly advise that our organisation, NBM Of Africa, should not be linked/associated with Black Axe Confraternity as light and darkness have nothing in common.
7. We are of strong opinion without equivocation or contradiction that whoever commits crime anywhere in the world should be made to face the full weight of the law
8. We urge the media to be accurate, objective, and maintain the ethical standards of the journalism profession always.
9. Lastly, our noble organisation will not tolerate any further smear that will bring the organisations name to disrepute or public opprobrium. Be warned that any form of such malfeasance will only necessitate legal actions.
10. The relevant government security agencies, media organisations, and general public should take note accordingly.

Thank you.

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SIGNED:
MR. AJIBO SAM-BROWN,
National Public Relations Officer
NBM of Africa



Condolence

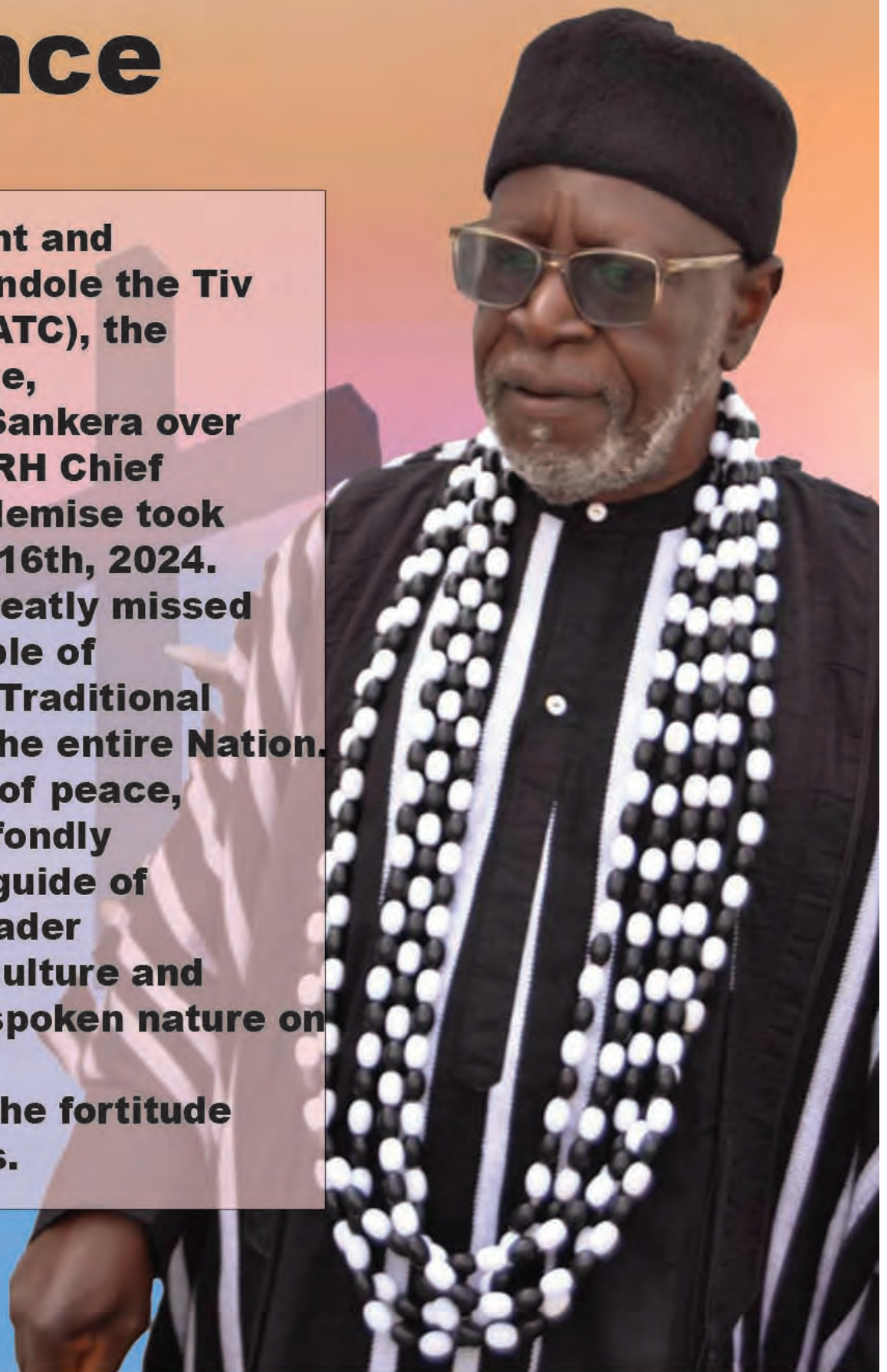
On behalf of the Government and people of Benue State, I condole the Tiv Area Traditional Council (TATC), the entire people of Benue State, particularly, the people of Sankera over the death of Tor Sankera HRH Chief Abu King Shuluwa, whose demise took place on Tuesday, January 16th, 2024. The late monarch will be greatly missed by his family, the good people of Sankera area, the Tiv Area Traditional Council, Benue State and the entire Nation. As a great man and a lover of peace, Chief Shuluwa will also be fondly remembered as a spiritual guide of his people, and as a true leader and promoter of Tiv's rich culture and tradition as well as his outspoken nature on issues of development. I pray God grants all of us the fortitude to bear this irreparable loss.

Signed:

**His Excellency
Rev. Fr. Dr. Hyancinth Iormem Alia
Executive Governor, Benue State.**

**HRH Chief Abu King Shuluwa
(Tor Sankera)**

May His soul rest in peace, Amen.





UNIVERSITY OF BENIN, BENIN CITY, NIGERIA

SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL
STANDARD ENHANCEMENT (SPESSE) CENTRE EXCELLENCE



Specific Procurement Notice REQUEST FOR BIDS

Employer: University of Benin
Country: Nigeria
Name of Project: Sustainable Procurement, Environmental and Social Standard Enhancement (SPESSE)
Contract Title: Lot 1 Purchase and Installation of Office Equipment
 Lot 2 Purchase and Installation of Office Furniture
 Lot 3 Purchase, Install and Equip Classrooms with Teaching Aid and Lab Equipment
IDA Loan No: P149605
RFB Reference No.: UNIBENSPE/GO/006
 UNIBENSPE/GO/007
 UNIBENSPE/GO/005
Issued on: 5th February 2024

- The University of Benin has applied for financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Sustainable Procurement, Environmental Social Standard Enhancement (SPESSE) and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Purchase and installation of Office Equipment, Purchase and Installation Office furniture and Equip classrooms with teaching aids and laboratory equipment.
- The Sustainable Procurement, Environmental Social Standard Enhancement (SPESSE) of the University of Benin now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for **Lot 1, Purchase and installation of Office Equipment, Lot 2, Purchase and installation of Office Furniture and Lot 3, Purchase, Install and Equip Classroom with Teaching Aids and Lab Equipment.**
- Bidding will be conducted through national competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" 5th Edition dated September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain the bidding document from the program manager office, Room 6, located at CERHI Building, UNIBEN, Ugbowo campus, Benin City. Bidders may seek further information from the Centre Leader, SPESSE Project office at CERHI Building UNIBEN Ugbowo campus benin city between hours of 9.00 to 16.00 hours.
- The bidding document in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Thirty Thousand Naira only (N30,000) via Remita, by generating Remita Retrieval Reference (RRR) in favour of Sustainable Procurement, Environmental Social Standard Enhancement (SPESSE) University of Benin.**
- Firms that cannot meet the following key qualification requirements are not encouraged to participate in the Bidding process:

Average/ Annual Turnover Requirement:

Lot 1: One Hundred Million Naira only, Minimum Annual Turnover of N100,000,000.00 only in the last 3 years.
 Lot 2: One Hundred Million Naira only, Minimum Annual Turnover of N100,000,000.00 only in the last 3 years.
 Lot 3: Total Turnover of at least N300,000,000.00 only in the last 3 years.

a) Financial Resources:
 The Bidders shall demonstrate that it has access to, or has available liquid assets, unencumbered real assets, lines of credit, and other financial means (Independent of any contractual advance payment) sufficient to meet the Goods cash flow requirement estimated as per each Lot.
 Lot 1- One Hundred Million Naira (N100,000,000.00) only.
 Lot 2- One Hundred Million Naira (N100,000,000.00) only.
 Lot 3- Three Hundred Million Naira (N100,000,000.00) only for at least 3 years.

b) Specific Experience
 The bidder should have executed Minimum number of three (3) contract in the last five (5) years with verifiable documentary evidence including letters of award, completion certificate of the projects specified that have been satisfactorily and substantially completed as a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor or subcontractor.

c) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
 Interested and reputable Companies are required to possess the under-listed requirements to be eligible for this project:
 a. Evidence of Certificate of Incorporation with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) Including form CAC 1.1 or CAC 2 AND CAC 7.
 b. Evidence of current Company's Income Tax Clearance Certificate for the past three (3) years valid to 31st December 2023.
 c. Evidence of current Pension Compliance Certificate valid till 31st December 2023.
 d. Evidence of Current Industrial Training Fund (ITF) Compliance Certificate valid till 31st December 2023.
 e. Evidence of Current Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF) Compliance Certificate valid till 31st December 2023.
 f. Evidence of Registration on the National Database of Federal Contractors, Consultants and Service Providers (NDCCSPS) by submitting Interim Registration Report (IRR) valid till 31st December 2023 or valid Certificate issued by Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP).
 g. Company Profile showing Organizational Structure, Names and Resume of Key Administrative/Technical Officers and their Phone Numbers. Certificate of Academic & Professional qualifications of the officers should also be included. And also, evidence of company registration with relevant professional bodies
 h. Sworn affidavit disclosing whether or not any officer of the relevant committees of UNIVERSITY OF BENIN, EDO STATE or SPESSE is a former or present Director, Shareholder or has any pecuniary interest in the firm expressing interest and, to confirm that all information presented are true and correct in all particulars, not earlier than the date of advertisements.
 i. Financial Resources: The Bidders shall demonstrate that it has access to, or has available liquid assets, unencumbered real assets, lines of credit, and other financial means (Independent of any contractual advance payment) sufficient to meet the construction cash flow requirement /reference letter from a reputable Financial Institution
 j. Company's Audited Accounts for the last three (3) years (i.e. 2021, 2022, 2023)
 k. Evidence of previous jobs executed between 1st January 2019 and application deadline with any reputable National and International Organization should be attached. Letters of Awards and Job Completion Certification and Photographs of the Projects should also be attached.
 l. For joint ventures/partnership, memorandum of Understanding (MOU) should be provided (CAC, Tax Clearance Certificate, pension Compliance Certificate, ITF compliance Certificate, NSITF Compliance Certificate, IRR & sworn affidavit are compulsory for each JV partner)
 m. All documents for submission must be transmitted with a covering/forwarding letter under the company/firm's Letter head paper bearing amongst others, the registration Number (RC) as issued by the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Contact Address, Telephone (preferably GSM NO.), and e-mail address.
 The letterhead paper must bear the Names and Nationalities of the Directors of the Company at the bottom of the page, duly signed by the authorized officer of the firm.

7. Attention is drawn to the procurement Regulations requiring the Borrowers to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the contract Award Notice, Using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as indicated in the bidding document.

8. SUBMISSION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS
 Prospective bidders are to submit two (2) copies each of the Technical and Financial bids, packaged separately in sealed envelopes and clearly marked as **TECHNICAL BID** and **FINANCIAL BID**. Thereafter, put the two sealed envelopes together in a bigger sealed envelope addressed to **The Centre Leader SPESSE Project University of Benin**, and clearly marked with the name of the project. **(SUBMISSION SHOULD BE IN HARD AND SOFT COPIES)** Furthermore, the reverse side of the envelope should be clearly marked with the name and address of the Bidder and dropped in the designated tender box at the **Office of the Program Manager, (SPESSE) Room 6, CERHI Building, UNIBEN, Ugbowo campus, Benin City** not later than **12:00noon on 26th February, 2024** The working hours is 9:00am to 4:00pm on weekdays, excluding weekends. Please ensure that you sign the Bid submission register as the Centre will not be held liable for misplaced or wrongly submitted Bids.




9. OPENING OF BID
 The Technical Bid will be opened at 12:00noon on 26th February 2024 at the Theater Hall 2 of CERHI Building, University of Benin, Benin City, Edo State.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Bid must be in English Language and signed by an authorized official of the Company.
- Bids submitted after the deadline for submission would be returned unopened.
- Delivery by courier is not acceptable.
- Only prequalified bidders at the technical evaluation will be invited later for financial bids opening, while the Financial bids of un-successful bidders will be returned un-opened.
- Bidders should visit the Site/ Building for any measurements and assessment before preparation of their bids.
- All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of not more than 2% of the Bid Price
- All Goods, Equipment to be supplied and installed by successful bidder are Subject to Physical Verification and Test before Acceptance.

10. ENQUIRIES

SPESSE Procurement Officer
 SPESSE Project, CERHI Building,
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 Ugbowo Campus,
 Benin City,
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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA

BENUE STATE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT BENUE STATE ACReSAL PROJECT (BN-ACReSAL) REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)

PROJECT ID: PI75237

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY OF TRACTORS AND ATTACHMENTS TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY FARMERS, FLID, CRF ACTIVITIES AND LANDSCAPE RESTORATION IN THE THREE SENATORIAL DISTRICTS OF BENUE STATE (RFB No.: NG-BENUE STATE ACReSAL-400702-GO-RFB)

& ESTABLISHMENT OF FULLY FUNCTIONAL PLANT NURSERIES AND GREEN-HOUSES IN 3 LGAs (RFB No.: NG-BENUE STATE ACReSAL-400684-CW-RFB)

- The Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has received a credit from the International Development Association toward the implementation of BNACReSAL Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the Contract for the Procurement of Tractors and attachment equipments to support Community Farmers, FLID, CRF Activities and Landscape Restoration in the Three Senatorial Districts of Benue State and the Establishment of Fully Functional Plant Nurseries and Green-Houses In 3 LGAs UNDER BENUE ACReSAL PROJECT
- The Benue State Agro-Climatic Resilience in Semi-Arid Landscapes Project (BNACReSAL) now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Procurement of the following:

Category A (Goods)				
LotNo	Description of Item.	Delivery Period	BID Security (NGN)	Location
1	PROCUREMENT OF TRACTORS AND ATTACHMENT EQUIPMENT	60 days	22.5million	Benue State Agro-Climatic Resilience in Semi-Arid Landscapes Project (BNACReSAL), Opposite N.T.A Network Centre, Ahmadu Bello Way, Old G.R.A, Makurdi, Benue State
2	PROCUREMENT OF TRACTORS AND ATTACHMENT EQUIPMENT	60 days	22.5million	
3	PROCUREMENT OF TRACTORS AND ATTACHMENT EQUIPMENT	60 days	22.5million	

Category B (Works)				
S/N	Description of item.	Delivery Period	BID Security (NGN)	Location
1	ESTABLISHMENT OF FULLY FUNCTIONAL PLANT NURSERIES AND GREEN-HOUSES IN 3 LGAs	60 days	33Million	Benue State

- Bidding will be conducted through National competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" September 2023 fifth Edition ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information at the address below from **10:00am to 4:00pm Mondays to Fridays, excluding public holidays.**

- All Bids must be accompanied by Bid -Security from a reputable bank **NGN22.5M** for Category A (Lots 1-3) and **NGN33M** for Category B
- Qualifications requirements include:**
 - Provide evidence of firm's corporate registration and returns for the last three years in Nigeria or overseas.
 - Valid Tax clearance certificate for the last three years;
 - Company profile and technical qualification of Key Personnel with registration with relevant professional bodies (**category B**)
 - The Bidder shall demonstrate that it has successfully completed at least 2 similar contracts within the last 5 years (2019-2023) for **Category A** and 3 years (2021-2023) for **category B** prior to bid submission deadline that have been successfully and substantially completed and that are similar in nature and complexity to the Goods, works and Related Services under the Contract. For a joint venture, this requirement should be met by all members combined.
 - Audited Financial Statements for the last 3 years (i.e 2021, 2022 and 2023).
 - Manufacturer's authorization: the Bidder shall provide evidence of being duly authorized by a manufacturer for **Category A**.
 - Provide minimum average annual turnover in the last three (3) years of at least **NGN200M**. For a joint venture, this requirement shall be met by each member;
 - Working Capital/Access to Credit: **NGN250M**
 - Average Annual Turnover: **NGN200M**
 - Verifiable evidence of financial capability and bank support from a reputable bank.
 - Court sworn affidavit:
 - That all information are true and correct
 - That none of the Company Directors had been convicted of any crime relating to fraud.
 - A margin of preference for eligible national contractors **shall not be applied**
- Collection of Bids:**
 Interested and eligible Bidders can obtain standard Bidding document upon the payment of a non-refundable fee of **Eighty-Five Thousand Naira (N85, 000.00) per Lot**. The method of payment will be Bank draft in favor of Benue State - Agro-Climatic Resilience in Semi-Arid Landscapes Project or pay directly into this bank account; **BENUE STATE ACReSAL Account, Polaris Bank, Account Number: 4060015438** and present the payment evidence to the address below.
- Submission:**
 Two copies each of the technical and completed financial bids shall be submitted in two (2) separate sealed envelopes marked technical and financial bid. The two envelopes shall be enclosed in a larger envelope labelled technical and financial bid with the Project name at the top right hand corner with Company name behind and addressed to; The Project Coordinator, Benue state ACReSAL.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 11.30 am on Tuesday, March 5th, 2024. Electronic Bids submission will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened at 11.30 am local time on Tuesday March 5th, 2024 at the address below in the presence of Bidders representatives who choose to attend.
- The address referred to above is:
**The State Project Coordinator
 State Project Management Unit
 Benue State Agro-Climatic Resilience in Semi-Arid Landscapes Project (BNACReSAL),
 Opposite N.T.A Network Centre, Ahmadu Bello Way, Government House, Old G.R.A,
 Makurdi, Benue State. Telephone: 08038548996
 E mail benueacresal@gmail.com**

AMA VICTOR
State Project Coordinator

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Using the format below as it relates to you,

Step 1 - Make payment into Account Name: **Leadership Group Ltd.**
Account Number: **1012615064**
Bank Name: **Zenith Bank**

Step 2 - Send a proof of **PAYMENT** with attached court affidavits, relevant certificates including marriage certificates to: **leadershipclassifiedadverts@gmail.com**

PRICES

Change of name: - N3,000
Loss of Documents: - N7,500
Company Trustees: - N15,000

FOR ENQUIRIES, CALL:

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Love Notes – Saying It With Paper

A handwritten note expressing one's love can touch hearts and send them aflutter

Love is certainly in the air at this time of year. With Valentine's Day and the hint of spring in the air as the blossoms start to bloom, the world seems a little brighter after the long winter slog.

There are plenty of reasons to be feeling the love and if you have a special someone in your life it is likely you will be planning on giving them a card this Valentine's Day. The tradition of giving these little paper tokens of love goes back many of years and such a simple gesture can bring so much pleasure.

A handwritten note expressing one's love can touch hearts and send them aflutter, and the personal touch adds a certain credence and sincerity that an email or text message simply cannot convey. Although, digital contact has long surpassed the written letter, we still delight in receiving a letter or card and especially so if it is a message of love.

Valentine's Day is the perfect excuse to brush up on your letter writing skills and rekindle our love for the handwritten love letter and make someone feel extra special!

The writing and sending of Valentine's cards as we know it, is a relatively new concept first started in the 1800s. However, the earliest surviving Valentine's greeting written on paper on the 14th of February dates back to the 15th century. This was written by a Frenchman imprisoned in the Tower of London following the battle of Agincourt.



This rather unromantic location and sorrowful situation meant for a melancholic first Valentine's note to his wife simply saying "Je suis desja d'amour tanné; Ma tres douce Valentinée" which translates as "I am already sick of love, my very gentle Valentine". Slightly mournful though it is, a bittersweet note has survived through the ages on a small piece of manuscript that would once have been held close to a lover's heart.

Although, the origins of how St Valentine's Day became associated with romantic love are not clear, there are many records on the sending of cards to one another on this day. Back in the early 18th century, Valentine's cards were often handmade items featuring

pressed flowers, lovers' knots and poems. By the late 18th century, the cards began to be printed but it wasn't until the Victorians came along that the tradition really took off.

Advances in printing technologies meant that cards could be quickly mass produced and easy to obtain and by the mid-1820s, 200,000 Valentine's cards were being printed in London alone. Often intricate items of paper crafted beauty and sometimes gaudy and even slightly lewd, Valentine's cards became very popular very fast.

As with many holidays, Valentine's Day quickly became commercialised and the more cynical of us today, may just see the

day as just another excuse to splash out on unnecessary tat. Shop shelves are stacked with chocolates and teddy bears, but none can ever be as personal as what you choose to write in a card.

There are so many cards to choose from, be it classically romantic, humorous or cutesy, what you decide to write inside the card is what really matters. It is most likely that the Valentine's card you give is the one time in the year you write a handwritten note of love to your partner and so can be quite moving and meaningful.

Whether you've bought a card or got creative and made one yourself, putting pen to paper to express your love is both profound and personal and sure to delight

your significant other. Sure, you can write sweet words in an email or a text, but who can honestly say they prefer that to something handwritten?

The sweetness and the personal touch of a physical piece of writing is something one would long to receive and something one would quite possibly treasure forever.

So, this Valentine's Day, take that moment to pick up a pen and write your declaration of love and really make someone feel special!

By Holly Coulton

Culled From: <https://lovethepaper.org/love-notes-saying-it-with-paper/>

CROSSWORD PUZZLE: TO IMPROVE COGNITIVE FUNCTION



ACROSS

- Berry the lead?
- View from many an airplane window
- Closing sequence at the end of a film or video game
- Prudish types
- Levelheaded

DOWN

- You might have to jump through them to get something done
- Infinity alternative
- Open the door for
- Part of XXL
- Actress Mireille of "Miranda's Victim"

Source: www.washingtonpost.com

EGWU
I, formerly known as **INYA MERCY UCHE**, wishes to be addressed and called **MRS EGWU MERCY IDAM**. All documents remain valid. NYSC, EBSU and the general public should please take note.

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

SARKIN
I, formerly **MUHAMMADU DAN BELLO** and **MOHD S.YAMMA** now wish to be called and addressed as **SARKIN YAMMAN FARU MUHAMMADU** Tambari. My date of birth 17TH Nov. 1963 All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ZUBAIRU
I, formerly known as **ZUBAIRU. MARIYA WRONG DOB. 1/1/1950** now wish to be called and addressed as **ZUBAIRU. MARYAM. CORRECT DOB 11/12/1950**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

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

HAFSAT
I **HAFSAT MUHAMMAD** OLD DATE OF BIRTH 4/01/2015 NEW DATE OF BIRTH 4/1/2006 MY GENDER, IS P NOT M ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

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

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

BENJAMIN
I, formerly known as **EMMANUEL CHINOSO ODO** now wish to be called and addressed as **BENJAMIN EMMANUEL CHINONSO & DATE OF BIRTH OLD 07/03/1994. NEW DATE OF BIRTH 01/01/1994**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

NICODEMUS
I, formerly known as **NICODEMUS PAN NA MI SAMUEL DOB 16/OCT/1991** now wish to be called and addressed as **NICODEMUS PANNAMI SAMUEL DOB 16/OCT/1998**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ZARAH
I, formerly known as **ZARA IBRAHIM** now wish to be known and addressed as **ZARAH HASSAN TELA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NWAKAEGO
I, formerly known as **NWAGWU EMILIA. 8/12/1974**, now wish to be called and addressed as **NWAGWUEMILIA NWAKAEGO 8/12/1972**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

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

LYDIA
I, formerly known as **LYDIA HENRY**, now wish to be addressed and called **LYDIA NERUS**. All former documents remain valid, the general public to take note.

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

MUHAMMAD
I, formerly known as **JA'AFAR MOHAMMED** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUHAMMAD NASIR JA'AFAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

ASENDELE
That I am **MR, JOSEPH AMOWUN ASENDELE**, on my GTBANK account have mistakenly captured my d o b as 10/10/1965, instead of 10/10/1968. All former documents remain valid. GTBANK and general public please take note.

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

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

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

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

ABUBAKAR
That my name is **ABUBAKAR ISMAIL** but was wrongly captured as **ABUBAKAR ISAIL** during 2019 NECON registration, All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

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

ISAH
I formerly known as **ISA ADO** now wish to be known and address as **ISAH ADO INUSA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

ESENE
I, formerly known as **TOBIAS ESENE, 26 - MAY - 2003** now wish to be called and addressed as **ESENE GWABIN, 26 - MAY - 2005**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

BRIEFLY

NAF Inducts 2 Attack Helicopters Today

BY TARKAA DAVID, Abuja

Nigerian Air Force (NAF) is set to induct into its inventory two newly acquired T-129 ATAK helicopters and King Air 360i aircraft on Tuesday (today).

The event which will take place at the NAF Base, Makurdi, Benue State, has President Bola Ahmed Tinubu as the guest of honour, who will be represented by Vice President Kashim Shettima.

A statement by the NAF director of public relations Air Vice Marshal Edward Gabkwet said the event marks a major boost to the nation's defence.

He said the new platforms would enhance NAF's firepower as it jointly confronts the various security challenges in the country, alongside sister services and other security agencies.

"The event no doubt signifies a major boost to Nigeria's national defense capability under the current dispensation," he added.

This is the first induction of a major military ware under the current administration.

Fintiri Vows To Prosecute Suspended REC Ari

BY HUSSAINI HAMMANGABDO, Yola

Governor of Adamawa State, Ahmadu Umar Fintiri, has vowed to ensure the prosecution of suspended state resident electoral commissioner (REC), Hudu Ari, over the 2023 governorship elections irregularities.

In a statewide broadcast yesterday on his victory at the Supreme Court, Fintiri said he owed it a duty to prosecute those involved in the illegal declaration of the 2023 governorship result.

He appreciated the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) for standing firm as an unbiased electoral umpire in the election even when its Resident Electoral Commissioner (REC), acted irresponsibly and unlawfully.

"The Supreme Court in its judgement has condemned the action of the REC as an act of 'irresponsibility and criminality.'

"As for those who connived with the REC to make us pass through those demographically embarrassing moments, I want to assure you once again, that we owe it a duty to prosecute all of them according to the dictates of the law.



L-R: Founder of Centre for Value in Leadership (CVL) and the African Democratic Congress; Prof Pat Utomi; Promoter of Taf Africa Global, Mustapha Njie; Labour Party (LP) Presidential Candidate in the 2023 Presidential Election, Mr Peter Obi and Mr Delly Ajufo yesterday.

Osun Chief Judge Probe Will Not Be Swept Under Carpet – NJC

BY OLAKUNLE OLASANMI, Abuja

National Judicial Council (NJC) has said the investigation into the allegation of misconduct by the chief judge of Osun State, Justice Oyebola Adepele Ojo, will not be swept under the carpet.

The council said findings of the probe would be made public when concluded.

The NJC said no judicial officer, no matter how highly placed, will be shielded, if found to have committed infractions.

The director of information of NJC, Mr Soji Oye, said a committee is already in place to look into the allegations.

He said a preliminary investigative body has already been set up to look into the issues raised against the chief judge.

Oye said once the preliminary committee finishes sitting, it will send its report to another party which will invite parties involved with their lawyers.

He said, "The NJC is like a court for judges accused of wrongdoings. Preliminary committee has already been set up to look into the allegations.

"The committee will look at the petition and decide whether it has merit or not. After it must have been looked into and it is established that it has merit,

another committee, like a court, will be set up, where parties will appear with their lawyers to argue the petition.

"The two sides will be invited to appear with their lawyers to defend themselves. It is after this, that the council will sit and consider the findings and make it public," he said.

In the midst of the crisis in the judiciary in the state, the CJ was said to have travelled from December to mid-January.

In the petition before the NJC, aggrieved members of staff of Osun State judiciary accused the chief judge of breach of the code of conduct for public officers.

TAKEAWAYS

Osun Chief Judge

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World Cancer Day: InSTITUTE Canvasses Early Detection, Access To Quality Treatment

BY PATIENCE IVIE IHEJIRIKA, Abuja

As Nigeria joined the rest of the world to commemorate World Cancer Day, the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment (NICRAT) has stressed the need for early detection, prevention and access to quality treatment and care.

The director-general of NICRAT, Professor Usman Malami Aliyu, stated this at a press briefing to commemorate the 2024 World Cancer Day, themed: "Closing the Care Gap" in Abuja.

He said, "Cancer is a relentless disease that knows no boundaries, affecting people of all ages, races, and walks

of life. It is a leading cause of death worldwide, and its burden continues to grow. However, with early detection, prevention, and access to quality treatment and care, many cancer cases can be effectively managed, and lives can be saved."

Reflecting on the progress achieved so far in advancing cancer care in the country, the DG said the strategic procurement of advanced cancer treatment equipment represents a significant stride towards closing the care gap, and enhancing the infrastructure of cancer care across the country.

"The Improvement in cancer health

fund, and the introduction of the childhood cancer counterpart fund has been a pivotal step in our pursuit of equitable and sustainable financing for cancer care and treatment. This initiative fulfils a critical need, providing the necessary resources to enhance patient care and support across the country.

"At the National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment, we are committed to advancing the fight against cancer through research, education, and advocacy. Our goal is to improve cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment, as well as to enhance the quality of life for cancer patients and survivors," he added.

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Defence Warns HURIWA Against Misinformation On Troops

BY TARKAA DAVID, Abuja

Defence Headquarters (DHQ) has warned Human Rights Writers Association of Nigeria (HURIWA) against misleading the public on the military's modus operandi especially its engagement in Plateau State.

The military high command in a statement threatened legal action against civil society organisations questioning its attempts at restoring peace across the country.

The acting director of defence information Brig-Gen Tukur Gusau called on HURIWA to always seek credible information on issues especially as it concerns national security before approaching the media.

Gusau was reacting to a report published by a national daily not LEADERSHIP on 4 February 2024, credited to HURIWA faulting the formation of a Fact-Finding Team tasked to elicit practical workable solutions to the prolonged crisis in some parts of Nigeria, Plateau State inclusive.

He said the Fact-Finding Team headed by an experienced retired senior military officer was constituted by the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Christopher Musa, following the deployment of military hardware including highly trained intelligence personnel and special forces to troubled areas of the state to ensure perpetrators of dastardly attacks are brought to justice.

He reiterated that the team was constituted as part of the non-kinetic approach of the DHQ in resolving the situation, adding that the team's responsibility spreads across troubled areas in the country and not limited to Plateau State alone.

He added, consequent upon this, the Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Taoreed Lagbaja visited Plateau State on January 27, 2024 and gave the troops specific orders to deal decisively with those fermenting troubles leading to loss of lives and properties.

The director said numerous intelligence-driven operations have been conducted leading to the arrest of key suspects who are currently undergoing interrogation.

Troops Operations

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Forest Fires Kill 112 In Chile

BY INNOCENT ODOH WITH AGENCIES

Rampaging forest fires have killed at least 112 people in the Valparaíso region of Chile, local authorities have said.

The disaster prompted the response of President Gabriel Boric, who declared a state of emergency and promised all necessary resources available to tackle

the situation.

This appears to be the deadliest forest fire on record and many of those affected were visiting the coastal region during the summer holidays.

A health alert has been issued in Valparaíso by the health ministry, which advised the authorities to suspend elective surgeries even as they ordered temporary field hospitals to be set up.

Medicine students close to the end of their studies will be hired to help ease pressures on the health service, the ministry announced in the same statement.

Rescue officials are finding it difficult to reach the most affected areas even as the interior Minister Carolina Tohá said the death toll would "reach much higher figures" in the coming hours.

Interior Minister Lauded Over Achievements

A group, International Police Chaplaincy Sustainable Development and Law Enforcement - USA, Nigerian Command has passed a vote of confidence on the minister of interior, Hon. Olubunmi Tunji-Ojo.

It said his achievements within the shortest time in office exceeded a four-year tenure of the minister's predecessors.

The organisation has head office in the United States of America (USA) and focuses on security and the attainment of the United Nations (UN) 17 SDGs.

The national command/coordinator of the organisation, Dr. Raymond Edoh, told a press conference yesterday in Abuja that the international community is pleased to identify with the numerous achievements of the minister within a few months in office.

He said, "Our organisation, having closely followed the minister's antecedents, we have been consistently impressed by his unwavering dedication to public service and commitment to addressing the key issues that affect the Nigerian community within the scope of his ministry. His exemplary leadership, integrity, and tireless efforts to make positive change have earned him the International Police utmost respect.

"One aspect we truly admire about you (minister) is your ability to connect with Nigerians and understand the diverse needs and concerns of the citizens. You have consistently demonstrated a genuine interest in

listening to citizens and taking meaningful action to address their priorities. Your track record further solidifies your credibility and reliability. "You have shown remarkable vision and problem-solving skills, crafting pragmatic solutions to complex challenges. It is evident that you possess the knowledge, experience, and determination necessary to overcome obstacles and achieve sustainable progress. "You have proven commitment to transparency and accountability in your work. By advocating for greater government transparency and ethical governance practices, you have proven to be a trustworthy representative who genuinely cares about the best interests of the people.

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FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

PUBLIC DISPLAY ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) OF THE PROPOSED BAG/SACK MANUFACTURING PLANT PROJECT IN KPATSUWA VILLAGE, MOKWA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA, NIGER STATE BY PACK-IT PACKAGING LIMITED

In accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (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 for the draft Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) report submitted by Pack-It Packaging Limited. The 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: -

- Headquarters, Mokwa Local Government Area, Mokwa, Niger State.
- Niger State Ministry of Environment & Forestry, State Secretariat Complex, Minna, Niger State.
- Federal Ministry of Environment Office, Minna, Niger State.
- Federal Ministry of Environment, Environment House (Brown Building), Independence Way, Central Business District, Abuja-FCT.
- www.ead.gov.ng

BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION:-

The proposed project entails the installation and operation of a manufacturing plant for the production of 100 million PP woven bags per annum. The project shall be implemented in two (2) phases on a total landtake of 9100m² in Kpatsuwa Village, Mokwa Local Government Area, Niger State.

DURATION OF DISPLAY:-

Date: 5th February - 4th March, 2024
Time: 8:00am - 4:00pm daily.

ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE HONOURABLE MINISTER, FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT ON OR BEFORE 11TH MARCH, 2024.

SIGNED:
PERMANENT SECRETARY
FOR: HONOURABLE MINISTER.

www.geregupowerplc.com

SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Directors present the summarized financial information of Geregu Power Plc ("the company") for the year ended 31 December 2023. These summarized financial information are derived from the full financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 but are not the full financial statements for the company.

The Company's Auditors issued an unmodified audit opinion on the full financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 from which these summarized financial information were derived.

GEREGU POWER PLC AUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	31-Dec-23 N'000	31-Dec-22 N'000
Assets		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	36,349,480	37,994,728
Intangible assets	29	4,714
Defined benefit plan	4,480	-
Total non-current assets	36,353,989	37,999,442
Current assets		
Inventories	639,072	506,175
Trade and other receivables	48,065,048	76,944,928
Other current assets	26,728,096	6,948,108
Cash and cash equivalents	70,256,343	51,631,751
Total current assets	145,688,559	136,030,962
Total assets	182,042,548	174,030,404
Equity		
Share capital	1,250,000	1,250,000
Retained earnings	43,919,258	47,866,530
Actuarial reserves	(15,350)	(13,261)
Total equity	45,153,908	49,103,269
Liabilities		
Non-current liabilities		
Deferred tax liabilities	8,291,319	8,390,953
Defined benefit plan	-	11,702
Borrowings	17,575,534	27,990,799
Bond Payable	40,085,000	40,085,000
Total non-current liabilities	65,951,853	76,478,454
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	56,518,961	33,313,381
Current tax payable	8,444,125	7,646,589
Borrowings	3,283,456	5,004,539
Bond Payable	2,890,245	2,484,172
Total current liabilities	70,936,787	48,448,681
Total liabilities	136,888,640	124,927,135
Total equity and liabilities	182,042,548	174,030,404

GEREGU POWER PLC AUDITED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	31-Dec-23 N'000	31-Dec-22 N'000
Revenue	82,908,807	47,619,370
Cost of sales	(40,247,854)	(24,478,476)
Gross profit	42,660,953	23,140,894
Profit before income tax	24,389,919	15,168,471
Income tax expense	(8,337,191)	(4,997,017)
Profit for the year	16,052,728	10,171,454
Total comprehensive income for the year	16,050,639	10,164,634
Earnings per share		
Basic earnings per share in (N)	6.42	4.07

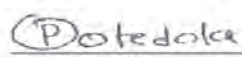
GEREGU POWER PLC AUDITED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023


	31-Dec-23 N'000	31-Dec-22 N'000
Net cash generated from operating activities	55,565,135	8,423,059
Net cash generated from investing activities	5,318,748	1,138,462
Net cash generated(used in)/ from financing activities	(42,761,562)	37,958,113
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	18,122,321	47,519,634
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	51,631,751	3,954,864
Effect of exchange rate movement on cash and cash equivalents	502,271	157,253
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	70,256,343	51,631,751

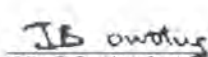
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BRIEFLY

5 New Breast Cancer Cases Diagnosed In Rivers Monthly – Oreh

BY ANAYO ONUKWUGHA, Port Harcourt

Rivers State commissioner for health, Dr Adaeze Oreh, has revealed that five new cases of breast cancer among women are diagnosed in tertiary health institutions in the state on monthly basis.

She expressed regret that most diagnosed cases were in the late stages of the disease where the prognosis of treatment may not be favourable.

Oreh, who spoke in a statewide broadcast to mark the 2024 World Cancer Day, called on the people of the state to go for regular screening for common preventable cancers.

She said, "According to the report from the cancer registries in Nigeria, the incidence of cancers in both sexes in 2020 was 124,815 with a mortality of 78,899.

"The prevalence of cancer in Nigeria for the past 5 years is 233,911. Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in Nigeria followed by cervical cancer, non-Hodgkin's-lymphoma, ovarian cancer, colorectal cancer and other cancers.

NANS Hails Rescue Of Ekiti Pupils

BY HENRY TYOHEMBA, Abuja

National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS) has expressed appreciation to President Bola Ahmed Tinubu for the successful rescue of the Ekiti pupils who were kidnapped by gunmen in Emure-Ekiti on January 29, 2023.

NANS president, Comr. Lucky Emonefe, in a statement yesterday, said the efforts of security agents in ensuring that these pupils were safely returned to their families remain commendable.

However, he said it is pertinent to urge security agencies to intensify efforts in rescuing other kidnapped victims in several other parts of the nation.

"The spate of kidnappings in recent times is alarming and poses a threat to national security. It is imperative that all hands must be on deck to put an end to this menace.



L-R: Vicar, Christ Anglican Church Elere, Agege, Tunde Owoyele; Celebrant, Mama Hannah Oderinde; former, Chairman, Institute of Chartered Accountant of Nigeria, Ikeja, District and Son of the Celebrant, Okeowo Oderinde, and Assistant Priest. Reverend Ebenezer Daramola Venerable Samson Akindojutimi and others, during the 2024 Special Thanksgiving at the church to mark Mama Okeowo birthday in Lagos, yesterday. PHOTO BY NAN

Japa: Governor Nwifuru Approves N150,000 Allowance For Doctors

BY OBINNA OGBONNAYA, Abakaliki

To check the 'Japa syndrome' and boost healthcare services in Ebonyi State, Governor Francis Nwifuru has approved a relief allowance of N150,000 to be added to the salaries of the medical doctors working in general hospitals across the state.

Nwifuru made the disclosure

when members of the Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team (AMURT) Foundation, a non-governmental organisation (NGO) paid him a courtesy visit in his office at New Government House Abakaliki.

Nwifuru noted that the gesture is to advance his practical approach to delivering quality healthcare services to Ebonyi people adding that it will assist

the doctors in fueling their new cars and to offset other sundry expenses.

He assured that the state government will continue to partner with AMURT that is currently working in some of the rural communities of the state.

"AMURT's flashlight is focused on primary healthcare delivery with major emphasis on maternal and child health," he said.

First Lady To Reintroduce Alternative Schools For Girls

BY JONATHAN NDA-ISIAH, Abuja

First Lady, Oluremi Tinubu has announced plans to reintroduce the Alternative High Schools for Girls.

She disclosed this yesterday during a meeting with the wives of state governors at the presidential Villa.

The alternative schools aim to give girls who dropped out of school due to issues like pregnancy, domestic violence, trafficking, or drug addiction a second chance at education.

The first lady in a statement by her media aide, Busola Kukoyi, said some states already have similar 'second chance schools' and her office will work with the Federal Ministry of Education to harmonise and restructure these intervention schools.

She said the school would give girls who had dropped out of school due to pregnancy, domestic violence, child trafficking, drug addiction and other reasons the opportunity to return to the classroom and eke a living for themselves.

Mrs. Tinubu said, "I will be reintroducing the Alternative High School for Girls. It will interest you to know that some states already have similar programmes named 'second chance schools'.

"We are going to reach out to the Federal Ministry of education to help us harmonise and restructure these special intervention schools".

Tinubu also called on wives of governors to remain steadfast and supportive of one another.

The first lady while commending them for their efforts in their various states especially to ameliorate the hardships as occasioned by the removal of the fuel subsidy appealed to them to intensify their efforts.

"As we all know, the Mission of the Renewed Hope Initiative which is driven by my office, to complement the efforts of the administration of our President and Commander-in-Chief, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR is 'Towards a Better Life for Families.'"

She disclosed that there would be the launch of the 'We Are Equal? We Are the Same Campaign,' an initiative of the Organization of African First ladies for Development, OAFLAD geared towards women empowerment, promoting economic growth and advance gender equity.

A raffle was conducted where Osun State was picked as the place where the campaign would be flagged off.

At the meeting, it was also disclosed that the Renewed Hope Initiative, RHI, will be distributing 1,950,000 exercise books to public primary and junior secondary schools across the nation.

The exercise books which are already being produced will be given to each state through the RHI coordinator/first lady of the state to the SUBEB chairmen for distribution to the students through the Local Government Education Authority.

Lagos and Kano will be getting 100,000 exercise books each, while 50,000 exercise books will be given to other states and FCT.

Another Abducted Zamfara Prospective Corps Member, Driver

BY HENRY TYOHEMBA, Abuja

The combined efforts of National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) and the military have led to the release of another female prospective corps member, including the driver of the bus kidnapped in Zamfara State on their way to NYSC Orientation Camp in Sokoto State last year.

This brings the total number of

prospective corps members (PCMs) already released to five, says Eddy Megwa, the director, press and public relations in a statement, yesterday.

It would be recalled that eight prospective corps members were kidnapped on August 17 in Zamfara on their way from Uyo to Sokoto for national service.

However, Megwa said efforts are still ongoing to ensure that the

remaining three (one female and two male) still in captivity regain their freedom soonest.

The statement noted, "The Director General, NYSC, Brigadier General Y.D Ahmed appreciated the security agents for their untiring efforts that resulted in the release of the PCMs, adding the Scheme will never shirk its responsibility of upholding the welfare of corps members at all times."

TAKEAWAYS

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Kidnap Victims

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BRIEFLY

Perform Or Quit, Wike Tells Road Contractor

BY IGHO OYOYO, Abuja

Minister, Federal Capital Territory Administration, Nyesom Wike has warned Arab Contractors handling the Kuje-Airport Road junction and other road projects in the territory to take the job seriously or risk revocation of contracts.

The minister, who stated this in Kuje yesterday while flagging off a five-Kilometer rural road in Kuje area council under the FCT Satellites Town Development Agency of the FCT administration, noted that the slow pace of work on the airport road shows unseriousness on the part of the contractor.

Wike also warned the company handling the construction of the five kilometers road to work within the specified time, that his administration will not entertain any excuse for failure to deliver on the set time to handover the projects.

The minister also told the residents of Kuje, that his administration was not only concentrating on roads constructions, that in two weeks' time, FCT Administration under his watch would flag off total rehabilitation of over 40 classrooms of schools in FCT, as well as hospitals and the completion of most of abandoned projects that littered the federal capital city.

He however called for the cooperation of the grass-root in rooting out insecurity, underdevelopment, unemployment, poverty, hunger and other challenges, facing the residents of the federal capital, with appreciation to President Bola Tinubu's support to change the face of FCT.

Tinubu Mourns Iconic Actor, Jimi Solanke

BY JONATHAN NDA- ISAIAH, Abuja

President Bola Tinubu has mourned the passing of Nigeria's creative icon, Jimi Solanke, who died on Monday.

Baba Solanke was an actor, dramatist, folk singer, poet, and playwright.

President Tinubu in a statement by his spokesman, Ajuri Ngelale mourned the literary and cultural virtuoso and described him as one of the finest of Nigeria's creative artists.

The president condoled with the Solanke family and all those who mourn this painful loss while praying for the peaceful repose of the beloved departed.



L-R: Secretary-General, Nigeria Network of NGOs, Barr. Ayo Adebosoye, Head of Programme, West Africa Network for Peacebuilding, Patience Ikpeh-Obaulo, Executive Director, Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC), Auwal Ibrahim Musa Rafsanjani, General Secretary, West Africa Society Forum (WACSOF), Koop Dabuget and Senior Programme Officer, Transition Monitoring Group (TMG), Solomon Adoga during a media interactive meeting on the State of ECOWAS and Regional Integration in Africa organised by CISLAC, WACSOF and TMG held in Lagos on Monday.

King Charles III Diagnosed With Cancer

British Monarch, King Charles III has been diagnosed with a form of cancer, but it was said not to be prostate according to a statement on Monday by Buckingham Palace.

This cancer was discovered during his recent treatment for an enlarged prostate, but the type of cancer troubling the king was not made public and no further details are being shared on the stage of

cancer or a prognosis.

However, the 75-year-old monarch is said to have begun "regular treatments" on Monday.

Buckingham Palace said the King "remains wholly positive about his treatment and looks forward to returning to full public duty as soon as possible".

The King informed both his sons personally about his diagnosis and Prince William was said to be in

regular contact with his father.

The second son Prince Harry, spoke to his father and will be travelling to the UK to see him in the coming days.

Harry lives in the United States with his family.

Sources from the Palace said the King will shift his public engagements while other senior royals will help to stand in for him during his treatment.

Blackout: Keyamo Threatens To Sack Airport Management

BY EJIKE EJIKE, Abuja

Worried by the recurring total blackout being experienced at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport (MMIA), Lagos, the minister of aviation and aerospace development, Mr. Festus Keyamo has read the riot act to the management of the airport to sit up or get boot out.

The minister also directed all the airports, particularly the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, to constantly ensure seamless instant power transition in any power outage situation.

Keyamo, who is said to

be utterly worried with the trending reports in the traditional and social media of three total blackouts lasting for about three minutes in the airport within the last three days, said a noticeable power outage leading to complete blackout lasting for even a few seconds is not acceptable in any international airport in this age no matter the state of electricity supply.

Ministry sources also said the minister, who is also concerned with the low level of efficiency in the MMIA, has therefore directed the management of the Murtala International Airport to put all the machinery in place and en-

sure instant, seamless power supply following any power outage at the airport.

Keyamo, according to his latest directive, pointed out that beyond the embarrassment and discomfort passengers and other airport user suffer during blackouts, the security implications of blackouts are grave, especially with the prevailing insecurity situation in the country.

The minister who has severally promised to give Nigeria the best in aviation management, vowed to eliminate any impediment in the effective and efficient management of all the airports and other aviation facilities in the

country in line with the Renewed Hope Agenda of the present government

"The minister was emphatic on efficient management of resources in the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, especially in power generation and management," said the source.

It will be recalled that the management of Murtala Muhammed International Airport had put out a statement of apologies on Saturday over what it called "a brief power outage yesterday February 2nd, 2024 lasting approximately 2-3 minutes during a transfer to backup power after the grid failed".

FG Plans Inclusion Of Cancer Treatment In NHIS

BY TARKAA DAVID, Abuja

National coordinator, Cancer Control Programme, Federal Ministry of Health, Uche Nwokwu, has disclosed the government's plan to include cancer treatment in the National Health Insurance Scheme.

He disclosed this in Abuja at the Nigerian Army Officers' Wives Association (NAOWA), Cancer Awareness Summit, in commem-

oration of the Year 2024 World Cancer Day.

Nwokwu said the move is to ensure adequate and affordable healthcare services for citizens diagnosed with cancer.

He stated that the government has put in place the Cancer Health Funds which provides comprehensive cancer care for patients.

According to him, over 2,445 patients had been registered for the scheme

while over 750 patients are currently being funded.

He said, "We understand that one of the major things cancer affects is the pockets of the affected families and communities. Cancer is capable of impoverishing anybody. Nobody has the capacity on their own to afford cancer care anywhere in the world, not just in Nigeria.

"The government is taking steps to ensure that it is

included in the health insurance which is one of the major areas that people can afford to access the care and pay for it.

"We also understand that since not everybody is yet on health insurance, the one has provided what they call cancer health funds, the fund provides comprehensive cancer care. As we speak over 2,445 patients are registered and over 750 have been funded.

BRIEFLY

NAFDAC Enforces Ban On Alcoholic Beverages In Sachets

BY PATIENCE IVIE IHEJIRIKA, Abuja

National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), has banned the manufacturing and sale of alcoholic beverages in sachets, small bottles of 200ml and below.

The director-general of NAFDAC, Prof Mojisola Adeyeye, who stated this yesterday at a press briefing in Abuja, informed that the window period given to manufacturers by the agency to sell off all alcoholic drinks in this category elapsed on January 31, 2024.

She said "As of January 31, 2024, there is no alcoholic beverage in these categories that are registered by NAFDAC. I also want to inform you that the agency has started enforcement actions to enforce the implementation of this policy."

Adeyeye said it was discovered during the enforcement that some manufacturers of the banned products were still producing them and still had finished products and packaging materials of the products in their possession.

She called on those still in possession of these products to immediately report the agency.

Police Arrest Suspected Bandit With 55 Cows In Kano

BY LONGTONG YAKUBU, Kano

Kano State Police Command have arrested one Isa Lawal who specializes in armed robbery, kidnapping and cattle rustling in Birnin Gwari area of Kaduna State and have relocated to settle in Kano State.

The command said it recovered 55 Cows and six Sheep from the suspect who has confessed to having intention of setting up a bandits' camp in Gwarzo-Karaye Forest.

According to a statement signed by the deputy police public relations officer, ASP Abdullahi Hussaini, a team of police operatives led by SP Aliyu Mohammed Auwal, while on intelligence-led clearance operation at Karaye LGA, Kano State along Kaduna-Kano Border arrested the suspect, a 33 years old man of Kaya Village in Giwa local government area of, Kaduna State.

"During the course of the investigation, the suspect confessed that they were running out from their Maidaro Bandits Camp in Birnin Gwari LGA, Kaduna State because one of their gang leaders, Bashir of Malumfashi, Katsina State was killed during a bandits rival group fights which necessitated him to relocate to Kano State, Gwarzo-Karaye Forest to set up a new camp.

"A discrete investigation is in progress as the suspect is providing useful information that will assist the Police in tackling banditry in neighboring states."

SHORT READ

Court Adjourns Trial Of Ali Bello To February 6

Hearing in the case marked FHC/ABJ/CR/550/2022: Federal Republic of Nigeria versus Ali Bello and Another before Justice J. K. Omotosho at the Federal High Court, Abuja Division has been adjourned to February 6, 2024.

The lawyers to the 1st and 2nd defendants, A.M Aliyu (SAN) and Nureini Jimoh (SAN) respectively, cross examined the prosecution's 2nd witness, Edward Bananda, from a commercial bank, with respect to the evidence he tendered (statements of accounts).

The witness, upon a perusal of the entire bank statements he produced at trial, stated that he could not remember seeing the names of Ali Bello and Dauda Suleiman as beneficiaries who made withdrawals from the account tendered.

He, however, confirmed that one Abdulsalam Hudu made most of the withdrawals from the account statements.

The witness also stated that he played no role in the entries contained in the statements of account and only became a witness in the matter due to EFCC's invitation.

Speaker, Ilorin Emir Celebrate Kwara Governor At 64

BY ABDULLAHI OLESIN, Ilorin

Speaker of Kwara State House of Assembly, Hon Yakubu Danladi-Salihi and the emir of Ilorin, Alhaji Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, have congratulated the state governor, AbdulRahaman AbdulRazaq on his 64th birthday.

The speaker and the emir's congratulatory messages were contained in separate statements signed by their spokespersons, Sheu Yusuf and Abdulazeez Arowona respectively.

Danladi-Salihi described Governor AbdulRazaq as a pragmatic leader.

"Your Excellency, it gladdens our hearts that you have continued to use your exalted office to initiate and implement clear-cut programmes and policies that have impacted the lives of the people of the state.

"Sir, you not only justified the confidence reposed in you by the electorate in the state who through their thumbs, returned you for a well-deserved second term in office, but have also shown that you are a God-sent leader whose major preoccupation is to ensure the welfare and wellbeing of the people.

Kidnappers Hijack 2 Abuja-bound Buses In Kogi

BY AYOBAMI OMOLE-IYAGIN, Lokoja

Passengers travelling in two buses from the Eastern part of the country to Abuja have been kidnapped in Inele-Eteke Ogugu new road in Kogi East senatorial district of Kogi State.

LEADERSHIP gathered yesterday that a GIG and ABC transport buses heading to Abuja were hijacked by kidnappers in Kogi State.

The source further disclosed that the GIG bus left Umuahia at 7:30 am on

Saturday on their way to Abuja.

According to the source, GIG Company said they have contacted security services and they are tracking them.

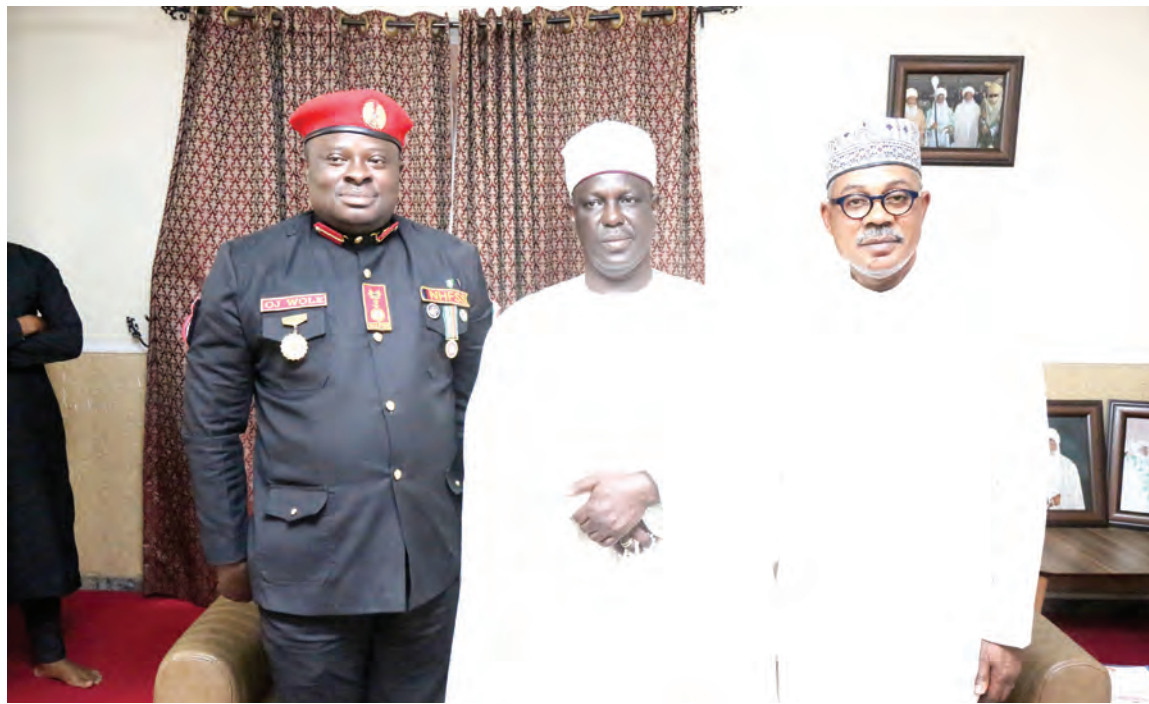
Meanwhile, Kogi State Police Command have confirmed the incident.

The command's public relations officer, SP William Ayah, in a statement issued yesterday and available to LEADERSHIP stated that the incident happened but the DPO, Local Vigilantes and Hunters have been in the bush in an effort to rescue the vic-

tims.

According to him two buses were involved but he cannot say how many passengers were kidnapped during the incident.

He further disclosed that the commissioner of police Bethrand Onuoha has deployed additional Tactical Squad consist of Quick Response Unit, Police Mobile Force, Counter-Terrorism Unit, as well as conventional police personnel to the area to continue with the bush combing and to ensure all victims are rescued unhurt.



L-R: Commander General of Nigerian Hunter and Forest Security Service, Amb. Dr. Joshua W. Osatimehin, Emir of Borgu Kingdom, HRH, Muhammed S. Halliru Dantoro and DCG, Technical Services Nigerian Hunter and Forest Security Service, Amb. Dr. John Metchie during the CG's courtesy visit to the HRH, in Abuja on Sunday.

World Cancer Day: FG Plans 6 More Treatment Centres

BY PATIENCE IVIE IHEJIRIKA, Abuja

Federal government has revealed its plan to build six new cancer centres across the six geopolitical zones in the country.

The minister of state for health, Dr Tunji Alausa, disclosed this yesterday at the World Cancer Day Symposium, themed: "Economy, Tax and Cancer Control: The Exit of Pharmaceutical Companies from Nigeria" in Abuja.

He said, "Government has concluded plans to build six new cancer centres across each of the six geopolitical zones in our country. The cancer centres will be built in the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital Enugu, Ahmadu Bello University

Teaching Hospital Zaira, Federal Tertiary Hospital Katsina, University of Benin Teaching Hospital Benin, University of Jos Teaching Hospital Jos and Lagos University Teaching Hospital."

The minister explained that the Federal Ministry of Health was able to secure additional funds to the N20 billion appropriated three years ago for the building of the cancer centres.

"The amount that was appropriated has depreciated, there was no way we could use the N20 billion to build the cancer centres, we had to make a presentation to the President and the National Assembly to give us another budget allocation to build the six cancer centres.

"We have gotten the additional funding that we need. The groundbreaking will happen in the next several weeks," he said.

On the ongoing efforts to combat the scourge of cancer in the country, the minister said that there is increased collaboration with various pharmaceutical companies to review the cost of cancer chemotherapy with some international non-governmental organisations, such as the Clinton Health Access Initiative, the American Cancer Society and some pharmaceutical companies like Pfizer, Roche, Johnson and Johnson.

"These pharmaceutical companies are providing a 50 percent discount on some of our cancer chemotherapy," he added.

Plateau Attacks: Gov. Mutfwang Relaxes Curfew In Mangu

Citing improved security situation in Mangu local government area of Plateau State, Governor Caleb Mutfwang has relaxed the curfew imposed in the council.

In a statement issued by Mr Gyang Bere, the Director of Press and Public Affairs to Mutfwang yesterday in Jos, the government announced that the curfew would now run from 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

The governor explained that the adjustment in the timing of

the curfew was made after careful consideration and consultation with the state security council.

He said that it was also to allow residents to resume their agricultural and economic activities, in order to continue their contribution to the overall development of the state.

Mutfwang encouraged the community leaders, irrespective of their faith or ethnicity, to continue their strategic engagements, aimed at nurturing trust, fostering tolerance,

and promoting better understanding among the people.

While urging the residents of Mangu LGA to adhere strictly to the curfew by remaining indoors between 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 am, the governor enjoined them to refrain from taking the law into their own hands.

He also called on the security personnel to fulfill their constitutional responsibility of ensuring effective enforcement of the curfew, to prevent any breach of law and order.

SHORT NEWS

Idoma Group Asks FG To Stop Mindless Killing In Benue

Idoma Association in the United States of America (USA), a socio-cultural organisation, has condemned the persistent horrific attacks on Benue South communities by suspected gunmen.

The group lamented that the reports of armed men wielding sophisticated weapons without any restriction from security personnel are deeply disturbing. Reports had it that no fewer than 500 persons have been killed and several others missing after suspected gunmen launched coordinated attacks on some villages in Apa, Otukpo and Agatu LGAs of the state.

The latest wave of violence has ravaged several communities, leaving villages like Ogwumogbo, Ikpele, Ejima, Okokolo, Olegomakwu, Olegonyilo, Nahem, Ocholonya, Abugbe, Ugboju, Odugbeho and Olegobidu decimated, with numerous lives lost.

Reacting to the latest waves of attacks, Prince Edwin Ochai, president of the association, in a statement yesterday, said it is unacceptable that "our people are left defenseless, homes destroyed, and farm produce decimated".

He bemoaned the loud silence of the state and federal governments over the persistent attacks on the people of Idoma community.

Police Arrest 6 Suspected Kidnappers In Abuja Hotel

BY EJIKE EJIKE, Abuja

Operatives of the FCT Police Command attached to the Anti-Kidnapping Unit have arrested six suspected kidnappers in a hotel in Abuja.

The suspects were identified as Buhari Muhammad, 20, alleged to be a wanted kidnap kingpin; Muhammad Sabiu, 20, Isah Abdullahi, Hamzat Musa, 21, Fatima Abdullahi, 22 and Zuliati Yusuf, 23.

They were picked up in a hotel in Bassa Village in the FCT by the operatives who acted on intelligence.

FCT police spokesperson, SP Josephine Adeh said the notorious kidnap syndicate was responsible for the abduction of one Joshua Eze, the husband to Blessing Eze who suffered a bullet injury in the process of her husband's abduction on January 27, 2024.

He was later rescued unhurt by Police operatives of the command on January 28, 2024.

The police said one AK47 rifle, ten mobile phones, cash of N345,000 and some other valuables were recovered from the suspects who have since confessed to the crime and other kidnapping incidents in the FCT.

SHORT READ

INEC Declares Taraba Bye-election Inconclusive

BY JOHN MKOM, Jalingo

Even though the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) declared Saturday's bye-election inconclusive, the candidate of the Social Democratic Party (SDP) for Jalingo/Yoro/Zing federal constituency Hon Innocent Jabanyang defeated the deputy governor of Taraba State Aminu Arkari and the speaker of the House of Assembly, Hon Kizito Bonzena in Zing local government area.

Arkari and Kizito are members of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) in the council.

In the council, the SDP scored 6,299 votes while PDP got 3,595 votes.

The election was finally declared inconclusive by the state returning officer, Prof Daniel Ayuba at about 6:35 pm when he announced the overall results of the three local government areas on Sunday in Jalingo, the state capital.

Kaduna N-Power Beneficiaries Call For Resumption Of Payment

BY BELLO HAMZA, Abuja

Members of the Association of N-Power Beneficiaries in Kaduna State have applauded President Bola Ahmad Tinubu over the suspension of the minister of humanitarian affairs and poverty alleviation, Betta Edu.

They, however, called for the resumption of the payment of their stipends.

The president suspended the minister to investigate the allegations of corruption in the ministry. The association said the suspension was long overdue.

The state chairman of the association, Comrade Kasimu Sani Wada made the commendation in an interview with journalists.

Wada said the association was established at the inception of the programme in 2016 by the then president Muhammadu Buhari. He said the association enabled them to solve their internal problems and the one between them and the government.

He affirmed that the association has benefited greatly from the programme for over seven years. "A long time ago there were those who started it, and we later came in Batch C Stream II, and represented the beneficiaries", he said.

Governor Yusuf Meets Kano Business Community Over Hardship

BY ABDULMUMIN MURTALA, Kano

Kano State governor Abba Kabir Yusuf has lamented the hardship being faced by the people of the state and other Nigerians and engaged the business community on how to tackle the situation.

In an address he delivered yesterday at the meeting, he also lamented how businesses have deteriorated in the state and the increasing hardship among the people.

Yusuf condemned the massive reliance on importation of goods which

he said has led to massive unemployment, drug abuse among youths and crimes. He called for the development of the industrial sector to encourage local production in the state and the country at large.

He called on the business community to cooperate with the government to find lasting solutions to the growing problems that have thrown millions in the state into hardship.

The governor also lamented the depreciation of the value of the Naira to the Dollar and how businesses have closed down.

He promised to block all forms of leakages that relate to revenue generation by putting in place new forms of tax collection methods that will rid the state of multiple taxation as well as leakages.

Speaking on the new tax method, he explained that it will be made annually through a transparent but direct remitting method.

"Since our coming to power, we have initiated meetings with business experts from the market communities to see how we can enhance business in the state.



L-R: Spokesperson, House of Representatives, Akin Rotimi Jnr; His Royal Highness, Emir of Bichi, Alhaji Nasiru Ado Bayero, and the deputy spokesperson, Philip Agbese, during a visit to the Emir's palace on his 60th birthday in Kano, yesterday. PHOTO BY NAN

Why I Embraced Tinubu's Good Governance Drive – Bala Mohammed

BY KAMAL IBRAHIM, Bauchi

Bauchi State Governor Bala Abdulkadir Mohammed has said that his administration is determined to deliver infrastructure projects for the overall socio-economic growth and development of the people in line with President Bola Tinubu's agenda.

The governor said this while flagging off the construction of a 7km rural

road in Misau yesterday.

He said as a responsive leader, he is poised more than ever to empower Bauchi communities with basic amenities without preference to any part.

The governor said he traversed all agrarian communities of the state, hence, he is well informed of the development needs and yearnings of the people of the state.

Governor Mohammed insisted that

projects are not meant for political patronage but honest desire to entrench socio-economic development.

He said the 7km road cost over N5bn and will be completed within 18 months, warning the contractor to ensure quality while striving to meet the completion deadline.

Earlier, the governor commissioned the construction of another 22km rural road in Darasi local government.

Taraba Trains Youths On Livestock Feeds

BY JOHN MKOM, Jalingo

Taraba State government has commenced the training of over 40,000 youths in the production of livestock feeds to reduce farmers/herders' clashes.

The youths were drawn from the 16 local government areas and two development areas of the state.

Tagged: "Livestock-based Intervention Project", the World Bank-sponsored initiative is aimed at engaging young entrepreneurs and enhancing productivity in the selected livestock value chains.

While presenting his opening speech during the training of the feeds production participants in

Jalingo, the state project coordinator, Mr Hananiah Albert said the programme is a strategic input to Nigeria's long-term approach of developing and transforming the livestock sector of agriculture.

"The project is a strategic input to Nigeria's long-term approach to transforming the livestock sector of agriculture by supporting measures that help the livestock farmers and ancillary business in the sector mitigate and increase their adaptive capacity to climate and resilience through strengthening service deliveries to livestock farmers," Albert stated.

He said the importance of livestock production and productivity

to the Nigerian economy cannot be overstated because over the years, livestock production has had a positive and statistically significant impact on the economic growth of the country.

"Feeds and feeding constitute about 70 percent of production cost in livestock production, therefore by carefully selecting crop residues which are by-products of crop production and using them to feed our animals we will reduce the cost of raising these animals, improve feed shortages and reduce reliance on external feed sources because of the high cost associated with industrially produced improved feeds." Albert stated.

SHORT NEWS

Jigawa Pays N774.836m For 26,000 Students' Scholarships

BY MUH'D ZANGINA KURA, Dutse

Jigawa State government has paid over N774.836 million for the scholarships of over 26,000 students in tertiary institutions of learning in Nigeria.

The executive secretary of the State Scholarships Board, Alhaji Sidu Magaji, revealed this to newsmen in Dutse, the state capital.

Magaji said the payment of the students' bursary allowance was done in three phases, the first category included all tertiary institutions within Jigawa, the second phase is for Jigawa State students at tertiary institutions in Kano State, and the third category are students in other institutions across the country.

He said in Jigawa State they have nine tertiary institutions, in Kano State 37 and in other parts of the country are 45, while for the first and second phase, they have completed the payment while they are currently about to cover the third category.

Magaji also revealed that the state government had spent over N2.6 billion on foreign scholarships, including the 198 medical students who were recently transferred from Sudan to Cyprus and India due to the civil war in the Sudan.

Centre Debunks Report Of 24 Terror Cells In Katsina

BY GODWIN ENNA, Katsina

Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD) has debunked the report making the rounds titled: "UN report reveals 24 terror cells in Katsina, names leaders" published in a national daily.

A statement issued by the CDD management and made available to LEADERSHIP stated that the content of the report published should be understood as the opinion of the publisher and does not accurately represent the position of CDD and its partners involved in the research, training initiatives, and programmes.

Explaining that the article was published following CDD's journalists' training held in Katsina on the 16th and 17th of January 2024 whereby the CDD sought to enhance the capacity of journalists in advocating for transitional justice as a means of moving away from the kinetic approach to one of reconciliation, resolution, and peacebuilding.

Stock Market Opens Week Lower, Sheds N437bn

BY OLUSHOLA BELLO, Lagos

The Nigerian stock market opened the week on a negative with N437 billion loss on decline in MTN Nigeria Communications (MTNN) Plc and 27 others.

The All Share Index (ASI) shed 761.42 points, representing a loss of 0.73 per cent to close at 103,659.81 points. Also, market capitalisation depreciated by N437 billion to close at N56.721 trillion.

The downtrend was impacted by losses recorded in medium and large capitalised stocks, amongst which are; MTNN, PZ Cussons Nigeria,

Fidelity Bank, Guaranty Trust Holding Company (GTCO) and Access Holdings.

Looking ahead, United Capital Plc said: "we expect positive sentiments to dominate the market, supported by the commencement of the full year, 2023 earning season."

"We expect bargain-hunting activities across stocks with strong fundamentals and impressive earnings releases. We anticipate increased buy-interests towards corporates in the financial services sector due to expectations of strong top-bottom line growth. Meanwhile, dividend scouting investors can also cherry-

pick stocks ahead of full-year dividend declarations."

Market breadth closed slightly negative as 27 stocks gained relative to 28 decliners. Cadbury Nigeria, Cornerstone Insurance, Meyer, DAAR Communications and May & Baker Nigeria recorded the highest price gain of 10 per cent each to close at N22.00, N2.09, N4.73, 77 kobo and N6.93 respectively, per share.

Sovereign Trust Insurance followed with a gain of 9.80 per cent to close at 56 kobo, while Ellah Lakes appreciated by 9.71 per cent to close at N3.73, per share.

SIFAX Partners Singaporean Firm On Aviation Development

BY YUSUF BABALOLA, Lagos

SIFAX Group and its aviation partner, Changi Airports International from Singapore have opened discussions on strategic collaboration with the federal government and Lagos State government to develop the country's aviation sector.

SIFAX Group, through one of its subsidiaries, SAHCO Plc, is already a major player in the aviation ground handling space.

However, the consortium is looking to explore more business prospects in the sector such as aviation terminal man-

agement, airline management and development and other ancillary services.

In various meetings recently with the Vice President, Kasim Shettima, Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu and the Minister of Aviation, Festus Keyamo, the Group reiterated its commitment to the development of Nigeria's aviation sector, explaining that the company has the capacity to contribute substantially to the growth of the sector, which will positively impact the nation in terms of job creation, tourism development and economic

growth.

Chairman of the Consortium, Dr. Taiwo Afolabi, noted that SIFAX Group has a track record of turning around enterprises for profitability in Nigeria and beyond.

Citing the example of SAHCO Plc which was carved out of the defunct Nigeria Airways and was concessioned to the Group in 2009, Afolabi noted that SIFAX Group has invested heavily in growing it to become the number one cargo handling company in West Africa, as well as being listed on the Nigeria Stock Exchange.

Workplace Women To Empower 1m Female Entrepreneurs With N50m Grants

To bridge the funding gap and empower one million women to grow successful businesses, the Workplace Women, a non-governmental organisation, has kickstarted its maiden edition to enable budding entrepreneurs access up to N50 million for their business growth.

The initiative, Pitch-a-Fix, designed to provide funding and entrepreneurial development to female entrepreneurs first in Nigeria and in other parts of the world, will enable 20 female finalists to

access funds either through debt investment or equity this year.

The programme is one of the key outlets through which Workplace Women aim at fulfilling its mission to nurture and empower one million women for the workplace by 2035.

The Workplace Women was conceived in response to the need of women who, either for the sake of fulfilling their career pursuits or for the need to support their families, have found them-

selves at work but struggle with the dynamics and oftentimes, the shenanigans of the workplace.

Speaking about the initiative, founder, Kelechi Mbah stated that Workplace Women was conceived in response to the need of women who, either for the sake of fulfilling their career pursuits or for the need to support their families, have found themselves at work but struggle with the dynamics and oftentimes the complexities at the workplace.

SUNU Founder Establishes Trust, Set Corporate Governance Standard

BY ZAKA KHALIQ, Lagos

Late SUNU founder and president, Mr. Pathe' Dione, set the highest Corporate Governance standard as he established a Trust Deed for SUNU Group which has 34 subsidiaries in 17 African Countries.

With this, SUNU Group has been put on a path to exist for life.

Mr. Dione, who passed away in 2023 at the age of 81, had envisioned an establishment that thrives beyond his family but soars across the African continent for the sake of humanity.

To mark the anniversary of the death of Mr. Dione in a daylong event across the countries where SUNU is present, including Nigeria, associates, friends and families eulogised him, noting he left a mark on the continent.

In Nigeria, a mass was held at the Catholic Chaplaincy Centre, College of Medicine and Lagos University Teaching Hospital, Idi Araba Lagos while a Quranic reading was held at the NTA Mosque, Victoria Island Lagos. Also, a film on his life and career was shown at the Ebony life Cinema, Victoria Is-

land Lagos.

The company further announced that a foundation will be set up in honour of the Late Founder.

The managing director, SUNU Assurances, Mr. Samuel Ogbodu describes Late Dione as an eminent player in the financial services sector, who devoted his entire life to contributing to the development of Africa by Africans and for Africans. He said, Dione lived out his vision to establish insurance and other financial services across the African continent.



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SHORT READ

Tinubu Needs Support Not Criticism To Curb Insecurity – APC Chieftain

BY JOSHUA DADA, Osogbo

A chieftain of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Osun State, Hon. Olatunbosun Oyintiloye, has called on Nigerians to support President Bola Tinubu in the fight against insecurity rather than criticisms that can distract him.

Oyintiloye told newsmen in Osogbo that the rate of insecurity in the country had become alarming and that the development called for a sober reflection.

The former member of the defunct APC Presidential Campaign Council (PCC) said this is a period Nigerians needed to rally round the president and its administration to find solutions to the security challenges facing the country.

NBTE Approves 8 Courses For Federal Poly Ayede

BY YUSUF BABALOLA, Lagos

National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) has granted Federal Polytechnic Ayede approval to commence eight more National Diploma (ND) programmes.

This is consequent upon the resources' inspection exercise carried out by the NBTE between December 27 and December 30, 2023.

In a statement by the institution's protocols and public relations officer, Sunday Adepoju, said the approved ND programmes, according to a letter dated January 17, 2024, by the NBTE executive secretary, Prof. Idris Bugaje, to the rector of the institution, Engr. Taofeek Abdul-Hameed, are Electrical Electronics Engineering Technology, Accountancy, Business Administration and Management, Public Administration, Agriculture Planning, Estate Management and Valuation, Tourism Management Technology.

The institution said admission was in progress in all the 12 ND programmes.

Abdul-Hameed thanked the NBTE, the management, academic board and the polytechnic community for their relentless effort towards achieving the approval of the programmes.

Oyo Reopens 23 Schools 10 Years After Closure

BY ADEBAYO WAHEED, Ibadan

Oyo State government has ordered the re-opening of 23 schools in Atiba, Afijio, Oyo East and Oyo West local government areas which were shut 10 years ago due to a boundary dispute.

This followed the intervention of the state's deputy governor, Barrister Adebayo Lawal, at a stakeholders' meeting held at the Western Hall, Secretariat, Ibadan, to fashion out ways of resolving the dispute.

Lawal, who doubles as the chairman of the state's boundary committee, charged the chairmen of Atiba, Afijio, Oyo East and Oyo West councils to ensure security and peace in their domains.

He warned that if there were any

breaches of security, the chairmen would be held responsible.

The deputy governor said the ministry of education would oversee the schools after their reopening.

He enjoined the members of Oyo State House of Assembly, representing the affected constituencies to work with community leaders to ensure that children go back to school.

Lawal appreciated the president, Oyo Global Forum, a non-partisan group of professionals from the four LGAs that constitute the Oyo federal constituency, noting that the group's interest in the progress of the affected schools was commendable.

The deputy governor who assured the stakeholders that the office of the survey-

or-general would wade into the boundary dispute among the communities appealed to the community leaders to adhere to the Oyo State Government's verdict on the schools.

"I appeal to you, our elders and chairmen of the affected local governments, to consider the future of these children.

"The primary reason this meeting is held is for the schools that were closed for 10 years to reopen immediately. That is the message from the governor himself.

"We have engaged all the stakeholders, community leaders, Honourable members, the chairmen of the various local governments, and we have agreed that schools must reopen in the interest of those children", he said.



L-R: Chairman, New Telegraph Awards 2023, Dr. Dakuku Peterside; Enugu State Governor Peter Mbah; director at Niger Insurance, Kester Enwereonu; head, Liaison Office Enugu State, Maureen Oniya, and managing director/chief executive officer, ActivEdge Technologies Ltd, George Agu, during the presentation of the prestigious Governor of the year award in Courage in Leadership 2023 to the Governor at the just concluded New Telegraph Newspaper in Lagos, recently.

Lifeless Bodies Of Lovers Found In Lagos Apartment

BY OLAMIDE OJUOKAIYE Lagos

Lagos State Police Command has confirmed the death of a man and woman said to be in a relationship in an apartment at the Ojodu Berger axis of the state.

The command's spokesperson Benjamin Hundeyin confirmed the incident to journalists yesterday.

He said the unnatural death was reported to the Ojodu Police Division on Sunday at about 9:10 am.

He, however, said the bodies of the "couple", Adebayo Adeseko, 30, and Sarah Adesanya, 36, were found at their apartment at No. 8B, Gbete Street, off Shoyemi Bamako Estate, Ojodu Berger, Lagos.

The imagemaker said on the strength of the information, a team of operatives from the station visited the scene.

"The cops photographed the scene and evacuated the corpses to a mortuary for autopsy while an investigation into their death continues," he stated.

The deceased Adeseko known as a filmmaker was said to have had an argument with his lover which degenerated into a scuffle resulting in his lover's death.

Unverified sources claimed that Adeseko was billed to travel out of the country this week before the tragic incident.

As a result, the man allegedly stabbed himself and died after he discovered that the woman had given up the ghost.

Bye-election: Lagos, Oyo Petitions To Be Heard By Tribunal In Lagos

BY OLUGBENGA SOYELE, Lagos

President of the Court of Appeal, Justice Monica Dongban-Mensem, has constituted the National and State Houses of Assembly Election Petitions Tribunal to hear and determine petitions that may arise from the conduct of bye-elections that were held in Lagos and Oyo states at the weekend.

The elections were held in Surulere 1 Federal Constituency of Lagos State and Saki West State Constituency of Oyo State on Saturday.

The defeated candidates have 21 days to file their petitions while the winners also have the same days to respond.

A statement issued by the secretary of the tribunal, Ibrahim Usman, to notify the public, said the tribunal was constituted according to the powers conferred on the President, Court of Appeal by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and the Electoral Act, 2022.

The statement also revealed that "the chief judge of Lagos State, Justice Kazeem Alogba, has granted the use of the Rosaline Omotosho Court-House, Ikeja, Lagos State for the use of the tribunal."

The candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Fuad Laguda, defeated his two rivals to win Saturday's Surulere Federal Constituency

1 bye-election.

Laguda polled 11,203 votes while his closest contenders, Adeola Damilola of the Labour Party (LP) scored 240 votes and Afemikhe Jerry of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) got 278 votes.

In Oyo State, the APC candidate for Saki West Constituency, Ibrahim Shittu, won the election.

Shittu polled 13,850 votes while his closest challenger, Julius Okedoyin of the PDP, scored 13,670.

The Court of Appeal sacked Shittu, the INEC-declared winner of the March 18, 2023 general election and ordered a rerun in two units of the constituency.

SHORT NEWS

Governor Sule Hails Abiodun's Infrastructure Drive In Ogun

BY FEMI OYEWESO, Abeokuta

Nasarawa State Governor Abdullahi Sule has applauded his Ogun State counterpart, Prince Dapo Abiodun, over his giant strides in road construction and other infrastructure development.

Governor Sule gave the commendation yesterday when he visited Abiodun at the Governor's Office in Oke-Mosan, Abeokuta, the state capital.

Describing infrastructure as a catalyst for investments, Sule expressed delight with the good road network that the governor built across the state.

"So many projects like the Agro-Cargo Airport are going on in the state. I know about the various projects that President Muhammadu Buhari came to commission.

Insecurity: Bode George Urges Tinubu To Consult Ex-service Chiefs

BY KINGSLEY OKOH, Lagos

A higher education institution with a focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), Nigerian University of Technology and Management (NUTM) has concluded plans to begin full-time undergraduate degree programmes to advance technology education in the country.

This followed the approval of the National Universities Commission (NUC) for NUTM which initially offered bachelors' degrees in Computer Science, Cyber Security, and Information Technology.

NUTM in a statement said the forward-thinking curriculum features computing, entrepreneurship capstones, professional skills development and industry experience.

The academic director of NUTM, Dr. Nubi Achebo, said, "We are elated to open Nigeria's premier tech and management training to undergraduate learners. Our graduates will transform African innovation and industry."

He said the institution is now listed on JAMB and urged students desiring academic excellence at the intersection of STEM, management and entrepreneurship to select the university in their UTME application form.

According to him, merit-based scholarships are also available, especially for applicants from educationally-disadvantaged areas.

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OSUNRAYI MERCY KEMI (AKA) OSUNRAYI KEMI MERCY DIED ON THE 24TH DAY FEBRUARY, 2020 WORKED: INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION (INEC)	JAMES MERCY ABIOLA (AKA) MERCY ABIOLA JAMES OF OPPOSITE SANTUS HOTEL USHAFI BWARI ABUJA. DAUGHTER
MRS. IDRIS HASSANA OGYEMA (AKA) IDRIS HASSANA O. AND MISS IDRIS OGYEMA HASSANA DIED ON THE 8TH DAY OF MARCH, 2023 WORKED: FCT- DEPARTMENT OF MASS EDUCATION	MR. IDRIS OGYEMA IDRIS (AKA) IDRIS IDRIS OGYEMA GAURDIAN TO MISS UMUKIUSUM I. IMAKA BOTH OF NO. 58 LOKOJA ROAD ABAJI. ABUJA. BROTHER AND DAUGHTER
ABDUL HARUNA MAKOJI (AKA) MAKOJI ABDUL HARUNA DIED ON THE 11TH DAY OF MAY, 2023 WORKED: LBA BWARI ABUJA	OMAKOJI JOSHUA OJOQUE AND OMAKOJI EBIJO BLESSING BOTH OF BLOCK 66 FLATS, P W KUBA ABUJA. SON AND WIDOW

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NCS SVC NO.40176 DSC G IBRAHIM (AKA) IBRAHIM GARBA DIED ON THE 10TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2023 WORKED: NIGERIA CUSTOMS SERVICE	ZUIWATA GARBA UHAR (AKA) UMAR ZUIWATA AND ZAYYAD GARBA (AKA) GARBA ZAYYAD BOTH OF OPPOSITE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECRETARIATE KUTA NIGER STATE. WIDOW AND SON
MOHAMMED OCHEME DIED ON THE 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023 WORKED: RETIRED	AHMED FATIMA BINTA (AKA) BINTA MOHAMMED FATIMA AND MOHAMMED AISHAT BOTH OF BLOCK 2 FLAT 5 POLICE OFFICES GTRS PHASE ZUIBUWA FCT. DAUGHTER AND DAUGHTER
MR MOHAMMED ALIYU OWUSOWOSE (AKA) ANITA MOHAMMED (AKA) SULATHAN AMINA ALIYU MOHAMMED OWUSOWOSE DIED ON THE 22ND DAY OF JUNE, 2021 WORKED: INTEGRATED CORPORATE SERVICES/AMACON	ANITA MOHAMMED (AKA) SULATHAN AMINA ALIYU GUARDIAN TO AND SUDDAIS MOHAMMED BOTH OF AMCON NO. 417 TIGRIS STREET, MATTAMA ABUJA. WIDOW AND SON

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IPINNAIVE OMOIKEOLA EURICE DIED ON THE 19TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2023 WORKED: NIGERIA TELEVISION AUTHORITY	IPINNAIVE OLUASEUN JOSHUA GUARDIAN TO AND IPINNAIVE OLUWASEUN ENIOLUWAFAE BOTH OF NO 3 DAVID STREET BARKIN UZAH KARSHI, ABUJA. WIDOWER AND DAUGHTER
ISA LAWAL KOFARSORO A.K.A LAWAL ISAH DIED ON THE 4TH DAY OF MARCH, 2017 WORKED: RETIRED	ISAH HAFSAT GUARDIAN TO ISAH MUHAMMAD BOTH OF HOUSE 61, ZONE C, GARKI RESETTLEMENT TOWN APO, ABUJA. WIDOW AND SON
AP/ NO. 276681 INSPR. MARTIN IDUH AKA IOUH MARTINS. MR. MARTINS IDUH DIED ON THE 21ST DAY OF APRIL, 2022 WORKED: NIGERIA POLICE FORCE	TYIDA JACINTA HENRY IDUH (AKA) TYIDA JACINTA HENRY AND GUARDIAN TO SAVIOUR E.IDUH M. BOTH OF AREA D NYANYA FCT ABUJA. WIDOW AND SON

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ADEBISI OLUWAFUNKE (AKA) OLUWAFUNKE ADEBISI (AKA) ADEBISI OLUWAFUNKE MERCY DIED ON THE 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022 WORKED: INPREGO NIGERIA.	OYELEDE PETER OLUWABENGA (AKA) OYELEDE OLUWABENGA PETER GUARDIAN TO OYELEDE OGBORUMI. BOTH OF RICCOT TON OKADA BRIDGE, LUGBE CAR WASH ABUJA.
AYIS PAULINA (AKA) PAULINA AYIS DIED ON THE 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023 WORKED: FCT UNIVERSAL BASIC EDUCATION BOARD (LEA GWAGWALADA)	AYIS MUSA KANYIO AND AYIS CYNTHIA KEZIAH BOTH OF ECWA GOODNEWS CHURCH G W A G W A L A D A A B U J A . W I D O W E R A N D D A U G H T E R
YUSUF AMMMU KAFU (AKA) AMMU YUSUF KAFU DIED ON THE 3RD DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023 WORKED: GWAGWALADA AREA COUNCIL FCT.	SUWAIBA MOHAMMED IHAM (AKA) MOHAMMED SUWAIBAH GUARDIAN TO AND SAIFAT YUSUF KAFU BOTH OF PLOT 127 MIKI STADIAN LAYOUT GWAGWALADA ABUJA. WIDOW AND DAUGHTER

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OKECHUKWU IFEANYICHUKWU (AKA) JOHNPREST AND JOHNSANT ENTERPRISES DIED ON THE 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023 WORKED: S.C.G (NIGERIA) LIMITED	OKECHUKWU ANASTASIA IJEOMA BOTH OF AREA B LAST ROAD, NYANYA FCT, ABUJA. SISTER
MALIK ISA NERO (AKA) MALIK ISA DIED ON THE 31ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2022 WORKED: THE FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC, NASARAWA	MALIK REBECCA ATIMPO GUARDIAN TO DANIEL MALIK BABATUNDE BOTH OF HOUSE 2 HOSANNA GLORY HOMES PHASE 3, LUGBE FHA, ABUJA. WIDOW AND SON
MR. AGBOR MARTIN CHRYSANTHUS DIED ON THE 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023 WORKED: RETIRED	AGBOR MARTIN AJU (AKA) AGBOR MARTINS JUNIOR AND AGBOR COMFORT OMARI BOTH OF FIRST POLTRY, APPAMA 452, AGWAN-DOKA, NEW NYANYA SON AND WIDOW

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MR. MUSA YERIMA (AKA) YARIMA MUSA AND YERIMA MUSA. DIED ON THE 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023 WORKED: S.C.G (NIGERIA) LIMITED	MR. ELI YERIMA (AKA) YERIMA ELI AND YALWA MARTHA BOTH OF FIRST ECWA CHURCH, SIDAAN IYI, P O BOX 41 DUNA STATE. SON AND WIDOW
ENANG DORATHY OBETEN (AKA.) OBETEN DORATHY DIED ON THE 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022 WORKED: SELF EMPLOYED	OBETEN GIFT ASIBONG OF HOUSE 12 DOMINION PLAZA, FHA LUGBE, ABUJA. DAUGHTER
NCS SVC NO. 28491 SC CE ARCHIBONG (AKA) CHRISTOPHER E. ARCHIBONG DIED ON THE 14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023 WORKED: NIGERIA CUSTOMS SERVICE	JOSEPHINE CHRISTOPHER ARCHIBONG (AKA) ARCHBONG JOSEPHINE CHRISTOPHER AND CHRISTIANA CHRISTOPHER ARCHIBONG (AKA) ARCHBONG CHRISTIANA CHRISTOPHER BOTH OF NO. 88 ATIMBO ROAD, ATIMBO CALABAR. WIDOWER AND SON

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ULEH FRANCIS DIED ON THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 2023 WORKED: DOVELAND INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL LTD, ABUJA	FRANCIS ULEH JULIANA EVE GUARDIAN TO AND FRANCIS DIANA ADA BOTH OF NO 9 KUCHIARO EXTENSION STREET A KUJE FCT, ABUJA. WIDOW AND DAUGHTER
ADAMU JABBO DANASABE DIED ON THE 11TH DAY OF JUNE, 2023 WORKED: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, ABUJA.	FALFAFA ADAMU DANASABE JABBO A.K.A DAN'ASSABE FAUZIA ADAMU AND ALAMIN ADAMU DANASABE A.K.A DANASABE AL-AMIN BOTH OF TIPPER GARAGE NYANYA, ABUJA. BROTHER, WIDOW AND SON
AP/1.160090 ASP. MARY IKPAVBEKHAI (AKA) IKPAVBEKHAI MARY DIED ON THE 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022 WORKED: NIGERIAN POLICE FORCE	OSOIYE OSOMEN OF FCT ABUJA. SON

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AP/NO. 138610 ASP JOSEPH USHIE (A.K.A.) USHIE JOSEPH DIED ON THE 25TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021 WORKED: NIGERIA POLICE FORCE	MRS LILIAN USHIE (A.K.A) USHIE LILIAN IYI AND ROSEMARY USHIE (A.K.A.) USHIE ROSEMARY ETINE BOTH OF MPOL 44 KUJE BARRACK, FCT. WIDOW AND DAUGHTER
BENARD OKORO OKORO (AKA) OKORO BENARD DIED ON THE 16TH DAY OF JUNE, 2023 WORKED: FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (RETIRED)	OKORO DAVID BENARD AND OKORO ADA BEN BOTH OF NO. 161 PHASE1 AMAC ABUJA. SON AND WIDOW
JOHN DLAMA GULLI (AKA) JOHN GULLI TARI AND DLAMA KEFAS JOHN BOTH OF 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022 WORKED: NYSC	RHODA DLAMA (A K A) YAKUBU RHODA TARI AND DLAMA KEFAS JOHN BOTH OF TUNFER QUATERS GOMBE. WIDOW AND SON

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ABU JONATHAN OF KARU SIATE, ABUJA. SON	MR. IRISA FATAL, IRISA OLUWABENJOLA KHADIMAT AND MRS. MISA SALAMATI YAMUNA GUARDIAN TO MRS. IRISA ADESHINA MUBARAOI BOTH OF 17/33, THE COMPOUND ISIGUAN, HOPE STATE AND NO 1 CENTRAL DRIVE GUARDIAN CITY ESTATE NYANYA, ABUJA. WIDOW AND SON
MRS. GRACE ADUNOLA ARIKPO (AKA) ARIKPO GRACE ADUNOLA, GRACE OPEYEMI ADUNOLA, & GRACE ARIKPO OF HOUSE 15, SULEIMAN SAIDU STREET, NAVY ESTATE ABUJA. WIDOW	

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AP/NO. 168791 ASP PAUL ANYEBE (AKA) PAUL ANYEBE ACHADU AND ANYEBE PAUL M. DIED ON THE 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023 WORKED: NIGERIA POLICE FORCE	PATRICIA ANYEBE PAUL (AKA) ANYEBE PATRICIA ONYTOWO GUARDIAN TO AND JAMES PAUL EJEMBI BOTH OF TIPPER ROAD BY CATHOLIC CHURCH NEW NYANYA NASARAWA STATE. WIDOW AND SON
CHIEF TOM WILLE INYANG DIED ON THE 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2014 WORKED: RETIRED	EMMANUEL TOM INYANG OF NO.154 DR. FABIAN NWAORA AVENUE, EFAB METROPOLIS, KARSANA, ABUJA. SON
DOLLY AYANGBORNULE IGBINDESU (AKA) IGBINDESU DOLLY AYANGBORNULE, IGBINDESU DOLLY AYANGBORNULE AND IGBINDESU AMEN MARYANN BOTH OF 78A LINDA CHALKER HUMAN SERVICES SECRETARIAT, HOSPITALS MANAGEMENT BOARD CHES. AKOSOKO ABUJA. WIDOWER AND DAUGHTER	ENGR. PETER OSARODION IGBINDESU AKA IGBINDESU PETER OSARODION AND AMEN MARYANN IGBINDESU AKA IGBINDESU AMEN MARYANN BOTH OF 78A LINDA CHALKER HUMAN SERVICES SECRETARIAT, HOSPITALS MANAGEMENT BOARD CHES. AKOSOKO ABUJA. WIDOWER AND DAUGHTER

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IFEANYI UCHEENNA FAITH DIED ON THE 8TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2023 WORKED: SERVING CORPER	ODURUKWE JOSEPHINE CHINYERE OF NO 3 DARAZO STREET AREA 1 SECTION 2 ABUJA. MOTHER
NWACHUKWU JUSTINA ONYEKACHI (A.K.A) NWACHUKWU ONYEKACHI AND NWACHUKWU ONYEKACHI JUSTINA DIED ON THE 14TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2023 WORKED: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE HEADQUARTER, ABUJA	MISS NWACHUKWU ANGELA CHOMA OF NO. 73 AGUYI IRONSI STREET, MATTAMA -ABUJA. DAUGHTER
MR. ALIYU JIKA NIS/10485 (AKA) ALIYU JIKA DIED ON THE 20TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022 WORKED: NIGERIA IMMIGRATION SERVICE HEADQUARTERS	MRS. AMINA ALIYU B (AKA) ALIYU BOBBOI AMINA OF NO. 335 GOLD STREET MAB GLOBAL ESTATE GWARIMPA ABUJA. WIDOW

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MARIAN AGBABOKHA (AKA) AGBABOKHA MARIAN DIED ON THE 6TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2023 WORKED: INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION	



L-R: Kogi State Governor Usman Ododo; Kwara State Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRasaq; Vice President Kashim Shettima; Ondo State Governor Lucky Aiyedatiwa, and Taraba State Governor Agbu Kefas, during a meeting with Vice President at the Presidential Villa Abuja, yesterday.

BRIEFLY

Edo 2024: APC Aspirant Kicks Against Candidate Imposition

BY SUNDAY ISUWA, Abuja

An All Progressives Congress (APC) aspirant in the November 2024 governorship election in Edo State, Dr. Blessing Agbomhere has raised the alarm over plans to impose a candidate on the APC.

Agbomhere, who accused former national chairman of APC, Senator Adams Oshiomhole of planning to foist an aspirant as the party's flagbearer, said party members in the state will reject such arraignment by electing an unblemished candidate who can win the governorship seat.

Agbomhere, a former South-South zonal organising secretary of the APC, alleged that Oshiomhole had concluded plans to coerce the national chairman of the APC, Dr. Abdulahi Umar Ganduje into appointing Imo State Governor, Hope Uzodinma as the chairman of the Edo State Primaries Committee.

He further alleged that about 326,212 votes will be cooked up in favour of the preferred candidate, while a handful of votes will be allocated to the 11 other aspirants.

I'll Secure Edo's Future As Governor – Dekere

BY CHIBUZO UKAIBE, Abuja

An All Progressives Congress (APC) governorship candidate in Edo State, Hon Anamero Sunday Dekere, said he will protect the future of the people if he gets elected in this year's governorship election.

In a statement following the submission of his nomination and expression of interest form on Monday, Anamero said he has a clear vision for the state's future and a steadfast commitment to service.

Anamero said he embarked on the journey with optimism, ready to champion the aspirations of the people and steer the state towards prosperity.

He reiterates his confidence in his ability to secure victory for the party and is poised to engage with constituents across Edo State after the primaries.

"This step underscores the critical importance of ensuring the selection of a candidate who garners widespread acceptance across all three senatorial districts of Edo State," he said.

Constitution Review: We Won't Disappoint Nigerians – House

The House of Representatives has expressed great confidence in the Deputy Speaker, Rt. Hon. Benjamin Kalu, to deliver on mandate, as the chairman, House Committee on Constitution Review.

Recently, the House constituted a committee to look into various proposals and agitations for the alterations and amendment of the 1999 constitution, headed by Kalu, with experienced lawmakers as members.

The committee, which is about the sixth that would be constituted since 1999 to review the existing law book,

is expected to be inaugurated February 26, 2024.

Speaking to newsmen in Kano, the deputy spokesperson of the House, Hon. Philip Agbese, said the Lawmakers have great confidence in the Deputy Speaker, Kalu, saying his committee would get it right this time.

He said, "overtime, the National Assembly had made attempts to review the 1999 constitution, with the aim of amending some clauses and give it the 21st century life it deserves. Some of the times, the Parliament succeeded; and some other times, the Commit-

tee failed.

"Even in the dispensations that the committee succeeded, some amendments suffered rejections at the various Houses of Assembly in states, while some of the few clauses that managed to scale through are fast calling for a repeal or total overhauling.

"But with the Deputy Speaker, His Excellency, Rt. Hon. Benjamin Kalu on the driver seat of the Constitution Review Committee of the 10th House of Representatives, Nigerians should go to bed and rest, with the assurance of waking up the next day to the

realization of their yearnings and aspirations.

"The Hon. Benjamin Kalu-led Committee would collate opinions and liaise with various stakeholders, Civil Society Organizations, government agencies, multilateral and supranational agencies, as well as traditional rulers, women groups and private business minds who jointly drive the nation's economy, to ensure a wholesome amendment to the Nigeria's law book".

Hon. Agbese, also charged various groups and agencies, seeking one amendment or the other and alterations in some

parts of the 1999 constitution, to work closely with their representatives, as the Committee would hit the ground running, as soon as it is officially inaugurated this month.

"Already, there are about 40 bills at various stages in the National Assembly, seeking for the amendment of the 1999 constitution. Some seek to address issues of gender inequality, traditional institution, local government autonomy, fiscal federation and others.

"With the determination of Kalu-led Committee and the assurance that the Committee would round up by December, 2025; I urge stakeholders and proponents of those Bills to work closely with their representatives and the Committee, to enable it deliver on mandate and time", he stressed.

Detractors Paid To Truncate Rivers Governance – Ex-Chief Whip

BY ANAYO ONUKWUGHA, Port Harcourt

Former chief whip of the Rivers State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon Evans Bapakaye Bipi, has revealed how detractors paid what he described as unbelievable amounts of money to truncate governance in the state and to unseat Governor Siminalayi Fubara.

Bipi disclosed this yesterday during the thanks-

giving service held in honour of the Supreme Court victory of Fubara at Akini-ma, headquarters of Ahoada-West local government area of the state.

The former chief whip, who represented the governor at the event, said the detractors were afraid and have resorted to intimidation and harassment of S Fubara's supporters in the state, using the police as willing tools.

He admonished President Bola Ahmed Tinubu to be wary of some characters in his cabinet, noting the mischievous roles some of them played against the former president Goodluck Jonathan in their political journey to limelight.

Receiving defectors from Labour Party (LP), the All Progressives Congress (APC) and other opposition parties in the state, Vice Chairman of

PDP, Rivers West Senatorial District, Hon Robinson Ewoh asserted that by the backing of the constitution of Nigeria and the PDP, Fubara is the leader of the party in Rivers State and as such is empowered to utilise the dexterity of the red biro to maintain leadership.

In his reception speech, Hon Sokari Goodboy, member Rivers State House of Assembly, reit-

erated Ahoada-West LGA's total support for the state governor, Sir Fubara, stating that the LGA is in solidarity to the end.

Goodboy also issued a note of warning to chairman of Ahoada West LGA, Hope Ikiriko to prepare for a petition of accountability to restore the properties worth millions he destroyed at the initial venue of the thanksgiving/reception service.

Tackle Insecurity With State, Council Policing, Olawepo-Hashim Urges Tinubu

BY CHIBUZO UKAIBE, Abuja

A former presidential candidate and a Chieftain of the All Progressive Congress (APC), Mr. Gbenga Olawepo-Hashim, has urged President Bola Tinubu and the National Assembly and APC leadership to urgently implement the party policy of decentralisation of Policing to halt the unending high profile crime of killings and kidnappings across the country.

The former presidential

candidate stated this over the weekend in Ilorin, the Kwara State capital, following the abduction and killing, last Thursday, of Olu Koro, in Ekiti Local Government Area of the State, His Royal Highness, Oba Olusegun Aremu, a retired General.

Before the Olu Koro incident, on January 29, gunmen also killed two Ekiti monarchs – the Onimojo of Imojo, Oba Olatunde Olusola, and the Elesun of Esun Ekiti, Oba Babatunde Ogunsak-

in. Also in the same area, the assailants attacked a school bus and whisked away five pupils of the Apostolic Faith Group of Schools, three teachers, and the bus driver.

Civil society groups, under the aegis of the Civil Society Joint Action Group, said on Monday that 2,423 persons had been killed, while 1,872 others had been abducted in the eight months since President Bola Tinubu's administration began.

The group added insecurity had persisted over the

last three administrations, with 24,816 Nigerians killed and 15,597 persons abducted in the last administration of President Buhari, between 2019 and 2023.

But Olawepo-Hashim, in a statement by his media team, maintained that the barbaric killing is condemnable and represented another sordid episode in the unending killings of community leaders and their subjects by rampaging gangs of terrorists/kidnappers moving like a guerrilla movement round

most states in Nigeria.

According to him, "I really do not understand the hesitation on the part of the President and the party leadership to lead the charge. Many State governments and Local Government Councils are being controlled by APC.

The Party also controls the National Assembly. Majority of State Houses of Assembly. So, it means the party can obtain the Legislative consensus within one week to bring to birth State Policing."

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STOCK INDEX

(AS AT FEBRUARY 5)

ASI (Points)	103,659.81
DEALS (Numbers)	13,674
VOLUME (Numbers million)	841.551
VALUE (Nbillion)	N19.328
(Ntrn)	N56.721

INFLATION RATE (%)

	2023	2022
OCT	27.33	21.09
NOV	28.20	21.47
DECEMBER	28.92	21.34

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

(AS AT FEBRUARY 2, 2024)

USD	1,368.24
GBP	1,732.88
EUR	1,477.97

INTER BANK LENDING RATE

(AS AT FEB 2, 2024)

	RATE	CHANGE%
O/N	22.5000	0.65
1M	16.5625	-1.74
3M	16.5625	-1.74
6M	16.3125	-2.14

COMMODITY INDEX (N/KG)

(AS AT FEBRUARY 5, 2024)

Cocoa	5700.74	-0.36%
Soyabean	570.00	3.51%
Cashew	636.51	0.00%
Sorghum	501.00	0.00%
Paddy rice	460.00	0.00%

QUOTE OF THE DAY

The BDAN acknowledges and commends the Central Bank for its proactive stance in safeguarding the interests of depositors, investors, and the overall economic well-being of Nigeria – BDAN Chairman, Mustafa Chike-Obi,



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\$2.4bn Controversial Forex Backlog: Proper Handling Will Secure Investors' Confidence – Analysts

...As bank directors back CBN on intervention

BY BUKOLA ARO-LAMBO, Lagos

Analysts have advised the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to be careful on how it manages the \$2.4 billion controversial backlog, saying that clearing the remaining backlog will further incentivise foreign investors to come into the country.

This is even as the Bank Directors Association of Nigeria (BDAN) has given its backing to the measures taken by CBN to address forex challenges, a decision the group said, would ensure stability and resilience in the banking industry.

CBN governor, Dr Olayemi Cardoso while speaking during an interview on Arise News, mentioned that he met over \$7 billion in backlogs owed of which around \$2.4 billion could not be backed up with official claims.

Cardoso, who noted that the apex bank had cleared \$2.3 billion of the backlog with \$2.2 billion still outstanding, however, added that \$2.4

billion remains controversial.

Cardoso maintained that CBN would not pay for foreign exchange requests that were not validly constituted, adding that, the bank has written to authorised dealers to explain the disparities identified, 'and sadly, quite frankly, I think much of those have not been disputed to our satisfaction.'

Commenting on this development, the Head of Financial Institutions Ratings at Agosto & Co, Ayokunle Olubunmi said: "on the controversial \$2.4 billion, how the CBN manages that is very important. The news is that they have cleared the airline backlog and the airlines are still saying they have around \$600 million outstanding.

"How the CBN manages and interacts with those guys to resolve the issue is very important because one major thing the CBN needs to do now is to see how it can rebuild its brand as trustworthy and get the confidence of the investors. If this is not managed appropriately and those guys continue spreading the news abroad, other in-

vestors might be reluctant to come in. So, it is a very delicate situation that they need to manage."

On his part, the chief executive, Centre for the Promotion of Private Enterprise (CPPE), Dr Muda Yusuf, said: "the CBN is in a better position to determine which of the transactions are valid and which ones are not valid. If they have undertaken a forensic audit and they have come up with these figures that is what it is and this is part of the process of cleaning up the space. He also gave assurance that the totality of the backlog will soon be cleared.

"Once that is done, I am sure the level of confidence in the market will begin to improve because the interventions and clearing of the backlogs have also been slowing down and diminished the capacity of the CBN to intervene directly in the market and once they clear the backlog, then the capacity to intervene in the market will improve and that will help to improve and enhance liquidity in the forex market."

OPEC Releases \$1.7bn For Energy Projects In Africa, Others

BY CHIKA IZUORA, Lagos

A Nigerian solar plant and an Azerbaijan wind farm were among the 55 projects that received financing worth \$1.7 billion from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, OPEC Fund for International Development in 2023.

Aligned with the multilateral development finance institution's Climate Action Plan, support for renewable energy projects constituted nearly 60 per cent of all lending in the energy sector, according to a press release.

The fund supported a \$25 million solar plant in Niger, a \$50 million 240-megawatt wind farm in

Azerbaijan, and contributed \$40 million to two wind power plants, totaling 1 gigawatt of renewable energy capacity in Uzbekistan.

The OPEC Fund's investments in the energy sector included projects dedicated to enhancing energy security in Tanzania and Bangladesh, aligning with the objectives of Sustainable Development Goal 7 ensuring clean and affordable energy access.

Additionally, the allocated capital aimed to tackle pressing issues such as climate change, social and economic resilience, and sustainable growth.

the organisation's director general, Abdulhamid Al-Khalifa,

highlighted the significant impact achieved amid a challenging global environment.

He said: "In 2023, the OPEC Fund increased its impact through the delivery of development support in a challenging global environment. We grew our lending program across the board in response to strong demand by our partner countries and thanks to our success in raising additional funds from the capital markets."

Al-Khalifa emphasised the organisation's success in leveraging partnerships with multilateral development banks and institutions, such as the Arab Coordination Group, to mobilise development support.

TIMELINE

Mining Sector Growth

GDP from Mining in Nigeria increased to N1064775.19 million in the third quarter of 2023 from N946738.89 million in the second quarter of 2023.

GDP from Mining in Nigeria averaged 1601758.66 NGN Million from 2010 until 2023, reaching an all time high of N2406675.90 million in the first quarter of 2011 and a record low of 913547.58 million in the fourth quarter of 2022.

Source: National Bureau Of Statistics, Nigeria

SON Validates 6000 Brands

BY KINGSLEY ALU, Abuja

The Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON) has successfully certified a remarkable 6000 brands, showcasing its commitment to upholding quality standards in the country.

Outgone director of product certification at SON, Tersoo Iyorshe Orngudwem, made this disclosure during an event held in his honour to mark his retirement in Abuja.

He said the certification represents a substantial effort in the ongoing battle against substandard products, which have been a significant concern, especially with over 80 per cent of goods in Nigeria falling into this category.

Tackling the pervasive challenge of substandard imported products, constituting more than 80 per cent of items in Nigeria, Tersoo highlighted SON's proactive strategy – the rollout of Product Authentication Marks (PAM).

He said PAM stands as a precision-focused initiative designed to counter the surge of substandard imported goods, underscoring SON's enduring commitment to quality and its resolute stand against inferior products thereby ensuring the integrity of products circulating within the Nigerian market.

Encouraging local manufacturers to embrace PAM, Tersoo, emphasised the pivotal role it plays in fostering consumer confidence, improving profitability, and expanding the market share for domestic producers.

He also urged the government to provide essential infrastructure support to reduce production costs and address challenges faced by local manufacturers.

BRIEFLY

Lafarge Africa Unveils First Green Depot In Nigeria

BY OLUSHOLA BELLO, Lagos

Lafarge Africa Plc, has launched its first Green Depot in Abeokuta, Ogun State, marking a transformative stride towards sustainable practices in the distribution and logistics of construction materials in the country.

This state-of-the-art facility is poised to set new benchmarks for sustainability in the industry.

At the heart of the Green Depot's eco-friendly design is its reliance on solar power. This innovative approach translates into substantial energy savings, with a 100 per cent reduction in energy consumption for lighting, air conditioning, and electric forklift charging.

In a commitment to sustainable mechanized loading, Lafarge Africa has replaced traditional diesel forklifts with a state-of-the-art 3-ton electric forklift contributing significantly to the company's carbon footprint reduction goals.

Green mobility further takes center stage with cement efficiently delivered to the Green Depot through electric trucks from the Ewekoro plant emphasizing the efficiency and sustainability of its supply chain.

Insecurity: FCTA Licenses Nairaxi, Bolt For e-Taxi Operations In Abuja

In a move to address insecurity in the nation's capital, the FCT Administration, through its Transportation Secretariat, has granted licences to Nairaxi and Bolt to operate ride-hailing apps in the territory under its Public Transport Management Scheme.

The approval designates Bolt and NAIRAXI as the exclusive licensed ride-hailing operators authorised to provide on-demand transport and logistics services using mobile applications in FCT.

This announcement was made in a statement published by FCTA Transportation Secretariat through its Public Transport Management Scheme under the Directorate of Road Traffic Services (DRTS-FCT).

The statement reads: "The Administration will soon commence enforcement operations on non-compliant operators, and others are expected to initiate their licensing processes to avoid being banned from operating in the FCT.



L-R: Head, marketing & corporate communications, FBNHoldings, Tunde Lawanson; managing director/editor-in-chief, *New Telegraph*, Ayodele Aminu; head internal audit, FBNHoldings, Bode Oguntoke; head, investor relations, FBNHoldings, Tolu Oluwole receiving the Holding Company of the Year 2023 award from Steve Omanufeme, managing director/editor-in-chief, *Daily Independent*; head, strategy & corporate development, FBNHoldings, Opeyemi Okojie, and head, risk management & compliance, FBNHoldings, Oladipupo Dirisu, at the New Telegraph Awards in Lagos, on Friday

AfDB To Begin Disbursement Of \$540m SAPZs Fund

BY JONATHAN NDA-ISAIHAH, Abuja

All is set for the African Development Bank (AfDB) to commence the disbursement of \$540 million to the first phase of states in Nigeria for the development of Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zones (SAPZs).

This is just as Vice President Kashim Shettima called for immediate action, saying it is time for the government and its development partners to walk the talk.

As part of moves by the Nigerian government and the bank to ensure food security in the country, three states are to benefit from phase one of the development of processing zones, including Oyo, Kaduna and Cross River, while others are to get theirs as soon as they are through

with documentation.

Senior Special Adviser on Industrialisation to the AfDB President, Prof. Banji Oyelaran-Oyeyinka, disclosed this on Monday when a delegation of the bank and that of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) presented their separate reports on the status of projects being executed in Nigeria to Vice President Kashim Shettima at the Presidential Villa.

According to a statement by the spokesman of the vice president, Stanley Nkwocha, making AfDB's presentation to the Vice President, Oyelaran-Oyeyinka said, "The Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zones (SAPZ) is an initiative of the African Development Bank that is aimed at turning the rural land-

scape into economic zones of prosperity and harnessing the power of commercial agriculture and food.

"The primary objective is to support inclusive and sustainable agro-industrial development in Nigeria. The phase one of the project is at the point of disbursement. Kaduna, Oyo and Cross River States are all in the process of receiving disbursements and we hope for the other states, they can speed up with their documentation so that we can fast-track these states.

"We raised \$540,000,000 in catalytic funding and we expect every state to find a partner that will bring equity and join up with them. It is a government-enabled project but private-sector driven.

The SSA to the AfDB President further explained that the first

phase of SAPZs is being implemented in seven states, namely Cross River, Imo, Kaduna, Kano, Kwara, Ogun, and Oyo, as well as the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

"Ogun state found a partner for the project and decided not to take the loan. We are basically going to distribute the loan to the other states. The next thing is preparation for phase two with 27 states. The demand is enormous but we have to prioritise those who move fast.

"We have set up eligibility criteria for the states and to rank them. We expect them to have a feasibility report, environmental impact study and a commitment to counterpart funding," Oyelaran-Oyeyinka added.

9 Companies Control N42.9trn Of Total NGX Market Cap

BY OLUSHOLA BELLO, Lagos

Dangote Cement Plc and eight other companies out of 155 listed on the Nigerian Exchange Limited (NGX), contributed about 77.67 per cent or N42.995 trillion of the

N57.158 trillion overall Nigerian Exchange (NGX) equity capitalisation as at the close of trading on Friday.

The other companies are: Airtel Africa, BUA Cement, MTN Nigeria Communication (MTNN), BUA Foods, Seplat Energy, Geregu Power, Zenith Bank and Guaranty Trust Holdings Company (GTCO).

In the first month of the year, the NGX sustained the 2023 bullish mo-

mentum with a month-on-month gain of 35.3 per cent as investors showed enthusiasm ahead of earnings season.

The stock market has witnessed an unprecedented rally and buying interest, especially in the financial services, consumer, and industrial goods sub-sector, which has continued to trigger massive bargain hunting in large company shares.

This has pushed the key performance indices and stimulated activities in the market, a development that has led to the rating of the stock market as the best-performing in the world.

Dangote Cement's stock price in January appreciated by N443.10

per share or 138.5 per cent to close January 31, 2024 at N763 per share from N319.90 per share it opened for trading this year.

The cement maker's market capitalisation gained N7.55 trillion in one month to close at N13 trillion as of January 31, 2024. The positive momentum of Dangote Cement stock price commenced when it was announced to the capital market community that Nigeria's billionaire investor, Mr. Femi Otedola has acquired some stake in the cement company.

Otedola, in a statement said, the recent acquisition of shares in Dangote Cement, a strategic investment, underscores his confidence in Dan-

gote Cement's potential to generate foreign exchange for the country and his dedication to supporting businesses that contribute to Nigeria's economic resilience.

Otedola's investment aligns with his vision of long-term wealth preservation and the belief that shareholders should be the primary beneficiaries of a company's success.

"Dangote Cement's unique position with two export terminals offers a substantial opportunity to earn foreign exchange, crucial for Nigeria's economy.

This, along with the company's pan-African presence, makes it an ideal investment choice," Otedola said.

OML 34: NNPC, US Govt, Deloitte Partner To Reduce Greenhouse Emission

BY NSE ANTHONY-UKO, Abuja

The Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPC Ltd) is working in collaboration with the United States Department of States and international management consultancy firm, Deloitte, to meet its net-zero carbon goals by embarking on a project aimed at reducing the emission of methane and other greenhouse gases from its upstream operations.

The project which is at its con-

ceptual stage was the focus of a three-day Technical Assistance on Oil & Gas Sector Global Methane Abatement and Decarbonisation Workshop which kicked off in Abuja, on Monday.

The workshop, which was a follow-up on an earlier one held in July 2023, was, amongst other things, aimed at defining the critical success elements of the project.

Some of the critical elements of the project tabled at the workshop include: determining the

scope of the project, establishing a baseline for methane and carbon emissions from the selected operation sites, collecting relevant data on the selected sites and helping the Deloitte consultants to understand the operations and expectations of NNPC Ltd.

Participants at the workshop unanimously selected OML 34 located onshore in Western Niger Delta which has the Utorogu and Ughelli Fields as the operation site for the pilot stage of the project.

Participants were drawn from relevant NNPC Ltd.'s subsidiaries and Departments such as Exploration & Production; New Energy; Gas Infrastructure; Health, Safety, and Environment, as well as Federal Government agencies like the National Council on Climate Change.

The project is sponsored by the United States Department of State Bureau of Energy Resources, Energy and Mineral Governance Programme (EMGP).

BRIEFLY

NGX Commits To Financial Literacy Among Youths

BY OLUSHOLA BELLO, Lagos

The Nigerian Exchange Limited (NGX) has announced the release of the latest edition of the NGX StockTown, a unique comic book designed to promote financial literacy among the younger generation of Nigerians.

NGX StockTown is the realisation of a long-held passionate idea by the Exchange to empower individuals across all levels to make informed financial decisions and improve their lives both now and in the future.

StockTown leverages the power of illustrated characters and storytelling to impart valuable lessons about the significance of savings and investment. In its inaugural issue, readers are introduced to Mora Johnson and her middle-class family, navigating financial challenges that spark Mora's curiosity about investment and financial independence.

Supported by Zenith Bank Plc, Cadbury Nigeria Plc, Norrenberger Securities Limited, and APT Securities Limited, the latest edition delves into Mora and her friends' journey in establishing a stock trading club in their school.

NLNG Trains Female Journalists In Digital Skills

BY CHIKA IZUORA, Lagos

The Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas (NLNG) Limited concluded another edition in the series of #NLNGChangeYourStory workshops on Thursday, focusing on arming women journalists with cutting-edge digital communication and social media skills for reporting gender-based issues.

From 30th January to 1st February 2024, this annual capacity-building workshop, themed Gender Active, convened women journalists from diverse editorial sections and Nigeria Association of Women Journalists (NAWOJ) members in Lagos. The workshop, sponsored by NLNG, focused on mobile and multimedia journalism, providing participants with a comprehensive learning experience.

During the workshop, NLNG's general manager, External Relations and Sustainable Development, Mr. Andy Odeh, emphasised that the focus on gender-related journalism aligns with NLNG's commitment to Diversity, Equality, and Inclusiveness, both within and outside the organisation.

FirstBank Clinches Corporate Bank Award At 2023 Euromoney Awards

BY BUKOLA IDOWU, Lagos

FirstBank, Nigeria's premier financial institution and financial inclusion services provider, was announced as the Best Corporate Bank at the recent prestigious Euromoney Awards for Excellence, Nigeria 2023.

The Bank clinched the coveted award based on its 130-year commitment to enabling its corporate customers achieve success through relevant and tailored financial solutions. FirstBank's continuous investment in technology has been crucial to its leading industry role in optimally meeting the needs of its

corporate customers. Recent investments in technology include the development of its smart and interactive Transaction Banking Platform known as FirstDirect2.0.

FirstDirect2.0 provides a one-stop shop online banking platform for corporates, offering best-in-class capabilities such as Payments, Collections, and Account Services, and a locally focused phased implementation of Trade and Supply Chain Finance – a first for the Bank.

The platform offers customers various solutions for corporate cash management (Payments, Collections and Liquidity Management). It will also deliver end-to-end trade solutions for corporate clients cov-

ering L/C creation, tracking, bidding and reconciliations.

The Bank's Corporate Banking model is focused on ensuring that its clients get the same quality of service across the Bank's geographical locations. The execution of this approach through the deployment of the Global Account Management (GAM) Framework, implemented to enhance cross-relationship management tailored to Customers with a Pan African footprint.

Dedicating the awards to its customers, Dr Adesola Adeduntan, CEO FirstBank Group said: "We are thrilled to announce that we have been recognised as the Best

Corporate Bank in Nigeria at the Euromoney Awards for Excellence 2023.

"We say a heartfelt thank you to all our incredible customers for trusting us. This award is dedicated to You," he concluded.

According to Euromoney, the "Awards for Excellence" – is the definitive annual awards programme of the global banking industry. The awards represent the highest distinction to the banks and bankers who matter most in an industry where differentiation is highly sought after and exceptionally difficult to demonstrate."

"For over 30 years, Euromoney has recognised the banks and that have demonstrated their differentiation, pioneering a comprehensive awards programme that today remains the industry benchmark globally, it concluded."

Cadbury Nigeria Records 4,228% Increase In Operating Profit

BY OLUSHOLA BELLO, Lagos

Cadbury Nigeria Plc has announced an operating profit growth of 4,228 per cent for the full year ended December 31, 2023.

The company's unaudited financial statements released to the investing public on the Nigerian Exchange revealed that operating profit for the period under review stood at N8.397 billion as against N194 million recorded in the same period in 2022.

The company's gross profit also rose by 130 per cent from N7.723 billion in 2022 to N17.790 billion in 2023, while revenue increased by

46 percent from N55.213 billion to N80.379 billion within the period under review.

In a statement by the managing director, Cadbury Nigeria, Oyeyimika Adebayo said the Company sustained its current growth trajectory, despite the difficult operating environment in the country, due to its resilience as well as focus on revenue and cost management.

She noted that the massive devaluation of the Naira impacted negatively on businesses particularly operators in the fast-moving consumer goods (FMCGs) sector that rely on imported inputs, in the period under

review,

She said the increase in the company's operating profit was an indication that the growth strategies that it has put in place are yielding fruit.

According to her, we operate in a challenging environment that requires a degree of creativity and tenacity to remain in business.

Adebayo added, "despite the strong economic headwinds we faced during the year under review, Cadbury Nigeria remains committed to delivering value for its various stakeholders and we shall continue to put our consumers at the heart of what we do."

Meanwhile, Cadbury Nigeria was rated number one Top Employer in Nigeria by the Amsterdam based Top Employers Institute, recently.

Cadbury Nigeria was rated number two last year in Nigeria and recognised with the prestigious Top Employer certification as a Regional Top Employer in Africa, for the third consecutive year.

Speaking on this award, Adebayo said: "as we celebrate this milestone, we remain focused on the future, our commitment to excellence, and innovation.

"The well-being of our people will continue to drive us forward.



L-R: United States Consul General to Nigeria, Will Stevens; managing director/ chief executive officer, Access Bank Plc, Roosevelt Ogbonna; ambassador of Japan to Nigeria, Kazuyoshi Matsunaga, senior deputy director General, Private Sector Partnership and Finance Department, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Jin Wakabayashi, at the signing of a \$75million credit facility between Access Bank and JICA in Lagos, yesterday. PHOTO BY KOLAWOLE ALIU

FCCPC Warns Against Persistent Violations By Loan Apps

BY KINGSLEY ALU, Abuja

The Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (FCCPC) has expressed concern over the increasing violation of its Limited Interim Regulatory/Registration Framework and Guidelines by digital lenders, commonly known as loan apps.

In a statement signed yesterday by the acting executive vice chairman/ chief executive officer, Dr. Adamu Abdullahi, the FCCPC highlighted a surge in infractions as more Nigerians engage with various loan apps.

The commission acknowledged a

rise in defaults, possibly triggering harassment and defamation tactics by lenders but emphasised that violating regulations through unethical debt recovery methods is unacceptable.

Dr. Abdullahi announced the commission's commitment to intensify enforcement efforts, ensuring digital lenders comply with regulations.

He stated, "The solution cannot be to violate the law or utilise unethical recovery methods."

He said the FCCPC plans to engage approved loan apps to establish a more robust compliance framework, additional requirements where appli-

cable, and mechanisms for addressing blacklisted apps.

While recognising the increased demand for loans, the FCCPC emphasised a zero-tolerance stance toward consumer exploitation or abusive conduct in balance calculations, loan default enforcement, or recovery processes.

Dr. Abdullahi urged legitimate operators to demonstrate timely compliance to enhance fairness among consumers and competitors.

For unapproved operators, the FCCPC mentioned a scrutiny process that could involve law enforcement

actions, regulatory prohibition, and consequences.

The FCCPC, under the leadership of Babatunde Irukera, introduced the Limited Interim Regulatory/Registration Framework and Guidelines for Digital Lending in 2022.

This initiative, in collaboration with the Joint Task Force (JTF), aims to promote fair, transparent, and beneficial alternative lending opportunities for Nigerians. The registration process seeks to address concerns related to the activities of loan apps, including illegal operations, rights violations, and unfair practices.

GATE OF RECONCILIATION ENERGEIA MINISTRIES (GOREM)

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE ABOVE NAMED CHURCH HAS APPLIED TO THE COOPERATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION FOR REGISTRATION UNDER THE PART 'F' OF THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTER ACT 2020.

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 3. CHRISTOPHER UZOCHUKWU GODSWILL.
 4. ETUWEDE EMMANUEL OGHENEVIONAZE.

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 6. NWAKEE UKEAGUME STEPHEN
 7. NYECHE CHISOM
 8. DONEH ALEX GOTEH
 9. AMADIMATI ROYAL

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2. TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO EXERCISE REGULARLY
3. TO SUPPORT SPORTING ADVOCACY THROUGH SPORT OUTREACHES, SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIUMS
4. TO FACILITATE SCOUTING OF YOUNGER FOOTBALLERS
5. TO PROMOTE FRIENDSHIP THROUGH FITNESS

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 3. YELDU FATIMA KABIR
 4. YELDU MUHAMMAD KABIR

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. TO ASSIST IN PROMOTING THE STANDARD OF LIVING OF OUR PEOPLE, BY HELPING THE LESS PRIVILEGED, AGED PEOPLE, ORPHANS WIDOWS AND THE SICK.
2. TO INSURE THE ENHANCEMENT OF LIFE SKILLS, EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS AND PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT WITH FOCUS ON THE GIRL CHILD.

ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE REGISTRATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION PLOT 420 TIGRIS CRESCENT OFF AGUYI IRONSI STREET MAITAMA ABUJA WITHIN 28 DAYS THIS DECLARATION.

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

LOSS OF DOCUMENTS

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE LOSS OF OFFER OF RIGHT OF OCCUPANCY WITH PLOT NO.: 734, CADESTRAL ZONE: COO, LOCATED AT INSTITUTIONS AND RESEARCH DISTRICT, FCT-ABUJA BELONGING TO **MORENO GROUP PLC.** THE DOCUMENTS WAS MISPLACED IN COURSE OF RELOCATION OF OFFICE. IF FOUND, PLEASE RETURN TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION. GENERAL TAKE NOTE.

VOX CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

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

- THE NAMES OF TRUSTEE ARE:**
1. ABUBAKAR UMAR
 2. NURIYA IBRAHIM KHALIL

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES.

1. TO PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION, WORKING TOWARDS THE BETTERMENT OF EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AND ENSURING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE INDIGENT.

ANY OBJECTION TO THIS REGISTRATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION, PLOT 420, TIGRIS CRESCENT, OFF AGUYI IRONSI STREET, P.M.B 198, MAITAMA, ABUJA WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION.

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

LEGAL NOTICE

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DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESSES:	APPLICATION FOR GRANT
MOHAMMED LADAN (A.K.A. LADAN MOHAMMED) DIED ON THE 14TH DAY OF JULY, 2023 WORKED: RETIRED	MOHAMMED AISHA GUARDIAN TO AND MOHAMMED HABIB LADAN AND MOHAMMED ADAM LADAN BOTH OF NO. 157, ZONE 3, OUTSE ALHADI, ABUJA. WIDOW AND SONS
SULE JONATHAN (AKA) JONATHAN SULE DIED ON THE 34TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2012 WORKED: FET. COLLEGE OF COMPLIMENTARY & ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE	JEREMIAH JONATHAN (AKA) JONATHAN JEREMIAH OF DEI-DEI ABUJA. SON
MUSA SYLVANUS OYAKHAMOH (AKA) MUSA SYLVANUS OYAKHAMO AND MR SYLVANUS OYAKHAMOH MUSA DIED ON THE 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023 WORKED: TRANSMISSION COMPANY OF NIGERIA	MRS. SUSAN MUSA SYLVANNUS (AKA) MUSA SYLVANUS GUARDIAN TO MUSA ITSEOGHENA EMMANUEL AND MUSA SYLVIA EBIKE BOTH OF BACK OF FHA ZUBA 35 BLOCK 35 FLAT A. WIDOW AND SON

DATED AT ABUJA THIS 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.
SIGNED: HADEZA MOHAMMED DODO (MRS) CHIEF REGISTRAR

LEGAL NOTICE

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DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESSES:	APPLICATION FOR GRANT
DANLADI GARBA DIED ON THE 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018 WORKED: FCDA (RETIRED)	DANLADI EDWARD AND DANLADI ALEXANDER, G BOTH OF ECWA 5 MISSION CITY AUTO BALEFI KARU NASARAWA STATE AND MASAKA ECWA 2 KARU NASARAWA STATE. SON AND SON
MR. MUHAMMED MUSTAPHA AJAYI (A.K.A) MOHAMMED MUSTAPHA AJAYI DIED ON THE 30TH DAY DECEMBER, 2016 WORKED: OFFICE STREET, PHASE 1V KUBWA ABUJA FCT. OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO THE FEDERATION	HASSANA ISAH MUSTAPHA (A.K.A) MUSTAPHA HASSANA ISAH GUARDIAN TO BUSHRA OIZA MUSTAPHA BOTH OF PLOT 187 ANDRY AROME STREET, PHASE 1V KUBWA ABUJA FCT. WIDOW AND DAUGHTER.
AP/NO. 90197 DSP MOHAMMED SAIDU (AKA) MUHAMMAD SAIED DIED ON THE 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022 WORKED: NIGERIAN POLICE FORCE	ZULKIFLI MOHAMMED (AKA) ZULKIFLI SAIED MOHAMMED, AISHA MOHAMMED (AKA) MUHAMMED AISHA AND MOHAMMED HAJARA BOTH OF BLOCK 55 FLAT 3 PHASE 1 SITE 1 P.W KUBWA ABUJA. SON AND DAUGHTER

DATED AT ABUJA THIS 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.
SIGNED: HADEZA MOHAMMED DODO (MRS) CHIEF REGISTRAR

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DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESSES:	APPLICATION FOR GRANT
OBJAE JOHN BENJAMIN (AKA) OBJAE JOHN (AKA) BENJAMIN JOHN D. DIED ON THE 13TH DAY OF APRIL, 2023 WORKED: RETIRED	OBJAE MATHW YAKUBU AND OBJAE VICTORIA PATRICK BOTH OF NYANGA AREA .A. PLOT 9 R/M 29/30 ABUJA. SON AND WIDOW
CHIEF AKORHE JONATHAN AKPIBA (AKA) JONATHAN AKPIBA AKORHE DIED ON THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023 WORKED: RETIRED CIVIL SERVANT	AKORHE OCHUKO A. AND AKORHE JUSTICE OGHENEDEVO BOTH OF PLOT 996 BHUYAN STREET, VERIZON EST. NARASANA, ABUJA. SON AND SON
TKWU STEPHEN (A.K.A.) STEPHEN ALLIU OGBULABA IKWU DIED ON THE 2ND DAY OF JULY, 2023 WORKED: NIGERIA POLICE FORCE (RETIRED)	OGBULABA OBUCHE-OGI JOHN (A.K.A) OGBULABA JOHN OBUCHE AND IKWU ELIZABETH (AKA) ELIZABETH IKWU OGBULABA AND OGBULABA ELIZABETH IKWU BOTH OF NO. 191 KAPWA VILLAGE, LUGBE, ABUJA. SON AND WIDOW

DATED AT ABUJA THIS 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.
SIGNED: HADEZA MOHAMMED DODO (MRS) CHIEF REGISTRAR

PUBLIC NOTICE

JOINT VENTURE PARTNERSHIP

THIS IS TO NOTIFY THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE FOLLOWING LEGAL AND EQUITABLE COMPANIES HAVE ENTERED INTO A JOINT VENTURE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN:

1. UPIL STAFF COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED, IN RESPECT OF PLOT NO. 69, HAVING AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 51.70HA IN CADASTRAL ZONE E04 OF GOUSA DISTRICT, WITH RC NO. 553220
2. PREM STAFF COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED. IN RESPECT OF PLOT NO. 74, HAVING AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 276.77HA IN CADASTRAL ZONE E04 OF GOUSA , WITH RC NO. 545901
3. SPEF STAFF COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED, IN RESPECT OF PLOT NO. 70, HAVING AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 37,78HA IN CADASTRAL ZONE E04 OF GOUSA DISTRICT, ABUJA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM, FCDA, DEVELOPMENT CONTROL WITH RC NO. 512862

AND

WISDOM KWATI SMART CITY LTD, WITH RC 1573463 OF NO.10 DUTSE STREET, WAR COLLEGE GWARIMPA, ABUJA NIGERIA

ABUJA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM, FCDA, DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT CONTROL , OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERN AND GENERAL PUBLIC TAKE NOTE

ALL ENQUIRIES AND DEALING ON THE LAND SHALL BE HENCEFORTH BE HANDLED BY WISDOM KWATI SMART CITY LTD. YOU CAN CONTACT US US ON +2349039717689 OR HELLO@WISDOMKWATISMARTCITY.COM OR VISIT OUR HEAD OFFICE AT 10 DUTSE STREET WAR COLLEGE GWARIMPA ABUJA NIGERIA.

SIGNED: **DR. ONYEKACHI KUA**

MASJIDUL IMAN KPAKUNGU

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

- THE TRUSTEES ARE**
1. MUSA BASHIR - CHAIRMAN
 2. IBRAHIM SAIDU ABDULLAHI - SECRETARY
 3. MOHAMMED USMAN ABDULLAHI - MEMBER
 4. SULEIMAN MOHAMMED ISHOLA - MEMBER

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

1. TO TEACH ISLAMIC WAY OF WORSHIP
2. TP ENCOURAGE QURANIC RECITATION AND MEMORIZATION IN TAJWEED FORM

ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE REGISTRATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION PLOT 420 TIGRIS CRESCENT OFF AGUYI IRONSI STREET MAITAMA ABUJA WITHIN 28 DAYS THIS DECLARATION.

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

CLASS '91 SET, MARIA REGINA SECONDARY SCHOOL NNEWI ALUMNUS

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. OBI NTOMCHUKWU PEACE
 2. NNADI ANTHONIA NKIRU
 3. EZEJELUE GEORGINA NKEIRU
 4. ONUORAH OGOCHUKWU CHIKA
 5. OBIORA IJEOMA

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. TO CATER TO THE WELFARE OF THE '91 CLASS OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND THE ALMA MATER.
2. TO BUILD AND ENCOURAGE SISTERHOOD, AND PROMOTE THE BONDS OF LOVE & FRIENDSHIP AMONGST OLD STUDENTS OF THE '91 CLASS OF THE ALMA MATER, AND TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAYS TO ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE.

ANY OBJECTION TO THIS REGISTRATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION, PLOT 420, TIGRIS CRESCENT, OFF AGUYI IRONSI STREET, P.M.B 198, MAITAMA, ABUJA WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION.

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

LEGAL NOTICE

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DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESSES:	APPLICATION FOR GRANT
BALA ISHAYA (AKA) ISHAYA BALA DIED ON THE 26TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021 WORKED: NATIONAL HOSPITAL.	BALA YAKUBU AND GUARDIAN TO ISHAYA JOSEPHINE BOTH OF ANGUWAR NAKIYA BIRNIN GWARI. BROTHER AND DAUGHTER
MRS. IBILOLA KURRAH (AKA) KURRAH IBILOLA DIED ON THE 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021 WORKED: SAPELE LOCAL GOVERNMENT EDUCATION AUTHORITY	OMOSOWONI KAYODE OLUWAFEMI (AKA) OMOSOWONI OLUWAFEMI KAYODE AND KAYODE ADELEKE SUNDAY BOTH OF DIVINE ESTATE BOGIJE LAGOS. SON AND SON

DATED AT ABUJA THIS 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.
SIGNED: HADEZA MOHAMMED DODO (MRS) CHIEF REGISTRAR

SIR TIM C. ANAMELECHI MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

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

- THE NAMES OF TRUSTEES ARE:**
1. ANAMELECHI, GODWIN CHUKWUEBUKA - CHAIRMAN
 2. ANAMELECHI, NNAEMEK A EBERE
 3. ANAMELECHI, CHINEDU

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. TO HONOR GOD AND IMMORTALIZE THE LEGACY OF HIS BELOVED SERVANT, SIR TIMOTHY CHUKWUEKA ANAMELECHI(JULY 27, 1932- SEPTEMBER 16, 1999
2. TO RAISE A GENERATION OF CHANGE AGENTS AND NATION BUILDERS AS THE FAMILY FORM THE BEDROCK OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.
3. TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE EDUCATION (INCLUDING SOCIAL AND PHYSICAL TRAINING) OF YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS, PRIMARILY IN THE ANAMELECHI FAMILY, AND BEYOND.

ANY OBJECTION TO THIS REGISTRATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION, 420 TIGRIS CRESCENT, OFF AGUYI IRONSI STREET. PMB 198 MAITAMA, ABUJA WITHIN 28 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF PUBLICATION.

SIGNED: **CHAIRMAN**

GREAT MINISTRIES OF FIRE INT'L

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

- THE TRUSTEES ARE**
- 1) ALEXANDER CHENCING MATHEW - CHAIRMAN
 - 2) CHENCING OGHENEKOME ROSE - SECRETARY
 - 3) OMORUYI PETER

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 1) TO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST TO ALL NATIONS OF THE WORLD IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS BY THE WORKING POWERS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
- 2) TO REACH OUT TO THE WORLD THE TRUE MESSAGE OF HOLINESS IN CHRIST THROUGH MISSIONS, OUTREACH, CRUSADE AND MEDIA

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

SIGNED: **CHAIRMAN**

DAWANAU GROUNDNUT SELLERS ASSOCIATION

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

- TRUSTEES ARE:**
1. NABABA BASHIR ISAH - CHAIRMAN
 2. UBALAE ASHIRU - SECRETARY
 3. MUHAMMAD USAINI
 4. BALARABE AMINU
 5. DAWANAU RABIU SULEIMAN

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. TO INCULCATE THE SPIRIT OF UNITY AND DEVELOPMENT IN ALL MEMBERS
2. TO SERVE AS A PROTECTING ORGANIZATION ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS
3. TO SERVE AS AVENUE OF PROTECTING THE ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS, AND TO BE ABLE TO COORDINATE BETWEEN MEMBERS

ANY OBJECTION TO THIS REGISTRATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION, PLOT 420, TIGRIS CRESCENT, OFF AGUYI IRONSI STREET, P.M.B 198, MAITAMA, ABUJA WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION.

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

UPLIFTING LIVES COMMUNITY 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 ARE:**
1. AKENE VICTOR DENGIMO - CHAIRMAN
 2. JESSE VICTORIA IGHU - SECRETARY

AIMS & OBJECTIVES:

1. YOUTH AND WOMEN ORIENTATION ON HEALTH & NUTRITION
2. YOUTH & WOMEN ORIENTATION
3. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
4. WOMEN AND YOUTHS EMPOWERMENT
5. SOCIAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

ANY OBJECTION TO THIS REGISTRATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION, PLOT 420, TIGRIS CRESCENT, OFF AGUYI IRONSI STREET, P.M.B 198, MAITAMA, ABUJA WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION.

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

UMUAGBADO-AGUDEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

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

- THE TRUSTEES ARE:**
1. IDOKO CLEMENT C - TRUSTEE CHAIRMAN
 2. EZE CELESTINE EMEKA - TRUSTEE SECRETARY

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE AND GENERAL WELLBEING OF UMUAGBEDO-AGU PEOPLE
2. TO PROMOTE THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL PRACTICES OF UMUAGBEDO-AGU PEOPLE
3. TO HELP THE LESS PRIVILEGED IN SOCIETY

ANY OBJECTION TO THIS REGISTRATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL. CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION, 420 TIGRIS CRESCENT, OFF AGUYI IRONSI STREET. PMB 198 MAITAMA, ABUJA WITHIN 28 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF PUBLICATION.

SIGNED: **CHAIRMAN**

LEADERSHIP® Company Trustees

DEVELOPMENT EXCHANGE CENTRE CAC/IT/NO. 10826

The general public is hereby notified that the above-mentioned Centre has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for the appointment of new Incorporated Trustees under Part 'F' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, No. 1 2020.

THE NEWLY APPOINTED TRUSTEES ARE:

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| 1. Andrew Iliya GWAIVANGMIN | 2. Dr. Lydia Haruna TSAMMANI |
| 3. Ibrahim Kofar-Bai DAUDA | 4. Maimuna Yakubu MOHAMMED |
| 5. Jonah LAH | 5. Hannatu Ahmed YARO |

THE TRUSTEES TO BE REMOVED ARE:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Mrs. Antonia Kundera | 2. Dr. Musa Moda |
| 3. Mr. Ado Solomon | 4. Alh. Yunusa Kida |
| 5. Haj. Larai Hammadu | 6. Mr. Henry Osadolor |

THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES REMAIN THE SAME.

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

SIGNED: TRUSTEES.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

I, **UMAR SHEHU**, OF **NO.22 UPPER VOLTA STREET, KADUNA**, KADUNA STATE, NIGERIA, HEREBY INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE LOSS OF MY ORIGINAL RIGHT OF OCCUPANCY (R OF O) IN RESPECT OF **PLOT NO. 347** WITH FILE NO **KT 10311**, MEASURING APPROXIMATELY **997.915QM** IN CADASTRAL ZONE B04 OF JABI DISTRICT ABUJA.

THE SAID MISSING DOCUMENT GOT LOST WHILE I WAS ON TRANSIT WITHIN FCT ABUJA SOMETIMES IN THE YEAR **2020**.

ALL EFFORTS MADE TO TRACE THE SAID MISSING DOCUMENTS PROVED ABORTIVE. IF FOUND, PLEASE CONTACT THE NEAREST POLICE STATION OR THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND ADMINISTRATION, FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION, (FCTA), ABUJA. CONCERNED AUTHORITIES AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE.

LOSS OF DOCUMENTS

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE **LOSS OF ORIGINAL TITLED DOCUMENT** IN RESPECT OF A PROPERTY LOCATED AT PLOT NO 7 BLOCK 'BJ' ON T.P.O 639A NATIONAL EYE CENTER RESIDENTIAL LAYOUT KADUNA BELONGING TO **BABA RANI MOHAMMED**, THE ORIGINAL OFFER OF GRANT/ SALES AGREEMENT GOT MISSING AT KINKINAU KADUNA, ALL EFFORTS MADE TO TRACE THE SAID DOCUMENTS HAVE PROVED ABORTIVE PLEASE IF FOUND RETURN TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION GENERAL PUBLIC AND KADGIS PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

ZAZZAU MOSQUE

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE ABOVE NAMED HAS APPLIED FOR REGISTRATION TO CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION UNDER PART C OF THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT NO. 1 OF 2020 ENDOWMENT TRUST

TRUSTEES

1. AMINU MOHAMMAD INUWA
2. ALIYU GALADIMA NUHU
3. YERO SHEHU
4. JAFARU MOHAMMED MUNIR
5. SHEHU USMAN TIJANI
6. IDRIS MOHAMMED AMINU
7. RILWANU ABDULHAMEED SAMBO

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. TO USE THE FUND FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF MUSLIM PLACE OF WORSHIP AND TO AID THE COMMUNITY.

ANY OBJECTION TO THIS REGISTRATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL, CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION, 420, TIGRIS CRESCENT, OFF AGUYI IRONSI STREET, PMB 198, MATIAMA, ABUJA WITHIN 28 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF PUBLICATION

Signed **secretary**

LOSS OF DOCUMENTS

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF OF THE CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OF A LANDED PROPERTY BELONGING TO **SUCHET ABISHAI** IN RESPECT OF LANDED PROPERTY LOCATED AT KAFANCHAN G.R.A LAYOUT KADUNA WITH CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY NO NC 6828 WITH FILE **KDL/14830/40** WHICH I BOUGHT FROM **MUSA .K.AYIS**, AND A SALES WAS DONE IN RESPECT TO THE SAID PROPERTY, GENERAL PUBLIC AND KADGIS PLEASE TAKE NOTE.



COMPANY TRUSTEES

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5 Creative Ways To Use Paper This Valentine's Day

By Laura Clarke

How do you usually celebrate Valentine's Day? Whether it is a movie night, a party with friends or a romantic evening spent with your significant other, we have 5 paper-based crafts that you can use to impress this Valentine's Day.

Make Your Own Valentine's Day Card

February 14th is always a special day where you can show someone just how much you love and feel for them. But why go to the effort of making your own Valentine's Day card? According to a study ok from the Journal of Marketing, machine-made products are often of good quality and are relatively cheap, but they are missing a very key ingredient: love. You can read more about this study and how to make your own Valentines Day Card here.

Love Notes – Say It With Paper

To go along with the handmade, personal touches, why not grab some notepaper or even post-it notes and put pen to paper? Not sure what to write? How about cutesy doodles, heart-felt messages, or even date night ideas?

If you have a lot of these notes, why not pop them into envelopes and place them in a box for your partner? This can be shop bought or hand made. IDEA: If you have them, why not put special items in there such as tickets from your days out together or receipts from a fancy restaurant you went to together? Not only is this thoughtful, but if you photocopy your tickets etc. it also allows you both to have these keepsakes

and memories.

If you would like to go the extra mile and make your own origami letters, we have the instructions for this here for you.

Love Heart Origami

If you just wanted something simple to go with your gift or flowers, then maybe the love heart origami is for you. IDEA: If you are having a romantic meal at home, you may want to decorate your table with these little love hearts. You can follow the simple steps on our Love Paper Creations Valentines Page.

Heart Paper Flowers

Real flowers are great, but they don't last forever. Give them the gift of paper by folding it into the shape of a beautiful flower for them to enjoy. You can use this as decoration, a gift, or to decorate your card for them. Paper flowers are versatile and can come in any shape or size. From floral arches, pointed paper flowers, paper tulips or even a bouquet! Depending on your creative flair and artistic skills, you may want to try your hand at some of these. Not only are they money-savers, but they are more personal as you have taken the time to make them (and they will last a lot longer than a bunch of flowers from the supermarket).

Hosting A Valentines Themed Party

If you are hosting a party or an evening in with friends rather than going out, why not make your own paper-based games? We have a few recommendations below:

DIY Crackers:

Crackers aren't just for Christmas, get crafting a paper-based pack of crackers and fill them full of things that your friends or partner would like! These are great as a table decoration or just a little bit of light-hearted entertainment between meals.

Trivia Quiz:

How much do you know about your friends and/or your partner? This is a fun game of Mr and Mrs with a twist; you create your own questions! Simply cut up some paper into rectangles or use post-it notes, write your question down and pop them into a bowl or hat. You can then pick them out and give a point to anyone who gets an answer correct. The winner is the team with the most points at the end of the game.

Valentines Day Skeetball

Carnival games are the best but can cost a lot of money to play. This Valentine's Day, wouldn't it be fun to make your own games instead?

Whether you are with friends or your special someone, there is something for everyone this Valentine's Day.

Culled From: <https://lovepaper.org/5-creative-ways-to-use-paper-this-valentines-day/>



To Curb Insecurity, Youth Empowerment Is Imperative



The neglect of Nigeria's youths by successive governments has perpetuated a cycle of insecurity and underdevelopment

In the vast tapestry of Nigeria's demographic landscape, a striking feature emerges – a youth bulge that defines the nation's population.

Though precise data may be elusive, the consensus remains: Nigeria is home to a large population of youths, with a median age of 18.1 years.

Despite this demographic advantage, successive governments have largely overlooked the potential of this huge youth population. This neglect inadvertently feeds a myriad of social challenges, most notably the alarming rise in acts that feed insecurity amidst other anti-social tendencies.

Sad State Of Nigerian Youths

The numbers are staggering – about 70 percent of Nigeria's population is under 30, and a substantial 42 percent is under the age of 15. This dynamic, energetic, and ambitious demographic, unfortunately, finds itself in the stagnant pools of neglect, disenchantment, and systemic disregard.

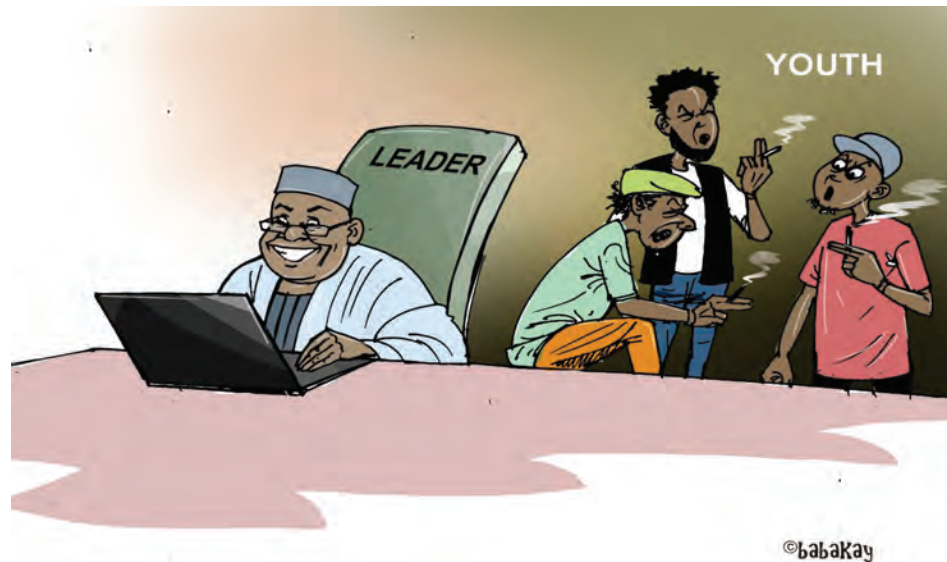
The consequences of such neglect have manifested in social and economic dislocation thus leading to increased criminal activities that range from terrorism, insurgency, banditry, and armed robbery; kidnapping, advanced fee fraud, separatist agitations, and other inimical and anarchist behaviors.

The roots of this neglect run deep, and can be traced back throughout the annals of Nigeria's political history. Successive governments have failed to prioritize youth development, formal and informal education, thus leaving a vast pool of untapped potential vulnerable to exploitation by hardship, hopelessness and criminal elements.

The consequences of this negligence are apparent and has resulted in pervasive insecurity across the nation.

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The absence of viable pathways for self-improvement



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and prosperity has left the youth susceptible to the allure of criminality as a perceived means of survival. For too long, Nigerian youths have been relegated to the peripheries of policy considerations, with inadequate investment in education, skills development, and employment opportunities.

The cycle of poverty and disenfranchisement has been perpetuated over the years by a clueless political class, thus creating a breeding ground for radicalization and endemic criminal activities among an energetic and otherwise patriotic segment of the populace.

To break this cycle, a fundamental shift in policy and attitude towards the youth is urgent and imperative. To harness the enormous potential of Nigeria's youth and, mitigate the security challenges stifling the nation, a comprehensive youth development approach is needed.

Harnessing The Youth Is Harnessing The Future

Any serious people, any serious leadership must prioritize the youth because the youth are the very basis of the future of any country or society. The foundation of any nation lies in its educational system, therefore investments in quality education, vocational training, and skill development programmes are crucial in the drive to equip the youth with the tools needed for

meaningful productivity and economic engagement. Skilled and educated youth with means of livelihood is less likely to be lured into criminal activities.

The government must prioritize job creation and economic empowerment initiatives tailored to the unique needs of the youth. Entrepreneurship programmes, access to funding, and mentorship opportunities can help foster a culture of innovation and self-sufficiency among the young, thus redirecting their energies toward productive endeavours.

Corruption remains a significant impediment to progress in Nigeria. Efforts to eradicate corruption in governance and create transparent systems that will ensure that resources are allocated efficiently to reach those who need them the most, particularly the youth.

Divisive narratives and separatist agitations often thrive in environments of perceived inequality and injustice. Policies that promote national unity, inclusivity, and equitable distribution of resources can counteract the appeal of extremist ideologies and separatist movements.

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galvanising development among youths in the country, adding that the job of the ministry was to create the enabling environment, and opportunity for young people to prosper.

While we watch with expectation that Tinubu administration may do things differently to truly empower the youths but we should be reminded how the immediate past administration led by former President Muhammadu Buhari promised so much but delivered so little. The Buhari administration had what it called Nigerian Youth Investment Fund (NYIF) which was a government initiative created to boost the Nigerian economy through leverage and access to finance for youths. The fund hoped to serve as a catalyst to unleash the potential of the youth and enable many of them build businesses that will increase the employment rate.

The Nigerian Youth Employment Action Plan was developed by the Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports Development (FMYSDD) as a built-in strategy to respond effectively to the youth employment challenge in Nigeria in 2020. The major objectives of the plan were to address fragmentation of youth initiatives that prevent assessment of impact, and to provide Nigeria youth with investment inputs required to build successful businesses that can become sustainable employers of labour and contributors to Nigeria's development.

The plan targets young people between the ages of 18-35 years and details the needed actions required to support business establishment, expansion and consequent employment creation for youth in critical economic and social sectors. The Federal Executive Council on the 22nd of July, 2020 approved the sum of N75,000,000,000.00 (seventy five billion naira) for the establishment of the Nigeria Youth Investment Fund for the period of 2020 – 2023 dedicated to investing in the innovative ideas, skills and talents of Nigerian Youth, and to institutionally provide our youth with a special window for accessing much needed funds, finances, business management skills and other inputs critical for sustainable enterprise development.

prosperity. Investments in technology infrastructure, digital literacy, and support for tech-driven startups can create a conducive environment for youth-led innovations.

The neglect of Nigeria's youths by successive governments has perpetuated a cycle of insecurity and underdevelopment. The time has come for a paradigm shift – one that places the youth at the centre of national development strategies. By investing in education, creating employment opportunities, fostering social inclusion, and addressing systemic issues, Nigeria can unlock the vast potential of its youth, creating a secure and prosperous nation that works for everyone. It's a collective responsibility that demands immediate and sustained action to pave the way for a brighter future for Nigeria and its youth.

Enter Youth Development Bank

However there seems to be indications that President Bola Ahmed Tinubu administration may do things differently. Recently, the Minister of Youth Development, Dr Jemila Ibrahim said the federal government was working out plans to establish a national youth development bank, as part of efforts by President Bola Tinubu to increase access to capital for young Nigerians. Jemila also said the initiative would promote entrepreneurship among the youth. She said the bank would give young entrepreneurs economic prosperity in the form of access to capital and the opportunity to grow their businesses. The minister said the government was working on programmes aimed at

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